

POWYS RADNOR FEDERATION

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Chair's Address - Hi All, it's so nice to be able to write this as your incoming Chair. We had enough ladies step forward to ensure our wonderful Federation could continue, when it was so looking like we were not going to be able to form a Board. Thank You Ladies! Also, a big thank-you to Libby and the other outgoing members for all their hard work during their time on the Board. We had a fantastic time at our ACM on the 11th, thank-you everyone who organised it. What an interesting speaker we had in Ernie Husson, telling us about his life in photography from the ups of meeting famous people and attending garden parties at Buckingham palace to the downs of photographing the Aberfan disaster, and the Dolau Mixtures entertained us with their usual flair. Rhayader WI once again did your members proud with the catering, something thoroughly enjoyed by (and rather envious) our guests from certain other WI Federations. Thank YOU. Many of you don't know me, I'm relatively new to the WI only having been a member for five years, but you'll all recognise me – I'm the loud one with the multi-coloured hair! Hopefully over the next couple of months I can get to meet you all in person. But, please, tell me who you are, I have an awful memory for names (it's called Dysnomia), I'll remember your face, but not the name that goes with it for a meeting or two. I'm looking forward to our new year, hopefully we can make it an enjoyable one for you all, but please, remember the dire straits we were in, help us to run your Federation by getting involved, joining one or two of our sub-committees that bring us all those old and hopefully, new events that we all enjoy so much.

See you all at the Carol Service. Ann.

Our new Federation Board of Trustees:

Anita Lewis – Rhayader WI

Ann Lloyd – Stowe & Stanage WI

Dawn Richards – Bryngwyn WI

Eira Edwards – Rhayader WI

Helen Barnett – Bryngwyn WI

Jacquie Hatfield – Aberedw WI

Karen Bennett – Stowe & Stanage

Sue Cox – Llanyre WI

These ladies will stand for a one-year term.

SAVE THE DATE – CEFNLLYS SHOP 2024

The Federation will host the Cefnlllys Shop from **Saturday 9th March afternoon and Saturday 16th March morning**. If you are available to **volunteer** during this week, please contact the Federation Secretary. The shifts will be 9am -1pm/ 1pm-4:30pm, with ideally two members per shift. Also, remember donations will be welcome, so start putting bits away.

With this Newsletter

This month's - Before the Euro
October – British bird quiz answers

With your Secretary

Form for Wales Conference
Form for London AM

COUNTY SHOW PROGRAMME 2024

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| Class 1 Cookery - Picnic by the River Members can provide a cloth for the cookery table if they wish to (26" x 26") | 3 x mini Quiches 5 x plain scones Fruit Cake Jar of Jam Floral Arrangement - Herbs in a Jam Jar |
| Class 1b Beginners Cookery | 5 x Shortbread Fingers |
| Class 2 Craft | Picnic Bag - Any Medium River Wildlife - made from felt or felted Embroidered Napkin Total space allowed 27" x27" |
| Class 3 Art | A Radnorshire River - any medium (not digital) Not to exceed 14" by 1'1" including mount. |
| Class 5 - Floral | An exhibit depicting The River Wye |
| Class 4 Poster | A digitally created poster (A4) 'An invitation to a picnic by the river.' |
| Class 6 Staging and display | Tales of the Riverbank |
| Rose Bowl | A Welsh Myth or Legend |
| Brecon Cup | A Welsh Myth or Legend |

Membership Subcommittee – Chair – Ann Lloyd

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We're currently halfway through our Hub meetings and they seem to be going well. It may seem a boring agenda, but it is information that is important for the individual WIs and a face to face introduction is better than simply sending out handouts. You can ask any questions you want on the subjects. We've had some very interesting discussions so far. Those who have attended go away feeling they've learned something. Not a lot, but something. Thank you all who have attended, and I look forward to seeing more of you at the ones still to come.

The remaining hubs are in :

Knighton – Wednesday 22nd November 2-4pm

Penybont – Tuesday 28th Nov 2-4pm

If there is something you would like to see explained, demonstrated etc at these hub meets please let me know. In the spring, we will arrange hubs that are simply fun, nothing serious, sessions where we can simply all meet up for a natter over tea and cake, and you can tell me what you would like the hubs to do for you.

