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News from Federation House
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A Wonderful AGM to Remember

A huge thank you to all the WI members who attended our AGM at Maesteg Town Hall on Wednesday 17th of June.

What a fantastic venue! We are especially grateful to Marina Newth and the Maesteg Town Hall team for the warm welcome and hospitality, which helped make the day such a success.

We were delighted to hear from our inspirational speakers, Diana Stroia and Julie Mackay whose presentations captivated and inspired everyone in attendance,

Special thanks to Mrs Lisa Howells representing NFWI Wales, for sharing her knowledge and giving us fascinating insight into the organisation's important work.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Maesteg WI, Tir Iarll WI and Garth WI for their hard work, dedication and support in ensuring the event ran smoothly.

Our thanks extend to the talented Aled Williams whose piano performance added a wonderful touch to the occasion and to Mrs Sandra Griffiths for providing the delicious packed lunches.

Finally, thank you to all our WI stallholders, market traders and local businesses, including *Gower Lavender, Samantha B and The Skin Retreat*, whose contributions helped create such an enjoyable and vibrant atmosphere throughout the day.

Together, you made the AGM a truly memorable occasion.

News from the Federation Chair

Barbara Bowring

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Hello everyone, just a quick message of thanks to all members who joined the recent online National AGM. Whether you were a delegate, on your own or part of at a watch party, I hope you all "managed" the frustration of the technical issues and were able to enjoy the event. The speakers and their topics were each quite different but very interesting and maybe some of you may be thinking about bank transfers to Starling Bank.

As announced next year the National AGM will be in Hull and will be a live event, so keep an eye out for more information as we have it.

Barbara Bowring

Glamorgan Federation Board of Trustees, Your Newly Elected Board

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News from Combined Arts

Claire Atherton:

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Look out for the notice regarding the November lunch at the Hi -Tide, with musical entertainment by Dennis Lang - we look forward to seeing you at this event.

We are still hoping for volunteers to join our committee -so why not dip in your toe and give it a go!

Claire Atherton

News from Home Economics & Craft

Home Economics & Craft

A trip to "Simply Christmas" at Birmingham, NEC – Sunday 8th November 2026. I have been informed that you can visit all shows for the price of one ticket. The Creative Craft Show, Sewing for Pleasure (Winter Edition), Cake International and Bake International. All this for the cost of £40 including the bus. A trip not to be missed. Any queries contact Wendy Knight 07923 052592 or email wendyknight740@gmail.com

A date for your diary. On Saturday 3rd October there will be a workshop to make your own "Winter Hanging Basket or Trough" to be held in Carmel Chapel, Port Talbot. More details to follow.

Daphne Furneaux



Congratulations to Swansea Central W.I. winning the Rose Bowl competition and Gloria Jones winning the Brecon Cup. We wish them 'Good Luck' when they will be representing Glamorgan Federation at The Royal Welsh Show in July.

NEXT STEPS FOR THE DENMAN FUNDED PROJECT



Further to the Autumn courses, we are already planning further courses January to March which will include a focus on IT skills/AI as well as more traditional crafting.

Train the Trainer Course

When we secured funding from Denman, part of our application included the idea of developing a "train the trainer" programme to support our own crafters/experts so they can help us deliver future courses for members.

We would love to build a small team of member tutors who, with some additional support and training, could feel confident in:

- planning an activity that works within the available session time
 - preparing materials and resources
 - teaching and supporting participants
- developing presentation and facilitation skills

By using our own talented members as tutors, we can continue to grow and share skills across the Federation. Tutors would, of course, receive expenses and a fee for each event delivered.

If this is something you may be interested in get in touch with Belinda Hansford
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Public Affairs

Jacqui Sparks

Come along and see the magnificent Houses of Parliament!

You get to walk through both the House of Commons, the House of Lords, the

route the King takes at the State opening every year and Westminster Hall where

the Queen laid in State. It is always a very informative and entertaining tour. You

can bring a packed lunch but as the Palace of Westminster is subject to high

security it is not recommended to take large bags in. The Tour takes about 75-90

minutes. We aim to get there at 11am and leave after the tour with a stop on the route home.

Jacqui Sparks

Enclosures this month

1. Public Affairs Flyer
2. Q2 Membership Fees Form
3. Federation Quiz Flyer
4. Lunch with Music
5. 2027 Diary Order Form

Diaries

The diary's RRP is **£6.99** and federations can benefit from a **20% discount** when purchasing **20 or more diaries**.



This year's diary features beautiful cover artwork by WI member and artist Paula Milner (The Crafty Lass) of Boddington WI, Northamptonshire Federation. The slim pocket diary is perfect for staying organised on the go and includes a week-to-view format, detailed calendars, and additional pages for notes and telephone numbers.

WI's place your orders through your Federation.

Dates for your Diary

Upcoming Events	Venue	<u>Date</u>	<u>Closing date</u>
London Trip	London	September 11th –13th 2026	30th April 2026 CLOSED
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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Bont Faen WI



Y Bontfaen WI recently enjoyed a trip to Plas Llanelli (Llanelli House), a fine Georgian House in the centre of Llanelli which has undergone an extensive restoration to its former grandeur. The ladies were given a talk on the history of the house and its heritage in terms of the development of the town by the staff dressed in the costume of the period. A truly immersive experience with characters coming to life in front of one's eyes. The ladies were then treated to Georgian hospitality with a delicious lunch.

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



Murton Village WI



"The gift you give that could save lives"

Murton Village WI recently donated two Bleed Control Kits to go inside defibrillator cabinets in our community. These kits are designed to treat heavy blood loss from injuries like road accidents, stabs or machinery incidents while waiting for professional help to arrive. Our local Councillor Lyndon Jones set up training for anyone to attend who wants to learn about CPR, use of Defibrillator or Bleed Control Kits.

This initiative is supported by Melanie James JP, who was the High Sheriff of West Glamorgan 2024/25. Also pictured is Councillor Lyndon Jones MBE and Sue Duncie President of Murton Village WI along with a few WI members.

Alison Yoong



Alltwn Heels WI

Alltwn Heels WI enjoyed a lovely afternoon out at Penderyn Whiskey Distillery, followed by a delicious meal at Pizza Vesuvio in Swansea.