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### Get your tickets now! Don't miss out!

We have a wonderful day planned for you at the spectacular venue, **Maesteg Town Hall, CF34 9DA** on Wednesday the 17th of June. Inspiring guest speakers, Diana Stroia, High Sheriff and Julie Mackay former Detective Superintendent (Julie will be bringing copies of her best selling book 'To Hunt A Killer' to purchase. Craft stalls from our WIs and ' Gower Lavender, Material Girl, The Skin Retreat and Samantha B.

There will be 20 round tables down stairs and rowed seating upstairs in the gallery. Please notify the office if you have mobility issues. (There is a lift to the main hall and a ramp to enter the building) Tea and coffee will be provided on arrival courtesy of GFWI . If you would like a speciality coffee or tea at the onsite café a discount 10% will be applied. Maesteg Town Hall is in the heart of Maesteg, surrounded by many cafes, tea rooms and shops. Parking is free at the B&M site, GFWI have booked buses from the East & West.

## News from Shows

### GLAMORGAN WI SHOW

10/11TH JULY 2026

Just a reminder ladies that the closing date for entries is fast approaching, we are excited to see the many different ideas our members create. The show is always popular, a chance to showcase the outstanding talents throughout the Federation and even if you are not entering, please come along on the Saturday, bring your friends.

Any queries please email  
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**Diane Howard Willis**



**AUTUMN COURSES – With the support of WI Denman Funding Grant & Glamorgan Federation**



**We are launching the next phase of our project:**

**Courses are all at 50% of the Provider Rates.**

We are still finalising the details but to date we have the following to offer:

Pottery, Sewing with Fauve Birch, Silver Clay, Glass Fusion, Art Acrylics or Landscape, Pottery Painting, Cookery and some other options too.

Full Details are in the flyer that is being circulated with the Newsletter and will also be available from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June to view at

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

TicketSource: [www.TicketSource.com/glamorgan-federation-wi](http://www.TicketSource.com/glamorgan-federation-wi)

Facebook

All Presidents and Secretaries will also receive a copy of the flyer.

Booking opens on TicketSource on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July and will be on a first come first served basis. If a course is oversubscribed a waiting list will be available – do add your name so that we can set up additional opportunities. Tickets can be booked either online or by phone (0333 666 3366) with TicketSource.

## News from Home Economics & Craft

### HOME ECONOMICS COMMITTEE.

An early event for you all to think about.

A trip to the NEC Birmingham

On **Sunday 8th November 2026**

### **Simply Christmas & Craft Show**

Discover beautiful handmade gifts, Christmas decorations, seasonal crafts & unique treats from talented designers & makers.

Simply Christmas & The Creative Craft Show are sister shows.

One ticket gets you in both!

*Daphne Furneaux*

*Note—Flyer enclosed for the above.*

## VIA

**VIA is the WI's brand new online learning platform**, replacing the Learning Hub. It offers inspiring courses, expert talks and practical workshops you can join from anywhere - and with anyone, as VIA is open to members and non-members alike. WI members receive free access to most courses.

### **Logging in for the first time**

To unlock your free access, you must use the **WI Member login option** when creating your account. If you sign up through the general route, VIA won't automatically recognise your membership.

• Go to the [VIA website](#) • Click **Log In** (top right on desktop, or via the top-right menu on mobile)

• Select **WI Member login** • Enter your **MyWI** login details

If you get stuck at any point, take a look at our [FAQs](#) and [step-by-step help guides](#)

**Enclosures this month**

1. Denman Project Autumn Flyer. ( 2 copies per WI)
2. Simply Christmas & Cake Show Flyer.



**Membership Subscription Fees:**  
**Polite reminder.**

Please remember when paying by BACS to send your subscription form into the office for our records.

Thank you to all of the WIs who have paid their April membership fees promptly so far, as requested by NFWI London.

It is very much appreciated,

**Dates for your Diary**

<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Closing date</u></b>
Glamorgan Federation Annual General Meeting 2026	Maesteg Town Hall, Maesteg. CF34 9DA	Wednesday 17th June,2026	5th June 2026
Board Games & Afternoon Tea	All Hallows Church Hall, Miskin	Saturday 27th June	13th June 2026
London Trip	London	September 11th –13th 2026	30th April 2026
Dance Dabble Day	Cefn Cribwr Community Centre	Sunday 20th 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 , Porthcawl	Tuesday 20th October	Information to Follow
Paint Along Lady	Carmel Chapel, PortTalbot	Saturday 7th November	Information to Follow
Birmingham NEC Simply Christmas & Cake Show	Birmingham	Sunday 8th November 2026	31st of July 2026
Christmas Tree Festival & Craft Spectacular	Margam Orangery	Saturday 21st November 2026	Information to follow

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### Gorseinon WI



On Saturday 18th April members were all invited to one of our regular walking events, this time at Penllergaer Woods. Unfortunately, due to other commitments and maybe the sunny weather that we were fortunate to experience on that morning only a few of us were able to make it. That said, it was lovely to be able to chat and catch up in a relaxed environment and to enjoy the beautiful green countryside, that we are so blessed to have in Wales.

Thanks also to the rain too!!!

After our walk we sat back in the lovely cafe and enjoyed some of the delicious cakes that waited for us to sample.

*Ruth Jones*

### Mynydd Cynffig WI



In line with our national WI resolution of 2025/26, 'Dental Health Matters' our WI presented our local 'Flying Start' project 'representatives with 45 home made cotton draw string bags each filled with appropriate age-related toothbrushes, toothpaste and a pack of tissues. Together with our members' donations and a generous donation from Asda Supermarket, Pyle we were also able to present a bag of refills to be used as and when required.

We also donated 90 knitted red poppies to the 'Standing with Giants' project. This visually powerful and moving display of 1475 figures brings home the scale of sacrifice made on D-day and reminds us not only of those who fell but of the lasting effect on families, friends and communities. They are moving this display to a field above Gold Beach in Normandy for display from April to September, to remember 82 years since D Day

Our speaker was Geoff Henderson who is a representative from the Porthcawl Museum. Who gave us an excellent and extremely interesting presentation on 5 of Americas first ladies and their achievements in helping the less well off during their time in office.

*Katherine Hier , President*

### Pennard WI



Pennard WI ladies enjoyed helping sew velcro on vests for Joseph's Smile Charity which supplies hospitals in Wales with vests for children who have cancer to be able to play comfortably without fear of pulling their Hickman lines out.

Any WIs interested in helping out by sewing please contact Linda Aubrey 07504450347.

### Crynant & District



Crynant & District members knitted and crocheted poppies for the Standing with Giants appeal. We managed to supply 160 poppies towards the display at the British Normandy

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**

