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# Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes

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**Officers Day** 

East and West.

Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers.

A chance to share your ideas and

suggestions .

An opportunity to ask questions with our

Experienced WI Advisers and Board of

Trustees.

All with plenty of tea, coffee and cake,



Save the dates:

East— Friday 24th October am and pm session will be available. West—Saturday 25th October am and pm will be available. More information coming soon!



UPDATE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE GFWI TRIPS JUNCTION 47 WILL NO LONGER BE USED JUNCTION 46 (FELINDRE) IS THE NEW STOP. FREE PARKING AND SAFE.

BUSES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE AGM AT BARRY MEMO ON THE 1ST OF OCTOBER £10 RETURN. PICK UP POINTS -JUNCTION 46 FELINDRE, BRITTON FERRY SARN SERVICES CARDIFF WEST CORYTON A BUS HAS ALSO BEEN BOOKED FOR TREORCHY, PENTRE, PORTH, PONTYPRIDD AND TONTEG.

<u>GLAMORGAN WI SHOW SATURDAY JULY 5<sup>th</sup>,</u>
2025 ABERAVON BEACH HOTEL PORT TALBOT
<u>SA12 6QP 10A.M 4.00P.M</u>

Well ladies it's here again. Lots of our members have been beavering away with their entries for our Show, so please come along, bring friends, family, open to the public to see the wonderful talents of the W.I. The theme is 'Nursery Rhymes' and it is always mind blowing to see different interpretations of the classes. We will, once again be donating items to the baby bank, thanks to members generosity and the public vote money for the men's class will be donated to Blood Bank and Transplant Trust. We have a card reader this year Whooo!!!! but we still accept cash. A chance to meet old friends and other WI members and spend your money at 'Markets'. There will be a tea/coffee station for refreshments.

Any queries please e mail

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Looking forward to seeing you THE COMMITTEE

Myra, Helen, Wendy, Gaynor, Marylyn & Diane.

### **News from Home Economics & Craft** Alexis James Tel: 01656 738574 Email: alexisjames3@hotmail.com

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Why not join our dedicated team of Advisers?

# Role of a WI Adviser

# An Adviser's main responsibilities are to:

- Form new WI's and help grow existing groups.
- Support struggling WI's and suspend WI's when necessary.
- Keep the Federation informed of WI activities and opinions.

# An Adviser's optional responsibilities could also include:

- Promote the WI at outside events
- Visit other WI's and attend meetings.

If this is something you would be interested in, please contact. Pam Dinham— telephone no.-01443 203770. Email pamela790@btinternet.com

The Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl was the venue for the Rosebowl/ Brecon Cup. Our congratulations to Upper Killay who won the Rosebowl competition and Margaret Maguire (Upper Killay) whose entry was the winner of the Brecon Cup. Good luck at the Royal Welsh Show.

Our thanks to the four judges who, as usual, did an excellent job. They were impressed with the standard of all entries and had some difficult decisions to make.

Federation Chair, Barbara Bowring, presented the cups to the winners. Then our speaker Mavis Tierney gave an interesting and entertaining talk on bees and beekeeping. She brought many props which added another level to her talk.

Finally, it was time for afternoon tea, which was delicious and very well presented. The staff were brilliant and extremely organised. Altogether an excellent day in a superb venue.

Our next event is a day at the Malvern Autumn Show on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of September. Please note that the first pick up point is now Junction 46 (Felindre) where there is free parking for the day. On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of November at Carmel Chapel, Port Talbot, we have a Floral workshop. Come along, have some fun and make a door wreath for the Christmas season. There will be a morning and an afternoon session, each of which will have a demonstration followed by hands on. Numbers are limited so make sure you don't miss out.

## Enclosures this month

- 1. Escape Room Flyer.
- 2. Christmas Carol Service Flyer.
- 3. GFWI Annual General Meeting Bus Booking form
- 4. GFWI Annual General Meeting Packed Lunch order form.
- 5. Christmas Floral Workshop.

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

Share your recommendations for good speakers or trips...

