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Happy New Year

News from the Federation Chair

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Welcome to 2026. I do hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful festive break. There is a lot to think about in the first quarter of 2026 Subscriptions, Resolutions, and Federation Board Nominations (see Board Voting Forms). all of which your WI Secretary will have information on. Not to forget a lot of programme planning still needed or finalised by your WIs: a committee's work is never done, as we know. Please do support and help your Officers & Committee members to make your WI what you want it to be for the coming year. Let's continue with 2026 being a supportive and happy time for members across the Federation from the ground up. Happy New Year to everyone and wishing you all an enjoyable and successful year ahead, best wishes from your Board of Trustees.

Barbara Bowring

Membership Subscription rates 2026

Pro-rata subscription for new members in their first year New members joining the WI from April 2026 for the first time, or who have not been members of any WI in the past year, will pay a pro-rata subscription depending on the quarter in which they join. The rate per quarter and the distribution are shown in the following table.

Date of joining	Total Subscription	WI Share	Federation Share	NFWI Share
1 st April to 30 th June 2026	£54.00	£27.10	£12.55	£14.35
1 st July to 30 th to September 2026	£40.50	£20.33	£9.41	£10.76
1 st October to 31 st December 2026	£27.00	£13.55	£6.28	£7.17
1 st January to 31 st March 2027	£13.50	£6.78	£3.14	£3.58

Pooling of Fares Please note that as the Annual Meeting in 2026 will be conducted entirely online, federations and WIs will not be required to pay Pooling of Fares fees. This will next be applied in 2027 to reflect that the Annual Meeting will be in-person that year.

News from Combined Arts

Claire Atherton tel: [REDACTED]

It is not too late to apply for the ever popular MURDER MYSTERY event on Wednesday 18th March 2026 at the Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl.

Closing date is Friday 27th of February.

So come on sleuths and pit your wits against the Porth Players.

Claire Atherton

News from Membership

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MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM(MCS) UPDATE

The MCS database is an important tool at all levels of the WI and the information stored there must be accurate. Each WI must nominate an MCS Rep who has volunteered to look after their WI's record on the system and to therefore keep the NFWI up-to-date with its members. Your MCS rep does not have to be a one of the current Committee members.

Keeping the MCS up to date allows the members to receive national mailings, voucher books, raffle tickets and their copy of the quarterly WI Life magazine and can access My WI and [WI Training](#). MCS Reps should check that:

- Paid –up members are listed.
- Members' details are correct.
- Lapsed members are removed.
- Officers' roles and committee positions are correctly assigned.
- Members have their email address listed.

MCS Reps must tick the 'paid' box upon receipt of the annual subscriptions to ensure MCS is kept up to date.

All Wis are asked to check that this has been done for 2025 and to ensure that the box is ticked for 2026 in due course.

If you need any help with your records please do not hesitate to contact Amanda Powell (WI Adviser) at amandapow2@hotmail.co.uk— or your WI Adviser will be happy to help and support you with any queries

Glamorgan Federation Project with support from



We are excited to continue with this project and will be welcoming some new members to our committee to support spending the Funding we have obtained in the best way possible.

As Willow Weaving was heavily oversubscribed in the West of the Federation we have scheduled another course for the 12th of February at Carmel Chapel.

Our next group of courses will be in May—some details with this newsletter.

Booking on the next set of courses will likely be via a booking system, and more details will be published mid February via your Secretary's as well as on Facebook and the Website.

In the next Newsletter we will report on Feedback form our first set of courses.

The basis of our project is to trial a number of different ways of holding courses, as such the next courses may be half days on a range of topics. Prices will vary for each set of courses on offer.

Belinda Hansford

GLAMORGAN WI SHOW JULY 10TH & 11TH 2026

A reminder ladies that there is a meeting at TESCO Fforest Fach, SA5 5BA on Monday the 2nd of February 2026 at 6.30pm.

A chance to ask questions and share ideas.

A meeting has been arranged for Monday 16th February 2026 at 6.30pm at the Carpenters Arms, Efail Isaf, CF38 1AR.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Zoom meeting on Tuesday the 17th February 2026. Any queries please email

glamorganshow@gmail.com

Show Committee

London Away Days September 2026

Happy New Year to you all, I trust all the decorations have been put away and the last of the chocolates have been eaten and you are all eagerly looking forward to a little break. As mentioned in a recent newsletter, we have put together a couple of day's excitement in London, 11th – 13th September 2026. The coach, hotel and the two excursions have been booked, so it's up to you to add your names to the flyers, plus your deposit, which will be with your WI for your next meeting. I look forward to your bookings dropping through my letter box and if you have any further questions, please give me a call. 07918777961

Margaret Maguire Trustee.

Enclosures this month

1. Malvern Spring Flower Show.
2. London Trip Flyer.
3. NFWI Wales Conference, Aberystwyth Flyer.
4. Annuals form for WIs to send to their Advisers before their Annual Meeting.
5. Treasurers pack— checklist—financial statement.

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

Guest Speaker and workshops :Emma Jayne—International Award Winning Cake Designer

Contact: Emma Jayne via her website <https://ejcd.co.uk>

Trip Recommendation: The Quilting and Sewing Show at Llanelwedd Showground. Quilting dates 20th & 21st of February 2026. Prices are reasonable with reductions if tickets are bought in advance. Reduced rate for over 60s. Free entry for Children. Free parking. Details can be found online.

Gill Davies, Pontypridd WI

Dates for your Diary

Upcoming Events	Venue	<u>Date</u>	<u>Closing date</u>
Fashion Show and Afternoon Tea	The Heronston Hotel, Bridgend.	March, 10th, 11th & 12th 2026	Friday 30th January
Murder Mystery Evening	The Hi Tide Inn, Porthcawl	Wednesday 18th March	Friday 27th February
NFWI Conference	Aberystwyth National Library of Wales	Wednesday 25th & 26th March 2026	January 29th 2026
Spring Walk	Mumbles	Wednesday 15th April	Information to follow
Fashion Show with Lunch	Norton House Hotel, Swansea	April 21st, 22nd & 23rd 2026	Friday 13th March
Malvern Spring Flower Show	Malvern	Sunday 10th May 2026	Friday 27th March
Glamorgan Federation Annual General Meeting 2026	Maesteg Town Hall, Maesteg.	Wednesday 17th June, 2026	Information to follow
London Trip	London	September 11th –13th 2026	30th April 2026
Christmas Tree Festival & Craft Spectacular	Margam Orangery	Saturday 21st November 2026	Information to follow
Birmingham NEC Cake & Craft Show	Birmingham	November 2026	Information to follow

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Port Talbot WI



Port Talbot WI made a donation to Shelter Cymru of 74 beanie hats, 20 tote bags, 6 assorted headbands/gloves and £75 cash.

Neil Davies accepted our offering and spoke about the work done by Shelter to support families and individuals in Wales who are in danger of becoming homeless.

Chris Gow

Garw Valley WI



Our first meeting back after Christmas, we were excited to have *Emma Jayne, Cake Design* to showcase her fantastic work and tell us how she started as just a local cake maker in Aberdare to then teach her sugarcraft designs all over the world. She exhibits at Cake International at the NEC Birmingham and we are planning to have a trip to see the show in December.



Jackie Goode

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