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Penylan WI have tried to give their members as many experiences as possible and to try new things!

As we like cooking and eating we decided to go to Llanerch Vineyards, in the Vale of Glamorgan for a Cookery demonstration and evening meal. It was a perfect evening. We were greeted with cold drinks and delicious biscuits and then proceeded to the main room where Angela Gray, a Welsh author and chef, demonstrated making bread, pesto, stuffed chicken, a pasta dish, roasted vegetables and a delicious Tiramisu. All the recipes were later e-mailed to us. We all left full, happy and determined to return.

Ansti Corellis

An Autumn Fashion Show was on the agenda for **Rhose WI** and a number of visitors at the September Meeting. It showcased outfits from the ladies' fashion store, 'Samantha B.' of Ewenny. A lively commentary by Sam B. herself accompanied the show as models Gloria Sparks, Jill Oliver, Sheila Griffiths, Suzanne Hodges, Beryl Lang and Sandra Barnes trod the catwalk. Outfits from smart casual, day wear, wedding and evening wear were worn with elegance by the models. The show ended with a competition sponsored by Sam B. when the audience was asked to price an outfit worn by a member of staff. This was won by Judith Young who received a voucher to spend at the store. Giving a vote of thanks, Sue Hamer stressed the 'feel good factor' of the show and spoke for all when she said what an enjoyable event it had been. Members and visitors were also given 10% discount to be used at the store.

Jill Jones

Thanks to the Awards for All Lottery Grant, members of **Treorchy W.I.** were able to visit Sudeley Castle and gardens. The weather was perfect and we spent an enjoyable day looking around the interesting and historical Castle, and the Church of St. Mary which is the resting place of Catherine Parr. We also spent time wandering around the beautiful gardens and lawns which surround the Castle. Some of our members brought picnic lunches whilst others enjoyed the meals provided at Sudeley Castle. We are now looking forward to our second trip in November which will be to Aber-Cwm-Hir Abbey. We feel we must also thank our own member Anna Brown who has worked so hard to enable us to have this lottery grant. It was Oh, such a perfect day.



Caerphilly WI won all their five matches in the outdoor bowls competition at Kenfig Hill & Pyle Bowls Club on 13th September. The team consisted of: June Westacot (lead), Barbara Morgan (2nd), Marie Peasley (3rd) and Barbara Jones (skip). They took with them their lucky mascot Carole Milford!

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Thirty years ago **Bryncoch WI** members were involved in making a quilt depicting various landmarks in the village. This year it has been framed and has finally found a permanent home hanging in the Bryncoch Community Centre where the WI meet on the first Tuesday of the month.



In August members held a World War 1 tea. Normally there is no meeting in August, but members were very keen to attend this event. The food was prepared by the members and on the day 50 members and 9 guests sat down to a delicious tea. The guests were ladies involved in making the quilt in 1984. Some had not met since that time as they had gone on to pastures new, so they were thrilled to meet up with old friends and also to see their handy work hanging in the hall. Everyone made an effort to dress in 1914 fashion.

A 1920's themed party was thrown to celebrate the 95th Anniversary of **Coychurch WI**. Sixty ladies dressed as 'flappers' enjoyed an afternoon of celebrations. A delicious buffet and birthday cake was followed by entertainment from guitarist Bob who had us all tapping and singing along to some of our favourite music and by a talented young dance trio 'Becky's Girls'. The afternoon culminated with our very own 'Coychurch Cuties' giving us a rendering of some of our old favourite songs. Sandra Davison, Coychurch WI President, thanked everyone for making this such a memorable occasion.



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GFWI Centenary Celebrations

Our year of Centenary celebrations is almost upon us. The following is a taste of some of the forthcoming events for 2015

January - Lunch and Floral Art Demonstration	July—Garden Party, Margam Park
February—A Taste of Wales	August—President's Afternoon, Miskin
March—Centenary Service, Llandaff Cathedral	September—Feds of Wales, Cardiff
April—Lunch and Fashion Show	October—An Evening with Mark Evans and his band, Porthcawl.
May—Centenary Holiday, Caernarfon	November—Craft Fayre, Margam Orangery
June—Demonstration Day	December—Carol Festival, Brangwyn Hall.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Centenary Commemorative Service— Llandaff Cathedral 7 March 2015

We are pleased to be holding the above, please see the flyer with this mailing and note the date of return **5 December 2014**.

A Taste of Wales

Will be held at Llanharry Workingmen's Club on Saturday 28 February 2015. Enjoy the taste of Welsh cuisine and enjoy a 'cheesy' talk by Blaenavon Cheese Company when you will be able to purchase the Centenary Cheese. Prior to afternoon tea you will be entertained by harpists. Flyer with this mailing.



NATIONAL BROADCAST OF THE NFWI CENTENARY ANNUAL MEETING

Has your WI arranged to broadcast the Centenary Annual meeting? If you have arranged an event for your WI or Link please inform the office.



Please send all articles/contributions for **THE BACK PAGE** to The Editor, Angela Smith,
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News from Denman—Sylvia Tittley, Denman Ambassador 01639 850899
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Denman Overnight Designer Day Sunday 11-Monday 12 October 2015

Once again we are offering an opportunity to visit Denman in Oxfordshire for an overnight stay. We will be stopping at Burford Garden Centre for lunch and shopping. The flyer is with this month's mailing.

