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As this is the first newsletter that I will produce. I would like to thank June for her kindness and support in helping me transition into the role. I wish her a long and happy retirement.

Thank you to everyone who has wished me well and the warm welcome I have received from everyone at Federation House. I am excited for what lies ahead.

Beth

News from Public Affairs

Ann White
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Stay Safe Keep Safe

Sponsored by *Jane Hut*

Wednesday 23rd October from 10a.m to 3p.m.

The Senedd has been booked for our one-day event about all aspects of safety and how we might be able to reach or signpost others to organisations that can assist.

We have speakers lined up including:

- The Police and Crime Commission
- Older People's Commission
- Trading Standards

The Speakers will be from 10.30-12.00. Stalls with representatives from safeguarding groups highlighting and providing information on all aspects of staying safe and keeping safe offering advice on topics such as personal safety and recognizing abuse, cyber safety, being safe at home and dealing with the phone scammers for example.

There are accessible facilities and the Senedd café will be open, it is **FREE** entry for all.

PLEASE put this date in your diary and **support** this event, you could combine it with a visit to the Bay area or Cardiff City Centre.

No More Violence Against Women

Episode 2 of the WI podcast is now available live.
www.facebook.com

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GLAMORGAN WI SHOW

What can I say !! A very, very BIG thank you to everybody who entered, helped, stewarded, visited, co-ordinated, bought raffle tickets, had sleepless nights over their cookery items (particularly the lamingtons), transported items to the show, collected items from the Show etc etc. We know this all takes time and effort.

Thank you also for your generosity for the baby bank and the monies raised for Ysgol Y Deri. We will keep you posted when these are distributed.

We have had lovely comments, so our year of ups and unfortunately downs, has been worthwhile. We are very proud that because of your enthusiasm and interest the Show goes from strength to strength, particularly after Covid.

There are some items taken back to Federation House so if you have any queries please email glamorganshow@gmail.com

We are already thinking of next year's theme and the Aberavon Hotel is already booked for the two days July 4th and 5th 2025. If you have any suggestions, please contact us because our 'little grey cells' don't always work. Enjoy the sunshine!!



**Myra, Helen, Gaynor,
and Diane.**

Wendy, Marylyn

News from Membership

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Members

Have you thought about becoming a WI Adviser?

Glamorgan Federation need W I Advisers in the Neath and Ogwr areas.

If you are interested, read the job description on My WI, or give Pam Dinham a ring.

Being an Adviser is interesting work, meeting members and being involved in committee work.

Why not give it a try!

WI Friendships

WI is all about fun and friendship. Does your WI have a link with one or more WI's in your area?

The Federation is suggesting that your WI join up with one or two of your local WIs for social events or coach trips (coaches are expensive and need to be full) or if you have an expensive speaker, invite the WIs around you, or any other ideas you may have to socialize.

Please share with us some of your plans that are already in place.

If you need advice or some help to circulate any information, get in touch with your Adviser. WI Advisers:

Barbara Bowring
Pam Dinham
Carolyn Davies
Claire Atherton
Margaret Maguire
Caryl Thomas
Vivienne Hayes
Jill Royce
Amanda Powell
Jane Exell

Farewell

We are saying goodbye to two of our Advisers, Sylvia Tittley and Daphne Furneux, (an Adviser for over 20 years!)

Our thanks for all their time and commitment on behalf of The Federation. We wish them well in their retirement and a great big thankyou from everyone.

Pam Dinham

News from Shows

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A BIG thankyou to everyone who contributed to the raffles at the recent Fashion Shows. The Federation have donated 50% of the total collected at each venue.

£210 donated to LATCH from The Heronston event.
£416 donated to Ty Olwen from The Norton House Event.

Myra Thomas

News from Sport & Leisure

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Thrill Seekers

29 members braved The Phoenix Zip Wire on Saturday 15th June. Everyone was dressed up in the safety gear and were very excited and nervous beforehand. But afterwards, there were smiles all round. Three members did the Tower Zip Wires. As one member said " something to cross off the bucket list". Well done to everyone.

Margaret Price

Upcoming Events :

9th October 10am-2pm-Autumn Circular Walk

Rhossili.

12th October 'Singing Yoga' Mumbles Road , Swansea.



Newton WI

On a beautiful sunny day Newton WI ladies set out on a bus trip to St Cynwyd's Church , Llangynwyd, only two miles from the south of Maesteg and well worth visiting. The vicar welcomed us and gave a fascinating and very informative talk on the history of this beautiful church. It was founded by St. Cynwyd. All that re-

mains of the original structure is a stone socket of a wooden cross, which can be seen in the wall above the entrance. The church was rebuilt in the 13th century and had subsequently been restored several times. It has the biggest public cemetery in Europe.

The WI ladies remembered singing the famous Welsh love song in school written by Wil Hopcyn' Bugeilio'r Gwenith Gwyn'. A memorial was erected into the locality which was the famous setting for this tragic romance.

We all enjoyed a lovely lunch and had a very warm welcome at The Corner House. It was a perfect day, nothing strengthens those social bonds like taking a trip together. We came away happy, reenergised and had the feeling of an increased sense of friendship.

