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News from
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News from Public Affairs

Following a very interesting and thought-provoking training day at Carmarthen Leisure Centre provided by NFWI Wales, Glamorgan Federation Public Affairs Committee are looking to support/promote White Ribbon events within the Federation.

If your WI is or has already been involved in White Ribbon events, please let us know and if you are thinking about it then also get in touch and between us we can share ideas and make things happen.

Please contact by email barbara.bowring@virginmedia.com

Thank you.

Barbara Bowring



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COURSES IN MAY 2026

BOOKING WILL STAY OPEN WITH TICKETSOURCE FOR THESE EVENTS UNTIL A FEW DAYS BEFORE AS LONG AS THERE ARE TICKETS LEFT

Saturday 16th May 2026 - Singing West – at Methodist Hall in Murton with Carol. 10.00 till 4.00. A fun filled day of singing and wellbeing for everyone – no experience needed!

Cost: £15.00

Thursday 21st May 2026 - Singing East – at Ararat Baptist Hall in Whitchurch with Helen. 10.00 till 4.00. A fun filled day of singing and wellbeing for everyone – no experience needed! Cost £15.00

Saturday 16th May Calligraphy – at Carmel Hall, Port Talbot with Judith Porch.

Cost £15.00 – SOLD OUT – but do put your name on the waiting list if you are interested in Calligraphy – as we can arrange further courses if enough interest.

Use our dedicated page on TicketSource [https:// www.ticketsource.co.uk/glamorgan-federation-wi](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/glamorgan-federation-wi) and select the event you wish to book. You will need to fill in your contact and payment. At the end of the booking, you will receive an email confirming your place on the event. For most events you will not need a ticket. Do note the Booking Number.

By Telephone: Use the TicketSource Telephone Box Office Service (call 0333 666 3366). You can pay over the phone and give your contact details and preferences relating to the event. For most events you will not need a ticket. Do note the Booking Number.

News from Combined Arts

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Thank you to the Porth Players (WI Home Grown entertainment) for making the Murder Mystery evening such an outstanding success.

Thank you too, to all our members who attended the event, without you it wouldn't have happened,

Look out for our next 'delight', which will be a lunch with musical entertainment in November, so please continue to support us.

Claire Atherton

News from Membership

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Welcome to a new WI...Taffodils WI in Efail Isaf.

We are delighted to announce a new WI has been formed.

They meet on the 2nd Monday of the month in The Carpenters pub, 7.30pm if you have any friends in the area why not suggest they visit the WI. Everyone welcome.

News from Sport & Leisure

Sandra Davidson tel: [REDACTED]
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Coming up!

Board Games and Afternoon Tea June 27th at All Hallows Hall, Miskin 2pm start. Always a fun event!

A Dabble Dance (well it will be Strictly season) September 20th at Cefn Cribwr, Community Centre. Watch the professionals demonstrate, then it's your turn. To include Belly Dancing, Ballet, Urban Tango and more.

Whist Drive 10th October, Vivian Hall, Blackpill, Swansea.

More events coming soon...

Help needed please, we are a small friendly committee and need more members. We meet every few months on a Monday for a couple of hours. Contact above for more information.

Glamorgan Federation Project Courses 2026

AUTUMN COURSES

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We are currently discussing a range of course options including glass fusion, pottery, silver clay jewellery, art and sewing with tutors. In most cases in both East and West of the Region.

More details in the May Newsletter with information on when to book on TicketSource.

Our dates will be either a Thursday or Saturday end of September through the middle of October.

News from Home Economics & Crafts

We are looking forward to going to Malvern Spring Show on the 10th of May with two busses taking eager gardeners looking for a bargain.

On 22nd May why not come along and see the Rose Bowl and Brecon Cup winning entries to represent Glamorgan Federation at The Royal Welsh Show, enjoy our afternoon speaker Emma Jayne with her inspirational designer cakes followed by an afternoon tea. At the Aberavon Beach Hotel, Port Talbot SA12 6QP Cost £20 Contact **Gloria Jones** on [REDACTED]

Dates for your Diary:

3rd October 2026 Come and make your own Winter Hanging Basket or Trough.

8th November 2026 "Cooking & Craft Show" to be held in the NEC Birmingham

Daphne Furneaux

Enclosures this month

1. Dance Dabble Day Flyer

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

Guest Speaker and workshops

Graham Thomas - *Toastmaster*, contact telephone number 07811611652. (See Murton Village WI back page item for more information).

Trip/Event : recommendation

Picton Castle and gardens, Pembrokeshire. Here's a link to our website with all of our information: <https://pictoncastle.co.uk/>

Combine your visit with a delicious meal at Marias Courtyard Restaurant, Taste of Wales and Spain.

Our email is info@pictoncastle.org or call 01437 751326.

Dates for your Diary

Upcoming Events	Venue	Date	Closing date
Malvern Spring Flower Show	Malvern	Sunday 10th May	Closed
Rosebowl and Brecon Cup	Aberavon Beach Hotel	Friday 22nd May	17th April 2026
Glamorgan Federation Annual General Meeting 2026	Maesteg Town Hall Maesteg.	Wednesday 17th June	5th June 2026
Board Games & Afternoon Tea	All Hallows Church Hall Miskin	Saturday 27th June	13th June 2026
London Trip	London	September 11th –13th	30th April 2026
Dance Dabble Day	Cefn Cribwr Community Centre	Sunday 30th September	23rd August 2026
Winter Hanging Basket or Trough.	TBC	Saturday 3rd October	Information to follow
Whist Drive	Vivian Hall, Swansea	Saturday 10th October	Information to follow
Federation Quiz	The Hi-Tide Inn	Tuesday 20th October	Information to follow
Paint Along Lady	Carmel Chapel, Port Talbot	Saturday 7th November	Information to follow
Birmingham NEC Cake & Craft Show	Birmingham	Sunday 8th November	Information to follow
Christmas Tree Festival & Craft Spectacular	Margam Orangery	Saturday 21st November	Information to follow

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Murton Village WI



Our April meeting was given an extra air of elegance and dignity. We were joined by Graham Thomas, Toastmaster. Dressed in full sartorial splendour he regaled us with the history of the role and how he became President of the Institute of Toastmasters in the UK and Freeman of the City of London.

Graham told us a little about royals and dignitaries he's met while officiating at celebrity events.

He is a fascinating and entertaining speaker and very friendly. If you want to add refinement, professionalism and grandeur to a special occasion or to talk to your WI we would highly recommend inviting a Toastmaster.

Contact details in "Speaker's Corner" in the newsletter.

Barry WI



Thirty-two of our ladies enjoyed a day out at Gareth's kitchen, we enjoyed Welsh cakes and tea on arrival, then to the kitchen to watch Gareth preparing our lunch and afternoon tea which we all enjoyed.

He then demonstrated flower arrangements even using edibles like broccoli, After afternoon tea we had a raffle and four lucky ladies went home with the flowers.

Then we boarded the bus for home it was a long day but well worth it.

Tonyrefail WI



At the end of our successful, April 2026 Annual meeting, all members lined up to showcase our very own Easter Bonnet Parade. It was such a difficult decision to find a worthy winner, as every member

put in so much effort to design and make their very own styles. However, eventually, and after much deliberation, the winner was announced as Helen Jones, who not only crocheted the hat but also all the beautiful decorations on top. Yes, and to make sure we all knew she was such an outstanding talented crocheter she also wore her home-made jumper and shoulder bag, such talent.

Well done to all the ladies who participated and had so much fun designing, making, wearing and parading in their WI Easter bonnets.

Winner Helen Jones

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

