

# POWYS RADNOR FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

County Show Saturday 7 May 2011 @ Knighton CC @ 2.30pm  
Quiz Wednesday 11 May 2011 @ 7pm @ Crossgates CC - PLEASE NOTE START TIME

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members

We had such an enjoyable time at the Bowls Tournament, plenty of good bowling, tea and cakes, and company – to say nothing of Cheer Leaders!! Congratulations to the winners Tremont and runners up Aberedw WI – well done – and thank you to everyone who took part and made it such a good competition.

Thanks to everyone who supported our 'crafty' events. The craft sale in Llandrindod Wells did so well for the federation, and we were grateful to have crafts and materials of all kinds on the stalls. And I know that many of you, as I am, are looking forward to getting cracking at our new Craft Club. Obviously it will take a little while to become established, but I know we shall tackle it with our usual enthusiasm. Thanks especially to Cynthia and Cheryl for their work in setting this up for us.

Well, as you know, this is my last 'message'. And I hardly know where to begin to say thank you to every one of you who has supported the Federation, and me personally, over the last three years. It is 18 years since I first – very nervously! – joined the Executive Committee; I have had a wonderful time and made so many friends. In my role as WI Adviser I shall of course be visiting WI's from time to time, but I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate PRFWI for being such an enthusiastic friendly Federation, and to wish everyone on the new Board of Trustees good luck for the coming three-year term. Thank you for having me!

With very best wishes to everyone;  
Marilyn

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS SUB COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN – ANN DAVIES**

**"Health Information Evening" – Monday 20  
June 2011 @ Crossgates Community Centre @  
7.30pm.**

Come and find out what all these scans do and how the health professionals use them to help diagnose illness. This will be an interesting and informative evening. Form for booking with your secretary.

**ARTS & LEISURE SUB COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN – LIZ WATKINS**

**Poetry & prose 7 July 2011 @ Llangunllo Village  
Hall @ 7.30pm** – just a reminder that the short story entries for this needs to be in the office by 3 June 2011. Members are invited to write a short story based on the theme of 'Waves.' Stories must be no longer than 500 words, not including the title. Please send two copies of your story into the office. Only one entry per member will be accepted.

**HOME ECONOMICS SUB COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN – KATH NIXON**

**Big Picnic Lunch Sunday 5 June 2011** – please remember to book your ticket for the lunch - £5 per adult, £2.50 per child. Form for booking tickets for picnic lunch went out last month. If you can't make it for the picnic lunch, join us for the afternoon - £2 per person. The Federation will be having a bottle stall and would be grateful for any donations to this – form with your secretary.

**MCS** - enclosed is a form to record the name of your MCS representative. Not all WI's have one but if you want to put someone in charge of keeping your WI's' membership up to date then we can provide you with a username and password to enable you to have access to the website. There is a letter in the WI mailing which your secretary has received from NFWI explaining this but the form enclosed is for our records. Many thanks.



**ORGANISATION SUB COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN – YVONNE MILLS**

**NFWI AGM – 7/8 June 2011 @ Liverpool-** the contribution from WI's to pay for delegates will be sent out next month. Please remember to advise your delegate how you want them to vote for your WI at Liverpool. The list of WI links for AGM's was sent out at the end of last year. Please find enclosed for WIs sending a delegate timings for Liverpool.

**New craft club** – The first meeting of the group took place on 12 April and by the end of the 2 hour session there was a real buzz in the room, there were members knitting, cross stitching, crocheting, and that is the idea behind this newly formed group, it is so we can all learn through each other. Come and give it a go, the next session will be **Tuesday 3 May 7pm-9pm** and then **Tuesday 17 May 2pm-4pm @ Crossgates CC.**

**NFWI**

**The Pensions Bill** - As you may be aware, the Pensions Bill is currently undergoing debate in Parliament. The Bill as it stands contains measures to accelerate the equalisation of the State Pension Age for women and men to 65 by 2018, and follow this with an increase for both women and men to age 66 by 2020. As a result of the proposals, 300,000 women, born between 6 December 1953 and 5 October 1954 would have their State Pension Age increased by more than 18 months. In the most extreme case, 33,000 women born between 6 March and 5 April 1954 would have to work for two more years before they get their basic state pension, with only 7 years to prepare. In effect they will lose an average of £10,000 of their retirement income. Age UK has organised a lobby of Parliament on 18 May and want as many women as possible to ask their MP's to get the Government to rethink its proposal to speed up the equalisation of women's and men's State Pension Age (SPA) to 65 by 2018 and then increase SPA to 66 for both men and women. For more info visit [www.ageuk.org.uk/spa](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/spa) or email [margaret.creear@ageuk.org.uk](mailto:margaret.creear@ageuk.org.uk). Those without internet access can ring 07786 706135.

**The WI AT THE HAY FESTIVAL - 31 MAY 2011**

Actress and writer Dame Harriet Walter talks to writer and broadcaster Rosie Boycott about her new book of portraits: *Facing it, Reflections on the Images of Older Women*. Dame Harriet, familiar to many as Fanny Ferrars Dashwood in the 1995 screen adaptation of *Sense and Sensibility* and most recently as Natalie Chandler in ITV1's crime drama *Law & Order*, began curating photographs in 2006, culminating in an exhibition at the National Theatre last year celebrating the maturation and beauty of women in later life. The lecture takes place at 2.30pm on **Tuesday 31 May** followed by a chance to meet both Harriet and Rosie at an **exclusive WI Tea Party at 3.30pm**. To book tickets visit [www.hayfestival.org](http://www.hayfestival.org) or tel: **01497 822629**

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Training event – 23 May @ Crossgates CC

Jen Jones quilt visit – 25 May – Lampeter

Big picnic Lunch – 5 June – Newbridge

NFWI AGM, Liverpool – 7/8 June

Selection evening Victorian Festival  
Exhibition 15 June @ Crossgates CC

Science Evening 20 June Crossgates CC

Federation Walk 26 June – area TBA

**Powys co-ordinating committee** – this committee consists of Chairman, vice chairman, treasurers and federation secretaries from the three Powys federations (Brecknock, Montgomery, Radnor). Every other year an event is organised by the Powys who is in the chair (two yearly appointment) and this year Powys Brecknock are organising a treasure hunt on 3 July in Builth. Meeting at the Groe car park, Builth @ 1.30pm, £1.00 entry. There will be refreshments at The Greyhound - £3.00. This is just for information; form will be sent out next month for booking.

**Dolau WI** – please note that Dolau's press correspondent is – Barbara Shelton, Upper Mill, Dolau, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5TL Tel: 01597 851427 email: [barbdolau@btinternet.com](mailto:barbdolau@btinternet.com)

**Clyro & Llowes WI** – please note on the list of secretaries, Yvonne Hood's postcode should read HR3 5RZ. Thank you.

**GENERAL**

**Pentyrch's (Cardiff CF15 9QD) Open Gardens 2011** - Saturday 9 July 10am-5pm, Sunday 10 July 11am-5pm – for further details ring 029 2089 9331.

**Eardisley Village Festival 2011** – 4-6 August, Attractions include: exhibitions, stalls, entertainments, flowers, food & much more. For more info contact Ev Hatcher – 01544 327333.

**ENCLOSURES FOR SECRETARIES**

FORM	RETURN
Health Evening	27 May
Bottle stall	27 May
MCS	ASAP
<b>For Information</b>	
Millennium club tickets,	



Take care,  
Cheryl