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News from Federation House

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Welcome to Autumn everyone!

What a summer, time now to welcome some autumnal weather - certainly our gardens will be grateful. Hopefully, you have lots of interesting activities arranged what with Halloween, Christmas and New Year to celebrate but don't forget to plan your Christmas tree and or craft table for our event at the Orangery, it will be the first time we have combined the two elements and hopefully it will be a great showcase for all things WI.

Best wishes

Barbara.

Federation Chair

News from the Federation Treasurer

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Please will all WIs and any members who have Federation cheques please ensure they are cashed before the 31st October as this is the end of the Federation financial year.

The Federation is introducing a new accounts system as and from the 1st November 2026 so do not want any outstanding items eg cheques. Plus please send any subscriptions for members who have joined your WIs up to the 30th September 2026 and any outstanding for 2025.

Many thanks

Myra Thomas

Federation Treasurer



A Very Big Thankyou!

Everyone at Federation house past and present would like to thank Pauline Player, the house cleaner for her loyalty and commitment to Federation House for over 40 years of service. We wish Pauline a very long and happy retirement.

Important reminder

We have upgraded our email system to a business account.

Our new email addresses are as follows:

Federation Secretary -

admin@glamorganfedwi.org.uk

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News from Public Affairs

Jacqui Sparks

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Members of the Public Affairs Committee and Membership Support had a long and very warm day at the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural show in August. Our stand was promoting and supporting the WI White Ribbon Campaign - working towards an end to violence against women and girls. We were on site early and left late, but it was a very worthwhile event. It was amazing how many women and men wanted to share their personal stories and experiences. Everyone who visited our stand went away wearing the white ribbons we gave them - courtesy of the ladies from Barry WI. We even attracted a visit from Kanishka Nataran local MP who expressed his wholehearted support for our campaign.

Thank you to Jacqui Sparks, Lynda Wallace Hawkins and Pam Dinham for your hard work and additional thanks to Jacqui and Lynda for the Welsh cakes and iced cakes which certainly helped us attract visitors to our stall.

Barbara Bowring

News from Home Economics & Crafts

Daphne Furneaux

Email:

Congratulations to Swansea Central W.I. and Gloria Jones from Port Talbot W.I. with their interpretation of 'Circles, Rings and All Things Round' who were representing G.F.W.I. at the Royal Welsh Show in July 2026. Where there was an excellent standard of work in the Rose Bowl Co-operative competition and Gloria Jones achieved a Very Highly Commended in the Brecon Cup competition, well done. They both did excellent exhibits, especially with the weather being one of the hottest days. We were very proud of you all. Well done.

We are looking forward to creating a 'Winter Hanging Basket or Trough' to have colour in our gardens throughout the winter. This workshop is being held in Carmel Chapel, Port Talbot, SA13 3AR. 10am – 12noon or 1pm – 3pm on Saturday 3rd October 2026. The cost of each session is £25 including all materials.

We are very pleased to announce we have three full buses to travel to "Simply Christmas" at Birmingham, NEC – Sunday 8th November 2026. The Creative Craft Show, Sewing for Pleasure (Winter Edition), Cake International and Bake International. I'm sure you are all going to have an amazing day.

Daphne Furneaux

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DENMAN PROJECT

With our £10,000 from the Denman Fund and £10,000 from Glamorgan Federation in September and October we are running 15 courses on a wide range of crafts with about 180 places being taken up. All the courses are subsidised by 50% from both Glamorgan Federation Funds and the Denman Grant in equal shares.

Since we began in January:

170 members from 38 WIs have enjoyed a courses in the programme.

Only a fraction of our membership, in the last phase in the Spring it would be great to see more of you.

Remember the Denman Funded Courses are exceptional value so take advantage whilst you can.

We also want to understand why we are not seeing more of you:

Is it TicketSource?

Is it the course locations?

Timings?

Is it the topics?

Please do let us know either for yourself or any feedback from your WI as a whole.

