

POWYS RADNOR FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Public Affairs Conference 2012 - 17 April, 10am - 4.15pm, Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells. - to register a place at the conference, contact Ethne Biggs at the NFWI-Wales Office. E-mail: e.biggs@nfwl-wales.org.uk Tel: 029 2022 1712.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members

The year 2012 is with us ladies and I can hear you saying where did 2011 go? As ever we did have a busy one and I would like to thank you all for your support.

At the end of 2011 we enjoyed the Christmas workshops; the Christmas Concert with such a variety of items and to end the year we held a Beetle Drive - a disappointing turnout due to illness. Kath Armishaw, Tremont WI and Rhona Barnett, Felindre WI were flying the flag for Powys Radnor Federation at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair. Kath had a 3rd prize with her delicious cup cakes and Rhona just missed out on a placing with her very attractive cushion - they were both up against fierce opposition with 20 entries in each class - well done ladies.

Our Grand Raffle, drawn at the Taste of Christmas, raised a wonderful total of £2,945. 40. On behalf of the Board of Trustees I would like to thank everyone who participated for a marvelous effort and our thanks also go to Tremont WI for their kind and generous donation.

I hope to see you all throughout the coming months at our various events; first on the agenda is the sub committees bring and share lunch, followed closely by our Tiara workshop. For all you walkers out there - I hope that you are enjoying the mild weather and to all you photographers, please get snapping as we want loads of entries for our 2013 Calendar.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year
Rebe.

PRFWI 2013 90th Anniversary Calendar -

a reminder of the closing date for your photos - Friday 30 March 2012, only one entry per member - a colour photograph of 'A Picture of Radnorshire', 7" x 5", portrait or landscape. If you have any photos that have been taken over the years please think about sending them in, the photos do not have to be taken just in 2011/12.

The Board of Trustees are pleased to announce that Powys Radnor have been awarded a grant from NFWI of £2000. This is to be used for a membership drive but the equipment being bought will be for the benefit of Powys Radnor members.

Independent Financial Examiners (IFE's) - Do you have a group of members who would like to be trained to independently examine WI Accounts. The federation are hoping to have a workshop run by NFWI and would like to know if any members are interested in training. This would be a one day course 10am-4.30pm - possibly 17 or 31 March 2012. Form enclosed with your secretary with more details.

Victorian Festival 18-26 August 2012 - just a note to say that the Federation will be having an Exhibition at the Metropole, Llandrindod Wells during the week and will be holding a selection evening - Tuesday 3 July more details will follow.

ACM 23 April 2012, the Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells @ 7.30pm. Please find form for ticket application. The Guest speaker is Kate Bliss - antiques expert and television celebrity. This year we would like to display WI banners from Aberedw, Bryngwyn, BwlchySarnau, Clyro & Llowes, Cwmbach, Dolau, Evancoyd, Felindre, Fron, Gladestry, Grosvenor, Howey, Hundred House, Kinnerton, Llanbadarn Fynydd.

Annual Bowls tournament 5/12/19 March 2012
Newbridge on Wye Community Centre @ 7pm - time to book your place for this very popular event. Form with all details with your secretary

Croquet - Arts & Leisure would like to run a taster session in Knighton in 2012 but would like to know if members are interested. Form with your secretary.

Moreton Garden Centre, Chirk & Abakhan fabrics, hobby and home, Mostyn, Flintshire, Saturday 28 April 2012 - the federation are once again running a trip to this amazing treasure trove of sewing, craft, knitting materials and much more. We have had a request to spend more time at the Garden Centre this trip. Timings and cost on the form with your secretary.

County Show 12 May 2012 - please find enclosed Official Show Schedule x 2.

Federation Craft Club - Crossgates Community Centre.

*Feb 7 is an Open

Afternoon - come and see what members are making. No need to book for this one - just turn up.

*Feb 21st - Cross stitch for beginners.

*March 6th - Extreme Knitting - big knitting needles (and they are big) and many and multi strands of yarn/materials used simultaneously to make extraordinary, and traditional home furnishings, bags, rugs, throws, curtains, etc.

*Please let Meg know if you are attending either or both Feb 21 & March 6 - 01597 823409 or meg.cwmhowey@gmail.com.

Denman College - Federation weekend visit -

After the success and enjoyment of the trip in 2010 the federation would like to run another trip for 2013. Form with your secretary to gauge interest plus a chance to suggest course/s. Thank you.

NFWI Campaign News e-newsletter - if any members would like to receive this by email please contact:

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email - y.akintola@nfwl.org.uk

WI Life looking for members to feature in the magazine - Crafts - looking for great crafters amongst you who would be interested in sharing their patterns/handiwork with other WI members.

Cover girls - always looking for interesting members to feature in their member profile. Perhaps you know of a member who has a particularly interesting job or hobby or is remarkable in some way. Gardens - looking for members with interesting gardens for them to go and visit and write about. Events - looking for WIs with interesting events/trips or celebrations planned for the coming year. The more unusual/quirky the better! Or does your WI take part in any interesting local customs or traditions? If so, WI Life would love to hear from you. Contact - Liz Frost 020 7371 9300 x220 l.frost@nfwl.org.uk

Craft Club Dates

All Tuesdays

31 Jan - 7pm-9pm

*Feb 7 - 2pm-4pm

*Feb 21 - 7pm-9pm

*March 6 - 2pm-4pm

March 20 - 7pm-9pm

April 3 - 2pm-4pm

April 17 - 7pm-9pm

Membership booklets - these should have arrived with your secretary by now - if you are short of booklets or haven't received any please let me know, I have got spare ones in the office.

Whitton WI are sad to report the passing of one of their long serving members - Cecily Crowe.

Cecily had been a member of Whitton WI since 1958 and will be greatly missed by all

Broneirion, headquarters for Girlguiding in Wales Llandinam - offering guided tours, afternoon tea, Christmas dinners etc. Contact - Claire Short 01686 688204, email: claire.short@girlguiding.org.uk

Quilt and stitch show - at The Minerva Arts Centre, Llanidloes from 2nd - 14th April 2012. Open daily except Sundays - 10.30am-4.30pm, admission - £2. For further information ring - 01686 413467.

Samaritans - still looking for speakers in your 2012 calendar? Samaritans are able to attend any one of your meetings to talk about this invaluable service in our communities particularly at the present time when pressures on individuals are still mounting. Contact - Alison Davies, Outreach Samaritans, 2 High Street, Llandrindod Wells LD1 6AG. Tel 01597 822911.

Farm Diversification Grant Scheme - the grant scheme aims to support farming household members to set up non-agricultural diversifications and can fund up to 60% of costs (revenue or capital) to a maximum of £10,000 - restricted to Powys farm businesses only. Contact project officer Laura Shewring - 01982 553305.
email either laura.shewring@powys.gov.uk or farm.diversification@powys.gov.uk

Form	Return
IFE's	2 March
ACM	23 March
Bowls	13 Feb
Croquet	13 Feb
Moreton & Abakhan	30 March
Denman College	30 March

Enclosed - Official Schedule County Show 2012, payment methods (payments Council).

Take care,
Cheryl

