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## News from the Federation Chair

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### Cancellation of Events

Unfortunately in recent months it has been necessary to cancel or postpone scheduled events within our Federation. In the planning of any event, consideration is given to the when, where, cost and required numbers to make the event viable. Additionally, we have to consider the venues we use and their need to be advised at the earliest possible date of any requirement changes, additional or lower than expected numbers attending or even cancellation of the event.

As with the planned and subsequently postponed Annual General Meeting earlier this year, your Trustees and organising committees are faced with the dilemma of insufficient numbers versus the expectations of our members.

We know it is a disappointment when previously popular events are cancelled and recently the Sports and Leisure committee planned to hold a Darts event, which has in the past been a very popular event. This year however there has been a drop in numbers wishing to take part and the event had become nonviable and was subsequently cancelled.

Going forward may I ask that all WI's, when they have an interest in a particular event, help us and the various organising committees by letting us know at the earliest possible time the numbers of members wishing to take part, this will give us an opportunity to maybe adjust the event rather than cancelling it and causing disappointment.

Thank you

Barbara Bowring

Chair, Glamorgan Federation of WI's

## News from Shows

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My apologies to all the stewards who worked so tirelessly on both the Friday and Saturday of the Show, without you all, we could not have managed to run the event. A HUGE THANK YOU to you all from both the committee, plus if you were a Judges Steward.

Although the entries were slightly down this year, I'm sure you will all agree the standard of entries was fantastic and the judges assured us it was very difficult to find the prize winners. Listening to feedback from you, we will have a novice class in the craft class/es next year. The co-op class was amazing and really good fun identifying the different Nursery Rhymes which the WIs had chosen, only 2 were the same. It is so encouraging to see new WIs entering in the show and we look forward to seeing you all plus some more WIs next year. Congratulations to all the prize winners, Well Done.

As with everything else the costs of organising this event increase year on year, so we will be looking for new companies/business to advertise, so if you know anyone who would wish to place an advert in the schedule, please do get in contact with a member of the committee, we will be pleased to hear from you.

By the time you read this, we will hopefully be well on the way to planning next years show. Thank you again to everyone who entered, stewarded, did the raffle, and anything else that needed doing. The monies collected for the men's class has been made up to £100 and we hope to present it to a member of the Blood Bikers very soon.

Thank you *The Show Committee*

\* See Insert for Show Winners and Results\*



### News from Combined Arts

Claire Atherton tel: [REDACTED]

Don't forget the '**Wine and Words**' evening on Wednesday 10th September at the Hi-Tide Inn and the not to be missed **Carol Festival** on Wednesday 3rd December at Margam Abbey at 2pm.

### News from Home Economics & Craft

Alexis James Tel: [REDACTED]

Our next event is a day at the Malvern Autumn Show on Sunday 28 September. Please note that the first pick up point is now Junction 46 (Velindre) where there is free parking for the day.

On Saturday 22 November at Carmel Chapel, Port Talbot, we have a Floral workshop. Come along, have some fun and make a door wreath for the Christmas season. There will be a morning and an afternoon session, each of which will have a demonstration followed by hands on. Members will be shown how to make a wreath using floral foam and one using moss and wire. A list of items that may be purchased on the day will be sent out in advance of the course. Numbers are limited so make sure you don't miss out.

*Alexis James*

### News from Membership

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### MCS Database

**MCS Reps—Please ensure your members details are accurate and up to date.**

**Remember to check (tick) the 'paid' box.**

**This is very important to ensure the figures are correct.**

### GFWI Treasurer

Please will all WI treasurers when they pay by BACS add what event the money is for in the reference box eg Subs, Garden Party, Barry AGM etc.

*Myra Thomas*

## Remembering Srebrenica 30—Wales National

### Remembrance Event

On Wednesday 2nd July 2025, at the Senedd in Cardiff a "Remembering Srebrenica 30 - Wales National Remembrance Event" took place. One of many events planned throughout the UK this summer.

The event marks 30 years since the genocide in Srebrenica, a chance to remember and mourn the loss of 8,372 men and boys who were systematically murdered in a matter of days, solely because they were Muslims, during the Bosnian war.

Rt. Hon. Elin Jones MS welcomed Members of the Welsh Parliament, Muslim Council of Wales, Ambassador of Bosnia & Herzegovina for the UK, a survivor who gave a very detailed description of a 4-year-old child fleeing the family village. Members of all the Forces, Community Champions, and members of WI

During the evening the audience saw and heard a Commemoration Poem, a Musical Performance from members of the Sarajevo National Theatre, Survivor Testimony, Laying of Peace Wreaths and Readings of 'Remembrance Pledges'.

A special mention was given to the 330 White Poppy - Petals of Peace - flowers that were crocheted by members from 22 WI's throughout Wales. A big thank you to the members of Glamorgan Federation for their contribution, they were quite tricky to do!

The white poppies will form part of a large-scale banner designed not only for Cardiff but with the intention of being a touring exhibition to raise awareness across Wales in the coming months and years.

