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Culverhouse Cross WI culminated the Centenary Year with a Christmas Coffee morning in the Wenvoe Garden Centre Coffee shop. It was quite a festive occasion, attended by members from our Link WI's as well as members from five other fairly local WI's—totalling around 40 members, and thronging the café to almost capacity.

Whilst partaking of the excellent homemade cakes, we held a competition of 'guess the name of the Christmas gnome', a carol quiz, an extensive raffle of around 20 prizes—combined with a few seasonal jokes! One of the members attending donated a basket of freshly laid eggs which had been gathered that morning—needless to say, the first raffle prize selected!

Over £70 was raised for Holm Towers, in memory of Mrs Winnie Morris, a dearly loved stalwart, committee member, who sadly, passed away recently.

For us at Culverhouse Cross, the festive season will conclude with our auction of 'unwanted Christmas pressies' in January, when the proceeds raised will be donated to another local charity.

Janet Young, Culverhouse Cross WI

President Jenny Reed welcomed members and visitors to the New Year meeting of Rhoose WI on 7 January. The main item on the agenda was the presentation of the proposed Resolutions for 2016. These were as follows: The Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death in Young Adults; Mind or Body—equal funding for care; the Provision of Free Sanitary Protection for Homeless Women; Banning the Microbead; Reviving the Heritage of British Fruit; First Aid to Save Lives; Avoidance of Food Waste and addressing Food Poverty; Appropriate Care in Hospitals for Dementia Sufferers. After each proposal had been presented a vote was taken, the results of which will be added to those of the other WIs in the Glamorgan Federation and forwarded to the National Federation. The selected resolution will then be present at the Annual Meeting of the NFWI. Members were then informed of the following items: it was proposed that the Educational Trip should be a visit to 'Cheltenham followed by a trip on the Cotswold Steam Railway', this proved a popular choice, as did the proposal of a self-funded trip to Buckingham Palace later in the year. The Spring Fayre will be held on 23 April at the Community Hall, Stewart Road. A number of members are looking forward to meeting Alun Cairns MP at the House of Commons on 29 January. Craft Club will take place on 20 January at 2pm at 5 Odyn's Fee and skittles on the 22 January at Rhoose Social Club. It should also be noted that the coffee morning of the last week in January will be on Thursday 28 not the Tuesday of that week. After the business was finished, everyone enjoyed some light relief in the form of a 'Pointless Quiz'. The evening ended with the announcement of the competition winner. Susan Grant, the raffle being won by Gloria Sparks. The next meeting of Rhoose WI will take place on 4 February at 7.30pm at the Community Hall, Stewart Road when the speaker will be Alun Cairns MP. Visitors will be very welcome.

Jill Jones, Rhoose WI



On the 19 December 2015 40 members of Carnegie Girls and Tonteg WIs travelled to London to attend the Paul Hamlyn Christmas Treat 'The Nutcracker'. This event at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden was sponsored by The Helen Hamlyn Trust in memory of Paul Hamlyn. We set out early and had a trouble free journey arriving at around 10.30am for the 12.30pm performance so plenty of time for a coffee and a shop and to take in the atmosphere within the Opera House where there were workshops and demonstrations. We had been asked to wear something relating to the ballet so there were plenty of tiaras and corsages on the Christmas theme.

Janice Langley, National Chair was on stage to introduce the event and it was fantastic to be there with all the other WI ladies for this special occasion. The ballet dancing, costumes and atmosphere were fabulous and sitting there in the front stalls was magic we could almost touch the dancers. When the Christmas tree grew to giant size we couldn't believe our eyes. On the way out some of us were lucky enough to be given snow globes of the Opera House as a memento of the occasion.

Time then for a meal before returning to the coach for the journey home. Our thanks to Pam Dinham for obtaining the tickets and organising the day it will stay in our memories for a long time to come. Another wonderful day in this most memorable year, the 100th Anniversary of the WI.

Margaret Rogers, Tonteg WI

It was the turn of Skewen WI to host the annual link Christmas Carol Service on 14 December. The evening began with a lovely service in New Road Methodist Church, with carols, readings, and a special guest soprano Lucy Gravelle.

After the service, members were invited to the church hall, where tea, coffee and mince pies were served and brilliant entertainment provided by the ukulele band who led us in sing-a-long songs.

The event was well attended by Alltwen Heels, Birchgrove/Swansea, Lonlas, Skewen and Neath Abbey WIs.

Our thanks go to all the members who took part and gave us such a varied programme, keeping us entertained for the evening. Well done!

Diane Burns, Skewen WI

To commemorate the WIs Centenary year, Tonteg WI donated a picnic bench to be placed in the Tonteg play area. On a rather damp morning on Friday 27 November members of the WI gathered in the play area where Councillor Bernard Channon, Chairman of Llantwit Fardre Community Council, and Sue Sherry, Tonteg WI President, cut a ribbon to officially open the bench. Councillor Channon thanked the WI for donating the bench which he felt would be well used by members of the community. We then retired to the local café for coffee and cakes.

