

# theWI Powys-Montgomery



## NEWSLETTER JULY & AUGUST 2025

N.B. The Federation Office will be closed from Tues 5<sup>th</sup> August to re-opening Tues 19<sup>th</sup> August.

### MESSAGE FROM THE NEW FEDERATION CHAIRMAN *Ruth Hesketh, Castle Caereinion WI.*

As you may have seen on Facebook, I am now your new Federation Chair. I hope I can do as good a job as my predecessors. On everyone's behalf I should like to thank Geraldine Russell-Jones for her leadership and support during the past 2 years and wish her a speedy recovery following her accident.

The National AGM was held on-line on 4<sup>th</sup> June and I hope those who joined us, to view the event at Abermule, found the speakers Emma Bridgewater and Angel Strawbridge, very interesting. Both the Federation Walk at Belan and the trip to Liverpool were somewhat hot, but very enjoyable. I hope you have signed up for our upcoming events – the Walking Treasure Hunt at Tregynon 30<sup>th</sup> July and the Outdoor Bowls at Carno 19<sup>th</sup> July. The Federation will take part and have a stand at the Llanidloes Carnival 12<sup>th</sup> July if you're there please give us a cheer as we pass! join us for a cuppa and cake at the Newtown Food Festival 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Sept.

As ever, there is lots to do in the upcoming months. I look forward to seeing you.

Best wishes/Cofion gorau, Ruth.

### ANNUAL ELECTION OF FEDERATION OFFICERS 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Chair – Ruth Hesketh, Castle Caereinion.

Vice. Chair – Pam Adcock, Adfa & Cefn Coch.

Treasurer – Lisa Hamer, Newtown.

Ass. Treasurer – Chris Lewis, New Mills.

#### Sub-Committee Chairs:-

Membership – Janet Hughes, Tregynon.

Lifestyle – Margaret Jones, Trefeglwys.

Sports & Leisure – Pam Adcock, Adfa & Cefn Coch.

Arts & Entertainment – Chris Lewis, New Mills.

Board Members - Helen Baker, Tregynon

Geraldine Russell-Jones, Tregynon

& Jacquie Barnes, Penybontfawr.



### WALKING TREASURE HUNT

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> July

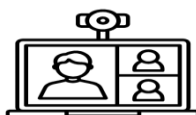
Hosted by Tregynon WI. Come and seek the hidden treasure. Start 6 – 6.30pm from Tregynon Community Centre SY16 3EH. Entry Fee to inc. Refreshments. Members £5 Non-Members £6. Late bookings contact the office



Meet us online  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of  
the month at 7pm

email  
pmfwi@yahoo.co.uk  
or  
message for log on  
details and  
membership

## Severn Sisters Virtual WI



### Powys Inter Federation - Brecknock, Montgomery & Radnor Summer Skies Event.

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 4pm at  
Newbridge -on-wye  
Community Centre, LD16LD  
Tickets £10 to inc.  
Cheese and Biscuits.  
Tickets from PMFWI Office.

### **Annual Council Meeting Presentations 22nd May 2025 :-**

The Doreen Jones Salver winner of the 2025 Competition A repurposed plastic milk container.

Presentation by Lifestyle Chair Miss Margaret Jones. Winner Christine Jones, Guilsfield.

2nd Eleri Roberts, Penybontfawr. 3rd Jacquie Barnes, Penybontfawr and Hazel Francis, Dolfor.

Literary Eisteddfod Presentation by Arts & Entertainment Chair Mrs Ruth Hesketh.

Overall Winners - Mona Jones Shield - Penybontfawr 27 points. Runners-Up - Llanwddyn Rose Bowl –

Llangynog Berwyn Belles 18 points 3rd Place - Tydfil Roberts Cup - Aberhafesp 15 points.

