

### News From Federation—Office Support

We are currently looking for someone to provide part time office support at Federation House in Port Talbot, working alongside our Federation Secretary Beth.

The duties would range from dealing with telephone calls, personal callers to the office, organising and setting up the meeting rooms, mailing, filing, shredding, recycling and general support to the Federation Secretary.

Additional duties would include ensuring office upkeep and maintenance, arranging/organising for repairs, annual appliance servicing or other necessary work to be carried out.

The hours required are 10 hours per week over two days, primarily on Mondays and Thursdays 9:30—2:30. Occasionally some flexibility may be required in order to support Federation activities.

The pay scale will be as per the government specified National Living Wage. We are looking to fill this post as quickly as possible so an early response would be very much appreciated.

If you are interested or would like further information please contact me on [barbara.bowring@virginmedia.com](mailto:barbara.bowring@virginmedia.com) or telephone 07894858722.

Thank you

Barbara Bowring and Glamorgan Federation Board of Trustees.

### Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes

#### Annual Council Meeting

May 7th 2025

10:45-16:00

Barry Memo Arts Centre, Barry.

#### Guest speakers:

Jason Mohammed, Radio & TV

Presenter

David Coombs—Brecon Mountain  
Rescue

Tickets available £10

This is our Annual Meeting for all WI members in the Glamorgan Federation. A day long conference. There will be two guest speakers and you will hear from some of our Board members about our past year as well as the Federation Accounts.

With 91 WIs in our Federation, this is always a great day, plenty of time to chat as well as exploring some WI activities and an opportunity to purchase from the WI Markets stalls.

Every WI can send ONE delegate for FREE.

Tea and coffee will be available to purchase, but it is advisable to bring a packed lunch.

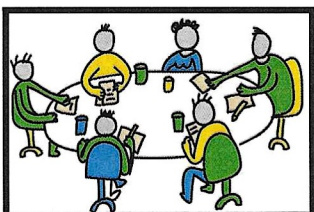
Tickets are available through your WI secretary.

### Sub Committee Members Needed

Love organising and sharing ideas, enjoy being a part of a group and working collaboratively,

GFWI Sub-committees could be the place for you.

Contact: 01639 881588  
Mobile : 07368 619931  
For more information





### News from Membership

Pam Dinham Tel: [REDACTED]  
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Very important reminder

Please remember you must send in your completed membership subscription forms to the office when you are paying by BACs or cheque.

You can email a copy to glamorgan@btconnect.com or post it to:

Federation House, 13 Courtland Place, Port Talbot, SA13 1JJ.

### News from Shows

Myra Thomas: [REDACTED]  
Email myraethomas@gmail.com

### GLAMORGAN WI SHOW JULY 5TH 2025

#### ABERAVON BEACH HOTEL

#### 'WHAT ARE THE JUDGES LOOKING FOR?'

Four judges, craft, cookery, preserves and floral have agreed to come along to a meeting at Carpenters Arms Efail Isaf CF38 1AR on Saturday morning 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025 10a.m. - 12a.m. Tea/coffee available. This is a valuable source of information for anybody entering the Show and we are very grateful to them for agreeing to help, so please come along and ask your questions.

The Committee

### News from Sport & Leisure

Sandra Davidson tel: [REDACTED]  
email sandradav@talktalk.net

A date for your diary 'Afternoon Tea and Board Games'

Bishopston Community Hall, Saturday 12th of July.

More information to follow.

### News from Home Economics & Craft

Alexis James Tel: [REDACTED]  
Email: alexisjames3@hotmail.com

We have had a good response to the Staging and Interpretation Day which will be reported on in the next news letter.

On Tuesday the 20th May, The Rosebowl & Brecon Cup preliminary round will be held at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl. View the entries and join us for afternoon tea.

Our Autumn event is the ever popular visit to the Malvern Show on Sunday the 28th of September.

We are planning a Christmas workshop to end the year.

Look out for our table at The Annual Council Meeting in Barry. Come along and meet the Committee. If you have any suggestions for future events let us know.

### News from PR Social Media & Website

Message from Belinda Hansford,  
Federation Media/PR/Web  
(bh.consult@btinternet.com)



#### Glamorgan Federation Website

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

**Glamorgan Federation Website.... Your Place for Federation Events and Information.... Photos of recent events too! Check out photos of past events on the Past events page!**

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

Under Federation Events Current there is a tab on the left for some of the larger events – Glamorgan Show, 2025 Holiday Trip.

If you have ideas of questions and answers we can put on the site that will help WIs, let me know at [bh.consult@btinternet.com](mailto:bh.consult@btinternet.com). Your one stop shop for many of your Glamorgan Federation WI needs if you are not on FB which we know is not everyone's "cup of tea". Also message me if you spot any errors please!

**Facebook Page** – do pop over and join the Glamorgan Facebook Page. 675 members so far... with a strong rate of engagement with the page at nearly 80%. This means people are mostly finding it a useful tool and worth visiting..

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1516315241969326>

As it is a private page, you will need to agree to the rules for the site which ask you to be respectful of each other; and tell us of which WI you are a member. It may then be a few days till you are granted access. This is a great place to share information/photos about your recent events, along with details of any excellent speakers. Members should feel free to safely contact each other with questions. This can be a



Please remember when calling the office and

leaving a message to state the following:

- Full Name
- WI
- Telephone number
- Reason why you are calling.

