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**THE NFWI ANNUAL
COUNCIL MEETING
ONLINE
2025**

TO ALL THOSE WI'S WHO HAVE
APPLIED TO ENGAGE ONLINE
FOR THE NATIONAL MEETING.
KEEP AN EYE ON EMAILS
FROM NATIONAL (AND JUNK
MAIL) FOR INFORMATION A
WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING.

**TICKETS
ON
SALE NOW!!!**

GFWI

Annual Council Meeting 2025

Wednesday the 1st October

Barry Memorial Hall

**Transport to venue will be available
(see enclosed flyer and booking form)**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Membership Subscriptions

**GFWI will pay the 40p public liability
insurance for the year!**



The Office will be Closed

Monday 26th May—Bank Holiday

Tuesday 27th—Closed

Wednesday—Staff Holidays

Thursday—Staff Holidays

Friday—Staff Holidays

Open Monday 2nd June. 9.30-2.30pm

News from Public Affairs

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Public Affairs Committee

Chair: Jacqui Sparks, **Vice Chair:** Carolyn Davies, **Secretary:** Lynda Wallis Hawkins –
(gardenet2mum@aol.com)

Other members: Barbara Bowring, Margaret Thomas and Belinda Hansford.

The Public Affairs Committee met early May to elect new officers and discuss future events. Before sharing the output of that meeting, we would like to thank Ann White and Denise Lavis for their long commitment to the committee over the past few years.

Looking forwards the Committee will continue to find ways to support WI campaigns including **Not In My Name, Clean Rivers** and **Thinking Differently** – with this in mind we hope to strengthen our contact with those WIs/WI Members who have been more involved in the Campaigns up until now. We will coordinate with NFWI Wales as appropriate.

Although the voting is not complete on the resolution: **Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers** – in anticipation that this will be taken forward, we felt that this is a campaign where we can work with other agencies (eg The British Heart Foundation) to support it both within our WIs and local communities. More information coming soon.

If anyone wants to get involved, do get in touch by contacting our Secretary, as there will be plenty to do – and you don't need to be on the committee to get involved.

News from Home Economics & Craft

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The preliminary round of the Rosebowl/Brecon Cup will be reported on in the next newsletter. There are four entries for the Rosebowl and one for the Brecon Cup.

Our visit to the Malvern Autumn Show is on Sunday 28 September.

Closing date is Friday 25 July. Details of pick-up points are on the flyer.

A Christmas workshop is yet to be finalised

Alexis James

News from PR Social Media & Website

Message from Belinda Hansford,
Federation Media/PR/Web
(bh.consult@btinternet.com)



Glamorgan Federation Website.... Your Place for Federation Events and Information....

<https://glamorgan.thewi.org.uk>

Under Federation Events Current there is a tab on the left for some of the larger events – Glamorgan Show, 2025

If you have ideas of questions and answers we can put on the site that will help WIs, let me know at bh.consult@btinternet.com. Your one stop shop for many of your Glamorgan Federation WI needs if you are not on FB which we know is no everyone's "cup of tea". Also message me if you spot any errors please!

CREATE A WEBSITE FOR YOUR WI WITH A WELCOME MESSAGE AND YOUR LATEST PROGRAMME

I am happy to offer the service of creating a website for any WI that just wishes to share basic information with the public. This will mean that if someone used FindMyWI on the main or Glamorgan website this will pop up, also if they just search for your WI by name. Just send me an email. You just need to write a brief welcome message that gives a flavour of your WI and send me your programme.

News from Combined Arts

Claire Atherton tel: 02920 890 952

We are pleased to announce that the Combined Arts Committee have organised a **Carol Service** to be held at

Margam Abbey on Wednesday 3rd of December 2025, in the afternoon.

Further details of this which hopefully will be welcomed will be in the June mailing.

Don't forget the **Wine and Words** evening on the **10th September at the Hi-Tide Inn**, Porthcawl. The closing date for that event is **25th of July 2025**.

Do please support us as without you it wouldn't happen.

