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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS of WI

ADELAIDE HOODLESS — A SUCCESSFUL WOMAN AND MOTHER

In Stoney Creek, a Canadian village
Where the landscape was green, harsh and wild,
Lived a woman called Adelaide Hoodless
Who was mourning the death of her child.

Her child, Jack, died through her lack of knowledge
Of good home care and proper hygiene,
Adelaide aired her views at a meeting
She spoke out and told them of her dream.

Her dream was that girls education
Should contain home crafts and practical skills,

That would help them look after their families
And protect them from all kinds of ills.

'Twas the year of eighteen ninety seven
When the W I movement began All the women
attending that meeting Added up to one
hundred and one.

Grouped together the women developed,
Spreading right across oceans and sea,
If Adelaide Hoodless could come back today

Oh! What a proud woman she'd be.

Her success can't be measured in money
Or in land that is green, harsh and wild,

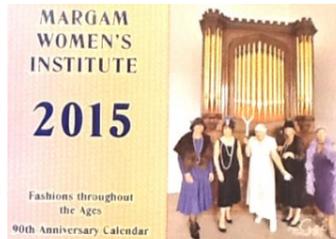
Her success can be measured in courage
Triggered off by the death of her child
Anna Brown Treorchy WI

Memories In 1997 I was one of over 450 WI members from Glamorgan who visited Canada to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the WI. We stayed in various Toronto hotels and visited many of the city's famous sights including the CN tower with the glass floor. We visited Niagara Falls and Stoney Creek where we attended a short service and signed the Visitors' book at Adelaide Hoodless's house. A wonderful time was had by all. *Editor*

Glamorgan WIs enjoy special birthdays

Margam WI Complete their 90th Anniversary celebrations

Following a fashion show held at Margam Castle depicting fashion through the ages from the 1920s to modern day, it was decided that we would become the calendar girls. Photographs were taken by a very patient Sue Griffiths of our models each wearing the outfits worn in the fashion show. These photographs were then put together as a commemorative calendar.



Penllyn & District WI are 50

President Novello Peters welcomed members and guests to a champagne supper in the village Hall to celebrate their 50th birthday in style. Among the guests were founder members Mrs Joanna Cory, the first president, and Mrs Joan Francis, the first secretary, both of whom shared their early memories of Penllyn & District WI. Mrs Cory and Novello jointly cut the cake and good wishes for the next 50 years were expressed to Penllyn & District WI.

Rhose WI

At the January meeting President Jenny Reed greeted everyone with a toast to the New Year before business began. Members then enjoyed a knockout tournament of indoor curling.



The Champion Curler was Brenda Roe.

Remember Curling sets may be

Llanblethian WI

Radio Wales Newsreader and presenter Sian Roberts talked to members about the 'Welsh Food Industry'. About 20 years ago the WDA decided to raise the profile of Welsh food. She explained that by placing the geography, agriculture and economics of Wales together it was possible to paint a picture of the diet and eating habits of the Welsh. At one time Angelsey was known as the 'bread basket of Wales' but today, it is South Wales where most grain is grown. It seems the Romans introduced the leek, now a national emblem, to Wales. Exports have been rugby players, lamb, beef, cheese and seafood but these have now been joined by high quality locally made ales, cider, liqueurs, wine & whisky. *VG*



Port Talbot WI

"It's great at Port Talbot WI

It suits both the loud and the shy

With craftwork galore

Walks, talks and more

I'm glad that I gave it a try"

Christine Gow

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INSPIRING WOMEN

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News from Federation House
By June Humphry 01639 881588

Federations of Wales Conference 18/19 September 2015 in St David's Hall, Cardiff

The Gala concert to celebrate the Centenary year will be held on Friday 18 September in St David's Hall, Cardiff. The cost of the tickets is £25.

The Conference will be held on Saturday 19 September 2015 in St David's Hall, Cardiff. Cost of ticket is £15.

However; if you attend both events there is a reduction of £5 making the total cost £35. Application form with this mailing.

After all members have been allocated tickets for the Gala Concert the event will be open to family and friends. All WI secretaries will be informed as soon as possible after the closing date.

Special WI Royal Garden Party—Buckingham Palace 2 June 2015 in the presence of HRH The Duchess of Cornwall

It is a tremendous honour that NFWI has managed to secure a Garden Party to celebrate the Centenary.

The procedure is that each WI will, by secret ballot select a WI member to represent them at the Garden Party. The name will be forwarded to NFWI and a ballot will then take place for 8,000 people to go. So even if your name is selected by your WI there is no guarantee that you will attend the Garden Party.

There will be a charge of approximately £35 plus coach travel. Attending members will be personally responsible for travel costs and contribution towards the cost of their places—this should not be funded from WI funds.

Please return enclosed application slip with this mailing to Federation House by 27 March 2015

LADY DENMAN CUP COMPETITION 2015—'A Presidents Log: Star Date 2115'

Imagine what your WI would be like in 2115... WI members are invited to write a futuristic president's annual report using no more than 500 words.

Entrants must submit 4 copies of their entry, typed if possible, on A4 paper to their Federation Office.

Entry form available from Federation House.

