

POWYS RADNOR FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Message

Dear Members

I'm sorry to start my message on a sad note but it is with regret that I must report that Llanbadarn Fynydd WI have agreed to suspend. They have tried hard to attract new members unfortunately without success. I hope they will continue to be members in neighbouring WIs where I know they will be very welcome.

We began 2017 with our annual Meet and Greet, an informal get together for members to meet with Sub Committee members and the Board of Trustees who together provided the delicious lunch.

After lunch we were treated to an amusing sketch written by Gill Holt and performed by members of the Performing Arts Group.

Thank you to everyone who sent in their resolution choice, Alleviating loneliness came first in Powys Radnor with 77 members choosing it, followed by Supporting women's refuges with 63 and Plastic soup 62. We will now have to wait to see what was chosen nationwide to go to the Annual Meeting in June.

As you have probably realised some things will be a little different at the County Show this year as we are using a new venue. We have had to reconsider how some exhibits will be displayed as we have to work with the space and tables available. You will all have received further information with the mailing but please ask if you have any problems. Although the venue will be different I know there will be no change in the excellent standard of work.

As always I look forward to seeing you at future events.

Best wishes
Kath

Newsletter 2017/2018 – please find enclosed the order form. For WIs who wish to receive their copy by email there will be an Annual Charge of £10. The NFWI newsletter is available to download from the Moodle or can be ordered along with the County Newsletter.

New Age Kurling – 8th, 15th May, final 22nd May 2017 @ 7pm Crossgates Community Centre – WIs are invited to enter pairs, this will be played similar to the bowls competition. Form with details with your secretary.

County Show 2017 – Presteigne Memorial Hall - WIs who have made cloths to fit cookery and staging and display tables will not be able to use them at Presteigne, the table sizes are different to Knighton. The Home Economics committee will cover tables and allocate space for entries. Please find Official Schedule enclosed.

Welsh Language Questionnaire – please find enclosed to complete. Return date 14 April to the Office(PRFWI).

Powys Radnor Resolution voting result for 2017 - Alleviating loneliness – **77**, FGM: More awareness for more action – **26**, Equal access for all who need specialised maternal mental health services – **42**, Provision of appropriate welfare and safe spaces for women and children in refugee camps – **32**, Supporting women's refuges – **63**, Plastic soup: Keep microplastic fibres out of our oceans – **62**.

Press Releases – after a good discussion at the recent Issues, Information and Inspiration meeting concerning press coverage, a short list of what is looked for when sending in a report is enclosed. Thanks to Jane Bywater and Jenny and Carwen from Llangunllo WI for pointing us in the right direction. Also enclosed a list for info re length of time to keep minute books etc.

WI Anniversary dates – please could you fill out the enclosed form, we need to make sure that we have the correct formation dates for your WI. Thank you.



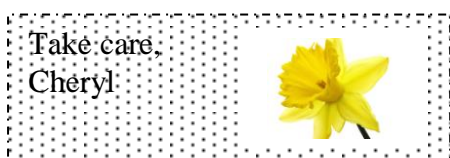
Not in My Name Campaign – the Competition this year will be “The White Logo in any craft medium (including Art)”. **Submission of Entries:** Entries should be submitted to NFWI-Wales. Postal address: NFWI-Wales, 19 Cathedral Road, Cardiff CF11 9HA. Entries need to arrive at Wales Office by **6 October 2017**. Please let the office (Powys Radnor) know if you want us to deliver to Cardiff for you. **Submissions should include the following information:** - Name and contact details of entrant; name of WI; name of Federation. We will keep putting reminders in the newsletter.

Mini Promo Totems to help WIs and federations brand and promote their meetings and events. **Handy:** Mini totems stand 76cm high and 28cm wide, ideal for table-top use. **Cost-**Each Mini Promo Totem is available to purchase at a cost price of **£7 each** (including VAT) buy two, priced at just **£12 per pair** (including VAT). Order form enclosed – sorry for quick turnaround, we have to place order with NFWI.

Board of Trustees 2017- 2020 – next month we will be sending out for nominations for the next term. If you would like to know more about becoming a Trustee there is **a guide to being a Federation Trustee** - A short interactive course for members who would like to find out what being a Federation Trustee involves can be accessed on the WI Moodle.

Lady Denman Cup Competition 2017 - Inspired by the Climate Change Campaign *For the Love of*, the Lady Denman Cup Competition 2017 invites WI members to write a piece of poetry about what they love that could be lost to climate change. Entries can be written in any poetical style but must use no more than 500 words. Entrants must submit 4 copies of their entry, typed if possible, on A4 paper, to the office (Powys Radnor) by **30th June 2017**. All forms relating to the above can be downloaded from the Moodle or obtained from the office (PRFWI).

Huxley Cup, August 2017 - The Huxley Cup will be held at the Bakewell Show this year (in the Derbyshire Federation Marquee), which is on Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 August at the Bakewell Showground, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1AH. The competition will be an **IMPOSED EXHIBIT** on a table top, where the exhibit theme will be provided to each entrant on the staging day with all materials, sundries and containers. For more info contact the office (PRFWI).



WI life – please find enclosed a story suggestion form. Some secretaries may have already received this direct from WI Life. WI Life has a new editor, Sarah Drew Jones, whose mission in 2017 is to celebrate the WI.

Craft Clubs - in the County

Federation Craft Club held @ Crossgates CC. **For further information contact Marion Graves – 01597 823190:**

- 7th & 21st March – 2pm-4pm – clay buttons – **please let Marion know if you are attending this**
- 4th & 18th April – 2pm – 4pm – stick weaving - **please let Marion know if you are attending this.**

Crafting Cousins – run by Rhayader WI

Meet every other **Wednesday @ 7pm at Cwmdauddwr School.**

8th March.....Flipping Patchwork

22nd March.....DIY

5th April.....French Knitting

19th April.....French Knitting

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.

WHITTON WI

invites you

to an open meeting

on **Tuesday March 7th at 8pm**

in Whitton Community Hall (LD7 1NJ).

Speaker - **Susie Blower** with a talk entitled **'Healthy Living for All'**. The talk will be

followed by refreshments. Entry £2

Please let Rosemary know if you would like to attend rosemarybayles@me.com

OLD RADNOR WI

April 4th Rag Rug Talk and Demonstration

by Jenni Stewart Anderson. 'Granny's Recycling for the 21st Century'

Open meeting. £5 for non WI members.

Walton Hall, Old Radnor

Contact - Sue Lloyd 01547 560341

Form

Return date

Newsletter

24 March

Kurling

24 March

Questionnaire

14 April

Anniversary dates

ASAP

Totems

17 March

Official Schedule, press release, WI Life story suggestion, President, Treasurers, Secretaries list – these will be sent as an extra mailing: WI Fair leaflet