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### Boverton WI celebrates 100 years

At its December meeting Boverton WI began the 100 years of its WI by presenting each member with a WI centenary badge. Celebrations will continue during the year and especially when the Institute is represented at the centenary event at the Royal Albert Hall later this year. Members were thrilled with their badges and pleased that they will be acting as link host in the group in 2015 when several celebratory events are already scheduled to take place. *Helen Meakins*

**Whitchurch WI** were again involved with The White Ribbon Campaign this year. The campaign encourages men to work towards ending violence

against women by raising awareness of violence, educating young people especially boys and spreading the word. Our president Gill Irwin visited St Teilo's School St Teilo's and provided 80 ribbons. This was a two pronged attack as Jenny Rathbone AM was also going to the school to talk to them about it.

Jo Huntley made 120 ribbons for Cardiff Police for use with both community teams and headquarters staff. We were very pleased to see the Chief Constable wearing one pinned to his tie when he was interviewed on the news. Chris Lewis provided information and a poster to sign along with 15 ribbons to the Bethel Baptist Youth club. Sally Powell provided information and poster to Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir. *Yvonne Harrisson*

**Reynoldston WI** members began their December meeting in the village church with a celebration of Christmas in words and music, the theme being the shepherd's story. The newly formed committee choir made their first public appearance, hopefully only the first of many. Afterwards everyone enjoyed drinks and nibbles in the village Hall. *Audrey Cook*

### Penta Penybont WI Link Carol Service.

Penta Penybont WI Link includes members of Coity, Coychurch, Ogmore Valley and Pencoed. Coity WI members hosted a link carol service in St. Mary's Church, Coity on 1<sup>st</sup> December. The Reverend Jayne Shaw welcomed the well-attended congregation and each WI in turn read a lesson which was followed with the singing of a carol with the church choir joining in the proceedings. Coity bellringers added a special atmosphere to the festivities, and, the highlight of the service, by playing a medley of carols. Following the service everyone enjoyed refreshments served in the church hall. *Janet James*



### Aber Valley

Members recently held a Vintage Flair, a one day vintage fashion and style show. We had two catwalk vintage shows, Lindy hop dance demos and workshops, a vintage makeover photo studio, an upcycling class and loads of stalls with vintage and handmade items and homemade cakes and tea served on vintage china. It took many months of planning, rifling through wardrobes for forgotten vintage items and rehearsals. At the end of the day our feet hurt but we were bursting with pride with what we had achieved. Will we do it again never say never! *Debbie Metcalf*



### Port Talbot WI

Following the Christmas Tree Festival at the Orangery in December one of our members, Margaret Watson, was inspired to put pen to paper and compose a poem of her personal experiences of the day.



We spent the morning at the Orangery, Enjoying the yuletide festivity. The Christmas trees stood stately in rows, Decorated with poppies, hearts and bows.

Our little Christmas tree stood stark & White -

It really was a very pretty sight  
On decoration much time was spent  
And I suppose it was --- er ---different?

We ate our bowls of steaming hot stew  
And even managed a roll or two.  
The bellringers lined up side by side  
Ringing the bells with gusto and pride.

After a while this began to pall  
And murmuring filled the crowded hall  
I opened my mouth in conversation  
Then felt a very painful sensation.

A woman named Pam, sitting next to me  
Dug me in the ribs exuberantly.  
She said "I want to hear the bells play"  
I couldn't speak, so I turned away.

I said that I could hear bells too!  
My ribs by now were quite black and blue!  
So when SHE decided to have a chat  
I aimed my elbow and said "take-that!"

Peace and goodwill returned at last  
The children's choir waved as they passed.  
We smiled our good wishes as we all  
trouped out  
Well, isn't that what Christmas is all about  
*Gloria Jones*

**Pen y fai WI** Did you manage to get there? Members and their families had a wonderful evening, in premium front seats, at the Millennium Centre, when they went to see the Lion King. How could you not enjoy the singing, dancing and fantastic costumes and the 'animals' of this marvellous production.



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# Glamorgan

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News from Federation House  
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**ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 6 MAY 2015**— Join us for our Centenary Annual Council Meeting being held at The Princess Royal Theatre, Port Talbot on Wednesday 6 May. We are pleased that our afternoon speaker will be John Craven noted for presenting 'Newsround' and 'Countryfile'.

One of the morning speakers will be Ann Jones, Chair of the Federation of Wales Committee and a surprise guest/guests before you enjoy your lunch. Please return your application form to the office indicating if you are **sending a delegate**.

### Federations of Wales Centenary Wall-hanging—

Glamorgan Federation would like to express their sincere thanks to those members who have completed and submitted their samples for the wall hanging after been given short notice to complete them, for a forthcoming meeting at Carmarthen with other Federations.

Glamorgan will be proud of our completed wall-hanging which can be viewed in Bulkeley Hotel, Beaumaris on 16/17 May and also at the Federation of Wales Conference in St David's Hall, Cardiff on 18/19 September 2015.

Many thanks to all who have given their support and been involved in this project which we are sure the Federation will be proud.

### 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.

Among the guest will be Rhys Meirion and Catrin Finch.

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. The application form for this event and further information will be in the February mailing.

