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A lovely afternoon was spent by members of Port Talbot WI and our 'Cross County Link' friends from Reynoldston WI for our Annual get-together.

After a tour of St Theodore's Church members were invited to the Church hall for an afternoon strawberry tea and quiz.

It was a pleasure to see our friends from Reynoldston once again—a link which has grown stronger over the years.

It was especially nice to see our two nonagenarians (Glenys Prosser from Port Talbot WI and Pat Haynes from Reynoldston WI) enjoying their tea and chat.

It goes to prove, it's never too late to join and enjoy the Women's Institute!

Gloria Jones, Port Talbot WI

On 8 June, members of Efail Isaf WI took the Royal Mint Experience.

The Royal Mint opened its new 'Experience' visitor centre on 18 May, Efail Isaf WI was the first WI to take the tour.

The Royal Mint had been based in the Tower of London and Tower Hill for over 1,100 years, moving to Llantrisant and being opened by the Queen in 1968 in readiness for the introduction of decimal coinage.

At the new visitors centre we had to go through strict security, a bag search and a walk through an airport like scanner. Firstly we were shown a film presented by Dan Snow about the history and work of the Royal Mint. Going into another area the walls were lined with completed coins, large rolls of metal, blanks for coins and the intricate dyes they were cast from. The metal is produced on site in the Mint's own foundry. The various processes were explained by our guide.

Through the viewing room where we were behind a glass screen, we could see the gold colour coins pouring out of the machines—rather like a very big jackpot on a gaming machine! In front of us, behind the screen was a line of small skips full of coins of different denomination, the contents of each skip weighed exactly the same but the value was vastly different depending on the denomination of the coins—a skip of £1 coins being of much greater value than the same weight in 2p pieces.

The next room had a small press where we could, if we wanted, strike our own commemorative coin by pressing a button—a souvenir to keep. More large glass covered boxes of coins were arranged in the room as a backdrop for official photographs as a memory of our visit.

After watching an interactive display on the history of the buildings of the mint from the Tower of London to Llantrisant we had the opportunity to look around the museum.

Shown in the museum was the process of production from the original sketched idea to the finished coin, showing machines used with videos detailing the different skilled processes explained by the people who work on them. Archive photographs showed the Mint at Tower Hill and the early and historical methods of production. Displays of coins, very old and more recent included coins for overseas countries. The Royal Mint makes coins, commemorative coins and medals from Britain and to export overseas. On display were medals made for the 2012 Olympic Games, which they were very proud to have produced.

Lastly we came out into the reception area which has café and a shop with collectors packs of coins and many other visit related souvenirs to buy.

Stephanie Aplin, Efail Isaf WI



Glynhir WI once again took part in the Pontarddulais Carnival with the cake stall which always proves to be very popular. It is such an enjoyable way of not only promoting our WI but also having fun together which is what the WI is all about. Shades of 'Calendar Girls' I think!!!

Diane Howard-Willis, Glynhir WI

Five years ago a group of ladies from Parkmill Women's Institute took up the challenge to teach some of the children from Pennard School to knit. They started with a group of 12 children, 10 girls and 2 boys between the ages of 7 and 9 and taught the rudiments of knitting. They started off by knitting bookmarks, 8 stitches for 20 rows. Some managed to keep to the 8 stitches and some managed to increase their stitches unintentionally, every bookmark was individual to say the least. These bookmarks evolved into bracelets, girls and boys alike proudly wearing them. They then moved on to teddy bears which involved casting on and off to make the arms.

In the following years we have managed to get some children to learn to purl and to rib, this has been a bit more of a challenge for some.

At the end of the 2015/16 Academic Year we decided to present Certificates to the Year 6 girls who are now moving on to Secondary Education. On the 10 June Val Bird, Beryl Probert and Val James, three of the original Knitting Ladies, presented 10 young ladies with their Certificates.

