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News from Federation House
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Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes Annual General Meeting

Wednesday the 17th of June, 2025 10.45am—4pm at Maesteg Town Hall CF34 9DA

Join us for an inspiring and uplifting day at the **GFWI AGM** - £5 entry

A celebration of **community, creativity, and connection.**

Special Guest Speakers:

Julie Mackay – Retired Detective Superintendent & Co-author of the best-selling book
To Hunt a Killer

Diana Sara Stroia – High Sheriff of West Glamorgan & passionate fundraiser for Thrive
Domestic Abuse Services

Delicious Pre-Ordered Packed Lunches – Only £7

Easy Transport – Buses from East & West

Craft Stalls – Browse beautiful creations from WI members & local businesses

Don't miss this chance to be inspired, connect with friends, and celebrate the incredible spirit of the WI!

Membership

All members (both new and renewing members) are required to complete the form when they join or renew their membership from April 2026 onwards. This is just for this membership year because of the changes to the national policy, and in future years only new members will need to complete this form.

NFWI asks where possible this form is completed and signed at the same time as membership fees are paid to the WI. NFWI is aware that the MCS reps may not be able to upload the updated data immediately, but WIs should be satisfied that the form has been completed before membership is given to individuals and any membership subscription taken.

Once a member has completed the form, WI MCS reps are required to update their WI member's MCS profiles to confirm that the individual member has completed the new version of the standardised NFWI membership form. Full instructions can be found in the practical guidance attached.

My WI link - <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/running-your-wi/members-resources>

News from Combined Arts

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By the time that you read this we would have had another successful *Murder Mystery Evening*. Thankyou to all who have supported this event and look out for another event, this time a lunch with musical entertainment, probably in November. Combined Arts is a small committee and we do need new members, especially as our secretary Mrs Myra Swinford has had to reluctantly resign. Besides being an excellent secretary, Myra contributed hugely in other ways to Combined Arts in GFWI. We will miss her and wish her well. If there is anyone out there—you do not need to be either an actor or an artist— just come with ideas, so, if you are interested contact the GFWI office.

News from Home Economics & Crafts

Daphne Furneaux

The Rose Bowl and Brecon Cup

Come and enjoy an Afternoon Tea with Speaker Emma Jayne and her inspirational and prize winning cake designs, an afternoon not to be missed.

Would you like your WI to have the honour of representing GFWI at The Royal Welsh Show? Why not enter the Rose Bowl and Brecon Cup eliminator. After seeing so many excellent Co-Operative entries at the Glamorgan Show, this is your opportunity to show what creative talent you have in your WI. With the exciting theme of "Circles, Rings and all things Round" If you are concerned about getting the exhibit to and from the RWS and would like to enter, we can help arrange this for you. Entries close on 17th April 2026.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Aberavon Beach Hotel, Port Talbot. SA12 6QP on the 22nd May 2026 and all this for £20.

Daphne Furneaux

SAFEGUARDING AT GLAMORGAN FEDERATION

With one of our key campaigns being Not In My Name, it is important that we in the WI have a mechanism for matters of concern to be reported.

Safeguarding is about protecting everyone's right to respect and dignity, living in safety free from the risk of harm caused by abuse and neglect. If members have a Safeguarding concern about another member's life outside of WI there is a structure within which to report.

There is a helpful Safeguarding Leaflet, NFWI Safeguarding Policy and which can be found on the Glamorgan Federation Website under the Safeguarding Tab on the Federation Information page. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Belinda Hansford our Safeguarding Officer at bh.consult@btinternet.com or call her on 07884 126281.

Belinda Hansford

Glamorgan Federation Project Courses in May 2026 - With the support of WI Denman



BOOKING OPENS VIA TICKETSOURCE FOR THESE COURSES ON 1 APRIL 2026

Saturday 16 May 2026 - Singing West – at Methodist Hall in Murton with Carol. Cost: £15.00

Thursday 21 May 2026 - Singing East – at Ararat Baptist Hall in Rhiwbina with Helen. Cost £15.00

Saturday 16 May Calligraphy – at Carmel Hall, Port Talbot with Judith Porch. Cost £15.00

VISIT OUR TICKETSOURCE PAGE FOR ALL THE INFORMATION. Use our dedicated page on TicketSource [https:// www.ticketsource.co.uk/glamorgan-federation-wi](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/glamorgan-federation-wi) and select the event you wish to book. You will need to fill in your contact and payment. At the end of the booking, you will receive an email confirming your place on the event. For most events you will not need a ticket. Do note the Booking Number.

