

90th Birthday

On June 7th Margam WI held a fashion show 'Through the Decades' at Margam Castle, home of founding President, Mrs. Fletcher. 170 guests were entertained to fashions of the ten decades of Margam WI's History, modeled by local members and compared by Mrs. Pamela Davies who devised the show. There was a traditional tea - delicious cakes, delightful scones, and delicate sandwiches. All were served on three tier cake



stands. And members best porcelain by ladies in maid-servant dress of the 1920s in the atmospheric aura of Margam Castle. As cakes and tea were avidly consumed, models passed the tables. Members had searched the cupboards of their homes, relatives'

lofts, begged and borrowed clothing for the various eras represented. The result - a successful afternoon and a fitting celebration of the history of one of Glamorgan's first WIs, and, consequently another WI calendar - sorry, but this time models clothed to represent the decades. *Stephanie Nicholas, President*

Recently Efail Isaf WI were lucky enough to be able to welcome Sophie Evans recently to their meeting. She sang 'Over The Rainbow' and then told us all about her rise to fame from singing in Primary School productions to being in The West End with Andrew Lloyd Webber. What an experience for someone so young, hopefully she will entertain us for many more years to come. She also finds time to be an ambassador for LATCH, the Welsh Children's Cancer Charity, where she has brightened days for children and their families. *Sue Warrilow*



LEST WE FORGET

During a national week of remembrance, Rhose WI commemorated the First World War at their meeting on August 7th. The WI's drama group, the Winos, using words of soldiers serving in the conflict, showed the members scenes from life at the Front. Material from "The Wiper's Times", a newspaper published at the Front by serving soldiers, for serving soldiers, was used as well as familiar songs such as "Goodbye Dolly Grey" and "Tipperary". The programme opened with "Oh it's a Lovely War" when Elsa Jones as a recruiting sergeant called upon The 'men of Rhose' to join up and serve King and Country! Scenes depicting troops leaving for the Front, a B.E.F. Alphabet; 'Home Leave' and 'Life in the Trenches'. Followed. These were made poignant by the humour and pathos of the words of those brave men who contributed to 'The Wiper's Times'. Music and the sounds of battle were used to great effect, and the Winos and their stage-manager, Tricia Farley did a splendid job. A candle of remembrance was lit and President Jenny Reed called on members who had lost relatives in the Great War to stand and name the fallen. A number of members responded and a minute's silence followed. *Jill Jones*

Newton, Swansea WI, in conjunction with a local community group, will commemorate the beginning of the first World War with events from 24th - 31st October based in Newton Village Hall. There will be exhibitions of school children's work, films and war mementoes; Members handmade felt and crocheted poppies will be on sale. A field of remembrance and bed of poppies will be outside the building. A coffee morning with entertainment will be held on Sat, 25th October,

Full details from Heather Jones 01792 415371



WHAT GEMS!

Pen y fai WI enjoyed a visit to Oakham Treasures, on the outskirts of Bristol. After coffee we walked around the exhibits - everything you could think of from days gone by. Many comments of 'we had one of those' and 'I remember my grandmother using one like that'. Much laughter could be heard in the postcard corner! One comment 'not half as much fun for the postman/woman of today!

After a delicious lunch, we were off to Tyntesfield which we visited several years ago when it first opened to the public. Since then many millions have been spent and many rooms furnished with original items which had been stored in the bedrooms - there is lots more stored for future restoration. *Jean Griffiths,*

ASCOT HERE WE COME

Barry WI members went to Ascot' races for their July meeting. The members arrived smartly dressed and wearing hats. Thick wallpaper was used on the tables to make a racecourse. The 8 horses



were cleverly adapted by twins Jackie and Jeanette and were named after some of the members present - the President, the Duchess, Twinny, Half a Mo, Ello Vera, Nestegg, Genie and Patacake. Then they were off. After a lot of laughing and cheering the meeting was over and the members had a real Ascot tea of delicate sandwiches, shortbread biscuits, strawberries and ice cream and a lovely cuppa. Everyone enjoyed themselves and look forward to another race meeting in the future. *Jeanette Chilcott*

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News from Federation House
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CENTENARY BATON - JOURNEY THROUGH GLAMORGAN

Our journey through the Federation started in Rhossili on a lovely sunny morning where we met with members from the WIs in the Gower and we were joined by the Coast Guards, followed by refreshments provided from Llanddewi with Knelston WI. Then onto Llangatwg and Aberdulais Falls where Catwg WI provided us with afternoon tea. In the evening the Baton was on Show again at Margam WI at a special coffee evening at one of the members homes.

