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CWMNEDD SOCIAL GROUP

Catwg, Glyneath, Resolven and Crynant WIs Social Group had a very successful evening on 16 April when we enjoyed an evening listening to the singing group 'Allegro' at St Catwg's Church, Cadoxton, Neath. The Choir of 14, eight girls and five boys led by their Musical Director Rhian Lloyd were outstanding, their repertoire ranged from the Beatles to musicals. After the concert we all had a glass of wine and snacks in the Church Hall provided by the host, Catwg WI.

A great night was had by all.

Margaret Beynon, Catwg WI

On Friday 21 April 2018 Mynydd Cynffig WI hosted their Link Meeting in the Talbot Center, Kenfig Hill. Presidents and members from Porthcawl, Sker, Newton/Porthcawl and Cwm Brombil Ladies WIs attended. We had an excellent turnout with Glamorgan Federation Chairman, Ann Davies and Glamorgan Federation Secretary June Humphry both attending.

Mynydd Cynffig WIs acting President, Christine Callaghan chaired the meeting and Enid Rymer our Secretary read out the minutes from the last Link Meeting. Entertainment was provided by the Rev. Mark Lawson Jones whose job is Chaplain for the Mission to Sea Farers. He entertained us with stories of his work with crews from all countries and all types of ships. After drawing the raffle we enjoyed tea and biscuits. Further entertainment was provided by Mr Bill Bennett whose songs we all loved. The meeting closed with Newton/Porthcawl WIs President, Jennifer Davies inviting members to the 2019 Link Meeting. The singing of God Save the Queen and the Welsh National Anthem brought a close to a very enjoyable evening. We are all looking forward to the next Link Meeting in 2019.

Christine Callaghan, Mynydd Cynffig WI

Bryncoch WI, part of the Nidum Group recently took part in a Group Quiz and despite only 4 members turning up were thrilled to walk away with first prize! We now look forward to joining other members of the group to enjoy a planned Fashion Show, a Halloween Social evening and a Carol Service at the end of the year.

Cherrill Cripps, Bryncoch WI



World Book Night

World Book Night was on 23 April, and Howell's School, Llandaff, where Gill Stevens, a member of Gwaelod y Garth WI, is a Chemistry Technician, was chosen as a giving centre. Each Pupil and member of staff was encouraged to take three books and pass them on to the wider community to encourage reading. Pictured is Gill passing a copy of the book 'Woman in Black' by Susan Hill to Gill Thomas, President of Gwaelod y Garth WI. The book is now making its way round the members.

Gill Stevens, Gwaelod y Garth WI

April has been an incredibly busy month for members of Carnegie Girls WI. There were two organised visits to the cinema to see the live streaming of Macbeth Opera and a second occasion to watch 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society'. Several of our ladies have now registered to attend 'Processions' in June and also for the 'Walking Netball' sessions that are being held locally to our WI. Our Resolution voting night, held at our monthly meeting was incredibly busy. Two of our members presented the Resolution and looked at the for and against points before opening the floor to discussion. We can't wait now until the NFWI Annual Meeting in June which will be held in Cardiff. Our members voted not to support a one off charity this year, instead members are donating monthly to chosen charities (voted for by the members each month). April saw so many Easter eggs collected on behalf of our local nursing home that we agreed to not just donate to the home but to donate the surplus to RCT Women's Aid too. This was delivered to the Women's Aid along with bags of sanitary products and other essentials which were collected in March. April will see collections of old costume jewellery on behalf of a Mental Health Charity which ties in beautifully with the Resolution. A far more effective way to give something back to charities within our Communities. The highlight of our month was of course being able to collect the 'Recruitment Award' at the 2018 NFWI Wales Conference in Dolfar. Our membership has soared to capacity within the three years of forming, which has been phenomenal. It was a pleasure to be able to deliver a short speech to share 'the secret of our success'.

Sân Ponting, President, Carnegie Girls WI

Monday 14 May and Mynydd Cynffig WI went on a trip to Carmarthen, and what a great day we all had. The weather was glorious, not a cloud in the sky, we all shopped 'till we dropped. Lunch topped off the morning and we all agreed the trip so far had been a great success. Off we went on to the National Botanic Garden of Wales. The gardens were amazing, set in such lovely surroundings, and a little buggy to take the less mobile of our ladies to the top of the gardens, so we could all enjoy what the gardens had to offer. A great shop to get a reminder of our visit. Several cafes to stop and refresh ourselves, the afternoon went by in a flash. We all decided a return trip would be on the cards. Our trip was part funded by our Lottery Grant, which had helped us to arrange this trip and we will have many more trips in the future with help from this grant. All our ladies arrived back home tired but having enjoyed a great day out.

