



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We hope you enjoyed the “Open House”...

It was wonderful to see so many members (and non-members, too) at the Open House last month. Evelyn Suffield House comes alive when we have visitors and we were certainly busy! 30 Teams entered the Walking Treasure Hunt around Norwich, the exhibition was very busy and there were back-to-back tours of the House, and everyone who visited us enjoyed a restorative cup of tea and cake. We hope that those of you who came enjoyed the day as much as we did – although we were very tired at the end! We’re sorry that we couldn’t extend the exhibition, but unfortunately suddenly realised that we had two workshops the following week, neither of which could be re-housed in the dining room, which is why we had to dismantle it.

Autumn Federation Meetings: As you will have heard, *very* regretfully we have had to cancel these, due to lack of numbers. We know that those who applied will be disappointed, as are we, and it was an extremely difficult decision to take. Please read more about why and to ask for your feedback overleaf.

Hopefully we will see you at events later in the year, so until then take care



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Hard Copy Only for Secretaries:

Amendments to the 2023 Yearbook (please share this sheet with your President, Treasurer and Programme Secretary)

This month's Norfolk WI News

The link to online edition online for this month is:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/5b7d5f6bdc9/norfolk-wi-news-october-2023/full-view.html>

Autumn Federation Meetings

As I mentioned, the decision to cancel was taken with heavy hearts, but with only 140 members applying across all four venues, with the cost of halls, the speaker, travel expenses and refreshments it would have been financially unviable: we would have made a loss of approximately £300, which I am sure you will appreciate in these times we cannot afford.

We believe it is important to get out and about, to let you know what the Sub-Committees are doing and we enjoy seeing everyone. We would be loathed to lose touch with members by not having these meetings, but whatever we do has to at least cover costs.

So the questions are:

- Have these Meetings run their course? Many years ago we used to have one larger meeting, smaller than FAM but larger than the individual Meetings, which were held in different parts of the County. Would members prefer that?
- Is the timing wrong – the days they are held, the time and the month?
- Are the speakers not inviting enough?
- Was it simply that this you were busy with other interests?
- Or were you not aware of the meetings?

We would really welcome your feedback.

Please let us know your views

(fedsec@norfolkwi.org.uk). Bearing in mind that you can't please all of the people all of the time, your comments will help us to decide what to do next year.

Christmas Cards now on Sale!

Yes, it is only October, but the winning designs from the competition have now been turned into cards, in plenty of time for Christmas. They are professionally printed, come with envelopes and will help to support the Federation. In this month's mailing you will find a flyer and order form with the designs, so don't delay and order yours now! As well as the packs, cards can be purchased individually from the Front Office.

500 Club

We usually sell quite a few shares in the 500 Club at the Autumn Federation Meetings. As we will sadly not now be holding these, we are sending out more forms this month in case you missed them in the August mailing. You can either fill in a form and return by post or email, or just send in an email application to Helen (admin@norfolkwi.org.uk).

Creative Writing Competition 2023 "The Perfect Ingredient(s)"

Have you sent in your entry yet? The competition deadline has been extended to 31st December, so there is still plenty of time to get yours in! Full details can be found on our website [Writing-Competition-2023.pdf](#) (thewi.org.uk) or email Helen for a form.

Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **House Guests: Textile Artists in David Parr House, Cambridge:** is the first in a series of inviting contemporary artists, designers and makers to respond to David Parr House. The exhibition is open on selected dates from 15th September to 27th October. For more information or to book tickets, contact Holly O'Brien on holly@davidparrhouse.org or telephone 01223 311680
- **Carers Identity Passport:** launched in 2022 by Carers Voice Norfolk & Waveney they are designed to help carers when accessing services. Carers Voice are working hard to ensure the Passport will become more widely recognised. For more information and to apply for a Passport, go to <https://www.carersvoice.org/carers-identity-passport/>

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind.

