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Sully WI members were joined by past Presidents, members of seven other WIs and guests at the Seashore Grill, to celebrate their formation in October 1948.

Everyone was welcomed by Vice President Anne Rees and the evening began with the singing of Jerusalem.

Sully WI will be planting a Flowering Cherry Tree in the grounds of Sully Church to commemorate the occasion and Mossfords have kindly donated a plaque for the tree.

Vice President Liz Marsh took us back to the Formation Meeting in October 1948 and read the Minutes of the Sully WIs first meeting in December 1948. She also spoke about some of the highlights of recent years, the Direction Finder to celebrate the Millennium which is on the Coastal Path in Sully, winning Gold in the Penarth Christmas Tree Festival and being key players in the Sully Village Show for the last 6 years.

The Five Sully Wanderers provided hilarious entertainment with a rendition of the Wonder Bra song. This was enjoyed so much by the guests that they all joined in the second time around. It was followed by a delicious buffet, a piece of birthday cake and a chance to catch up with other members.

There were 10 entries for the competition of WI memorabilia which all guests were invited to vote on. The joint winners receiving a prize were Barry Highlight WI and Penarth Peers WI.

A funny story from Barry Highlight and seven lucky raffle winners completed a memorable 70th birthday celebration.

*Anne Rees, Secretary, Sully WI*

Whitchurch WI raised over £500 in style on 17 October, when six of their members delighted fellow members and guests by becoming models for the afternoon. The show was compered by Jan of Threads, a Dress and Haberdashery shop in Rhiwbina, who provided each of the models with three up-to-the-minute outfits for the cat-walk. It was obvious the wearers relished the experience particularly when their costumes were a departure from their usual image. There followed an enjoyable shopping spree and then the company were served an elegant afternoon tea of assorted cakes made by three of the members. The money raised goes between this year's elected Charities—Huggard House for the Homeless and Forget-Me-Not Choir for people suffering from Dementia.

A large group of members turned up at Skewen Memorial Hall in September to try their hands at a Brazilian Samba Drumming workshop! What a great experience we had, not only learning a new skill, but working together as a group to make music! There was a lot of hilarity especially when our tutor added movement to our instrument playing. You'd think playing whilst moving would be easy. So much fun, and enjoyment, everyone should try it. Our craft class was a pottery making extravaganza. Jugs of all shapes and sizes were made, and at our November class we will endeavour to decorate and glaze our works of art! Thanks to all the ladies who were willing to go out of their comfort zones, to participate in both activities.

*Diane Burns, Skewen WI*

### International Day of the Girl

Since 2012, 11 October has been marked as the International Day of the Girl. The day aims to highlight and address the needs and challenges girls face, while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights (**United Nations**) and on that day, Sker WI was able to reflect on how they had played a big part in helping to promote safety and security for vulnerable girls in some of the poorest communities of the world.

In August 2018, an appeal went out from the Bridgend Summer Sewing Bee for donations of cotton rich material and sewing sundries to help them reach a total of 50 simple sundresses and handmade dolls to be sent to the Dress a Girl Around the World Foundation. Dress a Girl Around the World falls under the umbrella of Hope4Women, and sets out the belief that every girl, regardless of their circumstances is entitled to a new dress. It suggests that by providing basic garments, girls can be given greater feelings of self-esteem and are seen as more valued members of society. It also goes some way to protecting girls from abuse and sex trafficking as the Dress a Girl label attached to each dress indicates that someone is looking after her. The appeal also asked for packs of new knickers so that each new dress could be presented with its little hand-made doll and several pairs of new pants.

As is always the case, Sker WIs members upheld the long standing heritage of WI by recognising the need and giving generously and without question. The Sewing Bee met its target and are busy planning for next year's project—to make little boys shorts in line with Dress a Girl Around the World's 'Boy in the Background' initiative.

I am confident that Bridgend Summer Sewing Bee will be able to count on support from Sker WI when they next call on us for help. Needless to say, I am incredibly proud of Sker WI and the WI as a whole for the way they make a difference!

