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News from Federation House
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2025/26 Membership Subscription Rates

Date of joining	Total subscription	WI share	Federation share	NFWI share
1 April to June 2025	£51.00	£25.10	£12.05	£13.85
1 July to 30 Sept 2025	£38.25	£18.82	£9.04	£10.39
1 Oct to 31 Dec 2025	£25.50	£12.55	£6.03	£6.92
1 Jan to 31 Mar 2026	£12.75	£6.28	£3.01	£3.46

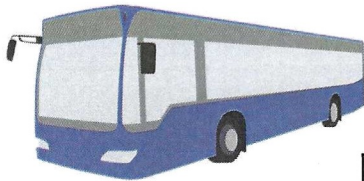
Please Note : Glamorgan Federation will pay the £0.40 insurance fee for each member.

PLEASE will all **TREASURERS** ensure that **ALL outstanding subscriptions** for the current year **APRIL 2024 to MARCH 2025** are sent to the office by **MARCH 31ST**

There will be NO pooling of fares this year as the NFWI Annual Meeting is online.

NFWI WALES CONFERENCE 2025

Wednesday 16th April 2025



The Selwyn Samuel Event Arena, Park Crecent, Llanelli SA15 3AE

10:30am— 16:00pm

BUS £12 per person

Glamorgan Federation Bus Time-table

8:00 am— Coryton
8:10 am— Cardiff West
8:20 am— Sarn Services
8:35 am— Britton Ferry
8:45 am— Swansea Services

Guest Speakers

- Mari Taylor - Jewellery
- Jeryl Stone
- Ecologist

News from Combined Arts

Claire Atherton tel: [REDACTED]

Places are still available for the afternoon tea with music.
Thank you for your continued support.

News from Membership

Pam Dinham Tel: [REDACTED]
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Presidents - Have you thought about a coffee morning and suggest that members bring friends along, also if you have a good speaker suggest members bring friends along to the meeting.

Secretaries - Your minutes form the history of your WI.

Treasurers - Subscriptions are due in April...£51

News from Shows

Myra Thomas: [REDACTED]

GLAMORGAN WI SHOW JULY 5TH 2025

Email: glamorganshow@gmail.com

Glamorgan Show 2025 Brochure
inside every secretaries news-
letter!

News from Sport & Leisure

Sandra Davidson tel [REDACTED]
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Escape Room Challenge - Expressions of Interest The Sports & Leisure Committee is keen to know if any members would be interested in supporting an event at the Escape Rooms in Cardiff and Swansea in the autumn. This event would give members an opportunity to step into a world of mystery and adventure, where you and your team race against the clock to crack codes, uncover hidden clues, and solve mind-bending puzzles - with just 60 minutes on the clock, every second counts! Individual members would be welcome alongside WI teams of 2-6 players and the cost per person would be approx £22. If this is of interest, could you let us know with an indication of the potential number of members - please email Amanda Powell at Beddaubelleswi19@gmail.com. Further details will follow in due course.

Amanda Powell

News from PR Social Media & Website

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



Glamorgan Federation Website

<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 Holiday Trip.

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 not everyone's "cup of tea". Also message me if you spot any errors please!

Facebook Page – do pop over and join the Glamorgan Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1516315241969326>

As it is a private page, you will need to agree to the rules for the site which ask you to be respectful of each other; and tell us of which WI you are a member. It may then be a few days till you are granted access. This is a great place to share information/photos about your recent events, along with details of any excellent speakers. Members should feel free to safely contact each other with questions. This can be a great source of ideas of meetings, trips etc

Creating Your Own Webpage on the NFWI Platform

Although some WIs have created pages elsewhere, the free NFWI platform is a great place to start sharing some basic information about your WI. A welcome note with a copy of your current programme is a great place to start. Get in touch if you want to take this further.

Here is what Upper Killay have recently posted: <https://glamorgan.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/upper-killay/upper-killay-wi-information>

News from Public Affairs

Ann White
Email apwhite@apwhite.plus.com

The Clean Rivers Campaign

The Taff Tidy Clean Up initiative is taking place on Friday 21st March. It links in with our Clean Rivers campaign and could be an opportunity to promote our work and engage members. Kate Strong can be contact details on <https://katestrong.global/tafftidy/> for more information.

