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GLAMORGAN WI SHOW

Our Marylyn presented a cheque for £200 to Ysgol y Deri thanks to generosity of visitors to our Show in July. You voted for your winner of the men's class while donating monies to this very worthy cause.



We are in the process of organising next year's show July 4/5th July 2025 so any suggestions

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Stay Safe, Keep Safe 23rd October 10am-3pm

Come along to the Senedd Wednesday 23rd of October for our GFWI Stay Safe, Keep Safe event where you can get an insight in to being able to recognize the signs that someone is in need of support and listen to speakers between 10am and 12pm.

- Emma Wools Police and Crime Commissioner
- Andrea Cooper- Elder Abuse Lead
- Sarah Smith- Trading Standards Officer

FREE to all to enter and there will be stands from many other organizations where you will be able to obtain information and possibly arrange speakers for your 2025 Programme.

Why not take this opportunity to do some shopping around the Bay, or have some lunch while you are here.

Please remember to send the list of your attendees to the GFWI office so we can comply with the Senedd security arrangements.

News from Home Economics & Craft

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Congratulations To Margaret Maguire who won with her floral arrangement The Royal Welsh Show.

Our Dabble Day will be held on Saturday 7th December 2024 at Carmel Chapel, Port Talbot. There will be four crafts for you to try out, Dorset buttons, shadow work, ribbon craft and a miscellany. See the flyer in this issue of the newsletter.

Look out for Judges Day in the new year. Find out what the judges look for in your exhibits and how they can be enhanced.

Also a separate day will be arranged which will address Staging and Interpretation of co-operatives.

The theme for the Rosebowl/Brecon Cup in 2025 is Shades of a Colour.

Alexis James

News from Combined Arts

By Claire Atherton tel: [REDACTED]

As you will have seen from the previous newsletter, the evening with an Author had to be cancelled owing to a lack of interest.

However; we do have plans for 2025, which may also include a *Wine and Words* evening and possibly a *Murder Mystery* performance.

Please support these events, as without support these events would not be able to take place.

Claire Atherton

News from Sport & Leisure

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On Saturday 13th July, 48 ladies gathered at *All Hallows Church Hall, Miskin*, to participate in the inaugural *Board Games and Afternoon Tea event*. The event was devised by The Sport and Leisure Committee when challenged to come up with something new. We had no idea how it would go down but we needn't have worried. Various games such as *Sorry, Rummikub, Cluedo, Uno* and several others were made available and tables were set up for four ladies who then chose a game. Judging by the laughter and shrieks coming from the hall, it went down well. In the meantime the S and L committee were in the kitchen, frantically assembling cake stands and setting out a traditional afternoon tea with lots of cakes and sandwiches and plenty of tea. After the games had been running for one and a half hours we re-laid the tables for tea with tables of eight set with table cloths, cups and saucers, teapots and cake stands as is the tradition. We were complimented on the food for its variety and quantity and everyone left well satisfied and many asked for us to hold the event again. The Committee were very tired but happy after another successful event but we might want a bit of time before we run it again. Well done to Amanda who organised the food.

If you haven't seen the Baton of Friendship Video then head over to the Glamorgan Federation website to watch Wendy Knight's tour of the WIs.

Belinda Hansford

News from PR Social Media & Web-site

Message from Belinda Hansford,
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Glamorgan Federation Website

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

Do take a look at the Glamorgan Website where you will find information about Current Events, Past Events(photos etc) as well as other useful information. Do contact me if you have ideas of what could be added. We want to make this a one-stop shop for many of your Glamorgan Federation WI needs.

Facebook Page— do pop over and join the Glamorgan Facebook Page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1516315241969326>

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

Creating Your Own Webpage on the NFWI Platform

Although some WIs have created pages elsewhere, the NFWI platform is a great place to start sharing some basic information about your WI. This can be from just a welcome note with a copy of your current programme, to photos of events.

Bont-Faen WI have created several pages using the free platform— take a look at: <https://glamorgan.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/bontfaen/about-us>.

Bont-Faen's website would be quite ambitious to create in one go, but it would be great to see more WIs creating a page or two on the free platform. This is what I have done for our WI: <https://glamorgan.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/three-crosses/three-crosses-wi-information>.

If anyone wants to get started, then I am happy to help. Whilst the software itself is not complicated if you have never used one before it can seem a bit mystifying. It works in a certain way, but once you get the idea you will fly along!

Caerphilly WI



Fourteen members of Caerphilly WI enjoyed a day out in *Aberglasney Gardens* on the 14th August. The weather was glorious! We finished off with a meal at *The Heronston Hotel, Bridgend*, where we had VIP treatment!

Treorchy WI



21 members of Treorchy W.I. Were treated to a delightful day out at the BBC Studios Cardiff. We were greeted by three tour guides who were excellent in explaining how the studios operate it was very interesting for all members who enjoyed being entertained immensely. Our day was finished off with a lunch at the Cotes restaurant. Bring on the next adventure!

Enclosures this month

- 1 Newsletter Subscription Fees
- 2 Q2 Membership Subscription Fees
- 3 Whist Drive-Murton Methodist Hall
- 4 Dabble Day

Mynydd Cynnfig,WI

It was the 13th August and we were off on our summer trip this year we were going to Ross on Wye. We left Kenfig Hill at 9am and we were lucky the weather was with us, we were all in good spirits and determined to enjoy our trip. We stopped at Labels for some retail therapy and tea and coffee. Soon we were on our way to Ross. The weather stayed good all day not too hot just right, Ross on Wye is a lovely town lots of little shops and many charity shops for us to browse, the restaurants and cafes gave us a good choice to eat and the day went all too quickly and soon it was time to get on our bus. We were lucky with the traffic and soon we were home. We all agreed that Enid had once again got it just right and that we had all enjoyed our summer trip. Next year who knows where we shall go but we will all enjoy I'm sure.