*Christine Beynon, Sker WI*

After weeks of glorious summer sunshine, Saturday 8 September started cool and the skies were threatening, but our spirits could not be dampened, Mumbles WI were off on our day trip to Laugharne!

By courtesy of our National Lottery Grant we were off on our Dylan Thomas trail, one of many Dylan themed events we are having this year. On the way to Laugharne the rain was torrential but had cleared by the time we arrived. We were joined on the coach by Peter and Claire from the Fluellen Theatre Company, who kept us entertained along the way with poetry readings and many interesting Dylan anecdotes.

Having arrived at Laugharne, and having had a welcome hot coffee, we all headed off to St Martin's Church and the grave of Dylan Thomas and his wife Caitlin. It was very atmospheric, the rain was pouring again and Peter read from 'Do not go gentle into that good night'. After an excellent lunch at Brown's Hotel, our last visit was to the Boathouse.

Heading home we all agreed it had been a lovely day. Huge thanks to all who had helped in the organising and to Peter and Claire for making it that little bit extra special.

*Shirley Spooner, Mumbles WI*

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# Glamorgan

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News from Federation House  
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The office at Federation House will be closed for Christmas and New Year from Thursday 20 December 2018 until Thursday 3 January 2019



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### News from Sport & Leisure

By Pam Dinham tel: 01443 203770

Looking forward to the Spring. We are going to Hereford on a City Walk, and the Spring Walk is around the Porthcawl area, with a twist. Application forms for these events are with this mailing. Please come and join us.

I would like to thank you all for the support you have given us for all our events, and there will be exciting new days out planned for next year.

### News from Denman Myra Thomas

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The March 2019 Glamorgan Weekend is now full. Unfortunately, the coach is oversubscribed, so I am asking if two ladies will be willing to go by car. Dawn Storie is taking her car, and is happy to take two ladies. Ideally Dawn will pick you up at the Sarn Service pick up. Please contact me, if you are happy to help with this request. Obviously your £20 will be refunded. You will be pleased to know that you have all been allocated your first choice of course. I will be in touch with final arrangements and final payment date as soon as I hear from Denman

### News from Membership Support

By Ann Lydiard tel: 01639 776831

**End of Year Accounts**—A reminder to Treasurers that the accounts are to be closed on 31 December 2018, and preparations should be made to ensure that payments are made and all cheques are cleared by that date. After the closing date, the accounts should be prepared for examination, preferably by a WI trained Independent Financial Examiner. Please get in touch with the Federation Secretary to arrange this.

**Fundraising**—WIs have Charitable Status, so when organising any fundraising please ensure that this status is not compromised. All WIs should have a copy of the NFWI Fundraising Guidelines, and they can also be found on My WI. If you need any further advice please ask your WI Adviser.

**Resolutions**—The shortlist of six Resolutions can now be viewed on My WI.

### News from Public Affairs

By Carolyn Davies tel: 01443 223093

**Reminder**—Green Hearts, Show the Love Climate Change Coalition February 2019. Have you ordered your pack of resources. To receive your pack sign up to [www.thewi.org.uk](http://www.thewi.org.uk) click on Campaigns and then 'Show The Love'.

**International Event**—Notification of a superb forthcoming event on the evening of Friday 5 April 2019 at the Bethlehem Hall, Cefn Cribbwr. You will be transported to Argentina. The programme will include a Talk on life in Patagonia, wine tasting by Majestic Wines, Tango Dancing, and you will be encouraged to participate in the dance. Light snacks will be served.

Look out for the application form in the January mailing.

### News from Home Economics & Craft

By Myra Thomas tel: 01792 232662

Thank you all for your support during the last year's events, and we look forward to your support in the future.

Thursday 11 April 2019 is the eliminator for the Royal Welsh Show. 'Bees and Trees' a lovely theme, followed by a sumptuous tea prepared by the Board of Trustees. So start planning your display and crafts during the next few months. We look forward to some more WIs entering. Application forms are with this mailing. Strictly no late entries.