Over the years numbers have grown, so much so that this year we have had to alternate the weeks for Years 5 and 6 which has made it difficult to progress with the older children and as a result have regretfully had to decide that in the next Academic Year we will not be able to add any new children to the group.

It has been lovely to see their faces as they progress and finish an item. We can also see those who have Grannies that knit and the added encouragement they get.

Diana Morgan, Parkmill WI

SWANSEA FESTIVAL OF STITCH 5/19 August 2016

Various venues. Enjoy an extravaganza of stitch this summer—offering exhibitions, external street art, workshops, free taster sessions and much more.

For more information go to www.swanseafestivalofstitch.co.uk

Time and distance has a funny way of turning things on their head and considering the effort made by members of the WI during the last world war to assist on the home front. It seems rather strange to be writing about the fall of the Berlin wall and the reunification of Germany. This month's speaker, Jean Harvey concentrated her account on the actual bringing down of that loathsome concrete edifice but not forgetting what it stood for and the number of lives lost in trying to escape to the west. The wall stood from August 1961 until November 1989 and the demolition officially began in June 1990 and completed in 1992. An interesting and well presented talk.

Retired Police Officer George Bradley gave a rather gripping account of the arrest and trial of Ruth Ellis. The evidence presented and the manner in which the arrest was made threw a great deal of doubt upon the eventual verdict and subsequent hanging of the last woman to undergo capital punishment in this country. A chilling tale well told about an undoubted milestone in British legal history.

Gwyneth Morgan, Miskin & Mwyndy WI

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CHEPSTOW RACES 14 July 2016 -

Two hundred and four Ladies from Glamorgan in their finery enjoyed a day at the Chepstow races. Here they were entertained in their exclusive Private Hospitality Suite overlooking the racecourse.

Before the racing they enjoyed a drink on arrival and a two course lunch. The second race of the day was 'Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes Handicap'. Sandra Davidson, Federation Vice Chairman made a presentation to the groom Michelle for the most lovely horse in the race and Ann Davies, Federation Chairman presented a cup to the owner of the winning horse.

Congratulations to the following members who had a photograph printed in the 2017 calendar:

Liz Knowles, Cwmafan WI
Sally Tarlton, Llantwit Major WI
Doreen Spence, Reynoldston WI
Angela Smith, Pen y Fai WI
Pearl Mason, Newton/Porthcawl WI
Jane Patten, Whitchurch WI
Mary Taylor, Cimla WI
Barbara Hodges, Boverton WI
Mary Price, Treorchy WI
Gwyneth Pearson, Gwaelod y Garth WI
Cynthia Sidey, Sker WI
Veronica Griffiths, Llantrisant WI
Lyn Firkin, Tycoch & Sketty WI

The winners have been sent a complimentary calendar.



The theme for the 2018 calendar is 'Seasonal Photographs of Glamorgan'.

Application form with this mailing.

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News from Federation House
By June Humphry 01639 881588

DENMAN APPEAL

We are very grateful to all the WIs have sent in donations for the Denman Appeal. To date the total sent to Denman from Glamorgan is £2,160. The total of the appeal Nationally is £79,000.

MIDSUMMER DINNER AT MARGAM ORANGERY TUESDAY 28 JUNE 2016

We have received many Thank You cards and e mails from members who thoroughly enjoyed the Midsummer Dinner at Margam Orangery. The evening was an outstanding success. Fabulous entertainment by 'Noteworthy' and a wonderful three course meal.

We look forward to the next Dinner and Musical Evening on the 20 September 2016. Application form with your secretary.

Speaking with Confidence Course to be held in Federation House, on a date to be arranged. There are still a few places left.

If you would like to attend this course please contact June Humphry (01639 881588) or e mail glamorgan@btconnect.com as soon as possible. The cost of the 2 day course is £30 which can be paid by your WI.

Claire Atherton, Federation Treasurer

For security reasons, please ensure that there are two signatures on all WI cheques submitted to the Federation for all events.