News from Sport & Leisure

By Jean Lund tel: 029 2084 2940

Congratulations to Caerphilly WI who won the 2014 Outdoor Bowls Competition in September.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel this year's Bridge Competition because of the small number of applicants. However, the competition will be back to its usual slot in November 2015, so we hope that more of you will apply to make the event viable.

Many of you will be aware that we have secured a Sports' grant this year. Some of our events have been subsidised and a sum was allocated for the purchase of equipment. As well as 8 sets of table tennis equipment (bats, balls and a retractable net) we have purchased another Kurling set. All this equipment can be borrowed from Federation House. Just give June a ring.

News from Membership Support

By Carol Atkinson tel: 01656 782761

Secretaries will soon be receiving the list of dates for Annual Meetings for 2015. Would you please check the date for your meeting on the list as some may be arranged on Bank Holidays. Please inform the office if you change the date of your meeting due to Easter and May Day.

Please note when planning your programme for 2015 that you should not arrange a speaker on the day you have your Annual Meeting. The WI Adviser who will be attending your meeting on that day is classed as your

Centenary Baton—The baton travelled 871 miles whilst in Glamorgan Federation, from the Gower Peninsula to Neath and Port Talbot, Rhondda Heritage Park and Cardiff Bay.

Mastermind—Congratulations to Sally Mabey of Culverhouse Cross WI who was a recent contestant for the second time on Mastermind.

News from Public Affairs

By Glenys Care tel: 029 2132 1369

Time to Talk—This is NFWI's new campaign aimed at getting members talking about organ donation with family, friends and in communities. What it really wants, is for all of us to make our wishes known to our nearest and dearest; if you want your organs to be used to help others, after your death, just tell those nearest to you, so that when the inevitable occurs, they will know what you wanted.

Astronomy— Public Affairs is considering a visit to an astronomical observatory, or to a Star Party, as part of its science remit, we are also making enquiries regarding a visit to the Space Agency—we will keep you informed on progress.

Asian Hornet Alert!! - DEFRA have asked the WI to alert members to the threat posed by the Asian hornet (*Vespa velutina*), which is a predator of honey bees and other beneficial insects. It's not on UK shores yet, but is in France, Spain, Portugal and Italy. Further details, including an ID sheet, can be found at:

<https://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/beebase/index.cum?pageld=208>

Under no circumstances should an active hornet's nest be disturbed or provoked.

News from Enterprise

By Norma Morris tel: 01639 791554

Calendars and Diaries

Orders are now available for collection from Federation House. Please ring the office to arrange collection. Office hours—9am-2.30pm Monday Wednesday and Friday. N.B the office is not open on Tuesday.

Photographs for 2016 calendar—The theme for the 2016 calendar is 'My favourite Beauty spot in Glamorgan Federation'. Application form with this mailing.

Radio Cymru Christmas Cake Competition

Radio Cymru has launched a competition to find the best Christmas Cake in Wales. The competition is being promoted through Shân Coti's radio show Bore Cothi and they are asking listeners to send a slice of their Christmas cake to the show for judging by the 19 December 2014. The winner will receive a prize of a Masterclass in their home with Beca Lyne-Pirkis, a former Great British Bake Off contestant and presenter of Becws on S4C. Anyone interested needs to register on the Radio Cymru website by following this link:
<https://ssl.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04hcj9k/contact>
All entries need to be sent to Bore Cothi, Radio Cymru, BBC Cymru, Llandaf, Caerdydd CF5 2YQ

Enclosures this month

1. Photographs for 2016 Calendar - blue
2. Denman Overnight stay - cream
3. Taste of Wales - cream
4. Centenary Commemorative Service Llandaff Cathedral - cream
5. Glamorgan Newsletter subscription 2015—purple

500 Club 2013-2014



The winner of £20 in the October Draw
No. 14 — Mrs M Stubbs

DONATION—Thank you to Margam WI for their donation of £100 for Federation Funds. We are always delighted to receive donations from our WIs; they are always useful

SPEAKERS CORNER

- ⇒ Gwerfyl Gardner, Merthyr Mawr WI is available to give talks on the following :
Adventures in Quizland—Experiences appearing on television quiz shows (Eggheads, The Chase, Weakest Link and 15 to 1).
The Treachery of the Blue Books—history of education in Wales and the use of Welsh in schools.
The Slate Barons of North Wales—the story of the quarrymen and their masters.
From Canton to Kensington—Welsh sculptor William Goscombe John.
The Cory Family and Dyffryn House and Gardens—the story of the family and the house they built in the Vale of Glamorgan. Tel: 01446 773663
- ⇒ Deana Owen gives a talk on setting up a charity and her work with the elderly and the young in Monze in Zambia. Contact 01656 662301; mobile 07897 660543 e mail deana.deanaowen.owen@gmail.com
- ⇒ Audrey Griffiths does a talk on 'Keeping the Home Fires Burning' (1915-1916) For more information or to book Audrey tel: 01443 451859 or e mail audgriff@myself.com

Diary dates 2014			Closing date
Autumn Walk	Barry	14 October 2014	
Christmas Tree Festival	Margam Park	3 December 2014	14 November 2014
Christmas Holiday	Shropshire	11/14 December 2014	
Lunch and Floral Demonstration	Aberavon Beach Hotel	19 January 2015	5 December 2014
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	28 November 2014
Denman Overnight stay	Denman College	11/12 October 2015	
Taste of Wales	Llanharry Workingmans Club	28 February 2015	23 January 2015