

# POWYS RADNOR FEDERATION

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What a lovely day to be writing this message, first time being able to sit in the garden and work. It's been a fun few weeks, lovely to see so many of you at last week's Wales Conference in Brecon. I hope you all had a wonderful time. Powys Brecknock were wonderful hosts and a brilliant friendly venue. I found the speakers really inspirational, especially Bronwen with her vivid insight into her life with ADHD, and her brilliant rendition of 'This is Me' from the Greatest Showman. Could have listened to her all day. I found it an interesting format to have the varied activities in the afternoon, which allowed us to mix and chat, not just sit, and listen to a speaker and only mix for a few minutes during the intervals. We're now into our new WI year, let's look forward and try to grow our WI by recruiting old and new friends to join our wonderful family and have fun getting together at the various event we have over the coming year. I'm hoping we see many of you at the forthcoming hub meetings, remember this time they're a coffee and chat session to exchange ideas, you can ask anything you want to know, and suggest events and activities you'd like to see. I had some wonderful ideas from the Knighton hub to look into. Hope you all have your items for the County Show coming together, the committee are working hard to ensure it's a successful time, and we're looking forward to getting everyone together for the day. Look forward to seeing you all there. Ann.

## Sports – Chair - Dawn Richards

Our very small subcommittee have more activities in the pipeline, but we do need more help. If you could spare an hour every couple of months then please join the Sports subcommittee, we would love to hear your ideas and we will make you most welcome.

### Walking Netball is back – starting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

April, the sessions will be every Wednesday in East Radnor Leisure Centre, Presteigne from **10-11am** for ten weeks.

These sessions are free to members and open to all abilities. They are a fun way to meet other members while enjoying some light exercise. Please wear sensible shoes.

These sessions have been made possible by a grant from the Postcode Community Trust, a grant-giving charity funded entirely by players of People's Postcode Lottery.

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## Treasurer's News –The 2024/25 subs need to be paid to the Federation by 30th April.

Don't forget to update the MCS with your current membership, whether you are adding new members or removing members that have not renewed please.

## Powys Radnor Federation Grand Raffle

Karen and Ann have been busy selling tickets around the County. I would like to remind WI Secretaries that their raffle stubs are to be in by 1<sup>st</sup> May. You can either post them or contact Ann and she will arrange collection. Tickets will continue to be available to buy after this date including on County Show day!

## Powys Radnor Federation Hubs

We have the next hubs arranged for the following dates and locations -

Paincastle Thurs 18 April 2pm

Penybont Tue 23 April 2pm

Presteigne Tue 30 April 1.30pm

There is no set agenda for these, just a coffee and cake get-together where you can tell us what you would like planned for the future. Everyone welcome.

### **CC Subcommittee**

**Eira Edwards** [eiramedwards248@gmail.com](mailto:eiramedwards248@gmail.com)

### **County Show deadline – 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Please can I make an appeal for Stewards for County Show. Training can be arranged. The event can be a long day, so even if you are able to help so stewards have a chance of a break, this would be much appreciated.

Secretaries to note changes to County Show Programme and closing date, which is final.

**County Show Cups and Shields**, please can WI Secretaries return any cups and shields to the Federation Secretary. Please ensure they are clean, polished and engraved if required.

### **Poetry & Prose 4<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm – Llanddewi Hall**

The Poetry And Prose evening, with puddings and Pimms, will be held this year in Llanddewi Village hall on the evening of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July. The theme, this year is 'The River' to tie in with the campaign for clean rivers. There will be a competition for the Jean Woosnam Silver Platter. The deadline for entries will be 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024. Poem or prose with the max 500 words – entries sent to Eira – [eiramedwards248@gmail.com](mailto:eiramedwards248@gmail.com)

### **Murder Mystery Event**

First meeting will be in Penybont on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2-4pm – everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Craft Club**

16th April 2024—2pm to 4pm

Bottle Top Coaster—Sylvia Bigglestone

Tea Hostess— Jan Sims/Jan Goodwin

7th May 2024—2pm to 4pm

Thread catcher—Jenny

Tea Hostess— Andy Hughes/Sylvia Bigglestone

21st May 2024—2pm to 4pm

Embroidery Hoop Clock—Mel Ensor

Tea Hostess— Gwyneth Pugh/Carol Bufton

### **Chinese Auction – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September in Llanyre Hall 6:30pm start.**

The Chinese Auction is always a popular event, so please 'Save the Date.' Tickets will be handed out to WI Secretaries over the next few months.

