



**POWYS MONTGOMERY
FEDERATION
WOMEN'S INSTITUTES
APRIL 2020**



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PLEASE NOTE: Due to the current uncertainty and escalation of the Coronavirus Pandemic the **Federation Officials are following advice on social distancing and have decided to either postpone or cancel PMF events in March, April and May. NFWI Wales have postponed the Wales Conference from 26th April till the Autumn and NFWI have cancelled the Annual Meeting which was due to be held 4th June in London.** All other events arranged by the Federation will go ahead unless you are otherwise informed by the Federation Office. Please be vigilant and take heed of the current Government Guidelines. The Federation will do it's utmost to keep the WIs informed via our Facebook and e-mails, we appreciate not everyone is on Facebook or e.mail, so please arrange to cascade the information to your members. Some of the WIs have already informed the office they will not be meeting in April. I'm sure in this unprecedented situation WI and Members of our Communities are bound to feel isolated and would appreciate a phone call from a friend.

Also in line with NFWI and NFWI Wales the Federation Office will close 20th March. Jane Rees the Federation Secretary will work from home, the phone will be transferred, post collected, e-mails responded to, Face book updated, please do keep in touch.

Jane's home phone very similar to the Office 01686 630623 and mobile 07580 235090.

Normal service will be resumed as soon as advisable to do so.

Three months of this year have already gone, after surviving the storms in February and March. We now face our greatest challenge, hopefully longer days, lighter evenings and perhaps some sunshine will help to alleviate the feeling of isolation.

At the beginning of March I had the honour of representing the Federation at the funeral of a former County Chairman Mrs Beryl Myatt formerly of Llandinam. She had reached the great age of 98 years and had served as Federation Chairman 1981-82, she had been a dedicated WI member and had been the backbone of community life in Llandinam for many years. My thanks to the members of Llandinam WI who joined me as part of her WI family to celebrate her life at Llandinam Presbyterian Chapel.

People from the past have given us an inspiration and an identity which we have inherited.

Take Care and Keep Safe.

Ymlaen a ni

Margaret

NFWI WALES CONFERENCE Sunday 26th April at Theatr Clwyd, Mold POSTPONED to be rescheduled in the Autumn, Payments will be held over, of course if members are then unable to attend the rescheduled date they will be refunded.

FEDERATION TREASURER

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WI TREASURERS: If you have not already done so, please submit subscriptions received asap.

Forwarding any late or pro rata fees using the enclosed form. (photocopy as required)

New Members joining between 1st April – 30th June pay £32.25 – Break down:- WI retains £15.83, Federation £7.50, NFWI £8.92. N.B. This only applies to new members or to anyone who has not been a member in the last ten years. Re-joining members pay full fee £43.00.

150 CLUB: First two draws were due to take place at the Quiz and the Show, trustees will ensure the six draws are carried out at intervals before the end of the year.

Where events are **CANCELLED** or members are unable to attend rescheduled date Fees will be refunded via your WIs, please be patient till Federation Officers can meet to arrange refunds.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: **Chairman Mrs Jean Hurrell Tel. 01938 553736**

MCS: Once again a request for **MCS reps** to liaise with your **Treasurer**, who should now have a list of your paid-up members. WI subscriptions were due in January, so please update any changes: add new members' details and make those who haven't re-joined inactive. If you need help contact Jane.

QUIZ NIGHT: **Fri 27th March POSTPONED** Sorry we will try to re-arrange later in the year, any teams unable to attend the re-scheduled date will be refunded.

2021 CALENDARS: the theme for your photos is "Black & White" – landscape orientation please. Maximum of three entries per member to the Federation Office by **24th April**. Email entries would be appreciated if possible.

DIARY DATE: Treasure Hunt, Wed 12th Aug. hosted by last year's winners - Abermule WI.

REQUEST: I'd love to receive photos of your WI activities in order to populate a noticeboard to show what members get up to. There are many photos of WIs winning certificates, but I know you do so much more. If you could send or email copies of different activities, with members' permission, of course, I'd be pleased to receive them.

HOME ECONOMICS: **Chairman Mrs Geraldine Russell-Jones 01686 650451**

SPRING SHOW Sat 2nd May at Trefeglwys Memorial Hall. **CANCELLED** Regrettably, it has been decided to cancel the Spring Show this year, as a measure against further spread of the Covid 19 virus. For all those who have worked towards and have made preparations for their entries, I can only sympathise and hope that some of this effort can be used towards next year's show. Where possible, Craft Classes will remain the same. It is not yet known what decision will be made by the Royal Welsh Show's organisers, but in the event of the Show going ahead, some of our members, with PMF support, may be asked to represent the Federation.

2019 Trophy-Winners – please return trophies to the Fed. Office when possible.

PLANTER / HANGING BASKET WORKSHOP Sat 18th April at Adfa Village Hall.

CANCELLED However, Stan is offering an alternative with Bulbs later in the year. Watch this space.

ADVANCE NOTICE: NFWI Wales at Royal Welsh Winter Fair 30th Nov – 1st Dec, 2020.

Competitions:- Craft – A Recycled Christmas Gift,

Produce – A Christmas Cake from another country

WALKERS WI BULB SCHEME: Catalogue and order form enclosed in March. Bulbs delivered to your WI representative. Order form and payment to Fed. Office **by 31st May**. Thank you.

