



# Norfolk Federation Newsletter

## Hello from the Office!

### We're looking forward to FAM...

Although probably by the time some of you read this, we will have had the meeting! We hope it goes/went well and that you enjoy/enjoyed the meeting. It takes a fair amount of planning and organising, so to allow us to do so uninterrupted, **the Office and House will be closed on Monday, 22nd and Wednesday, 24th May. The car park will also be closed on the 23rd.**

Closing on the Wednesday gives us time to unpack from FAM and then prepare for the FREE Live-Streaming Events for the National Annual Meeting, only two days later! There is still time to apply for a ticket – either at Sheringham Little Theatre or New Buckenham Village Hall. Contact Helen ([admin@norfolkwi.org.uk](mailto:admin@norfolkwi.org.uk)) or telephone us on 01603 624580.

Enclosed is information for FAM. If you are coming, please make sure you have this information. If you have a query on the Accounts, please email me; your query will be addressed by the Treasurer at the meeting.

### And just a reminder of **Closures for the May Bank Holidays:**

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May      Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May

I look forward to seeing you at FAM, so until then, (or next time), take care

*Lause*



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## This month's Norfolk WI News

For members who like to read the latest edition online, this is the link:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/5b7d5f6bdc9/norfolk-may-2023-page-02/full-view.html>

## Live-Streaming the National Annual Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> May

The meeting starts at 10.30, there is a lunch break from 12.30 until 2pm, and the meeting should finish by 4.30 at the latest. Doors to the two venues will open at 9.45am, to allow you time to get in, find a seat and grab a coffee or tea.

At the time of writing we are still awaiting more detailed information from National for delegates, but as soon as we have this, we will get it to you – promise.

All we can hope for now is that the links to screen the meeting and for delegates to cast their WIs' votes work!

## Federation Garden Parties – 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June – 10% Discount Offer!

Applications are coming in and there's still time to apply, so perhaps the offer of a 10% discount in both the shop *and* on plants will tempt you, to say nothing of meeting up with fellow members for a jolly night?! We're aware that Peter Beales Roses are offering afternoon tea and a tour for less; the bi-annual garden party is a major event in our calendar, though, and there is a delicious evening buffet plus the 10% discount...!

## The New Telephone System

We are continuing to get to grips with the new all-singing, all-dancing system. So we apologise if you left us a voicemail message and there's been somewhat of a delay in getting back to you and if we have cut you off or kept you holding whilst we attempt to transfer you. We will get there!

## Federation Bulb Scheme

Don't forget that you need to return your orders to the Office by 2<sup>nd</sup> June and make your cheques payable to Norfolk Federation of WIs. You can also pay by BACS, of course, but

remember to mark your payment "Bulb", with your name. We have a *very* few catalogues in the Office, and we will bring these to FAM – go to the Federation Events stand, but it will be first come.

## 2023 Yearbook & Supplement

Thank you all very much for returning your Yearbook forms. We know it has been somewhat different this year with Annual Meetings taking place in February, so we appreciate you sending everything back to us so promptly. The Yearbooks and Supplement (giving the contact details for the Board of Trustees, Sub-Committees and the Office) will be available to collect at FAM. If your WI doesn't have anyone able to attend FAM, we will post these to you. There will be 3 Yearbooks and Supplements, one for each WI Officer – and remember you *must securely destroy last year's documents*. If you cannot do this, please return them to the office.

## Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **Cold Calling Alert – Telephone cold calls regarding 'loft insulation'**: Stephen Maunder, the Communities Officer for Norfolk Trading Standards is the morning speaker at FAM; he'll no doubt update us on the last scams and cyber threats. In the meantime, Trading Standards are again warning residents to be aware of telephone cold calls regarding loft insulation. Always be very wary of any telephone cold call and never give or confirm any personal details or agree to someone visiting your home if approached in this manner. For advice about cold calling contact Trading Standards through their partners Citizens Advice 0808 223 1133.

Finally...

**Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind**