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### Centenary Celebrations

Join us for a sparkling demonstration day on 20 June 2015 at Ararat Church, Whitchurch. Application form with this mailing.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS—

Would Treasurers please note that cheques for subscriptions should be for subscription only and not include money for events/workshops.

NEWS

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**News from Denman—Sylvia Tittley,  
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**Overnight Designer Day  
Sunday 11 to Monday 12 October 2015**

There are spaces still available for the above Federation visit to Denman, the Silver Clay course is full, but you could enjoy a Floral Practical and Demonstration course or Fashion History talk on 40's Blitz and 50's glitz, also Patchwork Upcycling. The Fashion History and Patchwork Upcycling are morning only, followed in the afternoon by a Cookery Demonstration on Seasonal Entertaining with Denman's Cookery course tutor Peter Lien. You will also have a guided tour of the House and time to visit the extensive gardens. Apart from a drink at the bar, you need not spend another penny as full board is included plus morning coffee and afternoon tea. You may however be tempted to visit the Denman Shop and the very fully stocked Fabric Shop.

All these courses/demonstrations will give you an insight to all the wonderful things available to you at Denman, if you are new to Denman this is a perfect introduction. If you have been previously, then you are renewing your acquaintance with the WI's centre of learning and socialising.

**News from Sport & Leisure**

By Jean Lund tel: 029 2084 2940

It's great to see so many WIs using our Kurling sets during these Winter months. Why not borrow one? A committee member will come along to give some tuition if you don't know the rules.

We also have 8 table tennis sets, including adjustable nets which will fit any table, which you can borrow. Why not put on your own tournament?

Maybe you would prefer to dream about a warm summer's day when your WI could borrow the croquet set? Why not factor that into your summer programme? All you need is access to a flat piece of grass. Once again a committee member could come along to explain the rules.

Interested? Then give Chris Williams a ring on 01792 390282 or June Humphry at Federation House.

**ACWW— Novello Peters**

Our project has now closed and the total of £2155.20 was raised. Many thanks to the WIs who enjoyed taking part.

Pennies for friendship raised £1702.75 during 2014. Please continue to send your contributions for 2015 to Federation House.

**News from Public Affairs**  
By Glenys Care tel: 029 2132 1369

**'Please switch on your mobile phone' - a Health and technology event from Public Affairs—**Dr Anne Marie Cunningham is a Clinical Lecturer and the Academic Lead for e-learning at the Institute of Medical Education at the Cardiff School of Medicine. She will lead a session on Medical Sites on the internet—are they useful—are they safe? Are they costly? These events will be held on 9 June at Baglan Community Church, between 12 and 2.30pm, and in Bethel Community Hall in Cardiff on 11 June between 7pm and 9.30pm. Bring along your phone, i-pad, tablet or laptop and learn about e-patients and much, much more.

**SOS for Honeybees—**NFWI is delighted that the Government launched a 'Bee Action Plan' back in November, and would like to remind members that there is a range of resources available from National in support of this Campaign.

**Time to Talk about Organ Donation—**this is a reminder that National has lots of information, brochures, leaflets and forms available to anyone wishing to promote last year's AGM resolution.

**Wildflower seeds for communities—**Grow Wild has thousands of free seed kits available so people can transform their local spaces into beautiful, inspiring and colourful wild flower havens. Groups can register by completing Grow Wild's form at [www.growwilduk.com/register-seed-kit?partnerid=4786615](http://www.growwilduk.com/register-seed-kit?partnerid=4786615) Registration closes at midnight on 14 February 2015 and the kits will be sent out in late March just in time for spring sowing.

**News from Membership Support**

By Carol Atkinson tel: 01656 782761

In the December mailing all WIs were sent a form to attend a resolution Selection Conference in March 2015. Every effort should be made for all WIs to be represented at these meetings. The meetings are particularly important for all delegates attending the Annual Meeting in London. There is a choice of meeting for you to attend, either Briton Ferry Community Centre in the morning or Ystradowen Community Centre in the evening.

**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. Details with your secretary. It promises to be an excellent day.

**Rosebowl & Brecon Cup Entries—** application form with this mailing. Also afternoon tea with a fun filled social event. Application form also with this mailing.

**News from Combined Arts**  
By Novello Peters tel: 01656 674191

**Singing for Fun—**Anyone can sing and by the end of the day you will have sung properly, learnt a lot, made new friends, and most importantly had fun. Come and join us in the Theatre Wing, Neath Port Talbot College, Dwr y Felin Road, Neath on Saturday 30 May 2015

*Enclosures this month*

1. Rosebowl & Brecon Cup entries - Gold
2. 'Centenary' Afternoon Tea - Gold
3. Switch on your mobile phone - Peach
4. Demonstration Day - Cream
5. Annual Council Meeting - Cream
6. Allergen Food Handling Advice for WIs - White
7. Singing for Fun - Pink

**500 Club 2014-2015**



The winner of £20 in the January Draw  
No. 106 — Mrs B Allsopp

**Donation—**Thank you to Caerphilly WI for their donation of £25 for Federation Funds. We are always delighted to receive donations from our WIs; they are always useful.

Diary dates 2015			Closing date
Darts Competition	Llanharry Workingmen's Club	21 February 2015	
Bristol Guided Walk	Bristol	24 March 2015	31 January 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	23 January 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