PRFWI Centenary Carol Service - Sunday 10th December 2023 at 2 pm

The final event of our centenary year is the Centenary Carol Service at St Michael's and All Angels in Clyro. After the service there will be mince pies and Christmas Mulled Cordial. There will also be a free programme number raffle. We look forward to seeing you there.



Scrapbooking Workshop at Powys Archives at Unit 29 Ddole Road Llandrindod.

25th November session is for adults and the 2nd December session is for adults and children. They will run between 10am and 1pm and include a goody bag and refreshments. Booking essential. No experience is required – all materials are provided.

2023 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (25 November to 10 December)

Powys County Council are planning four white ribbon walks on Saturday 25 November to show their support for ending men's violence against women and girls.

They are being organised by the county council in support of the global White Ribbon movement, which this year is encouraging people to #ChangeTheStory on harmful gender-based behaviours and attitudes.

The walks are all due to start at 11am from the following venues:

- **Lakeside Boathouse, Llandrindod Wells**
- **Dinas Road car park, Brecon**
- **Welshpool Town Hall**
- **Newtown Integrated Family Centre, Park Street**

Refreshments will be available at the end of each town centre walk. They are also going to have a stand in Newtown during the day, raising awareness around violence against women, and hope to have a candlelight vigil in the evening.

Other Ways to Get Involved

1. Craft orange flowers, the campaign symbol, and display them in your local area, with labels that read #16days #nomoreviolence to raise awareness. Use your favourite technique to create the orange flowers: embroider them, macramé ornaments, make them from paper mâché, or crochet a brooch to send to an MP or other public figure. You can also wear orange to your November or December WI meeting or knit an orange scarf or hat for a candlelight vigil.
2. Support survivors by holding a candlelight vigil in your community. Invite members of the public, local organisations, and friends and family to show their solidarity with survivors.
3. Continue to support your local women's refuge. Collect donations to assemble care packages for the refuge or hold a fundraising activity and donate the proceeds. You can find details of local women's refuge providers at womensaid.org.uk/womens-aid-directory.

Resolution Shortlist 2023-24

The shortlisted resolutions are:

1. Dental Health Matters

There is a chronic shortage of NHS Dentists and people are suffering health issues as a result. The NFWI calls on the Government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists and to review the current inadequate NHS contracts in order to ensure everyone can access an NHS dentist wherever they live.

2.Impacts of poor housing conditions

Poor housing can have a deleterious effect on human health and wellbeing, safety and quality of life and can disproportionately affect the most vulnerable groups in society. The NFWI calls on the UK Government to boost housing standards and regulations,

increase funding for housing renovations, increase the supply of affordable and secure housing and strengthen collaboration with local authorities, housing associations and other relevant stakeholders to develop strategies that address local housing challenges.

3.Say 'no' to gambling advertising

Harm caused by excessive gambling is a global problem. Some countries are already addressing this by banning advertising. The NFWI calls on members, the government, regulators, the NHS, educationalists and gambling charities to work together towards achieving a complete ban on gambling advertising. This will reduce gambling harm, save the NHS money, protect family relationships and decrease the number of suicides, around 400 per annum at present.

4.Improving Outcomes for Women in the Criminal Justice System

There is an urgent need to radically reform decision-making in respect of women in the criminal justice system and in particular, pregnant women and women with children. We urge cross-government collaboration to deliver on the 2018 female offender strategy by setting goals, robust governance and performance measures to reduce the number of women who have committed non-violent offences from being imprisoned.

Next steps - Every member now has the opportunity to cast their individual selection on the resolution they support the most. WIs are encouraged to hold meetings to provide members with the opportunity to discuss and learn more about each resolution. However, if this is not possible members can research the issues themselves and make their selection. The selection slip can be found in the November/December issue of WI Life. A copy of the selection slip can also be downloaded on this page.

The deadline for members' selections to reach their federations is 11th February 2024.

Welsh Conference – 4th April 2024 – Brecon

As you are aware, the format for the 2024 NFWI Wales Conference which is being held in Theatr Brycheiniog, Brecon on 4 April is going to be different from conferences held in the past. Members will have the option to attend just the Conference in the morning, in person £10 or virtually £5, or attend the Conference and an activity in the afternoon. Deadline for attendees in person or online is **Friday 26th January**.