### **Helping Hands from The Comm**

**Community Volunteering** – Helping with those little urgent jobs to make life easier. We can help, can you? If you are a resident of Knighton or the surrounding area, whether you need help or can offer your time – then please get in touch – [informalvolunteering@knightoncomm.wales](mailto:informalvolunteering@knightoncomm.wales) or 07848021282

### **The Victorian Festival Display**

It is with great sadness that after 25 years of the display, Marilyn Thomas has decided not to have a display this year at the Victorian Festival in Llandrindod Wells. The Victorian committee have agreed to reduce the activities this year and Marilyn does not think this would do the display justice. Marilyn is in talks with the Federation Chair about hosting a bigger display next year at her own event, more details to follow.

Board Nomination Forms are with your Secretaries. We are offering another annual term. Feel free to attend a Board meeting over the next few months to see how it works. The next meeting is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in Rhayader.

We appreciate that many of our members have held positions in the past or are new members still learning the ropes, but if you think you have something to offer than please get in touch, many hands make light work.

### **Powys Radnor Federation Memorabilia.**

Do you have WI items in your spare room, in the attic or under the bed? We would love to know. We would like to produce an inventory of all Powys Radnor items for our records. If you would like to hand the items to the Federation for storage, then please let us know. If you have items/paperwork from a suspended WI, then please get in touch and we can arrange for them to be archived safely in the Powys Archives. If you are happy to keep storing the items, that's fine too, just let us know what you have so that the items can be accounted for. Thank you.

**Public Affairs Update – Jacquie Hatfield**  
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The latest National Public Affairs Bulletin is available to read in full on My WI by using the following link  
<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/wales/nfwi-wales-campaigns-and-projects>

You can find out more about:

**THINKING DIFFERENTLY:** a new report ‘Understanding the Experiences of Autistic and ADHD Women’

The full report can be accessed on My WI:

<https://www.thewi.org.uk/media-centre/blog/blog-listing/2024/thinking-differently-understanding-the-experiences-of-autistic-and-adhd-women>

**CLEAN RIVERS FOR PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE**

A webinar is taking place on 19 April between 11am and 1pm. To learn more and to register, please visit: <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/news-and-actions/register-for-our-clean-rivers-webinar>

**NO MORE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

Use Your Voice in May - The NFWI Public Affairs team have created a guide to help you engage with candidates on this topic. Visit My WI to access the guide: <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/current-campaigns/no-more-violence-against-women>

**ONLINE EVENT Q&A WITH WELSH WOMEN’S AID**

**SURVIVORS’ NETWORK:** Monday 13 May at 10am to 12pm

If you are interested in attending or receiving further information, please email [s.thomas@nfwi-wales.org.uk](mailto:s.thomas@nfwi-wales.org.uk) and visit My WI for other training opportunities and ideas for action on the No More Violence campaign:

A number of resources to support WIs to take part in the campaign are available on My WI at

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/wales/nfwi-wales-campaigns-and-projects/not-in-my-name>

**2024 NOT IN MY NAME COMPETITION**

Our 2024 competition for members is to ‘Design a Mug’ depicting the Not in my Name campaign to end violence against women. The competition guidelines are available on My WI:

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/wales/nfwi-wales-campaigns-and-projects/not-in-my-name>

**ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTION**

‘Dental Health Matters’ received the overwhelming majority of selections and the NFWI Board of Trustees has decided to put this resolution forward to the Annual Meeting. WIs should now consider how they wish their delegate to vote on the resolution at the NFWI. Annual Meeting.

Find out more and access resources to support your WI discussion here:

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/news-and-actions/resolution-selection-results-announcement>

**The NFWI will also be hosting a virtual discussion event on Wednesday 24 April at 12 noon.**

Members who wish to join can register their interest via My WI:

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/news-and-actions/join-our-resolution-webinar-in-april>

**POWYS AND RADNORSHIRE PUBLIC AFFAIRS CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Come and join us!!**

**8th to 16th June 2024 Great Big Green Week**

Your chance to do your own thing as part of a National celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. See

<https://greatbiggreenweek.com/resources/>

For ideas on how to get involved and to access resources. Don’t forget to let us know what you get up to by emailing [jacquiehatfield@aol.com](mailto:jacquiehatfield@aol.com)

**19th June 2024 Powys and Radnorshire Federation Quiz**  
**Howey Hall 7.00pm to 9.00pm**

£8 per team of 4, Tea, Coffee and Biscuits provided.