Claire Atherton

News from Sport & Leisure

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We have a varied action packed calendar of events this year from the upcoming Chepstow Races, Darts Competition to Board games with afternoon tea. Future plans include, rock climbing and Escape rooms.

If you would like to join this enthusiastic, creative committee contact your Federation secretary on 01639 881588.

Enclosures this month

1. Garden Party Flyer.
2. Malvern Show.
3. Flyer GFWI Annual Council Meeting.
4. GFWI Annual Council Meeting ticket booking form.
5. Bowls Competition Flyer.

SPEAKERS CORNER.. Just a few more ideas for your programme...

Share your recommendations for good speakers or trips...

◇ **Gileston Manor**—contacts are 07794611105 enquiries@gilestonmanor.co.uk

◇ **Blaenafon Cheese** - We are an award-winning specialist cheddar cheese company based in the World Heritage site of Blaenafon, South Wales. Situated in the main High Street we produce everything from our premises Our famous 1868 cheddar is aged below ground at the bottom of the cellars at The Lion Hotel, Home of the Chartist Riots in 1861

Dates for your Diary

Upcoming Events	Venue	<u>Date</u>	<u>Closing date</u>
Chepstow Races	Chepstow Race Course	Monday 16th June 2025	2nd May 2025
Darts	Pencoed Social Club	Saturday 28th June 2025	13th June 2025
Afternoon Tea & Board Games	Bishopston Community Hall	Saturday 12th July 2025	
Garden Party	Margam Orangery	Wednesday 16th July 2025	
Wine and Words	Hi Tide Inn , Porthcawl	Wednesday 10th September 2025	25th July 2025
Bowling Competition (Lawn bowls)	Pyle & Kenfig Hill		
Malvern Show	Malvern	Sunday 28th September 2025	
Let's Celebrate Christmas	Aberavon Hotel, Aberavon	Monday 1st December 2025	30th June 2025
Christmas Carol Service	Margam Abbey	Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Details in next months issue.

Treorchy WI

Treorchy W.I. And The Senior Citizens celebrated V.E.Day together as a community. Here is a photograph of Eleanor Davies dressed appropriately for the celebrations. It was a very successful afternoon. With a lot of singing. Music played by Colin Edwards. Who entertained us. Plenty of home made cakes Sandwiches tea coffee and laughter. Center stage were two cakes provided by Kath Davies. A member of



Both W.I. And Senior Citizens. Not forgetting why we were all together and remembering all that never returned home.

Rhose WI

Rhose WI were treated to a guided tour and talk by Head Gardener and Estates Manager Jack Llewellyn Jones. We strolled around the beautiful well cared for gardens and grounds visiting the animals, Alpacas, black swans and white peacocks to name but a few. Jack shared the history of the Queen Anne house and buildings as we passed them by going from one beautiful garden room to the next.



We enjoyed tea and cakes served in the garden before setting off home. It was such a lovely trip there are plans to return for the Alpacas walking experience with the grandchildren.

Cwm Brombil WI

Cwm Brombil Ladies WI had their AGM beginning of April whereby all officers remained the same. Our WI have a 'General meeting' on 2nd Monday of the Month and an 'Inspiring meeting' on 4th Monday of the month. Our Inspiring meeting in April was combined with an annual trip to Llanerch Vineyard where we had a delicious lunch in beautiful surroundings and glorious weather overlooking the vines. Some of us



even sampled a glass of Llanerch Wine. We then got onto the bus for a short trip to Cowbridge for some retail therapy and those who didn't fancy much walking went to Forage Farm shop. May saw us celebrating VE Day with a Tea Dance in the Drill Hall, Margam, which is our new meeting venue. Next inspiring meeting will be showing members how to pot up hanging baskets for some fantastic displays.

Dinas Powys WI

DINAS POWYS WI had another wonderful what has become annual fashion show in aid of our local charities which was extremely successful as we were supported by many of the ladies in the local community. All our models were either a WI member or committee members and they did a fantastic job showing us a large range of clothes from



Samantha B in Ewenny who is always so supportive of our WI and gives us a great show including a full commentary and lots of laughs and it really was a very special experience for all who attended .

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