Lady Denman Cup— The two entries received from Janet Young, Culverhouse Cross WI and Irene Price, Treherbert WI have been sent to Denman for further judging.

Congratulations to Daphne Furneaux, Llanddewi with Knelston WI on being invited to join the NFWI Cookery & Flower Committee.

OFFICE CLOSURE - The Federation Office will be closed for the whole of August and will re-open on Monday 5 September 2016. May I wish you all a happy Summer.



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 Public Affairs

By Glenys Care tel: 029 2132 1369

2016 Resolutions

You will already know that at the NFWI Annual Meeting in Brighton in June delegates voted to pass both resolutions, which will now form the basis of new NFWI campaigns.

They were Avoid Food Waste, address Food Poverty and Appropriate Care in Hospitals for people with dementia.

Submit a Resolution for 2017

Have you been inspired to submit a resolution? The NFWI is now accepting resolution submissions for the 2016/17 resolutions process. Any member can propose a resolution for consideration—simply complete the resolution submission form and send it in to the Federation Office by the end of August. (These forms, with advice notes, have been sent to each WI in the recent NFWI mailing). If the proposed resolution is approved by the Board of Trustees, they will forward it to NFWI to be considered by the shortlisting meeting in September.

If you want to talk through the ideas or the process contact Glenys on 029 2132 1369 or e mail glencare@talktalk.net

News from Membership Support

By Carol Atkinson tel: 01656 782761

Reminder to all WI committees, the **Declaration of Eligibility for Newly Appointed Charity Trustees** form should have been signed by all committee members after your Annual Meeting. The form was sent in a previous mailing from NFWI. If your secretary did not receive a copy please contact the office.

CWGC Living Memory Project—The NFWI has been contacted by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) to invite WIs to get involved in its new Living Memory project which is running throughout Summer and Autumn 2016. The Living Memory project is offering funding and resources to community groups to enable them to visit and remember those buried in local sites in the UK throughout the centenary of the Somme from 1 July—18 November 2016.

Of the 300,000 war graves or commemorations that are cared for by the CWGVC here in the UK 2,000 belong to women who died while serving in the two World Wars. The CWGC has produced resources to help WIs identify a CWGC site near them, do some research about some of those buried in that site and stage a commemorative event—in their own way and reflecting their own interests—to remember those who lost their lives in the 141 days of the Somme.

Interested WIs should contact the CWGC directly via one of the methods below:
Website: www.cwgclivingmemory.org
Email: livingmemory@cwgc.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/CWGLivingMemory
Twitter: @CWGC#LivingMemory

News from Denman by Sylvia Tittley, Denman Ambassador Tel: 01639 850899
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At last details of the long awaited Glamorgan Federation Weekend, 8-10 September 2017, are available. On offer, Thai Cookery with the delicious Peter Lien; World Heritage City of Bath with a Glamorgan favourite, Peter Lawrence; European Style Floral Art with newcomer to us, David Martin, something reaching out to all ages; Beginners Crochet with Lindy Zubairy; Arts and Crafts Gardens with another favourite with Glamorgan, Anna Stevens; Patchwork—but different and ready for Christmas with a friend to you all—Pat Robson; and last but not least a classic—Blenheim and the Churchill's, with newcomer to many, John Vigar.

Full details of the courses, costs etc will be with your Secretaries in time for the September meetings, so, please Secretaries you owe it to all your members to bring these details to them in the September meeting. There will be no closing date, so if you are interested, please send your application forms and deposits to me as soon as possible. There will be a strict, first come, first served basis—if there is a course you particularly want, go for it! Last time we were oversubscribed and some were disappointed.

At this stage I must apologise to those of you that were hoping for Selfridges, with the Mr Selfridge connection, and afternoon Tea at Fortnum and Mason, the Tutor was unable to finalise.