Entries to be received at Federation House by Friday 19 June 2015.

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News from Sport & Leisure

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Congratulations To winning gent, Nancy Roberts, Porthcawl WI, and winning lady, Enid Lakin, Barry Highlight Park WI who won this year's Whist Competition

News from Home Economics & Craft

By Mavis Tierney tel: 01443 204871

Burn and Bead

Don't forget our 'Burn & Bead Day' to be held in March at Federation House. Spaces still available

News from Membership Support

By Carol Atkinson tel: 01656 782761

At this time of year Treasurers will have or will be preparing their Financial Statement of Accounts. A number of Treasurers have been in contact with queries that have arisen in closing the accounts.

Membership Support Committee have decided that as a result of these queries ALL Treasurers will be refreshed every year.

April = MCS month - April has been nominated as a time to review the MCS to ensure the details for every member and WI are fully up-to-date. By keeping correct and up-to-date MCS records you are helping us to provide the best and most efficient service to your members and limiting the costly waste of resources.

MCS Reps can be appointed at any time to take care of their WI's records and useful step-by-step guides for the newly upgraded system are now available on the WI Moodle and the MCS itself.

It is particularly important that the details of your WI Secretary are up-to-date otherwise your WI will miss out on mailings from NFWI. When a Secretary leaves or steps down from the role, please ensure that you assign her successor before you revoke the previous Secretary's position. The system will not permit you to do this the other way around.

News from Denman by Sylvia Tittley, Denman Ambassador

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OVERNIGHT DESIGNER DAY Sunday 11 to Monday 12 October 2015

There are still places available to enjoy the delights of Denman, by joining us in the GFWI Federation Overnight Designer day. With a variety of practical courses or a range of demonstrations to enjoy. Full details have been posted previously and are also with your WI secretary, but I am always available to discuss any options with you. This is a wonderful opportunity to be introduced to Denman particularly in this our Centenary Year. Denman has so much to offer and if this is your first visit there will be so much to see, with time for a guided tour on the Sunday evening. The house, bar and Drawing room offers a wonderful relaxing setting to enjoy on your first visit. Of course if you have previously visited you will know all about the delights on offer and how so many new friends are made and old acquaintances renewed.

February and March also have exciting events including Mary Berry, Barbara Taylor Bradford and a Murder event. You will probably have read all about these in WI Life.

The new brochures are available on line, or contact Denman on 01865 393991

News from Public Affairs

By Glenys Care tel: 029 2132 1369

Open Day at Harwell—Saturday 11 July 2015

This July the Harwell Campus will be opening its doors to the public. This unique event will enable visitors to access all areas and learn about the UK's involvement in space explorations, exciting experiments with powerful X-rays and neutrons, supercomputing and much more. We plan to organise a day-trip to take advantage of this unprecedented opportunity—so watch this space... (pun intended!)

Barnado's Cymru would like to thank all the WIs in the Cardiff area who donated items of clothing to them for their 'retail collection pilot for Barnardo's Cymru'.

Enclosures this month

1. Centenary Garden Party - Cream
2. Feds of Wales Gala Concert - White
3. WI Annual Meeting form - Green
4. Annual Meetings 2015 - Green
5. Summer Federation Walk - Yellow
6. WI Royal Garden Party - Gold
7. 4 Show Schedules

500 Club 2014-2015



The winner of £20 in the February Draw No. 54 — Mrs C Evans

Diary dates 2015			Closing date
Darts Competition	Llanharry Workingmen's Club	21 February 2015	
Bristol Guided Walk	Bristol	24 March 2015	
Spring Holiday 2015	Caernarfon	15/18 May 2015	
Walking Holiday	Lulworth Cove, Dorset	2/5 October 2015	
Denman Overnight stay	Denman College	11/12 October 2015	
Taste of Wales	Llanharry Workingmans Club	28 February 2015	
Spring Federation Walk	Coed Ely	16 April 2015	27 February 2015
Burn and Bead	Federation House	30 March 2015	27 February 2015
Lunch & Fashion Show	Norton House Hotel	April 2015	27 February 2015
Indoor Bowls	Sully Sports Complex	25 Aprils 2015	
Rosebowl & Brecon Cup entries	Miskin Catholic Church Hall	12 May 2015	27 March 2015
Afternoon Tea—Rosebowl & Brecon Cup	Miskin Catholic Church	12 May 2015	10 April 2015
Health & Technology Event	Baglan Community Church & Bethel Community Hall	9 and 11 June 2015	24 April 2015
Demonstration Day	Ararat Church, Whitchurch	20 June 2015	1 May 2015
Annual Council Meeting	Princess Royal Theatre, Port Talbot	6 May 2015	3 April 2015
Singing for Fun	Neath Port Talbot College, Neath	14 May 2015	17 April 2015
Centenary Garden Party	Margam Orangery	8 July 2015	29 May 2015
Feds of Wales Conference & Gala Concert	St David's Hall Cardiff	18/19 September 2015	24 April 2015
Royal Garden Party	Buckingham Palace	2 June 2015	27 March 2015
Summer Federation Walk	Rhossili	6 July 2015	29 May 2015