

POWYS RADNOR FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Photography night, Thursday 7 June @ 7.30pm @ Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine
Energy Saving Evening, Monday 18 June @ 7.30pm @ Crossgates CC
Selection Evening, Wednesday 27 June @ 6.30pm @ Crossgates CC

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I am very honoured to have been elected as your County Chairman for another term of Office. I have a new Vice Chairman in Kath Graham of Llanfair Waterdine WI - Kath will serve alongside Ann Davies of Llandegley WI. The new term has started just like the old one finished - very busy!!!!

It was good to have 100% attendance at the Annual Council Meeting - I hope that you all enjoyed Kate Bliss. Another Abakhan outing was enjoyed by all and especially the stop at Moreton Park Garden Centre. Several of the Board of Trustees and Sub Committee members have been out and about attending neighbouring Federations Annual Council Meetings - it is always very pleasant to meet members from over the border. Kath Graham and I had the pleasure of attending both Stowe & Stanage WI at their 90th Anniversary tea party and Old Radnor WI's 90th Anniversary Dinner - congratulations to both WI's, a wonderful achievement.

May I thank you all who participated in our County Show - it was spectacular. Our Chairman of Federations of Wales, Margaret Lloyd Jones was very impressed, considering we are one of the smallest counties. Good things come in little parcels!!!! Congratulations to everyone and especially to Kath Armishaw of Tremont WI who will represent Powys Radnor Federation at the Royal Welsh Show in the Brecon Cup Competition and to Tremont WI who will represent us in the Rose Bowl Competition. Our craft ladies will be demonstrating at the Royal Welsh Spring Festival and I hope you are all swotting up on your general knowledge as the Quiz appears on the horizon. At the end of the month I will look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual General Meeting in London. Have fun over the Diamond Jubilee weekend and I will look forward to seeing the photographs for our 2013 Calendar at our Photography evening at the beginning of June.

Enjoy your WI and have fun.
Best wishes.

Rebe

Energy Saving and Waste reduction evening - Monday 18 June @ 7.30pm @ Crossgates CC. The first half of the evening, Ruth Stafford, Powys Waste Minimisation officer will talk about Powys' new waste collection procedure, and Wendy Toomey from Cwm Harry Land Trust will talk on the Presteigne and Norton Zero Waste strategy. After refreshments, Diana Berriman will give two talks, one on general energy saving ideas and the other on the Energy Neighbourhoods projects. Form with your secretary.

Federation walk - Sunday 1 July 2012 @ 1.45pm, ready to walk at 2pm - Llanbister area- 3-4 mile walk. There will be a 'bring and share' tea - venue to be announced. Form with your secretary.

Poetry & prose 12 July 2012 - Hundred House Village hall @ 7.30pm. The theme is 'Holiday', please come along with a poem or reading, this is always an entertaining evening. Form with your secretary. The winner of the mini saga will be announced.

Spaceguard Centre, Knighton - two visits booked - one afternoon (Wednesday 25 July @ 1.45pm - £6 per head) and one evening (Wednesday September 26th at 6.45pm - £7 per head). Please note that members make their own way to the centre. Form for booking with your secretary.

Wales Committee - please find enclosed Rebe's report on the meetings and events organised by this committee. Also enclosed Board of Trustees list

Federation budget 2012 - these were put out for the delegates at the ACM, if you didn't receive a copy but would like one please let me (Cheryl) know

County Show 12 May - Please find enclosed results from the Show. We all look forward now to next years. Lost property - did anyone find a pair of reading glasses at the show please let the office (address/email on the top of newsletter) know.

Don't forget - Diamond Jubilee Celebration Saturday 7 July 2012 @ Crossgates CC @ 1pm.
Form with your secretary.

Craft Clubs - in the County

Federation Craft Club held @ Crossgates CC.

Tuesday June 12, 2-4pm, Tuesday June 19, 7-9 pm

Tuesday July 3, 2-4 pm,

Tuesday July 17, 7-9pm - Cathedral Window Patchwork with Sylvia Bigglestone. Please let Meg know if you are attending this - 01597 823409 or email: meg.cwmhowey@gmail.com.

Just come along and see what members are doing, bring along the craft you are working on - we all learn from each other.

Crafting Cousins - run by Rhayader WI

Meet every other Wednesday @ 7pm in the Stage Suite at the back of the Leisure Centre, Rhayader.

Dates for Crafting Cousins:

6 & 20 June, 4 & 11 July- do your own thing/dress a girl for Africa/carnival knitting.

5 Sept - do your own thing & programme planning.

If you would like to go along please contact - Sylvia - 01597 810765, or Jane - 01597 810011 - you will be very welcome.

WI Digital champions cascade conference, 15-17 October 2012, Denman College - Race Online 2012 is a Government-backed organisation which is challenging everyone in the UK to build a country where everyone has access to the internet - the creation of a "networked nation". There will be a Conference over 3 days to equip members who are confident in using ICT to pass their skills on to members of their family, friends, neighbours and members of their local community and help them to get online. If you are interested please ask the office (PRFWI) for information - applications need to be in Denman by 20 June.

Health & Safety Executive - Please be aware that the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) has launched new advice on portable appliance testing (PAT testing) of electrical equipment. In short, it is not necessary to have every portable electrical appliance in the workplace tested every year. All that the law requires is that employers should ensure that electrical equipment is maintained in order to prevent danger.

NFWI Wales Royal Welsh Winter Fair

26th & 27th Nov.

Advance notice of competitions:-

- i) Craft - A Christmas Teacosy - any medium
- ii) Produce - Stollen

If you have a long term health condition like arthritis, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, MS, Parkinson's, chronic fatigue or depression, life can at times be difficult. A Health & Well Being course is starting soon in Howey Village Hall. It's FREE and will run on 6 consecutive Thursday mornings: June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, July 5th, & 12th. If you would like to find out more or book a place phone Joanna Jones (EPP Co-ordinator) 01874 712507 email: Joanna.Jones4@wales.nhs.uk

Start Agriculture Show Roadshow - During the summer of 2012, Start, the sustainability initiative inspired by HRH the Prince of Wales, will be embarking on a series of roadshows and encouraging visitors to the agriculture shows to learn more about the many benefits of a sustainable life. Start is looking for volunteers to help out on the stand at The Royal Welsh Show (23 - 26 July). Supporters will be asked to welcome visitors to the stand and invite them to participate in interactive activities. In return for volunteering their time, WI members will receive free entry to the show and expenses will be covered. Please contact Grace Sung at Business in the Community for further details on grace.sung@bitc.org.uk or 020 7566 8786.

Help line - Do you have trouble sleeping? If so help is at hand. Just call Valmai Davies, Clinical Nurse Specialist, on 01874 712499 (office manager is Margaret Davies) or ask your Doctor to refer you for help.

Air Ambulance Services - Currently a petition is running on the UK government website in order to support a motion to exempt air ambulance services paying VAT on fuel. Please find time to add your name to this petition

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/29349>

I will be away from the office from 16 June - 25 June - if you need any information please contact your Board of Trustee link - list enclosed. Many thanks, Cheryl

<u>Form</u>	<u>Return</u>
Energy saving	15 June
Federation walk	22 June
Poetry & Prose	22 June
Spaceguard Centre	8 July

Enclosures - Millennium draw tickets (where applicable), Board of Trustees list, County Show results.



Take care,
Cheryl