Christine Callaghan, Mynydd Cynffig WI

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News from Federation House
By June Humphry 01639 881588

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2018-19

After the Annual Council Meeting on the 24 April the following members were elected as Officers of the Federation:

Ann Davies (Port Talbot WI) - Federation Chairman

Sandra Davidson (Coychurch WI) - Federation Vice Chairman

Gill Ireland (Margam WI) - Federation Vice Chairman

Claire Atherton (Creigiau WI) - Federation Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS

Carol Atkinson, Porthcawl WI

Carolyn Davies, Pontyclun WI

Carole Evans, Catwg WI

Jane Exell, Penllyn & District WI

Marilyn McNeil, Cimla WI

Dawn Storie, Laleston WI

Myra Thomas, Upper Killay WI

COUNCIL MEETING

I am sure that you all thoroughly enjoyed the Annual Council Meeting at The Princess Royal Theatre, Port Talbot on Tuesday 24 April 2018.

We were amused by Chris Needs, who spoke on his life, how he started and where he is now.

Our second speaker of the morning was Mavis Tierney who enthralled members by telling them how she became a Bee Keeper.

In the afternoon Christine Walkden, gave an amusing talk on her life.

The Denman Dip was won by Sally Mabey, Culverhouse Cross WI.

The Denman Bursary was won by Treforgan WI.

Speaking with Confidence Course Part 1

Are you interested in attending a Speaking with Confidence Course at Federation House. This is a two day course which will develop members confidence and ability to speak in public, to express themselves clearly without undue stress and to make the best use of their voices. Please contact the office to register your interest.

Glamorgan

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Charity registration number 232102
Office Hours—Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-2.30pm

Hotter Shoes, Cardiff

The Manager of the Hotter Store in St David's Centre, Cardiff would like to invite WIs to an informative and interesting evening at their Cardiff Store.

They will be offering 30% off purchases on the night, alongside a fantastic goody bag worth over £25! Drinks and nibbles will be available for you to enjoy whilst you browse.

Expertly trained staff will be offering shoe fitting services to ensure you are wearing the perfect style, size and fit of shoe. There will be presentations on the evening about the history of the brand, and they will be discussing the uniquely designed features and benefits of their Hotter Comfort Concept range.

Please contact Tracey Smith Store Manager to book your evening.
Tel: 029 2022 7914

"Shop 'til U Drop"



Glamorgan WI Show

Saturday July 21st 2018

North Cornelly Community

and Public Halls

10am-5pm

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday 21 July at North Cornelly at our Annual WI Show. Perhaps you could attach one of the enclosed posters to the noticeboard where you meet and to another prominent notice board in the neighbourhood. Many Thanks.



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 Sport & Leisure

By Pam Dinham tel: 01443 203770

In case you didn't realise, 250 ladies were in Tewksbury on the City walk.

The Driving Day was a great success, perhaps another one next year.

The Treasure Hunt has been well supported, just hoping for a dry day.

Future events—Pentanque, Foot Golf and also a Summer Walk. All application forms with your Secretary.

The Walking Netball is proving another way to exercise, in a gentle way. If you have enough interest in your WI give me a ring and perhaps we can put a session together for you.

News from Denman Myra Thomas

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22-24 March 2019 our 3 day, 2 night visit to Denman

Every WI Secretary has all the information about the weekend, but if you require any further information or have a query please do get in touch with me, either by email or phone, and if there is no one home, leave a message and I will get back to you.

The courses are beginning to fill up, so for the courses in the college eg:- Cookery, Silver Clay, Calligraphy, Colour Your Clothes or Paper Bag, there are only 12 places on each course, so do apply ASAP, not to be disappointed. The outdoor courses, Oxford and Fruit/Veg & Petticoats are able to take more.

Just to remind you the courses are:-

Group A - Colour Clothes & You, A Paper Bag Not as you Know It, Calligraphy—£330

Group B - Silver Clay with Fresh Water Pearls, plus £65 for materials—£335

Group C—Fruit Veg & Petticoats—£355

Group D - Starters & Desserts, Kaleidoscope of Oxford—£375

Do ask your WI if there is a Bursary that you can apply for, or ask your friends and family for Denman vouchers for your Birthday or Christmas present.

Just a £50 deposit and £20 for coach travel (if required) is all that is required to secure your place on this exciting, fun filled weekend with like minded WI Ladies from Glamorgan.

News from Home Economics & Craft

By Myra Thomas tel: 01792 232662

Just a reminder, the closing date for the Cooking with Lavender on (Saturday 8 September) and the Malvern Autumn Show (Sunday 30 September) is approaching. So get your bookings to Beverley and Gloria by 22 June not to be disappointed.

The 'Finishing off your Knitted Garments' in Federation House on Tuesday 9 October. Places limited to 12. Closing date 3 August.

News from Membership Support

By Carol Atkinson tel: 01656 782761

When producing your programme, please make sure that all the months show either a speaker or an activity. Do not have an incomplete programme. Incomplete programmes are not very inspiring to the members or potential members.

