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### Llanelly House trip

WI Trip? Look no further.



Llanelly House is perfect. The best example in Wales of a Georgian mansion perfectly restored. It provides a unique, evocative experience of the lives of its gentry and servants over 300 years.

Built before Llanelli Town existed, it now stands centrally, opposite Church, Library and Pound shops. The House keeps the old spelling, Llanelly. The town uses the new version, Llanelli.

**Penclawdd WI Ladies** were delighted with the Tour guide, the magical audio-visuals, the unusual gift shop and the splendid high tea (lunch-time). Christmas events are planned and prices are reasonable. It was a very interesting tour and the coffee shop serves scrumptious meals! *Pat Guy*

In October **Barry WI** celebrated 25 years with a lunch at St Athan Golf Club. This was attended by 58 ladies, including 5 founder members and 3 GFWI guests including Ann Jones, Federation Vice Chairman who congratulated the

WI on their anniversary and then presented a Certificate to Barry President, June Davies. A glass of wine and a piece of birthday cake was enjoyed by all. A big thank you to all the ladies who worked so hard to make it possible.

*Jeanette Chilcott*

In September **Bryncoch WI** members enjoyed a day out in Carmarthenshire. First it was coffee and shopping in Trostre and then on to Pontyates for a delicious carvery meal and cabaret. During the cabaret five members volunteered to dress as nuns and joined the singer with a little number "I will follow him". A great day was enjoyed by all.

*Edna Hamer*

**Treforgan WI** has been to clink. No clanging doors, no uniforms with arrows on but tasteful decor and smartly dressed young men. 'Clink' for us meant a restaurant just outside Cardiff prison walls. We went for lunch - a sophisticated and delicious meal in comfortable surroundings - prepared from sustainable, organically produced Welsh food. (vegetarians and coeliacs are catered for) and served in a professional manner by young offenders. They are working towards gaining NVQ qualifications - training with a forty hour week and hands on experience just like the real world to enable them to be absorbed into the community and avoid reoffending. Mentoring continues after the offenders release with help to deal with their everyday concerns. For example, using a bank account is something most of us take for granted but these young people often find it difficult. We saw only 'front of house' personnel but behind the scenes, training continues to grow, maintain and produce as much of the food we ate as possible—even meat and honey. The young men learn how to print the menus, make the furniture we used, look after uniforms, in fact, anything connected to this enterprise is covered. The range of skills taught in the environs of the restaurants is amazing and, relevant to all sorts of jobs in the outside world. *Barbara Sylvester*



### LLIW LINK Harvest Celebration

58 WI members from The Graig, Pontlliw, Llangyfelach and Glynhir gathered in the Canolfan Centre, Gorseinon, where Garden village Women's Institute hosted the Link celebration. The harvest theme was echoed in decorations of 'Harvest of the Earth' with fruit and vegetables, floral displays, sunflower scarecrow displays and a harvest loaf. The splendid loaf was made by one of our members and was decorated with a harvest mouse.

'Harvest of the Sea' displayed with a foreshore of stones, sand and water, cockles and cockleshells, mussels and laver bread. 'Harvest under the Earth' was depicted with coal, a miner's lamp and a framed record describing the history of coal mining. There was a buffet meal using produce of the Earth. A 'poet's corner' of 6 members, complete with props, read poems relating to the Harvest theme. The main entertainment was John Butler & the Bay choir which entertained with a medley of songs and the evening ended with a sing-along of well-known World War 1 songs. A very successful evening enjoyed by all.

*Marie Hamer*



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## NADOLIG LLAWEN/HAPPY CHRISTMAS

The office at Federation House will be closed for Christmas and New Year from Monday 22 December until Monday 5 January 2015

I would like to thank you all for the overwhelming support you gave us in August when we travelled around the Federation with the Centenary Baton.

### 2015 Centenary Year

Our Centenary year of celebration is almost upon us and we look forward to seeing you at the various events which have been arranged by the Board of Trustees and Sub Committees.

If your WI is planning an event to celebrate this special year please inform the office.

Don't forget to start your Scrapbook for the centenary year for the NFWI scrapbook competition.

We hope you will join us in our spectacular year of celebration. The Federation Chairman and Officers would be delighted to attend any of your celebrations.

*Carolyn Davies*  
Federation Chairman

### News from Federation House

By June Humphry 01639 881588

### NFWI ANNUAL MEETING at the Royal Albert Hall, London Thursday 4 June 2015-

For the first time there will be two delegates from each link attending the NFWI Annual Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall in London. Accommodation and travel will be provided, there is no cost to the delegate as each WI in their link contributes towards the cost (form enclosed).

The voting system this year will be as follows:

The designated WI will vote for their own WI and one other WI in their link. The voting information will be in the delegate pack which will be given out en-route to London.



