

# POWYS RADNOR FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Resolutions meeting – Tuesday 12 November 2@ Llanddewi Village Hall @ 2.30pm

### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

September was a busy month for the Federation and October has started in the same vein – we had a wonderful evening in Gladestry with Steven Hollinghurst, this was our final event in celebration of our 90 years. The Federation Choir held their AGM followed by a bring and share supper. We are trying to form a new choir for the Singing for Joy Competition, if any members would like to join, or if there is a conductor or pianist out there, please get in touch with me. Congratulations to Aberedw WI on winning the Darts Tournament, with Llandegley as runner up and congratulations also go to Howey WI who came first in the Dominoes with Llangunllo as runners up – well done to everyone who competed. The Programme Planning was a huge success, thanks to the efforts of the Organisation Committee. Ida Davies and I attended the NFWI Autumn National Council Meeting held in Bedfordshire and Kath Graham, Vice Chairman attended the Resolution Selection meeting in London. I was very pleased to see a good attendance from Powys Radnor Federation at the Public Affairs – personally I thought it was one of the best. It is once again the time for Annual General Meetings, I beg of you to consider taking on an officer's role if asked – it is surprising what benefits there are to be gained. My best wishes to all of you who are entering the WI competitions at the Royal Welsh Show Winter Fair. I look forward to seeing you at the Resolution meeting and I am quite excited about our visit to Denman – you will hear all about it when we return.

Enjoy your WI and have fun.

Best wishes.

Rebe.

**Just a reminder - Resolutions meeting Tuesday 12 November @ 2.30pm @ Llanddewi Village Hall** – this meeting will discuss the short list of resolutions for the AGM in Leeds on 7 June 2014. You will have a voting slip in November WI Life for return in January to the federation.

**Taste of Christmas – Friday 29 November @ 7pm** Crossgates Community Centre – floral demonstration with Sue Hamer and cheese tasting from The Mousetrap, Leominster - Tickets - £7 to include light refreshments, Form for ticket order with your secretary. Also sales tables available, limited amount, £5 each table.

**Christmas concert Sunday 8 December @ St Tecla's Church, Llandegley @ 1.30pm** – form enclosed with your secretary, always a lovely afternoon. This year we need to know numbers attending the concert, cost of entry £3.50 with lucky number for draw plus light refreshments. There will be congregational Carols along with participating WI's.

Following a successful afternoon last year we will once again have a **Meet and Greet – Saturday 11 January 2014 12.30pm for 1pm @ Crossgates Community Centre** – a chance for New and established officers of the WI's to meet Board of Trustee members, sub committee members and just have a general 'get together'. A buffet lunch will be served. This invitation is open to Presidents, secretaries and treasurers. Form with your secretary.

**Digital Champion** - The IT ladies are going to continue to meet once a month at the Severn Arms 10am-12 noon with the option to stay and have lunch afterwards. If any timid internet users want to join us with their own laptops, they will be very welcome. Sessions cost £4 and the next is on November 26th. Phone Heather for more details 01544 370322 or just turn up. If you might be interested in evening sessions at Crossgates in 2014 let Heather know via your secretary.

### Craft Clubs - in the County

Federation Craft Club held @ Crossgates CC:  
Please contact Meg if you want any more info  
01597 823409 or  
email: [meg.cwmhowey@gmail.com](mailto:meg.cwmhowey@gmail.com).

#### Dates:

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

**2pm-4pm** Christmas decorations with Sylvia Richards & Chris Phillips – please let Meg know if you want to attend this.

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – 7pm-9pm

Do your own thing - DIY

### Crafting Cousins – run by Rhayader WI

Meet every other **Wednesday @ 7pm at Cwmdauddwr School**. All types of craft are enjoyed; sometimes everyone does the same and other times you do your own thing.

13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Suffolk Puff purse
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sugar paste/Fimo flowers for Christmas

If you would like to go along please contact – Sylvia – 01597 810765, or Jane – 01597 811011 – you will be very welcome. Please remember to take: needle/thread/scissors etc. to each meeting.

**Tomorrow's Heirlooms** - Inspired by the upcoming centenary of the WI, you are invited to create artefacts inspired by its rich heritage and to produce an heirloom for the future. This is an exciting opportunity to use your imagination and create something beautiful to pass down to future members of the WI.

#### Classes

Five classes have been chosen to inspire you to celebrate your individual WI and its members. Any craft medium can be used providing the heirloom reflects the class and is fit for purpose.

1. Presidents Badge

To identify your president and be wearable

2. Portable Identity

To be free standing and fit onto a table top

3. Tablecloth

To be suitable for a table top

4. Purse for the Treasurer

A receptacle to help manage cash flow

5. Folio for the Secretary

A receptacle suitable to hold papers

If you would like more detail on this visit the competitions area on the Moodle or request a schedule from the office (PRFWI). **Please let us know if you are intending to enter any of these classes.**

**MCS** – November is MCS month, many of our WI's have got a member who takes care of their details but if you haven't I am more than happy to take care of this for you, Cheryl

**Payment to Speakers** - It has recently come to the attention of the NFWI that some speakers who represent other charities are requesting their fee be paid by cheque from WIs directly to the charity they represent. According to Charity Commission rules WIs are not permitted to provide financial support to charities which do not further the objects of the WI, and payment for a speaker would count as such a donation.

The new **WI bakeware** and cookware range is now available online on the Amazon website. The range is also to be trialled at 200 TK Maxx stores during September, and will be expanding into independent high street shops. The bakeware range is available only on [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk) and not [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

**WI Life** – looking for articles on - **Quirky Trips/Days Out/Events** (give plenty of notice so that that photographer etc can be organised by WI Life), **Inspiring members, Community Projects/help**. Please contact Liz Frost – [L.Frost@nfwi.org.uk](mailto:L.Frost@nfwi.org.uk)

**Digital Storytelling** - As part of the Centenary Celebrations, NFWI-Wales is looking to capture members' stories about their time with the WI. The stories will be recorded and captured digitally and some will be used at the exhibition in 2015, at various events throughout that year and will be an excellent record for the archives on a national and federation level. NFWI Wales has been looking at what training is needed to develop the members' skills in this medium and what training packages might be available. The idea is that two members from each Welsh Federation will be trained to be able to use this in capturing the 'stories'. Please let us know in the office – PRFWI – if you are interested – either email [prfwi@btinternet.com](mailto:prfwi@btinternet.com) or ring 01597 823569.

Has anyone come across a white square 'afternoon' tablecloth with green cross-stitch embroidery, if so please contact Marilyn on 01597 823228.

#### Form

Taste of Christmas  
Table top  
Christmas Concert  
Meet and greet

#### Return

8 November  
8 November  
8 November  
6 December



Take care,  
Cheryl