NFWI AM – Wednesday 4th June – London

The AM WI Delegates this year are Cwmbach, Dolau, Llanyre, Old Radnor, Llangunllo and Tremont. These delegates can attend virtually or in person, representing the other WIs in their group. Travel covered by pooling. The Powys Coach will be leaving on 4th June to attend the AM while staying in the Holiday Inn Express, return 6th June 2024. This will be £209 per person for a twin room (extra if single occupancy). Observer tickets £28. Coach £16. Payment to be sent with form.

Members should be aware that this is the last 'in person' AM until 2027. For further information, please contact the Federation Secretary. **Deadline 12th January 2024**

Gloucestershire Federation Holiday, Monday 16th to Friday 20th September 2024

Join us for a fully escorted holiday in Gloucestershire next September, hosted by the Federation Trustees.

Enjoy seeing Adam Henson's Farm Park often seen on Countryfile, learning more about the history of this family farm dedicated to saving rare breeds.

Visit the historic city of Gloucester with its famous Cathedral, home to the tomb of a King, site of a Coronation and meeting of Parliament, the only ones outside London, and in more recent times, a filming location for Harry Potter.

Explore the small museum dedicated to Beatrix Potter and her connection through the 'Tailor of Gloucester' as well as the docks with its historic buildings, eateries, and shopping mall.

You will travel through beautiful countryside and have a chance to visit the charming Cotswold town of Cirencester. The final jewel will be a chance to visit King Charles' Garden at Highgrove.

Accommodation will be at a Country House Hotel, Hatton Court situated overlooking Gloucester with views across the Severn Vale. Cost for half board, en-suite accommodation £493 per person sharing; single price on request.

For an application form please contact our office tel: 01452 523966 or email:

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Further information is available from organisers Janice Cole janicatellinis@aol.com; Liz Goldie liz.goldie27@gmail.com

Dunvant Male Choir's "Tour Of Wales". We have planned a visit to the six Anglican cathedrals between November 2023 and July 2024, culminating in Tour Finale Concert in Swansea's Brangwyn Hall on 27 July 2024. It seems that no other choir has ever arranged a Tour of the Welsh Cathedrals before! We would like to extend an invitation to your members, to join us at one or more(!) of the concerts. We will be performing, with various artists/choirs, as follows: Brecon Cathedral: 25.11.23 with Brecon Male Voice St Asaph Cathedral: 16.02.24 with Rhys Meirion Bangor Cathedral: 17.02.24 with Rhys Meirion Newport Cathedral: 16.03.24 with Only Boys Aloud St David's Cathedral: 13.04.24 with Haverfordwest Male Voice Cardiff/Llandaff: 04.07.24 in a "Cymanfa Ganu" organised by the cathedral The Finale Concert in Swansea's Brangwyn Hall on 27th July 2024, will feature the artists listed above, with the exception of Only Boys Aloud. We are particularly thrilled to be sharing the stage with two other male voice choirs, namely Haverfordwest and Brecon Male Choirs in our jointly organised concerts, and to be able to offer their members the opportunity to sing in the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea in July 2024. The tickets, priced at £15, will be going on general sale at various times during the next 4 months, but I would like to offer your members the opportunity to order tickets, as group bookings, in advance of the sale to the general public. Therefore, if any of your members are interested and would like to order in advance, please contact me on huwlandeg@btinternet.com joinus@dunvantchoir.wales Please ask that when ordering, the group organisers let me know which concert and how many tickets. We will arrange payment and posting of the tickets at a later stage.

Upcoming Events

21st November – Craft Club in Penybont 2pm

22nd November – Knighton hub 2pm

28th November – Penybont hub 2pm

30th November – Centenary Meeting 12:30pm Penybont

5th December – Craft Club in Penybont 2pm

10th December – Carol Service in Clyro 2pm

13th December – Board of Trustees meeting 2pm

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Wales Conference – 4th April Brecon

County Show 18th May Knighton

NFWI AM – 5th June London

Combined Powys event – 15th June

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