The white flower, used throughout the project, carries a deep symbolic meaning, the flower was crafted with eleven petals, symbolising 11 July - the date the genocide began. The colour white represents the innocence of the victims, while the centre piece of green signifies hope for the future.

A very poignant event appreciated by all WI members who attended.

*Elaine Andrews - PorthWI*



### NOTICE

**THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN IN AUGUST**



### **Enclosures this month**

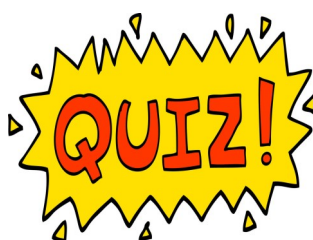
1. Q1—Membership subscription form for July –September.
2. Autumn walk—Penarth to Cosmeston—Coastal Walk.
3. Show Results.
4. Barry AGM Bus application form.

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

Share your recommendations for good speakers or trips...

If you are looking for someone to run a hands on talk about furoshiki, the Japanese art of fabric wrapping, then why not contact Yvonne Randall. Yvonne has demonstrated for a large number of WI's since 2022 as well as department stores in Swansea and Cardiff and is taking bookings for the coming year.

She can be contacted on 07513940540, WhatsApp or [craftfairy54@gmail.com](mailto:craftfairy54@gmail.com)



Four members from Tir Iarll WI (Llangynwyd) went to Llandeilo to represent Glamorgan at the Inter County Federation Quiz. Rosemary Thomas, Christine Roberts, Lyn Hodges, and Jennifer Watkins came third out of the fifteen teams present that had come from South and mid Wales. The winning team were from Gwent.

Thanks to Carmarthenshire for arranging it.

Jennifer Watkins

### **Dates for your Diary**

<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Closing date</u></b>
Wine and Words	Hi Tide Inn , Porthcawl	Wednesday 10th September 2025	25th July 2025
Bowling Competition (Lawn bowls)	Pyle & Kenfig Hill	Saturday 13th September 2025	31st July 2025
Afternoon Tea & Board Games	Vivian Hall, Blackpill	Saturday 20th September 2025	Friday 3rd September 2025
Malvern Show	Malvern	Sunday 28th September 2025	25th July 2025
Autumn Walk, Penarth to Cosmeston.	Penarth and Cosmeston	8th October 2025	26th September 2025
Escape Room Challenge	Cardiff and Swansea venues	Friday 24th October 2025	3rd October 2025
Christmas Floral Workshop	Carmel Chapel, Port Talbot	Saturday 2nd November 2025	Friday 24th October 2025
Let's Celebrate Christmas	Aberavon Hotel, Aberavon	Monday 1st December 2025	Closed
Christmas Carol Service	Margam Abbey	Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Friday 24th October
NFWI Conference	Aberystwyth National Library of Wales	Wednesday 25th & 26th March 2026	More information to follow





Penclawdd WI spent a wonderful evening hosting their Link Social event. Members from Reynoldston, Llandewi with Nelson, Three Crosses and Gorseionon WIs were invited to enjoy the evening with them. Entertainment was provided by the superb U3a Ukulele Big Band. They also took this opportunity to present Susan Horne with a bouquet, in honour of her receiving an O.B.E. in the Kings birthday honours list. Susan, lately Head of Space Exploration, UK Space Agency, received the honour for her services to Space Exploration.



### The Royal Welsh Show

#### The Rosebowl and Brecon Cup



Congratulations to Margaret Maguire and Upper Killay WI

A double whammy at the Royal Welsh Show 2025 !!

### Carnegie Girls WI

The Carnegie Girls WI truly embraced the spirit of this year's Cardiff Pride Parade again, making it another memorable day out for our group. Joining the vibrant celebrations, we demonstrated our commitment to inclusivity and community, adding energy to the colourful procession through the city. Our participation highlights the diverse and welcoming nature of the Women's Institute, showing how local groups actively engage with and support significant events in their areas. A comment from a bystander was overheard by one of our members: 'The WI? Now that is progress!' Which is such a fantastic comment to overhear! It perfectly encapsulates how the Women's Institute is often seen as a forward-thinking and evolving organisation, challenging old stereotypes, and it is a testament to how Carnegie Girls WI are actively engaged in contemporary issues and community life, demonstrating that participating in the Cardiff Pride Parade, truly resonates with people and is recognised as a sign of positive change and inclusivity. If anyone would like to join us at next year's event, please let us know.

Claire Dodd—President



### **NFWI WALES CONFERENCE**

#### **2026—ABERYSTWYTH**



Glamorgan Federation are

organising a trip to the Conference, including coach, 2 nights stay with Breakfast and Evening Meal.

March 25th & 26th 2026

The Deposit will be due in October.

A flyer will be emailed out to WIs as soon as possible.

*We look forward to seeing you there.*

Please send all articles/contributions for

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

### Deadlines

**PLEASE send in applications for events etc on time, before the  
deadline , to avoid disappointment and to prevent events being  
cancelled.**

**Remember to allow time for posting.**