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At our meeting we took a quick photo of the new Board.

Seated: Left to Right: Margaret Maguire (Trustee), Pat James (Vice Chair), Diane Howard-Willis (Assistant Treasurer), Daphne Furneaux (Vice Chair) and Myra Thomas (Treasurer).
Standing: Belinda Hansford (Chair)
Pam Dinham (not in photo) is also on the Board as Membership Support Committee Chair

News from the Chair.

On the 12 October I was honoured to have been elected Chair of the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes. At the same meeting Pat James was elected Vice Chair.

In the previous weeks we had received a number of resignations including from the former Chair, Barbara Bowring. I would like to thank her for her service to the Board over the last few years and wish her well for the future.

The other resignations were from Mavis Tierney and Wendy Knight. A big thank you to them for their service to the Board.

We will be seeking individuals, particularly from the East of the Federation who would be interested in serving on the Board. We can co-opt up to 2 new members.
Best Wishes
Belinda

So What's Next….

The Board will be working together to develop a range of Federation Events for the coming year, to ensure we are providing the best support to each WI through Officers Meetings and Advisers according to their needs and continuing to support the sub-committees. Next month there will be a full report on the Denman Project.

As Board members we are all keen to spend time with each of the WIs so don't be surprised if we ask if we can come along to visit with you! It is only by talking to you that we can find out what you need.

We will be sharing more in the coming months; but see over the page where we are starting to pull together a Speaker List that is accessible to all.



Home Economics and Craft Event
A wonderful time was had by those who attended the 'Winter Hanging Basket or Trough' workshop, thanks to the tutor Connor Furneaux. Everyone had a lovely Hanging Basket or Trough to go home with which I'm sure will give pleasure and colour in their garden through the winter months until the Spring bulbs come through and flower.

We've had an excellent response with three buses travelling from GFWI to visit the NEC in Birmingham to see all the wonderful creations at the 'Simply Christmas and Craft Show' in November. I'm sure you'll all have a wonderful time.

Daphne Furneaux

WALES CONFERENCE

18 MARCH 2027

The Federations of Wales conference this year is in Porthmadog. . We are offering a 3 day, 2 night trip to Porthmadog at £334.00 (twin) or £427 (single).

Tickets for the conference are £15.00

If you would like to attend, the form can be found on the website under Federation Events or contact the office.

MARK THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (25 Nov – 10 Dec)

On Monday 23 November NFWI Wales will host a cross-party stakeholder event at the Senedd – 11.00 – 1.00pm and in the evening from 6.00 till 7.30pm a candlelight vigil. WI members are asked to come and show solidarity with survivors across the world and spread the message that violence against women is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. For details visit thewi.org.uk/wi-in-wales.





SPRING WALK WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2027

Ogmore by Sea – Cost is £15.00 including services of a guide and coffee/tea and cake. Flyer available this month.

MESSAGE FOR TREASURERS

Year end for your accounts is approaching fast. Do remember to pay any subscriptions over to the Federation by 20 December 2026 please.

Just to let you know, you will hear who will be your Independent Financial Examiner shortly.

GLAMORGAN SHOW 2027

The Classes Schedule for the Glamorgan Show has been sent out to Secretaries…so take a look and see what you would like to enter. The Committee are also looking for sponsors for classes at £30.00 – if you are interested then email Diane at glamorganshow@gmail.com

GLAMORGAN FEDERATION WEBSITE

Don't forget to check out the Federation website for information about upcoming events, the newsletter and copies of flyers for Secretaries.

Enclosures this month

1 Glamorgan Show Schedule 2027 2 Art with Rhiannon

SPEAKERS' CORNER

We are starting a project to compile a listing of available speakers across the Federation. Everyone knows that some speakers won't travel far so any listing will take account of that and give some indication of fee where possible.

Victoria Reynolds from Rhoose WI has volunteered her help with this project.
To add to the list, she will review FB posts about speakers and may need to contact your WI to get full details; so look out for an email from her.

To tell Victoria about a speaker you recommend, email: fluffy_y2k@yahoo.co.uk

Listings will be put on the Glamorgan Federation Website and also on FB in the next few months. Will update everyone as the project progresses.

As a reminder of what is coming up and new events available for booking. Flyers can also be found on the Glamorgan Federation Website under Federation Events.

Upcoming Events	Venue	Date	Closing Date
Birmingham NEC Trip	Birmingham	Sunday 8 November	Closed
Christmas Tree Festival & Craft Fayre – Free Entry on the day to see the Trees and Crafts.	Carmel Chapel Port Talbot	Saturday 21 November 2026	Closed
Art with Rhiannon Painting - Morning £20.00 10 Tickets with TicketSource booking open from 4 – 30 January or 10 Tickets by flyer – ballot if needed.	Carmel Chapel Port Talbot	Saturday 20 February 2027	30 January 2027
Art with Rhiannon Lino Printing – Afternoon £20.00 10 Tickets with TicketSource booking open from 4 – 30 January or 10 Tickets by flyer – ballot if needed	Carmel Chapel Port Talbot	Saturday 20 February 2027	30 January 2027
Welsh Council Meeting – 18 March 2027 - see advert on front page -	Porthmadog	17-19 March 2027	1 December 2027
Glamorgan Federation AGM	Yr Aelwyd Theatre Port Talbot	Wednesday 28 April 2027	Details to follow
NFWI London AGM 3 June 2027	Hull	Trip 2-4 June 2027	Details to follow

THE BACK PAGE – Fun and Friendship across the Federation.



Newton Porthcawl WI

What a busy and enjoyable time we've been having at Newton Porthcawl WI! Last month we enjoyed a fabulous trip on the Coppa Jack in Swansea Bay. Our guide was brilliant, and the day was filled with sunshine, laughter and a delicious lunch. Even a little coach trouble couldn't dampen our spirits! When our coach broke down, we piled into a local pub and were lucky enough to join in with the Gwalia Singers. What a wonderful way to pass the time while waiting for a new coach! It certainly made the day one to remember.



Church Village WI

A very successful coffee morning with all proceeds going to Ty Hafan was held by Church Village WI delicious cakes and lots of craft. Well supported by the local Community. See Picture to the Left

Bryn WI

At the end of June, we held a WI Summer Fayre in Bryn, Port Talbot. We are a small little village of only about 900 people, but the fayre was a success, and we raised over £400 for our WI funds.

We had lots of guest stalls selling various items, plus we had our own stalls of bric-a-brac, tombola, books, guess the teddies name and guess the sweets in the jar. Also, in true WI style we sold lots of drinks and homemade cakes! We even had a visit from a fire engine which kept the children entertained! Most of our members helped out on the day and it proved that although we are a small WI we make an awesome team and good fun was had by all :)





Daphne in Charleston!

As you read this, our Vice Chair Daphne Furneaux, will have just returned from a week in Charleston South Carolina at the Bi-annual Fall Flower Show. Working with Delyth Price they were Guest Florists running workshops to teach the locals how to decorate Grace Church Cathedral. Daphne and Delyth were chosen from all the flower arrangers in the UK.

Items for the Back Page – send in to admin@glamorganfedwi.org.uk by 9 November please.