Pam Daniels

Enclosures this month

- 1 Y Senedd –Stay safe Keep Safe
- 2 Autumn Circular Federation Walk Rhossili.
- 3 Singing Yoga
- 4 Craft Spectacular Entry Ticket Form



Barry WI

The ladies of the “Knit and Natter’ group meets

Thursday every week to gather together and basically talk and gossip outside the usual meetings, when things are much more structured and planned. Many hand made decorations have already been planned and made with a design in mind. This provides an unusual backdrop and topical to the seasons of the year. Articles made at this group can be used to help charities by selling the knitted, crocheted or novelties to present to the named charity in the future. Among the charities this year have been the R.N.L.I Llamau and Atal y Fro. Enquiries about joining in can be found on the notice outside the Highlight Park Hall.

Diane Baker

Nantgarw China Works

Over the years we have had the pleasure of welcoming many local WI groups to Nantgarw China Works & Museum for group visits, which have been extremely well received. We are excited to extend an invitation to WI Wales to offer more of your groups a visit to Nantgarw China Works, a site steeped in history and dedicated to the rich legacy of Nantgarw porcelain. We offer two visit options to suit your group’s preferences:

Short Visit

Wednesday—Saturday Times 10:30 am—3:00 p.m. Tea, coffee and cake on arrival. Introductory talk about the history of Nantgarw. Dedicated guided tour of the site cost-£12.00 per person (including refreshments) Group size minimum of 10, maximum of 35.

Day Visit

With lunch available: Wednesday - Saturday (other days possible on request) Times; 10:30am –3:00pm. Tea, coffee and cake on arrival. Introductory talk including ‘how Nantgarw porcelain has been recreated ‘*dedicated guide tour*, including areas not usually seen by the public. Lunch– cold buffet with a variety of options. Demonstrations of pipe making and slip-casting .**Nantgarw Porcelain Afternoon, tea/coffee** cost: £22.00 per person, group size: minimum 20, maximum 35. We look forward to the possibility of hosting more WI’s in Wales and sharing the fascinating story of our porcelain heritage with you.

Contact: Claire Bentley claire.bentley@nantgarwchinaworks.org.uk

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

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

Denise Imperato– Member of Miskin & Mwyndy WI

A retired nurse. I have a presentation on The Digestive System. It lasts about 45 minutes and looks at what happens to your food as it travels through the digestive Tract. Email Denise at : den.imperato@btinternet.com

Graham Glue of ‘Sleeping Giant Foraging’.

Graham Glue, is a qualified walk leader with many years experience of leading local activities. All walks are friendly and informal and cater for all ages and abilities. Learn and have fun at the same time. The weather will never hold us back!

Graham is based in the Brecon Beacons, South Wales but is happy to lead walks further afield upon request.

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Diary dates—2024

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An evening with an Author £21 CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST	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



Coity WI

In June Coity WI enjoyed a river trip up the Tawe in Swansea. The trips are operated by a Community Trust and all the workers are volunteers. Having made all the arrangements online we congregated beside the old lighthouse in the marina, where the Copperjack was waiting. The tour guide gave a running commentary as we moved along out of the dock into the river, which was very interesting as we were able to view the shops and buildings from an angle not usually accessible. The day was sunny and clear and the river was very calm, which made it hard to imagine how polluted the waterway once was when lined with heavy industry which led to Swansea being known as the Copperopolis. There is a screen at the front of the seated area which the guide used to illustrate the history of the area and also to tell us the origins of 'Swansea Jack'. The trip lasted for 90 minutes and as well as being entertaining and informative it was good to know we were contributing to the continuation of the Swansea Community Boat Trust's good work.

Pentyrch WI

What a great night was had at our annual social gathering. Thanks to Karen for putting us through our paces and thanks to the committee for the idea, shopping, setting up etc. Everyone enjoyed the evening Yeeha!

We welcomed our new members Roz and Sue and a special warm welcome was given to our Spanish ladies Elisenda and Dania (here on holiday for a week) who really enjoyed.

Deb Hunt



Penarth Peers WI

Thirty eight members of Penarth Peers WI enjoyed a visit to Llancaiach Fawr Manor in Nelson.

The Manor House was built in around 1550 and has been restored and furnished as it would have been in 1645 when Colonel Prichard and his family lived there during the reign of Charles I.

The tour of the house is led by costumed servants living and working in 1645 who explain their roles with knowledge and humour. It is an absolutely fascinating look into history and such an enjoyable way of learning.

This was followed by a delicious afternoon tea— sandwiches, cake and scones with jam and cream, plus plenty of cups of tea/ coffee.

It was the perfect trip, less than an hour by coach, a well organised tour and refreshments afterwards. Highly recommended.

Rosemary Martin

Treforgan WI



On a rare fine day without rain in June. Twenty eight members of Treforgan Wi boarded a coach and set off for Brecon. We had time for coffee on arrival and then boarded a barge for a trip on the Brecon Canal, with a delicious afternoon tea for lunch. We were well looked

after by Tim and Mike of *Dragonfly Cruises* and spent a very relaxing couple of hours gently sailing along the canal, admiring the lovely scenery.

After the cruise the members were able to wander in the town or visit The Royal Welsh Regimental Museum before boarding the coach for the return to Radyr and Morganstown.

A lovely day out and well worth a trip to Brecon.

Diana Langmaid



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