Thursday we travelled to Margam Park in a vintage tractor and trailer and linked up with GFWI members who were on their summer walk. The afternoon saw us at the Rhondda Heritage Site. Friday we travelled to Cardiff Bay where the Baton was paraded across the Cardiff Barrage, the Federation Chairman and Federation Secretary then returned the Baton to Cardiff Bay via the Water Taxi. Tuesday—the final day of the Baton in Glamorgan we met at the Welsh Assembly with Dame Rosemary Butler, Presiding Officer, Mick Antoniw AM from Pontypridd and Rhian Connick Head of NFWI Wales together with Federation Board members and WIs from the area.



Carolyn would like to thank all members involved for their goodwill and hospitality at all the events during the memorable week of the Baton with us.



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**News from Denman—Sylvia Tittley,
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**GLAMORGAN DENMAN WEEKEND
5-7 SEPTEMBER 2014**

I am pleased to report that Glamorgan Federation filled Denman for what was to be a wonderful weekend, there were seven courses on offer, four crafts and three outdoor visits.

Members were introduced to their tutors before commencing their courses.

I was invited to lunch with the ladies on the Mediterranean Cuisine course, to sample the meze and breads they had prepared in the morning session, everything tasted as good as it looked.

A delicious celebration dinner was enjoyed by all on Saturday evening.

Centenary Celebrations

Join the Federation to launch the 2015 Centenary Celebrations that are being held in Glamorgan.

Our first event will be a two course Lunch, followed by a Floral Art Demonstration, given by Daphne Furneaux. This is to be held at the Aberavon Beach Hotel, Port Talbot on Monday 19 January 2015 at a cost of £18. Application Form is with this mailing.

Detailed arrangements of further events being held during the year will be sent to all WI Secretaries in the October mailing.

Federation Dinner –The closing date of the Federation Dinner at the Hi Tide, Porthcawl on Thursday 23 October 2014 has been extended to 30 September 2014. Come and join us.

Christmas Tree Festival—It's still not too late to apply for a space for your WI to set up a Christmas Tree at the Orangery, Margam Park on Wednesday 3 December 2014.

So why not bring a Christmas Tree and decorate it at Margam Orangery (setting up of the tree commences at 9am).

Open to members from 11.30am.

Light refreshments will be available and the bar will be open. There will also be musical entertainment.

News from Sport & Leisure

By Jean Lund tel: 029 2084 2940

We know Autumn has arrived when we advertise the Whist Competition. The 2015 competition will be at Ystradowen Village Hall on Saturday 24 January 2015. The application form is with your secretary now, closing date Friday 12 December 2014.

Are you practising? The 2015 Darts competition will be held at Llanharry Workingmen's Club on Saturday 21 February. Bring along your supporters. The application form is with your secretary now.

The City Walk is always popular. Val Williams has been doing a lot of research on your behalf. Not easy, as we can't choose a venue which would mean a journey of more than three hours from Swansea. A lot of you have told us how much you enjoyed the Bristol City walk a few years ago. Val is organising a return visit to Bristol, but we will be following a different route and learning more about this city's rich historic past. The date for your diary is Tuesday 24 March 2015. Application form with this mailing.

MCS REPS - The new MCS site went live on the 28 August. In order that your WI MCS rep is able to log-in to the new site she should have her e mail address on her page and should have the position of MCS Rep assigned to her.

If you are unable to login using your e mail address and old password please contact the office and a new password will then be e mailed to you. Tel: 01639 881588 or e mail glamorgan@btconnect.com

ACWW—Novello Peters 01656 674191

Disabled Women and Girls Rehabilitation Project 2014. Our project is coming to an end. Any more donations would be gratefully accepted.

Pennies for Friendship—please make cheques payable to 'ACWW (Wipff)' and send to Federation House, 13 Courtland Place, Port Talbot SA13 1JJ by 31 October 2014

Enclosures this month

1. Whist Competition - Yellow
2. Darts Competition - Yellow
3. Guided walk of Bristol - Yellow
4. 2015 Walking Holiday - Yellow
5. Lunch & Floral Demonstration - Cream

500 Club 2013-2014



The winner of £20 in the August Draw No. 11 — Mrs J Davies
The winner of £20 in the September Draw No. 96 — Mrs P Williams

WI SBSCRIPTION 2015—At the end of July we received notification from NFWI that the subscription for 2015 will be £36. This is allocated as follows

	2014	2015	INCREASE
WI	£15.80	£17.00	£1.20
Federation	£7.80	£8.00	20p
NFWI	£11.10	£11.00	Decrease of 10p
TOTAL	£34.70	£36.00	£1.40

Dual members will pay £17 to their second WI. Pooling of fares for 2014 will remain the same at £16.00 per WI—this is a non-profit making scheme that aims to average out the travel cost for WI delegates to the Annual Meeting.

Diary dates 2014			Closing date
Autumn Walk	Barry	14 October 2014	
Federation Dinner	Hi Tide, Porthcawl	23 October 2014	19 September 2014
Scrabble Competition	St David's Church Hall, Pencoed	25 October 2014	
Good Food Show	NEC Birmingham	27 November 2014	15 September 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