Please return attached entry form to Paula Randell, PRFWI Secretary

**20th (or 27th) September 2024 (TBC) Powys and Radnorshire Federation ‘WI’nted’ Fashion Show**  
**Knighton Community Centre 6.30 pm to 9.00pm**

You may have heard of selling clothes through Vinted ... well come and join us for a fun evening of Fashion whilst supporting the Circular Economy. Your unwanted special occasion wear and designer fashion items and accessories will be expertly modelled to try and find them a new owner and lease of life. You will have the opportunity to recoup some money whilst supporting your Federation. Family and friends more than welcome!! Watch this space for more information and how to get involved but start looking through your wardrobe now for those hidden gems that you know you won’t wear again but are too gorgeous to give away!!!

The Public Affairs subcommittee are always looking for new members, if you are interested, please get in touch.

## Time Capsule of PRFWI Centenary Year 2023 and other items of interest.

### Lose Items:

Aberedw Plate – For Home and Country  
PRFWI Calendar 90th year  
Various badges  
Jubilee notebook 1965  
“Speaking Out” handbook  
“On with the Show” handbook 2012 edition  
Photograph album – Members of Grosvenor W.I.  
Visitors signing in book – Craft Exhibitions 1997-2018  
Photographs of Rose Bowl Competitions at Llanelwedd  
Attendance Register for various events 1988-1999  
Album of events throughout the Centenary year 2023  
W.I. Programmes 2023-24  
Small album of place cards from County Eisteddfau and County Show  
1 – DVD - The WI 1990s  
2 – DVD - WI Concerts 1994 & 1995  
3 – DVD - Music of Our Times WI Concert recorded by Cam3 and Videographers (think this is also on the WI concerts disc)  
4 - WI Choir and County Show 1999 this also contains Happy Valley  
Bluebells, Gorse on the Golf Links The Lake with Swans and Cornwall Tour  
5 – CD - Voices of Radnorshire which features Song 8 - A Choral Benediction  
sung by Radnor WI Choir  
2 photos of the cast of Robin of Radnorshire 2016

### List of items in the Blue file:

Letters from PRFWI Chair  
Copy of the first Minutes 1923  
Copy of the Committee Members 1920-1921  
Copy of Newbridge W.I. first Minutes 1920  
The first ideas on setting up the Centenary sub-committee 2023  
Copies of sub-committee Minutes 2023  
Booklet and Chair’s Welcome at the Centenary ACM 11/11/23  
Menu of the Centenary lunch  
Booklet celebrating 100 years  
Booklet Anniversary Service 23.01.23  
Booklet Centenary Christmas Carol Service 10.12.23  
Copy of Aberedw WI first meeting 1924  
Photographs of the Panels  
Photographs of New Radnor 19.01.1918  
Booklet of County Show 20.05.23  
Booklet of performing Art Group 09.02.2018  
Original script and C.D. of Robin of Radnor Performance 2016  
Booklet of Golden Jubilee 1923-1973  
Booklet of 75 Years 1915-1990

## Centenary Subcommittee – Chair – Dawn Gill

Dawn has been busy collecting all the items for the time capsule, thank you to everyone who attended this month to have a look. There is still time to suggest items to be included – final sealing 13<sup>th</sup> May.

## Quiz Night -Organised by Whitton WI to celebrate their 100 years.

WHEN? Friday 7th June at 7.30  
WHERE? Whitton Community Hall, LD7 1NJ  
TEAMS ? No more than 6 members at £3 each  
WHAT ELSE? Chinese Bingo and Raffle  
REFRESHMENTS Hot dogs available - Bring Your Own drinks.  
BOOKING (please)01547 560350 OR just turn up.

**Flowers for Fun:** Maybe you would like to know how to arrange flowers? Join our friendly group to see what we do - at Whitton Community Hall on Thursdays 18th and 25th April, 16th and 23rd May, from 12 – 2 pm (further dates to follow) .  
Come for a coffee and a chat – all welcome -£5 per session but first visit free! Phone Sue on 07368350379 for more details, or just come along.



## Upcoming Meetings and Events

Paincastle Hub – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2-4pm  
Penybont Hub – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2-4pm  
Murder Mystery meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2-4pm Penybont hall  
Presteigne Tue 30 April 1.30pm  
Board meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2pm in Rhayader  
County Show 18<sup>th</sup> May, Knighton  
NFWI AM – 5<sup>th</sup> June, London or online  
Poetry & Prose – 4<sup>th</sup> July 6:30pm Llanddewi Hall  
Chinese Auction – Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Sept at 6:30pm in Llanyre hall  
ACM 2024 – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in Knighton 10:30am

## With this Newsletter

This month’s Summer Quiz  
Answers European Capitals

## With your Secretary

Board Nomination form  
Not In My Name Competition guidelines  
Chinese Auction form  
Quiz form