*We wish you a Happy Peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year from Federation House to each and every one of our WI members in Glamorgan Federation.*



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**News from Denman—Sylvia Tittley,  
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Details of the Denman Overnight Designer Day are now with all WI secretaries, who should read out or pass around the flyer at your next meeting. If you are interested but have not had the information, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you would like to become a friend of Denman, then contact me for an application form. For any information about a visit individually or as a WI, or if you want me to come to your WI to speak about Denman, I am available at the contact details above.

Denman continues to flourish, but it is every bit as important that we do not forget it is the WI flagship for learning and we must not become complacent—Denman needs you to support it—visit it—on a course—B&B basis, a perfect base to explore Oxford, or a Day visit, if we do not use it, we could lose it and we do not want that.

Have a lovely Christmas and I look Forward to seeing many of you at Denman next year

**News from Sport & Leisure**

By Jean Lund tel: 029 2084 2940

Congratulations to Pat Phillips, Pencoed WI, who was the winner of this year's Scrabble Competition.

The Spring federation Walk will be in the Coed Ely (Tonyrefail) area on Thursday 16 April 2015. Starting at Coed Ely this is a moderate six mile walk. There are a few ascents and the paths can be muddy. No stiles. The walk includes a section on the Taff Ely Ridgeway and the views are exceptional. Coed Ely is easily accessible from J34 of the M4 now. The flier for this walk is with your secretary now.

**News from Shows**

Angela Bending tel: 01792 391056

Plans are already in hand for next year's Show in July and we know that members like to have the schedule early... see enclosure.

The theme is 'Our Century in Song', Some classes relating to our Centenary Year in WI.

Full schedules will be posted in February and distributed in the Regional Meetings which will be held in February at Dunvant, Ystradowen, Cardiff and Port Talbot. (Application form also enclosed

**News from Membership Support**

By Carol Atkinson tel: 01656 782761

In the November issue of WI Life, members will be able to read the Selection List of Resolutions for 2015.

Members will vote for one of these Resolutions in their January meeting 2015. (Please take voting slip from WI Life).

The Resolution with the highest number of votes from all WIs will be put forward at the Annual Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall London, on the 4 June 2015.

Members will be asked to vote **For/Against** this Resolution in their April/May meeting 2015.

**News from Home Economics & Craft**

By Mavis Tierney tel: 01443 204871

**Rosebowl and Brecon Cup 2015**

The theme is Centenary and the rules and regulations are with this mailing. We would love a bumper entry in this very special year for NFWI.

**Burn and Bead**

Come and join us for this very exciting day to be held in March at Federation House. Details with your secretary.

When selling raffle tickets please remember that they need to be sold singly e.g if selling a strip for £1 the strip **MUST** be split into 5 single tickets (at 20p each) for the draw.

**2015 Membership booklets—delivery arrangements**

Deliveries of the 2015 WI membership booklets will be despatched during the fortnight ending 16 December 2014.

If you have not received your booklets by 16 December 2014 can you please let June Humphry know.

*Enclosures this month*

1. Glamorgan Show Regional meetings - purple
2. Advance Show Schedule - purple
3. Spring Federation walk - yellow
4. Burn & Bead - gold
5. NFWI Annual meeting—WI Financial contribution — cream
6. Centenary Anniversary Lunch & Fashion Show - cream
7. Rosebowl & Brecon Cup rules - gold
8. Two Annual Financial Statements and two budget forms for Treasurer
9. WI Resolution voting form - green

**Lady Denman Cup Competition 2014**

The NFWI received 162 entries from 63 Federations. The winning entries were:

First	Stephanie Gaunt	East Sussex Federation
Second	Dympna Connolly	Isle of Man Federation
Third	Ivy Lee	Worcestershire Federation
Highly Commended	Sue Wright	Clwyd Flint Federation
	Angela Harrison	Derbyshire Federation
	Helene Dolder	Northumberland Federation
	Sheila Light	Warwickshire Federation

*The Judges stated that 'what was apparent in virtually all the entries was a singular, deep and abiding appreciation of the WI as both an organisation and as a place fostering its members' welfare and happiness as well as one which creates a space for members to do so for one another'.*

**500 Club 2013-2014**



The winner of £20 in the November Draw No. 81 — Mrs C Atherton

**SPEAKERS CORNER**

⇒ Sally Mabey Culverhouse Cross WI is available to give talks on the following:

The Bayeux Tapestry (Illustrated);  
Wedding in Istanbul (illustrated);  
The search for my Father... a lighthearted look at family history  
From WI to Mastermind, via Eggheads!  
£35 inc mileage. Tel 029 2033 9440 or  
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Diary dates 2014			Closing date
Lunch and Floral Demonstration	Aberavon Beach Hotel	19 January 2015	
Whist Competition	Ystradowen Village Hall	24 January 2015	12 December 2014
Darts Competition	Llanharry Workingmen's Club	21 February 2015	12 December 2014
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