***Enclosures this month***

1. Glamorgan Federation Annual Council Meeting ticket order form.
2. Diary orders.
3. Darts Flyer.
4. Federation 'Let's Celebrate Christmas'.
5. GFWI Accounts.

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

Share your recommendations for good speakers or trips..

- ⇒ **Author Talks—Marc Harris.** A broad range of topics including, ghost stories, nature, wildlife, travel writing and poetry talks. Vale area. Can be contacted on 07707555040 or Email [marc.l.harris@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marc.l.harris@hotmail.co.uk)
- ⇒ **Needle Felting Joy—Eva Leslie.** Needle felt crafting for over 10 years, creating 3D animals, poppies and Christmas decorations to name but a few. Demonstrations and workshops available. I provide all the materials and very flexible as to 'where and when'. Contact—[www.facebook.com/needlefeltingjoy](http://www.facebook.com/needlefeltingjoy) Email: [evaleslie@gmail.com](mailto:evaleslie@gmail.com) mobile: 07925090265.
- ⇒ **Glaucoma UK sight charity—** Glaucoma is a sight threatening condition that left untreated can lead to blindness. We raise awareness by giving talks, providing advice or attending coffee morning sessions. If you would like us to speak at one of your meetings, contact Wayne Bebb on the following— mobile number— 07976085240 or Email— [w.bebb@glaucoma.uk](mailto:w.bebb@glaucoma.uk)
- ⇒ **Artisan wallpapers & textiles— Justyna Medon.** Addicted to Patterns is a Wales-based creative studio founded by Justyna Medon professional printmaker and surface decoration specialist and Monika Swiatek product photographer. Addicted to Patterns duo creates unique, hand painted & hand printed wall hangings that will change the way you look at walls. Talks and printmaking demonstrations available. Email— [Justyna justyna@justynamedon.uk](mailto:Justyna.justyna@justynamedon.uk)

**Dates for your Diary**

Upcoming Events	Venue	Date	Closing date
Staging & Interpretation Day	Carmel Chapel	Thursday 27th March 2025	14th March 2025
NFWI Wales Conference	Llanelli	April 16th 2025	Form online
GFWI Annual Council Meeting	Barry Memorial Hall, Barry	Wednesday 7th May 2025	Friday 2nd May
Chepstow Races	Chepstow Race Course	Monday 16th June 2025	2nd May 2025
Darts	Pencoed Social Club	Saturday 28th June 2025	13th June 2025
Afternoon Tea & Board Games	Bishopston Community Hall	Saturday 12th July 2025	Information to follow
Garden Party	Margam Orangery	Wednesday 16th July 2025	Information to follow
Malvern Show	Malvern	Sunday 28th September 2025	Information to follow
Let's Celebrate Christmas	Aberavon Hotel, Aberavon	Monday 1st December 2025	30th June 2025



**Beddau Belles WI, Carnegie Girls WI and Glam Girls WI**

Let's Dance Event

What a fabulous day!! Beddau Belles, Carnegie Girls and Glam Girls WIs hosted a Let's Dance Party on Sunday 2nd of March and a great time was had by ladies from the host WIs plus Church Village, Tonteg, Gwauncelyn and Ynysangharad WIs.

Demonstrations from local dance leaders included modern dance, ballet, ballroom, line and belly dancing. The passion for dance was clear and all the ladies participated during a fun filled afternoon.

This was a part of the *National Let's Dance* initiative led by Angela Rippon, with the benefits for health & well-being promoted and lots of opportunities to continue dancing offered to WI members.

This is a small selection of photos from the event.



Amanda Powell

**Gwauncelyn WI**



Gwauncelyn WI proudly present a cheque for £840.00 to R.C.T. Domestic Abuse Services. It was gratefully received by their representative, Steven Harris. We are going to continue to support them by donating items of clothing to the Service.

Joy Howells President

**Porth WI**



We had a wonderful February meeting with Fauve Birch ( from Great British Sewing Bee) who came to give a talk on her experience and clothes she designed when she was on the Television show in 2023, her humour had us in stitches, and her journey was very interesting, well worth inviting her to your meeting.

Elaine Andrews

**Tonyrefail WI**

What a fabulous night The Tonyrefail WI had on Thursday 6th March. Members were previously asked for volunteers to select and read out a poem or interesting story of their own choice and/or to donate any unwanted items to bring to our themed night, *Poems & Pints and Bring & Buy*.

The 1st part of the night started with several brave loyal members in turn, reading out serious, unusual and hilarious stories and poems. The hall was filled with singing, laughter, WOW's and clapping! I didn't see the pints but what a great start to the night!!!

The meeting continued with our *Bring & Buy*, the donated items which included clothes, shoes, handbags, books, jewellery and much more. The prices were affordable and it was so lovely to see everyone engaging and enjoying themselves.

At the end of the night we had sold over 100 items. All monies will go back into the WI funds to be used for future events and everything unsold was donated to our local charity organisation -a very worthy cause.

Everyone agreed that it was a great success and an event that we will be repeated in the future.

