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## News from Shows

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Planning for the 2025 Glamorgan Show is well underway. As you appreciate the show is only viable through our advertisers and WI sponsors at a cost of £30 per class ( 24 classes)

We have very loyal WI's who support us year on year. We are hoping that this will continue, we also need new WI's willing to support us.

Please can you contact Wendy Knight by email [wkglamshow@yahoo.com](mailto:wkglamshow@yahoo.com) or contact Beth at the office.

Looking for your intention to sponsor old and new as soon as possible. Billing will be in the new year when the brochure is distributed with your WI name.

*Wendy Knight*

## THE GLAMORGAN EXPERIENCE

Due to the lack of interest the Board of Trustees have made the sad decision that the proposed Glamorgan Experience has to be cancelled.

**PLEASE WILL ALL WI'S AND  
MEMBERS CASH ANY  
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES  
BEFORE OCTOBER 31ST AS IT  
IS THE  
FEDERATIONS END OF  
FINANCIAL YEAR**

## The Baby Bank



The Baby Bank were thrilled and grateful, to receive the beautiful knitted baby clothes. The jackets were the ones donated at The Glamorgan WI Show.

There were so many, they split them, so that they could put half out today and the rest out next week, (To give everyone a chance of owning one).

I was there for a while to see how happy mothers were to have them.

To all who donated, be proud of yourselves, you've brought joy to so many.

*Diane Howard-Willis*

## CALENDARS

We have received a number of queries regarding the fact that there is not a GFWI calendar for 2025.

We are sorry about this and the decision to not have a calendar was not taken lightly.

The main reason was that there were insufficient photographs from which to choose and secondly we were left with at the last printing many unsold calendars which resulted in unnecessary expense and therefore a huge financial loss to your federation.

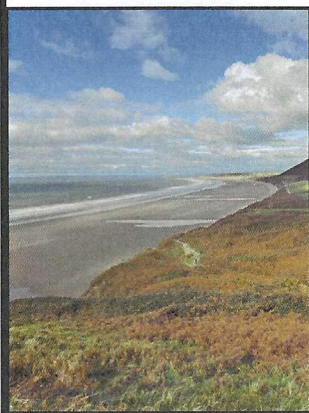


### News from Sport & Leisure

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#### Federation Autumn Walk - Rhossili

The Autumn walk in Rhossili was enjoyed by 20 ladies in sunshine. The climb up was taxing but well worth it for the view at the top of the Worms Head. We lunched at Hillend Caravan park and then strolled along the beach back to the Car Park. 5 Ladies had a paddle in the inviting sea. Thank you to the walk leaders and the back markers.



*Margaret Price*



### News from PR Social Media & Website

Message from Belinda Hansford,  
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#### Glamorgan Federation Website

<https://Glamorgan.thewi.org.uk>

Do check out the Glamorgan Federation Website on a regular basis, as you will continue to find more and more information about upcoming events, write-up and photos from past events as well as copies of the Newsletter. If you have suggestions of what you would like to see then please feel free to send me an email. <https://Glamorgan.thewi.org.uk>

Membership of our Facebook page continues to grow. Ask to join and you can see what's going on and post photos of your own activities. Great for sharing ideas for meetings and events. Search for Glamorgan Federation on Facebook.

Your Free website is waiting for you to get started – if you are interested in creating one using the free WI software then send me an email and I will do what I can to give you some guidance. This can be a great way of communicating with members by having information of your own events readily available.

### CHEPSTOW RACES

GET SAVING! THIS IS ONE TRIP  
YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS!!

WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE 2025

#### PACKAGE INCLUDES

- ◆ TICKETS TO THE RACES
- ◆ A WELCOME DRINK
- ◆ OUR VERY OWN TIPSTER
- ◆ A TWO COURSE MEAL
- ◆ OUR OWN PRIVATE AREA WITH BAR
- ◆ TERRACE TO VIEW THE RACES
- ◆ TRANSPORT ( COACHES)



### News from Home Economics & Craft

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Two coaches took members to Malvern for the Autumn Show. Fortunately the rain held off until we were on the way home. It was a successful day with many purchases being made.

The closing date for the ***Dabble Day***, which will be held on the **7th of December 2024 at Carmel Chapel**, Port Talbot, is the **15th of November**.

Look out for a day on *Staging and Interpretation of co-operatives* in the New Year. There was a good response to this class in the Glamorgan Show, with a number of WIs that had not entered before. This day will be invaluable in enhancing their ideas and displays.