News from Home Economics & Craft

Alexis James Tel: [REDACTED]

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The Dabble Day was held on 1 February at Carmel Chapel, Port Talbot. The ladies that attended made a floral arrangement, a Dorset button, origami flower and a piece of shadow appliqué which was mounted in a card. The day was full of chatter and laughter and was a true testament to the spirit of WI. We all thoroughly enjoyed.

Our next event is a Staging and Interpretation Day which will be held on Thursday 27 th March at Carmel Chapel. The cost of the day is £10 per WI. Up to four members of each WI can attend. The closing date is 14 March.

The date for the Rosebowl/Brecon Cup is Tuesday 20 May and it will be held in the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl. The competition entries will be set up and judged in the morning. They may be viewed in the afternoon by those members joining us for afternoon tea. We will also be entertained by our very own Mavis Tierney whose talk is 'It's not all honey'.

Future events in the planning are the Malvern Autumn Show and a Christmas workshop.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Alexis James

Enclosures this month

1. Membership Subscription form.
- 2 Shows Brochure.
- 3 Chepstow Races Application Form.
- 4 Rose Bowl & Brecon Cup Entry Form Preliminary Round.
5. Christmas Markets Trip 2025 application form.
6. Safe Guarding Officer.

Speakers Corner

- ◆ Angela Powell of The Skin Re-treat, Aberavon Seafront— Professional Skincare Expert. If you are looking for a pamper style evening/meeting for your ladies. Angela uses Dermalogica products, is available for skincare demonstrations. Contact: email apowell@hotmail.com mobile: 07976 392232
- ◆ Michelle Michaelis, I am able to give a talk, "Spies, Suffragettes and Stewardesses; the Women of the Titanic." Charge £40, and if needed, mileage if far from Cardiff. Contact: email m.michaelis@sky.com mobile: 07817512544

Dates for your Diary

Upcoming Events	Venue	Date	Closing date
Afternoon Tea with Music	The Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl	Wednesday 19th March 2025	28th February 2025
Staging & Interpretation Day	Carmel Chapel	Thursday 27th March 2025	14th March 2025
NFWI Wales Conference	Llanelli	April 16th 2025	Form online
GFWI Annual Council Meeting	Barry Memorial Hall, Barry	Wednesday 7th May 2025	Information to follow
Chepstow Races	Chepstow Race Course	Monday 16th June 2025	2nd May 2025
Garden Party	Margam Orangery	Wednesday 16th July 2025	Information to follow

Whitchurch WI



Whitchurch WI in Cardiff were delighted to present a cheque for £1,300 to Catrin of Wales Air Ambulance during their January meeting. Various fundraising events had taken place throughout 2024, including a summer fete, a Christmas fair, and a table top sale. At the July meeting all members were given a tube of Smarties, with the request to 'fill the tube with coins' over the summer. Catrin was amazed and most grateful for this generously large donation. Many thanks to all members who contributed to help raise such an impressive amount.

Nor'dzin Pamo

Pontypridd WI

We have been pushing The Welsh Government, for over three years to take our 'Thinking Differently' campaign to have it debated at The Senedd. It's short notice, and it's happening. On Wednesday 26th March Heledd Fychan AM is taking it to a short debate. It will take place between 5.00pm and 7.30pm in the Chamber of The Senedd. Earlier in the day from 12.00noon until 1.30pm there will be an opportunity to lobby as many AM's as will be there, presenting them with the toolkit produced by National Federation.

Ann Ball

Rhoose WI



Visit to Welford Park, Newbury, the home of 'The Great British Bake Off.'

It was a cold February day, so we wrapped up warm and went for a walk. We stopped off in Marlborough for a lovely lunch and time to shop, then on to see the award winning 'Snowdrops Gardens and grounds' where swathes of snowdrops, hellebores, aconites and winter flowering shrubs grow in the 5 acre beech wood and along the Lambourn riverbank.

This of course was followed with tea and cake before we headed home!

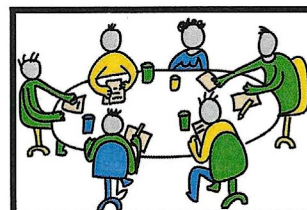
Ann White

Sub Committee Members Needed

Love organising and sharing ideas, enjoy being a part of a group and working collaboratively, GFWI Sub-committees could be the place for you.

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For more information



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