Always happy to receive suggestions to help us to improve and get the best value out of the grant for our members.

Belinda Hansford

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News from Combined Arts

Claire Atherton

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It's not too late to enjoy lunch and be entertained by Dennis Lang at the Hi-Tide, Porthcawl on 18th November 2026.

Do please support us - we look forward to seeing you on the day.

Closing date for this event is: **30th October 2026**

Claire Atherton

Enclosures this month

1. Christmas Tree Festival & craft Spectacular—Combined event Margam Orangery
2. Q3 membership fees form

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

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

- **Guest Speaker:** Dr Steve Nichols
- **Email address:** N/A
- **Telephone number:** 07969698938.

Chair of Adult Learning Wales (formally the WEA) Topic- Second Chance Education for Adults in Wales.

Highly recommended- (we had a lively debate following Steve's presentation) by Ann Jones of Pontcanna & Canton WI.

Dates for your Diary

Upcoming Events	Venue	<u>Date</u>	<u>Closing date</u>
Winter Hanging Basket or Trough.	Carmel Chapel, PortTalbot	Saturday 3rd October	18th September Closed
Whist Drive	Vivian Hall, Swansea	Saturday 10th October	26th September
Federation Quiz	The Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl	Tuesday 20th October	18th September Closed
Visit to the Houses of Parliament	London	Wednesday 21st October	26th July Closed
Paint Along Lady	Carmel Chapel, PortTalbot	Saturday 7th November	25th October 2026
Birmingham NEC Simply Christmas & Cake Show	Birmingham	Sunday 8th November 2026	31st of July 2026 Closed
Christmas Tree Festival & Craft Spectacular <i>Faye</i>	Margam Orangery	Saturday 21st November 2026	Friday ~~8th~~ 9th October
Welsh Council Meeting Two night stay in Porthmadog	Porthmadog	17th—19th March 2027	1st September 2026 <i>change date 31.12.26.</i>
NFWI London AGM (Face to face)	Connexin Live, Hull	3rd of June, 2027	To Follow

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Parkmill WI

Celebrating 60 years as a member of Parkmill WI

At our September meeting we held a special celebration as one of our members, Barbara Cornelius, has been a member for 60 glorious years. She joined in 1966 and during that time has been a very enthusiastic and loyal member. She has been on committee many times and has held the posts of Treasurer, Secretary and President. She still attends our monthly meetings regularly and loves to take part in any activities on offer. Barbara said that "The WI has always been an important part of my life"

Our speaker at the meeting was Graham Thomas, the Toastmaster who gave a special toast and presentation to Barbara and the members enjoyed Prosecco and homemade cake.

Jayne Sims

Taffodils WI



Gin, giggles and gorgeous views at Hensol Castle Distillery. Taffodils WI ladies sipped their way through gin from fruity favourites to "ooh that's got a kick" tasters on a wonderful afternoon out!

Jackie Maber

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



GLYNNEATH & DISTRICTS WI

Community Kindness – Trauma Teddies Project



The ladies of **Glynneath & District WI** have been busy with their knitting needles, creating a wonderful collection of *Trauma Teddies*. These soft, comforting bears have been lovingly crafted for the **Glynneath Fire Service**, who will hand them to children during their emergency calls. The teddies are designed to bring reassurance and a sense of safety at what can often be a frightening time.

Murton Village WI



Murton Village 20th Anniversary

This year Murton Village WI is celebrating its 20th year. We were honoured to receive a certificate to mark the occasion at the Glamorgan AGM. The members have suggested several events to celebrate this milestone including a visit to Aberglasney Gardens and an Afternoon Tea. In addition to this Helen, one of our talented members has created this beautiful post box topper for the box nearest to the hall where we have our monthly meeting. The design captures the spirit of WI, publicises our group and decorates our community.

Alison Yoong

Tir Iarl WI



Members of Tir Iarl, Llangynwyd WI on their summer trip to the Gwili Railway in Carmarthen.

Jennifer Watkins