Also the Rosebowl/Brecon Cup has a category for co-operatives. The theme for 2025 is *Shades of a Colour*. We are hoping that more of you will consider entering next year.

*Alexis James*

### News from Combined Arts

By Claire Atherton tel: ~~01656 569332~~

In March 2025, we are holding an afternoon tea with music at the Hi-Tide in Porthcawl ( fliers enclosed ). Come along and support this event at the start of Spring.

*Claire Atherton*



### **Enclosures this month**

- 1 Afternoon tea with music flier
- 2 Winners of the Glamorgan Show Flier

### **Congratulations to the winners of The Glamorgan Show.**



**Well done everyone that  
entered! A wonderful  
celebration of the talented  
women in our  
Federation.**

**( See enclosed Flier of all of the  
winners).**

### **Free Autobiographical workshops in return for your memories for a social history project.**

I am gathering writings and oral history interviews for PhD research into women's changing experiences in postwar Cardiff, and the Rhondda Cynon Taf areas, 1945-1975, and I think it is something that may interest some of your members. I am looking for participants in the study and wondered if I could send you an information sheet to send out to members, or better still if I might visit some groups in the RCT and Cardiff to give a talk about the research?

Specifically I am seeking women who were born between 1930 and 1958, so it may be WI members or perhaps they know of a relative or friend who might like to take part. They can take part through being interviewed to talk about their lives and memories, and/or through joining a six-week writing workshop programme which will run one morning a week at a convenient community venue, with refreshments provided.

Contact Becky Davies rjd14@aber.ac.uk

### **SPEAKERS CORNER.. Just a few more ideas for your next programme..**

Let us have your recommendations for good speakers or trips..

- ♦ Alun Burge, has written a book on a woman called Minnie Pallister who did a great deal of work with the WI and had a very interesting life . He is available to speak to federations and WIs should you be interested. He can be contacted on 07766 476390.
- ♦ Mark Elliott—Speaker on DNA—contact by email m.c.elliott@btinternet.com
- ♦ Karen Cowell— Fforchwen Farm Pottery— talks through the process of making her beautiful collection. Contact Karen by mobile or email on - 07568 593850 email -

### **Dates for your Diary**

| Upcoming Events             | Venue                          | Date                      | Closing date       |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Craft Spectacular Fayre £20 | The Orangery, Margam Park      | Saturday 16 November 2024 | 9 October 2024     |
| Whist Drive £5              | Murton Methodist Hall, Swansea | Saturday 30th November    | 1st November 2024  |
| Dabble Day                  | Carmel Chapel, Port Talbot     | Saturday 7th December     | 15th November 2024 |
| Afternoon Tea with Music    | The Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl     | Wednesday 19th march 2025 | 28th February 2025 |
| Chepstow Races              | Chepstow Race Course           | Wednesday 16th June 2025  | To be announced    |



### Porth WI



Porth WI summer trip this year was to the beautiful Stratford on Avon, the journey up on the coach was entertaining with a quiz and bingo. The weather was good, the visit to the museum was very interesting. We had a very pleasant boat trip up as far as Anne Hathaway's house. The outfits in the theatre were stunning.

To finish off the food and glass or two, made a very special trip for Porth Members (as you can see from the smiling faces).

### Tonteg WI



Tonteg WI recently hosted an afternoon Fashion Show featuring clothes from Samantha B of Eweny. Six of our members volunteered to model the outfits and we were shown a wide range of jackets, dresses and separates. Most of the clothes were smart casual daywear but we also saw lovely wedding guest attire complete with fascinators. The event was attended by 68 ladies, many from neighbouring WIs, and they enjoyed a glass of buck's fizz or wine while watching the show. Afterwards ladies could try on and buy any pieces, and many plan to visit the shop which offers a 10% discount for WI members. This was a successful and enjoyable event, and our models really looked the part!

### Newton WI



A wonderful evening was hosted by Ellen at Coffi Un (One), promoting Fairtrade fortnight, the WI were honoured to listen to Jennifer Sambazi's story, as a coffee farmer on the slopes of Mount Elgon and now, Vice Chair of the cooperatives of 300 farmers who work together in Uganda producing a new Fairtrade organically grown coffee. Jennifer is a real trailblazer, equally passionate about producing quality coffee and protecting the environment from the impact of climate change. The Welsh Government, are supporting them with planting trees and farming organically, improving soil health and protecting it from the flash floods that threaten to wash it away. A donation was presented from the WI to support the purchase of solar lighting for the farms.

*Pam Powis*

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