Sue Sherry, Tonteg WI



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News from Federation House
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MIDSUMMER DINNER AND MUSICAL EVENING

Tuesday 28 June 7pm for 7.30pm

Why not join us and experience the delightful ambience at Margam Orangery for a three course meal during midsummer celebrations. We will be entertained by 'Noteworthy' a choir recently hailed as one of the best mixed choirs in Wales. Their repertoire will include music by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Bernstein, Andrew Lloyd-Webber, Stephen Schwartz and Stephen Sondheim.

The choir includes two soloists who have performed in their own right.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 10 MAY 2016 Princess Royal Theatre, Port Talbot

'Diamonds are a Girls Best Friend'

The afternoon speaker is John Benjamin an expert in Diamonds from the Antiques Road Show so it will be 'Diamonds are a Girls Best Friend'. Our morning speaker is Daphne Furneaux who will be speaking on her journey through flowers with the WI. Daphne will also doing a demonstration. So do come to the Annual Council Meeting it is an opportunity to get a true reflection on how the WI works within the Federation.

Tickets £13.00 Closing date 8 April 2016

AUTUMN HOLIDAY 2016 TO BOURNEMOUTH

Why not join us for fun and friendship with three excursions, travelling in an executive coach staying at the fabulous Suncliff Hotel on the East Cliff. Please remember the closing date is the 26 February 2016

DENMAN

You will have seen in the November/December issue of WI life on page 13 Denman update re the financial position of Denman College.

At the time of going to press, steps are in hand to ensure that the maintenance fund has sufficient surplus to avoid the threat of the closure of the college.

Whatever is planned has to be approved by the National Board of Trustees. Further information will be given in due course.



GLAMORGAN CALENDAR 2018

Yes we know that you have only started using your 2016 Glamorgan calendar but for the photographers amongst you it is time to start thinking about 2018 calendar.

The theme for 2018 will be 'Seasonal Photographs of Glamorgan'

LADY DENMAN CUP COMPETITION 2016

The Lady Denman Cup Competition 2016 invites WI members to write a letter to their younger self. Using **no more** than 500 words, members must draw on their life experiences and imagine what they would say if they had the opportunity to guide (or warn!) their younger selves.

Entry forms available from Federation House.
Closing date for entries Friday 1 July 2016.

Please send all articles/contributions for **THE BACK PAGE** to June Humphry, 13 Courtland Place, Port Talbot S13 1JJ or email glamorgan@btconnect.com

News from Home Economics & Craft

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We look forward to the Beginners Learn to Crochet Day Schools which are in March, each school is one day and we are running two at present, the cost is £15, bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Rosebowl and Brecon Cup 2016—The afternoon Social with afternoon tea will be on 28 April 2016 at the Catholic Church Hall, Miskin. (Flyer with November mailing).

Plans are in progress for a Bread making demonstration later in the year, watch this space.

News from Sport & Leisure

By Pam Dinham tel: 01443 203770

Congratulations to Val Fox and Mary Pearce who won the Bridge competition held at Ystradowen. All players had a pleasant afternoon.

Are you looking for an extra event for your programme:

The Sport & Leisure committee have sets of Table Tennis equipment (includes net, bats and balls) for hire from the office.

Also we have Kurling and Croquet sets (should the rain ever stop!!). So why not think about hiring one of these for a fun afternoon.

Contact June at Federation Office (01639 881588) or Pam Dinham (01443 203770)

News from Combined Arts

By Novello Peters tel: 01656 674191

Our Literary Lunch will take place on Friday 13 May 2016 at the Hi Tide, Porthcawl. All information is on the flyer with this mailing.

News from Public Affairs

By Glenys Care tel: 029 2132 1369

Public Affairs Conference—12 October 2016

A Public Affairs Conference will be held at the Royal Welsh Showground in Llanelwedd on 12 October. The event will include a combination of keynote speakers and workshops. The conference fee is £10 and this includes tea/coffee on arrival, a finger buffet lunch and afternoon tea/coffee. To register an interest in attending, please contact the NFWI-Wales Office at: walesoffice@nfwl-wales.org.uk

Public Affairs Network

NFWI-Wales is keen to improve direct communication with WI members and is currently updating its database of members who directly receive the Public Affairs Bulletins and other campaigning communications. If you would like to receive bulletins and campaign updates from the NFWI-Wales Office, please e mail walesoffice@nfwl-wales.org.uk with your contact details. If you are currently on the mailing group and would like to continue to be, please also contact NFWI-Wales to confirm this.

