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**DOUBLE CELEBRATION FOR CWMAFAN WI or 15 SHADES OF PURPLE (GREEN AND WHITE)**  
2018 is Cwmafan WI's 15th birthday (not very old, but some of our members are). In the photograph 2 founder members—Tegwen and Kay with our oldest member Glenys cutting the birthday cake. We gave our Birthday Tea a double significance, it being the Suffragette Movement Centenary, by inviting Professor Angela V. John to tell us the story of Lady Rhondda—Margaret Haig Thomas—which she has researched for her book on this until now, largely unknown Welsh Suffragette. Margaret travelled to London to collect explosives; set fire to a post box in Newport and was imprisoned, refusing to pay a fine; went on hunger strike but was released when her fine was paid anonymously. Now brought to light by Professor John's book and the Welsh National Opera production 'Rhondda Rips It Up' with Lesley Garret—which is receiving rave reviews with all tickets sold for its showing around the country, we all felt we knew more about the struggle to get voting rights for women 100 years ago.

We all entered into the spirit of the Suffragettes by dressing in purple, green or white and some in the costume of the time for our lovely WI Birthday Tea.

*Liz Knowles, Cwmafan WI*

Penylan WI held a Murder Mystery: Tea, Cake, Suffragettes and Murder. Written specially for the WI, with an all-female cast by Jayne Richmond—ably assisted by Andrew Lawson and Edward Fortune—this was the first time this murder mystery game has been played.

Set shortly after World War I, two intrepid lady detectives must puzzle out the murder of a leading Suffragette. The murder and detection all happens in Carlotta's Tea Parlour—a popular haunt of Suffragettes. Our hall was decorated with bunting and banners to convey the theme.

There was much hilarity and lots of mistakes but we had a great time. We didn't work out the murderer, but I'm sure other groups who wanted to take the game for a spin may have better luck than us! The game is scalable, with optional parts and a few sub-plots. It can be shared for free with other WIs if there is interest. We loved the opportunity for a bit of low-key dressing up and amateur dramatics. After seeing the standard of acting we're even looking at setting up a WI AmDram group!

*Christine Lutwyche, Penylan WI*

In Spectacular surroundings, on a warm August day, The Glynneath and District WI celebrated in style, their 80th Birthday. As Craig y Nos Country Park Restaurant welcomed the WI member in. They were greeted by 'Well Seasoned Trio' known as 'The Kings of Swing'. These 3 mature gentlemen give all their donations to charity, with their 'ratpack' style of sound. And their performance created an atmosphere that kept their audience quite spellbound. The invited guests and members tucked into a special tea, All deliciously 'home made'.

## OUR DAY AT CHEPSTOW RACES

On 19 July 2018 our mini bus was booked, A New experience was ahead of us—I wonder will we get hooked? The venue Chepstow Races by WI women out to enjoy. All dressed up excitement growing, more to come no need to be coy! Mini bus full, hysteria heightened with compliments on outfits for all. Most of all we were united and quite determined to have a ball! Soon we reached the Holiday Inn where a delicious coffee was most welcome.

Crowded with women, chatter and laughter a sort of organised bedlam! Arriving at Chepstow was so special to see, Lots of dapper officials greeting gorgeous WI women full of glee! Their citrus lime green ties and handsome well worn hats— oh they made such merry bands, Pleasant words were exchanged and glasses of Bucks Fizz were placed in very willing hands! What an array of stunning outfits, hats and fascinators so very well done. The broadcast smiles shone everywhere we even claimed the sun!

Then arriving at the guest suite a wonderful sight to see Such a light sunny room a very pleasant place to be. Tables with pristine linen lovingly laid with cutlery exact The racecourse amazing, in excellent condition and regulations in tact. So take a seat Viv, Irene, Sandra, June, Lorraine, Julie, Sheila and Jacqui,

Wonderous conversation was shared along with laughter amongst friends—nothing here was tacky!!

Our meal was delightful and very quickly scoffed—the cheesecake gastronomic, Drinks were flowing, no thought of dehydration, each sip provided quite a kick!

Our four legged friends were well behaved and so very well groomed When it was time for the off they performed and around the race track they BOOMED!!