Your programme is the best and easiest way of promoting your WI. Programmes can be left at many venues for ladies to pick up and read. Do not keep them just for your members.

If your WI would like to know more about the process of Resolutions, Jane Exell, or Resolution Adviser is willing to come and give a talk at one of your meetings.

News from Public Affairs

By Carolyn Davies tel: 01443 223093

Our thanks to all WIs who attended the Urban Tree launch at Port Talbot. What a successful day we had with superb speakers. We look forward to hearing from your teams.

A debate on Food Poverty took place at the National Assembly in Cardiff in April. Public Affairs will hold a debate during the Autumn to encourage WIs to hold their own debate at one of their meetings. An action pack can be obtained from <https://www.thewi.org.uk/wi-in-wales/news-and-events/launch-of-the-wi-great-food-debate-ii-food-poverty>

A Public Affairs Conference will take place at the Royal Welsh Showground in Llanellwedd on 11 October 2018 from 10am—4.30pm. The conference fee is £10. This includes tea/coffee on arrival, a buffet lunch and tea/coffee in the afternoon. To register your interest in attending, please contact the NFWI-Wales Office or complete the on-line form:- <https://www.thewi.org.uk/wi-in-wales/news-and-events/register-to-attend-the-nfwi-wales-public-affairs-conference-on-11-october-2018>

The Candlelight Vigil will be held on 20 November 2018 outside the Senydd. Have you entered the Key Ring competition, there is still time?

The closing date of our visit to Oxford and the Ashmolean Museum is 1 June.

Enclosures this month

- 1 Glamorgan Show Poster x 2
- 2 Order form for 2019 Calendar & Diaries
- 3 Autumn Federation Walk
- 4 Federation Quiz
- 5 Foot Golf
- 6 Federation Dinner
- 7 Anything Goes

A Retrospective Cardiff Bay & Beyond

An Art exhibition by Gemma Jayne Paine

6-29 June 2019 at

The Pierhead Building, Cardiff Bay

Grand Opening at 5pm on 5 June

by

Jane Hutt AM

DONATIONS

So many of our WIs generously send financial donations to Federation House, and we are extremely grateful to receive these.

This month our thanks go to Port Talbot WI for their donation of £50, Parkmill WI for their donation of £25, Barry WI for their donation of £30 and St Hilary WI for their donation of £25 towards the upkeep of Federation House in Port Talbot.

500 Club 2017-2018

The winners of the April Draw are:

£30 No. 84 — Irene Welsby
£30 No. 132 — Susan Davies
£30 No. 182 - Gill Ireland
£30 No. 128 - Rebecca Spear

The winners of the May Draw are:

£20 No. 206 - Jenifer Ash
£15 No. 7 - C Spanner

NFWI Wales are organising an afternoon full of entertainment by WI members from every Federation in Wales on Saturday 29 September. The WI representing Glamorgan is Tir Iarll WI.

We are organising a coach for entertainers and spectators, details on the enclosed flyer.

Don't miss out on this fun filled afternoon.

Diary dates 2018			Closing date
Walking Netball Taster Session—£5 per member	Morrison Leisure Centre	11 June 2018	
Fun Treasure Trail—£3 per member	Porthcawl	14 June 2018	
Summer Dinner & Musical Evening—£30	The Orangery, Margam Park	28 June 2018	25 May 2018
Oxford & The Ashmolean Museum—£14.75	Oxford	3 July 2018	1 June 2018
Murder Mystery Evening—£22	The Hi Tide Inn, Porthcawl	12 July 2018	31 May 2018
Chepstow Race Day—£70	Chepstow Race Course	19 July 2018	25 May 2018
Glamorgan WI Show	North Cornelly Community and Public Halls	21 July 2018	
Walking Holiday—£352	Holnicote House, North Devon	5/8 October 2018	28 February 2018
Denman Overnight Stay—£150	Denman	24/25 June 2018	
Autumn Holiday—£299	Thursford	13/16 November 2018	23 March 2018
Summer Federation Walk—£3	Ogmore by Sea	16 July 2018	31 May 2018
Pentanque (Boules) Day—£3	Pontyclun Rugby & Sports Club	10 August 2018	30 June 2018
Cooking with Lavender—£12	Murton Methodist Church	8 September 2018	22 June 2018
Federation Quiz—£10 per team	Hi Tide, Porthcawl	11 September 2018	27 July 2018
Foot Golf—£12 per person	St Mary's Golf Club, Pencoed	13 September 2018	31 July 2018
Autumn Federation Walk—£3	Margam Park	24 September 2018	1 September 2018
Malvern Flower Show—£30	Malvern	30 September 2018	22 June 2018
How to Finish your Knitted Garments—£15	Federation House	9 October 2018	3 August 2018
Federation Dinner—£23	Hi Tide, Porthcawl	18 October 2018	14 September 2018