



# Norfolk Federation Newsletter

## Hello from the Office!

### We're ready to bring on 2024...

As you will have seen from last month's Save the Dates 2024 flyer, there is a lot to look forward to next year – and that's just the start!

The Federation Committees have other events that they're thinking members might like and are looking into the possibility – and practicality – of putting them on. If there's an event which you would like to see, do drop us a line. We can't guarantee that your idea could go ahead, of course, but we do try and find things that everyone will enjoy, so the more ideas the better!

This month's Newsletter might be briefer than normal because we are sending the mailing out before Christmas, but is (I hope!) still informative

If you are reading this before Christmas or after, Vanessa, Helen and I wish you and your families a

*Happy New Year*

So until next time, take care

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I don't call them New Year's Resolutions.  
I prefer the term,

"Casual promises to myself  
that I'm under no  
legal obligation  
to fulfill".



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*For Secretaries (Hard Copy):*

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\*If you would prefer the Forms as an emailed Word document, please contact Helen  
([admin@norfolkwi.org.uk](mailto:admin@norfolkwi.org.uk))

## This month's Norfolk WI News

Following the hiccup last month, we do have the link to the online edition for this month!

<https://www.flipsnack.com/5b7d5f6bdc9/norfolk-wi-news-january-2024/full-view.html>

## Save the Dates 2024 – an Update

You may have noticed on the calendar sent out last month that we were very excited to be offering a cruise in September.

Well, the best laid plans... we noticed in the latest edition of *WI Life* that National were offering exactly the same cruise, on exactly the same dates. Presumably because National is larger than us and can guarantee more people, their offer was marginally less expensive than ours would have been, (although we were able to offer free travel to and from the port).

The difficult decision was therefore taken not to pursue our cruise offer. The reason for doing so, was that cruisers often compare prices with each other and it was felt that as our cruise would have been slightly more expensive, if a Norfolk member was chatting to a member from another Federation... you get the idea.

We are extremely disappointed, because it would have been exciting and different, however, all is not lost! We are looking at alternatives, so watch this space.

In the meantime, if there are any Norfolk members who book for the National cruise we could put you in touch with each other, so you can meet up on board. Just let Helen know and she can circulate your contact details.

## Federation Annual Meeting (FAM)

Don't forget to apply for your tickets. As well as our guest speaker, **Janet Street-Porter**, there will be all our Committee stands and stalls from other organisations, and more information from the Trustees about other exciting events planned for the year.

## National Annual Meeting 2024

Thank you to everyone who has let us know about delegates and observers for the meeting. We will be sending out details of who is representing each linking group in the new year.

In the meantime, don't forget to vote at your January meeting for your preferred Resolution! The deadline to let us know the results is 11<sup>th</sup> February.

## Bulb Scheme 2024

The bulb scheme proved so popular last year that we will be participating again in 2024. The brochures will be in the mailing collected at FAM and will also be available online this year.

## Things to do & Other Useful Information

January can be a quiet month after all the festivities

- **RSPB Snettisham & NWT Welney:** witness the huge bird migrations there. Check out their websites for more information: [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk) and [Welney Wetland Centre | WWT](http://WelneyWetlandCentre.com)

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind.



Happy New Year!