By Telephone: Use the TicketSource Telephone Box Office Service (call 0333 666 3366). You can pay over the phone and give your contact details and preferences relating to the event. For most events you will not need a ticket. Do note the Booking Number.

Can I still buy tickets for friends and other WI members? You will still be able to make bulk bookings for several members in your WI at the same time, please ensure you have the contact details (email and phone number) and event preferences for each person.

What happens if I need to cancel my booking? If you decide to cancel your booking before the closing date TicketSource will keep the booking fee portion of the cost and refund the remainder directly into your account. (eg If you paid £10 you will be refunded £9.22).

What happens if Glamorgan Federation cancels an event? TicketSource will refund the full amount directly into your account.

What happens if an event is fully booked? The number of places available for each event will be clear when you go onto TicketSource. If the event is fully booked you will be able to join a waiting list so Glamorgan Federation can plan whether or not to offer another date.

Please see the TicketSource website for more information or call Belinda Hansford on 07884 126281.

Information about TicketSource and a link to the TicketSource page can also be found on the Federation Events page of the Glamorgan WI website.

Belinda Hansford

Enclosures this month

1. Q1 Membership Fees Form
2. NEW Membership Form

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

Guest Speaker and workshops : Trip Recommendation:

Trip/Event :

Engaging New Talk by Yvonne Randall 07513940540

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Growing Up an Italian in Wales

An entertaining and heartfelt talk about life, as the child of Italian immigrant parents, in 1950's and 1960's in South Wales. Many of you will remember the Italian cafes and now you will learn the background to the influence that they had on the Valleys.

Dates for your Diary

Upcoming Events	Venue	<u>Date</u>	<u>Closing date</u>
Spring Walk	Mumbles	Wednesday 15th April	Friday 27th March
Fashion Show with Lunch	Norton House Hotel Swansea	April 21st, 22nd & 23rd	Friday 13th March
Malvern Spring Flower Show	Malvern	Sunday 10th May	Friday 27th March
Glamorgan Federation Annual General Meeting 2026	Maesteg Town Hall Maesteg.	Wednesday 17th June	Friday 5th June
Board Games & Afternoon Tea	All Hallows Church Hall Miskin	Saturday 27th June	13th June 2026
London Trip	London	September 11th –13th	30th April 2026
Dance Dabble Day	Cefn Cribwr Community Centre	Sunday 30th September	Information to follow
Whist Drive	Vivian Hall, Swansea	10th October	Information to follow
Federation Quiz	The Hi-Tide Inn	Tuesday 20th October	Information to follow
Paint Along Lady	Carmel Chapel, Port Talbot	Saturday 7th November	Information to follow
Birmingham NEC Cake & Craft Show	Birmingham	Sunday 8th November	Information to follow
Christmas Tree Festival & Craft Spectacular	Margam Orangery	Saturday 21st November	Information to follow

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Margam WI



Margam WI carried out a series of fundraising events throughout the year which included an afternoon tea to raise funds in support of our local R.N.L.I. Our President Tricia Davies presented a cheque to Mr. Clive Morris for £500 which was greatly appreciated.

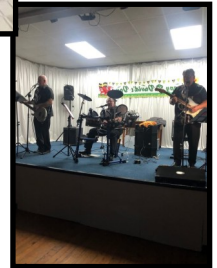
Gill Ireland

Treorchy WI



Treorchy W.I. Enjoyed their annual celebrations at St Matthews Church Hall to celebrate St Davids day with a ham salad supper and a favourite with all the ladies apple tart and cream. These two lovely ladies turn up every year in their full regalia without fail. Thank you both. The night was finished off with the entertainer Dave Richie singing songs from our era. All enjoyed the evening and we look forward to next year.

Cynon Valley WI



Cynon Valley WI celebrated their 10th anniversary in style! With live music, a fantastic buffet, our own awards ceremony honouring our amazing members and a massive raffle!

A great time was had by all.

Here's to the next 10 years of fun, learning and friendship!

Rhian Thomas

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