Christine Callaghan President.

Mumbles,WI

Mumbles WI has been 'Swishing'. We held a very enjoyable swishing event at our June meeting. If you don't know what swishing is let me explain. Everyone brings an item of clothing from the back of their wardrobe which they will never wear again. These are displayed on a rail and then you 'Swish'. That is you choose a different item from the rail which suits you. It is great fun. Everyone involved gets a new item of clothing completely free and the environment benefits. This was our contribution to 'The big Green Week' although it must be said a little later than planned.

Annette Sweetman



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

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

Kiri Cullen– *All Steps First Dance LTD.* I facilitate and organise dance classes for various groups and abilities. I have been lucky enough to provide dance classes for a few WIs across the country. Wide choices of dance styles, from Bollywood, ABBA themed and Salsa. Contact Kiri for more details on 07724240244

Dates for your Diary

Upcoming Events	Venue	Date	Closing date
Malvern Flower Show £35	Malvern	Sunday 29 September 2024	Saturday 13th July
Autumn Circular Walk £3 Rhossili	Rhossili, Gower, Swansea	Wednesday 9th October	Monday 30th September
Singing Yoga £5	Vivian Hall, Swansea	Saturday 12th October	Friday 4th October
Presidents Coffee Morning	Carmel Chapel, Port Talbot	Saturday 19th October	Contact Federation Secretary with your RSVP.
Federation Quiz £10	Hi Tide Inn, Porthcawl	Tuesday 22 October 2024	Friday 27th September
Stay Safe Keep Safe	The Senedd, Cardiff Bay	Wednesday 23rd October	Tuesday 1st October
Craft Spectacular Fayre £20	The Orangery, Margam Park	Saturday 16 November 2024	9 October 2024
Whist Drive £5	Murton Methodist Hall, Swansea	Saturday 30th November	1st November 2024
Dabble Day	Carmel Chapel, Port Talbot	Saturday 7th December	15th November 2024

Parkmill WI



Parkmill WI held two interesting events in July.

For our July meeting, which is traditionally held outdoors we had a Treasure Hunt around Swansea Marina organised by Jayne Sims, Liz Stone and Jane Probert. Twenty five members attended and the weather was kind. There were no individual winners, but we were all treated to a gold chocolate (the treasure!) as a reward for completing the hunt. Several of us then made our way to the Yacht Club for a get together and a drink or two.

We were also lucky with the weather on our second outing on 9th July to the Museum of Welsh Life at St Fagans. Thirty one members attended and after a visit to the café, all enjoyed walking round the many and varied buildings. One member found the newly opened Vulcan Public house that she used to drink in when she was at Cardiff University! All the buildings had a member of staff nearby answering any questions. St Fagans is well worth a visit and of course it's free! We continued on to Porthcawl for a late lunch before returning home.

Edna Wood

Creigiau WI



WI Suffragettes at Creigiau Carnival

The annual Creigiau Carnival took place on 29 June on a warm sunny day - the theme for the carnival this year was "Musicals." Creigiau WI, for the first time in many years, joined the

carnival parade as a group of "WI Suffragettes" from the musical Mary Poppins. Steph Griffiths, Hilary Coombes, Jane Bond, Jan Britton, Linda King and Ann Taylor were the "suffragettes." Ann Taylor, President, received the First-Place rosette on behalf of the group. WI Members also manned a stall at the recreation ground with tombola for adults and a hoopla game for children with prizes. Our members brought along items for the tombola and Tesco Express Creigiau donated a hamper for the tombola and windmills for the children. Prizes for the children had been purchased in advance by the sub-committee. The stall was kept busy all afternoon.

The sub-committee of Jan Britton, Hilary Coombes, Elaine Cox, Steph Griffiths and Gillian Evans worked hard in organising everything, from the collecting of donations to the setting up of the stall on the morning of the carnival.

Merthyr Mawr WI



£500 raised for Dementia UK

Merthyr Mawr WI hosted their first charity coffee morning on Saturday 6th July 2024 at the Vale of Glamorgan Cricket Club, which raised £500 for Dementia UK (www.dementiauk.org). With a vintage theme, there was pretty bunting, nostalgic music, Guess the name of the Teddy, a quiz, a raffle and of course lots of homemade cakes.

Also included in the morning were two short presentations, one by WI Committee member, Christine Anstee, a local Dementia UK Volunteer Ambassador. Christine gave an insight into the support families can access from Dementia UK's including the Admiral Nurses and the 24/7 helpline. The second presentation, by WI member Mandy Buckley, Volunteer for Feel Good for Life @haloleisure.org.uk, was about the range of physical and well-being activities available locally for those with dementia and their Carer's.

The coffee morning saw a wonderful selection of delicious cakes being offered (baked and donated by WI members) which were all snapped up by either members, their families, local residents or Vale cricket teams who were playing their matches at home at the cricket club.

It was such a successful event that the committee would like to thank those WI members who baked, those members who helped on the day and of course to everyone who came to the event and donated so generously.

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