My telephone number and e mail will be on the flyers and of course at the top of this article, if you need more information, or just reassurance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I continue to remind all Committees to offer Bursaries and to enrol on the Denman Internet Cascade. Also, as important as ever, please sign up to the Denman Appeal. If your WI has already raised money for the appeal, or will be in the next weeks/months, please send your cheques to Federation House, made payable to 'Denman', and endorsed 'Denman Appeal' on the reverse. This way, Glamorgan can keep an eye on the situation and pass them on to Denman, to increase the thermometer graph in WI Life.

News from Sport & Leisure

By Pam Dinham tel: 01443 203770

The Walking Holiday at Bourton-on-the-Water—application form is with this mailing.

Why not join your WI friends from all over Glamorgan, there will be good walking and lots of fun and friendship.

News from Home Economics

By Clare Gunning: clare.gunning@yahoo.com

We are really looking forward to our Artisan Bread Day on 22 October in Murton and hope to meet a lot of members for an excellent day. A light lunch is included and you will have time to visit Mumbles afterwards for tea or ice-cream

Enclosures this month

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500 Club 2016-2017

The winners of the July Draw are:

£20 No. 18 — Ann Davies
£15 No. 184 — Carol Hanford



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

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

- ⇒ Alicia is the Wales Regional Officer for Ovarian Cancer Action. Her role is primarily awareness raising and involves giving awareness talks and presentation about the symptoms of Ovarian Cancer. Contact alicia@ovarian.org.uk or telephone 07761 511927
- ⇒ Rhiannon Chamberlain is the Supporters relations officer for Dogs Trust in Bridgend. Her role is to give talks in the community highlighting the work of the Dogs Trust and promoting responsible dog welfare. Contact Rhiannon by e mail rhiannon.chamberlain@dogstrust.org.uk or telephone 01656 728923
- ⇒ Claire Pilsbury is the Fundraising Officer for Shelter Cymru—Home Sweet Home. The talk is about the work they do at Home Sweet Home and the difference they make to families and individuals across Wales. Contact Claire be e mail clairep@sheltercymru.org.uk

Diary dates 2016			Closing date
Autumn Holiday 2016	Bournemouth	10/14 October 2016	
Poems & Pints	Colliers Arms, Pontrhydyfen	1 September 2016	
Forest Jump	Celtic Manor Resort	6 September 2016	5 August 2016
Outdoor Bowls	Kenfig Hill & Pyle Bowls Club	10 September 2016	
Federation Quiz	Hi Tide, Porthcawl	13 September 2016	
Dinner and Musical Evening	Margam Orangery	20 September 2016	
Active Day	Glamorgan Health and Racquet Club, Llandarcy	27 September 2016	
Autumn Walk	Brynmenyn	7 October 2016	26 August 2016
Afternoon of Bridge	Ystradowen Village Hall	22 October 2016	3 September 2016
Artisan Bread demo Day	Murton Methodist Church	22 October 2016	30 September 2016
Federation Dinner	Hi Tide Inn, Porthcawl	10 November 2016	30 September 2016
Scrabble Competition	St David's Church Hall, Pencoed	12 November 2016	8 October 2016
Christmas Festival	Neath College Dwr Y Felin Road	26 November 2016	30 September 2016
Christmas Tree Festival	The Orangery, Margam Park	30 November 2016	23 September 2016
Feds of Wales Conference 2017	Anglesey	25/28 April 2017	30 September 2016
Walking Holiday 2017	Bourton-on-the-Water	21/24 April 2017	30 September 2016

Candlelight Vigil to mark White Ribbon Day—NFWI Wales is organising a Candlelight Vigil in Cardiff Bay on 22 November 2016 to mark White Ribbon Day.

Please join us to mark International White Ribbon Day.

Say 'Not in my Name' and spread the word that Violence Against Women is unacceptable and will not be tolerated

22 November 2016 at 6pm
The Pierhead, Cardiff Bay.