News from Denman by Sylvia Tittley, Denman Ambassador Tel: 01639 850899

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The GFWI Denman Weekend will be upon us very soon, and letters with final arrangements, will be sent out to all members lucky enough to be going, a few weeks prior to the 18 March 2016. I am looking forward to seeing again so many of you, who go regularly, but also it will be a pleasure to greet new faces to Denman.

Denman as you maybe aware by now, needs your support throughout the year, not just at Federation weekends. I have had many enquiries to come to your WI's to talk about Denman, and I am looking forward to seeing so many of you this year. There will be a new power point presentation, film and many more Photographs of past Glamorgan events at Denman, many of you may see yourself at one Of these events. If you would like me to come to your WI at any time, and it could be just for a short talk or to show the Denman film, then I would be glad to. There may be a time, that your speaker has let you down and you cannot think of another at short notice, if you want, and I am available, I would be happy to come.

The more you are all aware of Denman, about Bursaries, how to visit, Day visits and so much more, then the chances are you, will be interested enough to seriously think about how you may want to visit. You may not be brave enough to go alone, the first time, but you will soon come to realise, that there is so much friendship there, you will want to go again and again. As Jane Dixon, Head of Denman says, once we have got you, you are hooked.

If any WI is thinking of a Day Visit or a Taste of Denman please contact me to make the booking. I look forward to showing you all, Denman.

ACWW—Novello Peters

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The 2015 Pennies for Friendship raised £1,624.63.

Thank you for your donations and please send the 2016 donations to the office by 31 October 2016.

Our 2016 ACWW project is now underway. I would be interested in any of your events and will always come to talk about the work of ACWW.

A reminder of the project:- Cultivation skills and Education/School support for children,

CENTENARIANS

Tessa Dunlop, author of the Bletchley Girls, is looking for women who are 99 years old or older and who would be happy to talk to her about their past.

If you know someone suitable or have chalked up 100 years please call Tessa on 07956 689973 Or e mail tessa.dunlop@gmail.com

Enclosures this month

1. Midsummer Dinner - cream
2. Annual Council meeting - purple
3. WI Adviser Annual meeting form - green
4. Viruses - peach
5. Literary Lunch - pink

The Breeze Network have three courses available for anyone who wants to train to be a bike leader.

20 February—Ammanford Leisure Centre, Ammanford

20 February—Marsh Tracks, Rhyl

13 March—Sport Wales National Centre, Cardiff

The training is a one day ride leadership course and is FREE to attend.

For more information please visit the following website:

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/news/article/20151202-wc-Become-a-Breeze-Champion-in-2016-0>

Online today: Helping People with sight and hearing loss get on line

Three of Wales leading sight loss charities have teamed up to deliver an exciting project to help people with sight or hearing loss discover and enjoy the world of the internet. RNIB Cymru, North Wales Society for the Blind and Vision Support are helping make everyday digital skills available to people across the land. We want people to get on line, and stay on line, and we are doing this with help from lottery funds and a team of staff and volunteers. Our colleagues at Action on Hearing Loss help us with people who are profoundly deaf too.

If you, or someone you know, would like to get involved with the project then

- Give us a call on 029 2082 8518
- E mail us at OnlineTodayCymru@rnib.org.uk
- Visit www.rnib.org.uk/onlinetoday for more information.

The service is free, available throughout Wales and anyone with sight or hearing loss can access the service. They don't need to be registered as having a hearing or sight impairment or be registered blind.

Diary dates 2016			Closing date
Darts Tournament 2016	Llanharry Workingmen's Club	20 February 2016	
Learn to Crochet Day School	Federation House	9 and 16 March 2016	5 February 2016
Guided Walk of Brecon Town		13 April 2016	31 January 2016
Spring Federation Walk	Garth, Pentyrch	18 April 2016	29 January 2016
Indoor Bowls Tournament	Sully Indoor Bowl Pavilion	23 April 2016	26 February 2016
Rose Bowl & Brecon Cup Entries	Miskin Catholic Church Hall	28 April 2016	1 April 2016
Rose Bowl & Brecon cup afternoon event	Miskin Catholic Church Hall	28 April 2016	1 April 2016
Annual Council Meeting	Princess Royal Theatre, Port Talbot	10 May 2016	8 April 2016
Literary Lunch	Hi Tide, Porthcawl	13 May 2016	29 April 2016
Viruses	Pencoed Miners Welfare Hall	18 May 2016	25 March 2016
NFWI AM, Brighton		10/12 June 2016	
Glamorgan Show	North Cornelly	22/23 July 2016	
Midsummer Dinner & Musical Evening	The Orangery, Margam Park	28 June 2016	29 April 2016
Chepstow Races	Chepstow	14 July 2016	27 May 2016
Autumn Holiday 2016	Bournemouth	10/14 October 2016	26 February 2016

500 Club 2015-2016

The winners of the January Draw are:

£20 No. 124 — K Morgan

£10 No. 20 — C Atherton