<u>Plas Llanelly House</u>—History museum in Llanelli. Bridgwater Street, Llanelli SA15 3UF.

www.llanely-house.org.uk

Telephone— 01554 772 857.

## **Cancellation of Event**

<u>Unfortunately, The Sports and Leisure Committee have made the difficult decision to cancel the Darts</u> <u>Competition at Pencoed Social Club on Saturday the 28th of June.</u>

Dates for your Diary

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Upcoming Events	Venue	<u>Date</u>	Closing date	
Darts	Pencoed Social Club	Saturday 28th June 2025	EVENT	
			CANCELLED	
Afternoon Tea & Board Games	Vivian Hall, Blackpill	Saturday 20th September 2025	Friday 3rd	
			September 2025	
Garden Party	Margam Orangery	Wednesday 16th July 2025	Friday 4th July2025	
Wine and Words	Hi Tide Inn , Porthcawl	Wednesday 10th September	25th July 2025	
		2025		
Bowling Competition (Lawn bowls)	Pyle & Kenfig Hill	Saturday 13th September 2025	31st July 2025	
Malvern Show	Malvern	Sunday 28th September 2025	25th July 2025	
Escape Room Challenge	Cardiff and Swansea	Friday 24th October 2025	3rd October 2025	
	venues			
Christmas Floral Workshop	Carmel Chapel,	Saturday 2nd November 2025	Friday 24th October	
	Port Talbot		2025	
Let's Celebrate Christmas	Aberavon Hotel, Aberavon	Monday 1st December 2025	30th June 2025	
Christmas Carol Service	Margam Abbey	Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Friday 24th October	

# <u>Penyfai WI</u>



Pen-y-fai WI celebrated their 40th Anniversary in May with afternoon tea held at St Theodore's Church Kenfig Hill. Members of the Glamorgan Federation were invited to join us.

A long standing member and past President Jean Griffiths gave an interesting and informative talk

on the history of our WI

Members enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea which was accompanied by a pianist playing music from bygone eras.

A beautiful Anniversary Cake and a glass of bubbly concluded our celebration.

## **St Nicholas with Bonvilston WI**



At our June meeting, St Nicholas with Bonvilston WI's guest speaker was Charlotte Archibald from Vale Domestic Abuse Services. Charlotte spoke with passion about her work and that of her colleagues at VDAS, who provide vital help and support to women

who have been the victims of domestic abuse.

We were delighted to present VDAS with a cheque for £700, money raised from various fundraising activities, including a plant sale and a St David's Day concert featuring "The Chords" choir.

In addition to the cheque, Charlotte was given boxes of toiletries our members have been collecting over the last couple of months. These items will be available for women who often leave their homes with nothing.

Lis Frearson

### <u>Pentyrch WI</u>



### Pentyrch WI's Annual Meeting on the 7th of May.

With the formalities over we celebrated VE day dressed 1940s style and some land girls and soldier also joined us!! Hannah Lechie from Marie Curie came along and presented us with a cheque for £519.09, which members helped raise for the Great Daffodil Appeal. We'll make it a grand next year girls!

Please send all articles/contributions for

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Deadline for all newsletter items to be in by the 2nd Monday of the month

# <u>Tonyrefail WI</u>

The sun was shining and the ladies of Tonyrefail WI, all dressed up and excited, started their coach trip to Llanelly House for an organised Heritage Tour and Afternoon Tea. Llanelly House sits in the heart of Llanelli town centre, a magnificent restoration programme completed in 2013. On arrival, we were greeted by Roger the professional guide, who transported us back to the Georgian and Victorian eras, and provided a fascinating history of one of Wales's architectural treasures, he brought to life the stories of the people that lived, worked and died in Llanelly House. After the tour, we were seated in the elegant Georgian interiors, for our Afternoon Tea, a delicious selection of freshly prepared sandwiches, pastries and cakes with unlimited tea and coffee was served to the tables - absolutely delicious To top off this fabulous and enjoyable day, we stopped off on the way home for a bit of retail therapy.

A great day had by all, and highly recommended.

