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**News from Federation House**  
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If you ring Federation House over the next few weeks and you don't recognise the voice, then say hello to Beth.

Beth Morgan is our new Federation Secretary and will on occasions be in the office with June, learning all about how our Federation works.

Beth is a member of Garw Valley WI and is looking forward to getting to know her new role and speaking with everyone.

I am sure you will all join me in making her very welcome.

*Barbara Bowring*  
Federation Chair

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

For all your information needs, check out the revamped website—Shows, Events, Photos—it's all there.

Including information about the new Virtual WI starting up as we write.

Do tell your friends about all this too, they may want to join you at your own WI or online. All welcome.

For more details of the Virtual WI and to join its inaugural meetings email:-

[margaretmaguire190@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmaguire190@gmail.com)

Enclosed with this mailing is the 2nd sweep subscription form, this is for members who paid their subscription after the 1 April. Please pass this form to your WI Treasurer.

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## **ROSEBOWL & BRECON CUP 2024**

The winner of the Glamorgan preliminary round of the Brecon Cup was Margaret Maguire, Upper Killay WI and the winner of the Rosebowl preliminary round was Upper Killay WI.

Both will now go forward to represent Glamorgan Federation at the Royal Welsh Show in July.

We wish them good luck

Hotter shoes in Cardiff are still offering any WI group an evening in the store.

The organizer will get a free pair of shoes. Free measurement and fitting.

Buffet.

30% off the price of a pair of shoes

1 free pair of shoes in the raffle

1 free pair of shoes in a bingo game

Start time 4.30pm

Please contact Tracey on 07415 719711 to book, don't forget to mention your WI.

## **BREAKING NEWS**

Date for your Diary

Friday 28 and Saturday 29 March 2025

## **GLAMORGAN WI EXPERIENCE**

AT

The Coldra Court Hotel, Newport

If you have any suggestions for courses, please send them to Federation House, 13 Courtland Place, Port Talbot SA13 1JJ

### News from Public Affairs

Ann White

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### The Big Green week 2024 is 8th to 16th June.

The theme this year is "Let's Swap Together for Good". Details of how to organise an event, with an organisation guide, fund raising and promotional ideas as well as tips on engaging your MP can be found at <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>

How about preloved clothes or jewellery swap, there are always items in the back of the wardrobe we know we will never wear again, or perhaps consider a plant swap, or how about a seed swap as there are always too many in a packet.

Please share with us what your WI has been Swapping with a photo for the Back page.

### News from Home Economics & Craft

Gloria Jones

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Our next event will be the Malvern Autumn Show on Sunday 28th of September 2024. A flyer will accompany this newsletter and your secretary will have all of the information. Come and join us for a very enjoyable day, with something for everyone. Hope to see you there.

We are going to hold another Seasonal 'Dabble Day'- this time in the East of the County- Tonteg. This proved very successful in Murton. It's a date for your diary, ask your Secretary for details when she receives them.

### News from Sport & Leisure

Sandra Davidson

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The Annual Darts competition was held at Pencoed Legion Hall. 10 teams were competing divided into 2 groups. After fierce and accurate throwing. Coychurch WI were winners of Group A and Tonteg WI were winners of Group B. In the final it was Tonteg WI who won the coveted trophy. The Hall was full of supporters for all teams and everyone enjoyed the buffet lunch provided.

Well done to everyone and "Keep Practicing".

Diary dates 2024			Closing date
Whist Drive £5	Ystradowen Village Hall	Saturday 1 June 2024	30 April 2024
Thrill Seeker—Zip Wire	Rhigos Mountain	Saturday 15 June 2024	15 April 2024
Table top games and Afternoon Tea £12	All Hallows Church Hall, Miskin	Saturday 13 July 2024	14 June 2024
Court & Castle Holiday £199	Windsor & Hampton Court Palace	Friday 19-20 July 2024	
York & Castle Howard Holiday £405	York & Castle Howard	Thursday 21 November/Sunday 24 November 2024	13 September 2024
An Evening with an Author £21	Hi Tide Inn, Porthcawl	Wednesday 11 September 2024	26 July 2024
Malvern Flower Show £35	Malvern	Sunday 29 September 2024	13 July 2024
Federation Quiz £10	Hi Tide Inn, Porthcawl	Tuesday 22 October 2024	27 September 2024
Craft Fayre £20	The Orangery, Margam Park	Saturday 16 November 2024	9 October 2024



### *Enclosures this month*

- 1 Federation Quiz
- 2 Malvern Show
- 3 2nd sweep subscription form
- 4 Craft Fayre 16.11.24



This is Pam our new treasurer. She was going to share her food with him. At Brynhill Golf Club we had an early afternoon tea on the last Thursday of April. The Knit and Natter ladies who usually click their needles in the Highlight Hall had to find another venue that week. Brynhill was our venue and they provided a delicious array of goodies for us to enjoy with the usual pots of tea and coffee.

A coach full of ladies from Barry WI were joined by friends from St Nicholas with Bonvilston and Dinas Powys WIs on a trip to the American Museum in Bath on the last Sunday in April and a great day it was!

We arrived late morning just in time for a welcome cuppa and then armed with our guide map enjoyed exploring three floors of themed rooms including a 'Borning Room' (Nursery), Conkeys Tavern, the Textiles Room with truly amazing quilts, a New Orleans Bedroom and a Shaker Sister's Workroom to name a few. A stop for lunch and then a wander out to the Terrace to enjoy the fabulous valley views, the choice of walks and areas to visit covered everyone's abilities and interests, a few of us even bought some plants. Don't forget the Gallery shop and another display depicting the Great American Road Trip if you get the chance to go. All in All a highly recommended day out at Claverton American Museum.