Sports Competitions Presentation by Chair of Sports & Leisure Mrs Pam Adcock

The Joan Shaw Memorial Shield to the overall winners Adfa and Cefn Coch 55 points

The Meg Andrews Trophy to the Runners –up Abermule 42 points 3rd were Aberhafesp 26 points

The Rose Davies Bowl for best WI programme 2025. Presentation by Membership Chair Mrs Janet Hughes. Winners Meifod 2nd Guilsfield 3rd Dolfor.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY AT EVENTS.**

**N.B. TRUSTEES ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT RISK ASSESSMENT FOR EACH EVENT.**

If we advertise a time for doors opening, it is to allow organisers to prepare the venue i.e. set out tables and chairs, displays, technical equipment, refreshments etc and have stewards in place to receive members, attendees must be registered as they enter in case of emergency.

At our recent Annual Council Meeting, members were not happy about being denied entry until the advertised time for doors to open which was 5.30pm. Due to School use, we were unable to access the hall until 4.30pm to set up.

**PLEASE NOTE IN FUTURE THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS INTO VENUES, UNTIL WE ARE READY AND SATISFIED THERE ARE NO HAZARDS TO ENDANGER MEMBERS.**

### **FEDERATION TREASURER: Lisa Hamer.**

**2025/2026 Membership Fee** Please submit renewal fees as and when received, ensuring the MCS is updated. Pro Rata for New Members joining 1<sup>st</sup> July –30<sup>th</sup> Sept. is £38.25.

Breakdown WIs retain £18.82 NFWI £ 10.39, PMFWI £9.04.

**N.B.** No pro-rata rate for Multi WI Members pay the second WI £25.10 / flexibility sum applied by the WI and is retained by that WI.

**100 CLUB for 2025:** Membership £5 per share, please support our Federation and give yourself the chance of winning in one of the six draws throughout the year:- 1<sup>st</sup> £40, 2<sup>nd</sup> £20 and 3<sup>rd</sup> £10. On sale to members, friends & family over 18 years. **N.B.** WIs are not allowed to purchase a share, due to the charitable status. Huge thanks to all our supporters.

Winners drawn at The Annual Council Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1<sup>st</sup> No.55 Jean Hurrell, Guilsfield.

2<sup>nd</sup> No 75 Linda Davies, Forden.

3<sup>rd</sup> No. 93 Audrey Vaughan, Dolfor.

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. Chair Janet Hughes.**

**WI QUIZ, Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct The Monty Club, Newtown.** 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. £2 per person. Teams max. of 4 can be made up on the night. Non members welcome. Booking on enclosed form by 19<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**TRAINING:** Thank you to the WIs who completed the recent survey, we are working with Adult Learning Wales to arrange classes, also in house training for WI specific. Watch this space!!

## **COMMUNITIES & CAMPAIGNS NEWS:**

**NFWI Wales 2025 Not in my Name Competition** 'Create a Banner' depicting the Not in my Name campaign to end violence against women. Established in 2012, aims to raise awareness and involves WIs recruiting male ambassadors from their communities to make the White Ribbon promise to never use, excuse or remain silent about men's violence against women. Please find enc. in May mailing the competition guidelines, also available on My WI/The Office

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/wales/nfwl-wales-news/2025-not-in-my-name-competition>

### **Seeking Federation Champion/s to help end violence against women and girls.**

Since 2009, WI members have been involved in the 'No More Violence' Campaign recruiting male ambassadors to make the White Ribbon promise to 'never use, excuse or remain silent about violence against women. Thanks to a grant from The Waterloo Foundation, we can build on our current work and provide greater support for WI volunteers. Visit My WI to find out more and register your interest in becoming a WI Champion: <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/wales/nfwl-wales-news/become-a-not-in-my-name-champion> Also, please register your interest in this project with the Federation Office.

To book your place on the training day in Llandudno on 11 Sept, please contact Sarah at the NFWI-Wales office: [s.thomas@nfwl-wales.org.uk](mailto:s.thomas@nfwl-wales.org.uk)

## **LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE** – Chair Margaret Jones.

**ROYAL WELSH SHOW 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July Best wishes to** Forden WI representing the Federation in both the Rose Bowl Co-Operative Display and Brecon Cup Floral Art.

Date for your Diaries.

**WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov in Abermule.**

**ROYAL WELSH WINTER FAIR 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. NFWI Wales Competitions :-**

Craft - A Fiddle Mat, Produce - An 8oz jar of Chilli Jam presented as a gift.

Contact the Office for entry details.

## **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT** - Chair Chris Lewis.

**LITERARY EISTEDDFOD – Winners were displayed and Trophies presented at our Annual Council Meeting. Congratulations to** Penybontfawr WI who won the Mona Jones Eisteddfod Shield (27 pts.) 2nd -Llangynog Berwyn Belles WI won the Llanwddyn Rose Bowl (18 pts) 3rd -Aberhafesp won the Tydfil Roberts cup (15 points).

Full list of winners enclosed /attached.

**Liverpool Trip on 19<sup>th</sup> June** a very enjoyable day out, sightseeing, shopping etc in glorious sunshine.

**ENTERTAINMENT EVENING Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct at Abermule Community Centre**, and will be a bit different this year, keep an eye on the newsletter for further information

**BINGO Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Nov** at The Monty Club.

## **Turkey and Tinsel 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2025 to Bognor Regis.**

**Join us on our Annual, friends & husbands all welcome. Book early to avoid**

**disappointment.** Please call Owen's Travelmaster 01691 652126 to reserve your place. A deposit of £50.00 will be required at the time of booking, the remaining balance no later than the 1st October.

## **SPORTS AND LEISURE    Chair Pam Adcock.**

**Congratulations** to Adfa & Cefn Coch on winning the Sports Shield with 55pts,  
Runners up receiving the Megan Andrews cup, Abermule with 42pts,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Aberhafesp with 26 pts and 4<sup>th</sup> Tregynon with 20 pts.

**Sports competitions** start again with the outdoor bowls, do take part and if you are not sure how to play a sport, do get in touch, we may be able to arrange taster day or demonstration.

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> July** – outdoor bowls at Carno Bowling Club, 10.00am start, refreshments will be available, booking form last month.



**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Croquet at Carmel Caravan Park. Cefn Coch, SY21 OAJ.



Once again by kind permission of the Robinson and Jones families.  
Registration by 9.30 am, prompt start 10am. Entry fee £8.00 per pair.  
Please bring own refreshments (and chair if possible)  
Booking form enclosed to be returned to the office by **Fri 29th Aug.**

### **Dates for your diary:-**

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Short mat bowls, Aberhafesp Community Centre.

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** – Kurling, Forden Community Centre.

## **NFWI 2026 DIARY Printed floral design cover @ £7**

**Orders on the enclosed booking form by 31<sup>st</sup> July. Thank you.**

## **NFWI RAFFLE** - Tickets only £1 available from your Secretary NOW!

Don't miss out on the chance to win:- First Prize £10,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Cruise for two.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Kitchen Aid Cordless Hand Mixer and Blender. 4<sup>th</sup> Prize Deluxe Heated Airer.  
Other Prizes :- Top Price Theatre Tickets for Two, M2605 Singer Sewing Machine,  
Martha Hill Beauty Hamper and more.

Please Note the Federation E-Mail will be changing to [pmfwi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pmfwi@yahoo.co.uk)  
The existing E-Mail [info@pmfwi.org.uk](mailto:info@pmfwi.org.uk) will be live until the end of 2025.

**September Newsletter Printing / Mailing / Ready for collection Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> August.**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

19<sup>th</sup> July Outdoor Bowls at Carno.

21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July Royal Welsh Show.

30<sup>th</sup> July Treasure Hunt, Tregynon.

30<sup>th</sup> Aug Summer Skies Event, Newbridge on Wye

13<sup>th</sup> Sept Croquet Comp. Cefn Coch.

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct Quiz, The Monty Club, Newtown.

11<sup>th</sup> Oct Short Mat Bowls, Aberhafesp.

24<sup>th</sup> Oct Entertainment Evening, Abermule.

**Attachments / Enclosures** :- Combined Booking Form,

Literary Eisteddfod Winners.

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