The results of the 2020 resolution shortlist selection process are:

2020 resolutions		National Voting	PMFWI Votes
1	A Call to increase potential stem cell donor registration	38,280	193
2	Female crash test dummies	9,124	55
3	End modern slavery	35,395	158
4	Time to talk about death and dying	9,820	56
5	Protect our precious helium	11,705	47
Total selections received		104,262	509

The NFWI Board of Trustees has decided to put forward the two top resolutions:-

‘A Call to increase potential stem cell donor registration’ *There is an urgent need to increase the number of people registered on the aligned UK stem cell registry in order to provide potentially life-saving treatment to people of all ages with certain blood cancers. We call on all WI members to promote registration to the database to avoid people dying whilst waiting for a match.*

‘End modern slavery’ *There are tens of thousands of victims of modern slavery hiding in plain sight in the UK. Modern slavery has severe consequences for the health and mental wellbeing of survivors. The NFWI calls on the Government to protect victims of modern slavery in the first instance and deliver longer term support to help them rebuild their lives. We call on our members to raise awareness of the prevalence of modern slavery throughout society and campaign to defeat it.*

Members now have the opportunity to learn more about the issues, and to discuss the resolution in their WIs before deciding how they wish their delegate to vote at the Annual Meeting. All WIs get one vote for each resolution. This means your WI shouldn't vote for one resolution over the other but should vote for or against each one independently. If both resolutions are passed the NFWI will campaign on both issues. **Due to the CANCELLATION of The NFWI ANNUAL MEETING we await further instructions on how the vote is to be conducted. NFWI have already issued the mailing to WIs including WIs who were due to send a delegate. Please watch for further notification / voting instructions in the May Newsletter.**

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Chairman Mrs Mandy Conwell 01686 630145

Theatre trip “We will rock you”: 29th April all tickets sold, few spaces on the coach for shopping in Birmingham. Coach pick ups Newtown 8am Welshpool 8.30am return after show.

Current situation -Theatre cancelled events till 20th April, we will advise ticket holders.

Eisteddfod competition: As the Annual Council meeting has been changed from Oct/Nov 2020 to May 2021 this means entries for Eisteddfod can be worked on throughout the winter months. Topics will be discussed at Sept meeting of Arts and Entertainment committee

WI's Got Talent : Thurs 15th Oct Abermule Community Centre – Sketches, songs, recitation, Dance or mime,(non-competitive) 15mins max.per item. Why not give it a go or team up with another WI. To assist in organising this event, next month we will be asking for WIs expression of interest in performing. Come on ladies - we need to look forward to jolly times ahead.

Salford Quays: Thurs 24th Sept , an optional tour of BBC has been provisionally booked (90mins) costing £12 for adults (£11 concessions) plus £15 for coach. Booking by 31st July.

Bingo Tues 27th Oct at Monty Club Newtown

SPORTS & LEISURE

Chairman Mrs Pam Adcock Tel. 01938 810108

8 Teams braved a dreadful night to take part in the **Badminton** competition on Fri 1st Feb at Llanfair Leisure Centre:- 1st Sam & Karen, Sarn; 2nd Joyce & Angela, Aberhafesp; 3rd Sue & Helen, Abermule 4th Sue & Linda, Sarn. Thanks to Ruth & Joyce for organising.

Scrabble 17th March **POSTPONED** later date to be arranged.

Team Darts Final Mon 27th April, 7.00pm Red Lion, Castle Caereinion, **POSTPONED** Ann to contact finalists.

Darts Doubles – Fri 22nd May at The Monty Club, Newtown. 7 pm prompt start. **POSTPONED** To be re-scheduled at a later date.

Federation Walk please note date **Sat 13th June** not Sun 14th June – booking form next month

Dates for Diaries : **Crown Green bowls** taster day 20th June, **Outdoor Bowls** – Sat 4th July, **Croquet** – Sat 12th Sept, **Short Mat Bowls** – Sat 3rd Oct, **Kurling** – Sat 17th Oct.

WALKING NETBALL: 25th April 2.00- 4.00, **POSTPONED** **Wales Netball POSTPONED sessions till further notice** . We have another 5 sessions to be arranged to complete the grant. Currently dates booked 6th June 2.30 – 4.30, 27th June 2.00 – 4.00, 18th July 2.00 – 4.00, all at the Flash Leisure Centre, Welshpool.

As with all events those who have booked will be notified if an event has to be cancelled.

DENMAN AMBASSADOR: Mrs Jean Hurrell Tel. 01938 553736 jean@swynant.co.uk

Overnight Denman Experience Day: Enjoy dinner, entertainment, B&B and lunch at Denman and take part in two 2-hour workshops before tea & cake and departure for home. Present cost £165 + travel. Available Workshops - Jewellery, including Silver Clay or Glass Fusing; Craft e.g. Upcycling Patchwork / Decorative Papercutting / Funky Fabric Flowers; Willow Work; Art; Tai Chi; Oxford, Cotswolds, Gardens and Colleges (these are armchair courses); Dance: Photography; Bell ringing; Fit Steps: The Strictly Come Dancing Workout. Please contact Jean or the office to express interest, form will follow when meetings resume.

LADY DENMAN CUP COMPETITION 2020 ‘What I heard on the bus...’ Using no more than 500 words, WI members are invited to submit a piece of writing, either comical, serious, fact or fiction, based on a conversation they have overheard, or imagined they had heard, on the bus. Entries to the Federation Office **no later than Fri 26 June**. For full details and entry form visit the NFWI website or request from the Federation Office.

Group Meetings – Cedewain, Severn and Powys Groups April meetings CANCELLED.

Dates for your Diaries:

Pretty empty for the next two or three months!!

ENCLOSURES: Pro Rata Membership Fees.

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