Sunday 29 September 2019—day trip to Malvern Autumn Show.

Saturday 5 October at Miskin Church Hall and Saturday 12 October at Murton Church Hall. Meet the judges. Hints and tips on how they judge your items, both in a co-operative and in individual classes.

### News from Glamorgan Shows

By Angela Bending tel: 01792 391056

The 2019 Show Schedule is out! Hopefully crafts can be started in these Winter months ahead and plans made. Good luck. See you at the Regional Meetings in February.

### Enclosures this month

- 1 NFWI-Wales Annual Conference
- 2 Rosebowl & Brecon Cup Entries 2019
- 3 'Bees and Trees'
- 4 Resolution Votes Record Form
- 5 Glamorgan Show Schedule
- 6 Glamorgan WI Show 2019 Regional Meetings
- 7 Guided Walk of Hereford
- 8 Spring Federation Walk

### 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 Porth WI for their donation of £25, towards the upkeep of Federation House in Port Talbot.

### 500 Club 2018-2019



The winners of the November Draw are:

- £20 No. 199 — Barbara Bowring
- £15 No. 50 — Sheilagh Gunston

### NFWI-Wales and the Bevan Commission engage WI members in the Our Health in Our Hands project to help make prudent healthcare a reality

On the 70th anniversary of the NHS, NFWI-Wales in collaboration with the Bevan Commission, is calling on WI members to hold discussions within their WI about their experiences of health and care services.

On a regular basis we hear about the increasing pressures and expectations on the NHS. Obesity rates continue to rise, our dependency on medical solutions is high, we have a growing ageing population and we are seeing an increased prevalence of complex and long-term conditions.

Through Our Health in Our Hands, we want to start a wider conversation with WIs and their networks so that we help influence and inform others to ensure that we create the very best health and healthcare services now and for our future generations. A promotional flyer, worksheet and resource pack are available to support members to facilitate a discussion at a WI meeting.

To find out more and register an interest in getting involved, please visit the website: - <https://www.thewi.org.uk/wi-in-wales/current-projects/our-health-in-our-hands2>

### Connected Communities – Tackling Loneliness and Social Isolation

On 22 October, the Welsh Government launched its consultation document on tackling loneliness and social isolation.

NFWI-Wales will be drafting a response to the document and would very much like to receive members' comments on the questions posed. The document can be accessed from the following link: <https://beta.gov.wales/connected-communities-tackling-loneliness-and-social-isolation>

We would be grateful if members could send their comments to the NFWI-Wales Office by no later than **8 January** so that they can be included in the NFWI-Wales response. Please e-mail [s.thomas@nfwl-wales.org.uk](mailto:s.thomas@nfwl-wales.org.uk) In addition, it would be useful to hear about any activities undertaken by Federations and WIs to combat loneliness and raise the profile of the issue in communities as part of the WIs Link Together campaign.

Diary dates 2018			Closing date
Whist Competition - £5	Ystradowen Village Hall	19 January 2019	30 November 2018
Darts Competition	Llanharry Workingmen's Club	16 February 2019	28 December 2018
Regional Show Meetings	Community Centre, Dunvant Village Hall, Ystradowen Carmel Chapel Vestry, Port Talbot	18 February 2019 20 February 2019 21 February	
Spring Federation Walk—£3	Hi Tide, Porthcawl	3 April 2019	28 February 2019
Rosebowl and Brecon Cup Entries 2019	Miskin Catholic Church Hall	11 April 2019	8 March 2019
'Bees and Trees' - £6	Miskin Catholic Church Hall	11 April 2019	8 March 2019
NFWI-Wales Annual Conference	St Julians School, Newport	15/16 April 2019	15 February 2019
Guided Walk of Hereford—£20	Hereford	25 April 2019	28 February 2019
NFWI Annual Meeting	Bournemouth International Centre	5 June 2019	
Glamorgan WI Show	North Cornelly	20 July 2019	