*Diane Baker, Barry WI*

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

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

- ⇒ A Welsh/British history speaker who specialises in stone, bronze and iron age but can also offer talks on art history (how to read a painting, who are the Old Masters, or a deep dive on painting or artist the group is interested in) or highlights from the Ancient Empires (Rome, Egypt, Greek Myths etc).  
For an hour talk, it would usually be £45, and there would be a selection of replicas for people to handle Ruth usually arrives 30 minutes beforehand, and stays 30 minutes after, so you usually get 2 hours of time, (there may be some travel costs depending on location) to give attendees the opportunity to ask questions or examine the replicas more closely after the talk ends.  
Contact Ruth Poultney, email [ruthpoultney@gmail.com](mailto:ruthpoultney@gmail.com)
- ⇒ Janet Murphy has written and published a book called 'The Psychic Fairy Queen' it is a memoir of being paralysed with polio at the age of 10 and having been told that she would never walk again and how she overcame her illness. If you would like Janet to speak to your WI contact her at Email [jan877@btinternet.com](mailto:jan877@btinternet.com) or tel: 07804 843312

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Some of the Sker WI ladies who have been knitting & nattering, producing lovely warm hats/scarves etc for an onward journey to Ukraine. Well done ladies.

I would like to recommend your local 'first responders' as speakers. We had Roger and Ann from the Porthcawl team recently and we were all taken by their skills and know how, more surprisingly, they are volunteers so do not get paid. We have a lot to thank them for. Previously we had our local 'Bobby', Adam who talked to us about phone/internet etc scams. We can learn a lot from our 'on the doorstep speakers'.

*Cynthia Sidey, Sker WI*



Coychurch WI darts team consists of 14 players and 3 supporters. We practice every Monday at a local pub and we all enjoy ourselves. Two teams entered the Glamorgan Darts competition held in Pencoed Social Club on 20 April. Team 'A' won all four games consecutively against four different WIs. Team 'A' came second, losing to Tonteg WI. Team 'B' reached the semifinals.



Congratulations to Kath Mephram and Sandra Lazarus who each won a medal for having the highest score of 87 in the competition. Well done to all our players and scorers and we look forward to next year's competition.

*Maria Card, Coychurch WI*

Eglwys Newydd WI held a Jewellery Workshop on 23 March 2024 which was attended by a group of our members. Here are some photos of the finished pieces made together with an article Submitted by an attendee.



Quote from an attendee 'What a fabulous morning with hosts AnnaMaria and Mazz at our Jewellery making session. We were able to make earrings and bracelets and it was so much fun and very enjoyable for all who attended. Big shout out to our hosts AnnaMaria and Mazz'. The workshop was the result of a session presented to our WI earlier in the year where AnnaMaria explained that she took up this craft during lockdown and had found it very therapeutic. AnnaMaria guided us through the intricacies of making jewellery demonstrating different techniques instruments used as well as providing an overview of styles. Her daughter Mazz was on hand to help the group complete the bracelets, earrings and Necklaces. The group also agreed that it had been a therapeutic/creative session.

*Lorraine Hughes, Eglwys Newydd WI*

On May Day Bank Holiday, Bont Faen WI held a Tombola Stall at the May Day Celebrations in Cowbridge which was in honour of the upcoming 80th Anniversary of D Day. Over 200 items were donated by members and many of those who helped got into the spirit of the 40s theme by dressing up as Land Girls, 40s Housewives and a nurse.



Luckily the weather remained dry and there was a steady flow of people to the stall where there was also information about Bont Faen WI for any ladies interested in joining. The stall proved to be very popular and made £296.50.

*Diane Bluck, Bont Faen WI*

If you live in the Bishopston or Murton area, May Day at Murton Green is an annual event. The whole community comes together for the May Day bank holiday. This year, due to the almost incessant daily rainfall the Green was saturated and another drawback was a burst pipe so it was decided by the Community Council not to cancel May Day but to re-locate it to the car park and adjoining road, which would be closed to traffic. As 2024 is the 80th Anniversary of D Day, WW2 military re-enactment displays were staged. WW2 military vehicles, jeeps, guys in military costume brought WW2 alive, especially important for the young generation to be aware of the ultimate sacrifice made: 'for your tomorrow we gave our today'. A convoy of military vehicles drove around the village, and what a sight they made. The previous week we had had a talk about the Home Guard on the Gower, and the speaker was passionate about raising money for a memorial to these brave people. Murton



Village WI have always played a big part in the festivities serving tea, coffee and home-made cake in the hall at competitive prices. It contributes to our funds, raises our profile and is popular. This year was no exception and members rose to the challenge, baking cakes, serving teas and coffees and serving cakes then clearing tables and washing up. After the pandemic it was wonderful to see the community spirit in action. There was also a marquee with stalls and local talent was evident everywhere with art, fashion, jewellery, plants, bric a brac and books on sale. Also as well as military re-enactment displays there were Morris dancers, a Maypole dance by the 'Brownies and Guides', the City of Swansea concert band playing the tunes of the 1940s, and a dog show. So good to see the WI at the heart of the community. Everyone would be pleased by the 'can do' attitude of the Community Council in deciding 'the show must go on' and it did in style.



*Isabel Hopgood, Murton Village WI*



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