

POWYS RADNOR FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Arts & Crafts sale Saturday 26 March 10.30am-1.30pm, St Francis Centre, Holy Trinity, Llandrindod Wells
Flower Workshop Saturday 2 April 10am- 3pm @ Crossgates CC
Resolutions evening Wednesday 13 April @ Howey Village Hall @ 7.30pm
Easter Extravaganza Saturday 16 April @ Llanbister @ 7.30pm - not 7pm
Annual Council Meeting Monday 18 April @ 7.30pm @ the Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members

More meetings have come and gone, and the weeks just fly past! Since our last newsletter we have enjoyed workshops on Staging and Interpretation, and Flower Arranging; and your County Trustees have taken part in a Public Speaking workshop which was part of the Trustee training offer to Federations by NFWI. We are also looking forward to learning all about Power Point, and as we have five computers on loan from NFWI Wales, are hoping to extend their use into the Federation before they are returned in the Autumn, and I am sure you will hear more of that in due course.

We are all looking forward to the Easter Holiday, and hope to see many of you at our Easter Extravaganza, and of course at our Annual Council Meeting when we have an interesting and amusing speaker to keep us entertained following the 'business end' of the evening!

I hope that some of you managed to find exciting new materials for your crafts at our recent sale, and am pleased to say that our new Craft Club is well under way. May I also commend to you our two Federation Book Clubs, one based in Llandrindod Wells and one in and around Knighton. If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please do telephone either Cynthia or myself for further information.

Best wishes to everyone;
Marilyn

ORGANISATION SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN - YVONNE MILLS

ACM 18 April 2011 - The Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells @ 7.30pm - please find enclosed Agenda, finance report, Minutes of 2010 meeting. **Treasure Chest Appeal, Heart Research UK** - your old jewellery is priceless to Heart Research UK and helps raise money to fund more pioneering research into the prevention, treatment and cure of heart disease. We will have Freepost envelopes at the ACM for you to take away and fill and send on - address will be on the envelope. Any old, unwanted or broken jewellery - costume, gold, silver, gemstones, beads, broken watches or odd earrings are suggested.

Back to Basics - Monday 23 May @ 7.30pm @ Crossgates CC - the evening will include a talk from our local Archivist who will enlighten us all as to what paperwork needs to be kept and stored, there will also be Officers groups and general chat. Please try and come along. Form with your secretary.

Welsh Conference Wednesday 20 April 2011, Selwyn Centre, Llanelli - this is just to confirm that all who applied for Agenda's (which is your entry ticket) have got places. Timings for travel went out last month.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN - ANN DAVIES

Annual Quiz Wednesday 11 May 2011, Crossgates CC @ 7pm - it's that time again, one of our most popular events. Teams of up to up to 5 members invited to enter. Please note earlier start. Form with your secretary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN - MARILYN THOMAS

Victorian festival Selection Evening Wednesday 15 June 2011 @ Crossgates CC @ 6.30pm. The Federation are asking for craft items, which have not been on display at the exhibition before. Please note that we cannot take any pictures as there is no suitable place to stage them at the Metropole. Many thanks for your help. Form with your secretary.

REPEATED REQUEST

Digital Storytelling - is the modern expression of the ancient art of storytelling. The federation are interested in pursuing this but would like to know if any members have a story to tell about their involvement in the WI. Whether you are very new to the WI or a long time member, your experiences and thoughts are wanted. Please let us know.

WI Diary 2012 – your eyes are not deceiving you, it's time to place your orders. With its royal purple cover and a silver ribbon to match the embossed coat of arms, the 2012 WI diary will add a touch of class to all members' daily affairs. As well as detailed calendars and year planners, the WI pocket diary contains useful WI and other information such as: metric conversions, clothing sizes and wedding anniversaries, with additional pages for telephone numbers and memoranda. Order form with your secretary.

Basic computing – the federation have on loan for 6 months 5 laptops and are offering two x two hour sessions to members for 'beginners computers'. This will be a very basic session but an ideal introduction to using computers. The sessions will be held at **Crossgates CC on Tuesday 17 May 2011** - the first session is 10am – midday, second session – 1pm-3pm. Form with cost and booking, with your secretary.

Radnor WI Choir are running a trip to the International Eisteddfod, Llangollen on Saturday 9 July 2011 – Family day on the field & 1,000 singers. The cost of the outing will be £28 per person – this includes travel plus entry to the field and unreserved seats for the 1,000 singers. If you are interested please could you send names along with £10 deposit – **cheques made payable to Radnor WI Choir** – to the office.



RADNOR WI CHOIR
In concert with
Knighton Town Silver Band
Saturday 9 April 2011
@ Knighton Community Centre
@ 7.30pm

Cost of entry - £6.00 – under 16's free if accompanied by an adult.

'Singing for Joy' – WI Choir of the centenary 2015

With this competition in mind Radnor WI choir would like to appeal for members with Contralto voices, along with some knowledge of reading music, to please get in touch. Initial contact to be made with Marilyn Thomas, Conductor, on 01597 823228.



Big Picnic Lunch Sunday 5 June 2011 – Penrhos, Llysdinam, Newbridge on Wye – the home of Sam & Sylvia Stirland. Refreshments will be in the form of a cold lunch at £5.00 per head, children - £2.50 per head. There will be entertainment, plant stand, games on the lawn. Please bring chairs or a blanket to sit on and a picnic table if you wish. Form with your secretary.

**SKILLS COORDINATOR
CYNTHIA SHEPPERD**

The Jen Jones Welsh Quilt Centre - Lampeter Ceredigion - Wednesday 25 May 2011 – this trip is being run under the Laura Ashley grant scheme, so once again we ask for two names per WI plus reserve names. If the trip is oversubscribed then a draw will be made by WI's not individuals. Cost of entry and travel - £7.50. Form with your secretary.

**Rainforest Facts & Figures
From Jean Sandercock**

1. Every 24 hours deforestation releases as much CO² as 12.5 million people flying from London to New York and back again.
2. Tropical deforestation is the second largest cause of climate change.
3. Deforestation releases more CO² into the atmosphere than all the world's transport put together.
4. 43 of the 100 best selling products in British supermarkets contain palm oil, linked to rainforest clearance in South East Asia.

Powys Brecknock Federation – walking group – invite members and friends to join them for a walk on **Monday 9 May 2011**, meeting outside Theatre Brecheiniog @ 10.30am, for a walk along the canal bank and back along the riverside (quite flat). After the walk you are welcome to light refreshments in Powys Brecknocks office. **Please could you contact Heather Parry on 01874 611181 if you intend to take up the invite, they will need to know numbers for catering purposes.**

Scams Awareness Month

Every year more than three million adults in the UK fall victim to scams, losing a total of £3.5 billion. The Office of Fair Trading has a booklet to help raise awareness and protect the public against the latest scams. If you would like to order a copy of this complimentary scam buster booklet, please phone 08003893158 or email oft@ecogroup.co.uk quoting product code: OFT831PR. Additionally, if you wish to find out more about the campaign, please visit www.oft.gov.uk/scamsawarenessmonth.

ENCLOSURES FOR SECRETARIES

FORM	RETURN
Back to basics	29 April
Quiz	29 April
Selection evening	27 May
Diary order	20 May
Basic computing	29 April
Big picnic lunch	29 April
Jen Jones quilts	29 April

For Information

Millennium club tickets (where applicable), ACM tickets, agenda, accounts, minutes, Easter extravaganza tickets Secretaries, presidents, treasurers list.

Take care, Cheryl