What horse shall we choose—Makambe, Watch Tan or maybe Captain Sedgwick?

Seven full races, so many to deliberate and place a complimentary tick. Bets were placed, money exchanged lots of oohs and ahhs were heard, come on boy, faster, we're winning—ladies expectations lived through each word!!

Apparently this day occurs every two years providing excitement that will never wane.

So does that mean that with careful planning we could actually do it all again?

Three cheers for Chepstow Races, horses, riders, officials team, kitchen staff and all who dare.

We can state that it was a fabulous exciting day because yes—We were there!!

*Sheila Pratten, Rhondda Fach WI*

And our oldest member, Mary Connick who cut the celebration cake, is also in her eighth decade

A tablecloth on display showed old and new members' names embroidered on the surround

A poignant reminder of past members who are no longer around There were special thanks, gifts and congratulations, with singing and laughter to end the day

And President Mair Boyd gave a 'thanks to everyone' speech in her own inimitable way

The afternoon was an occasion to remember—a most enjoyable WI event And for Glynneath & District WI—a day inspiringly well spent.

*Lorna Lewis, Glynneath & District WI*

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# Glamorgan

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News from Federation House  
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**WI Subscription 2019** At the end of July we received notification from NFWI that the subscription for 2019 will be £42.00. This is allocated as follows:

TOTAL SUBSCRIPTION 2019	WI SHARE	FEDERATION SHARE	NFWI SHARE
£42.00	£20.50	£9.80	£11.70

### PRO RATA SUBS 1 October 2018/31 December 2018

Pro Rata Subs only apply to **NEW** members (i.e. who have never been in the WI or have not been a member for 10 years).

Can all Treasurers please return the form to Federation House immediately after **31 December 2018** (as requested on the enclosed form).

### NFWI WALES ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019

The 2019 NFWI Annual Conference and Eve of Conference will be held at St Julian's School, Newport on Monday/Tuesday 15/16 April 2019. The theme for the Conference is 'Regeneration' and the Eve of Conference is 'Alice in WI Land—100 Years of Perspiring Women'.

### Independent Financial Examiner

It is advisable for all WIs to have their end of year accounts examined by a trained Federation Independent Financial Examiner, especially as there is a new Account Book and Financial Statement.

Application form with this mailing.



### 2020 GFWI CALENDAR

Please note, photographs for the 2020 calendar should be 'Landscape' not 'Portrait'.

The theme for the 2020 calendar is 'Industrial Heritage in Glamorgan'

### GFWI SHOW 2018—WINNERS

Swansea Salver—WI with over 40 members -most points gained for prizes—Tir Iarl WI

Bridgend Salver—WI with between 25 and 40 members—most points gained for prizes—Skewen WI

Cornelly Cup—WI with under 25 members—most points gained for prizes—Penclawdd WI

Kenfig Cup—Best Preserve in Show—Ros Morgan, Glynhir WI

Swansea Cup—Best Cookery in Show—Mair Morgan—Tir Iarl WI

Llanblethian Cup—Best Floral Art in Show—Margaret Maguire, Upper Killay WI

Doris Richards Cup—Best Craft in Show—Eleanor Griffiths, Skewen WI

Port Talbot Cup—Best Co-operative in Show—Upper Killay WI

Dilys Price Award—Best Sugarcraft/Cold Porcelain in Show—Liz Jones, Ynysfach WI

Upper Killay WI Award—Best Art in Show—Lorraine Davies, Aber Valley WI

#### Children's Class

Under 5 - Zach Hubberfield, Pen y Fai WI  
5-7 - Samuel Hilton—Alltwen Heels WI  
8-11 - Alice Beesley-Margam WI

Men's Class—Michael Davies, Skewen WI

### 2018 RWS Winter Fair Competitions

The themes for the Winter Fair Competitions are as follows:

Craft: A Christmas Tree (any medium)

Produce—A trio of Mini Christmas Desserts

Floral Art (one entry per Federation) - 'Buttons, Berries and Baubles' ( max. space allowed 18"x18" - height unlimited)

Please send all articles/contributions for **THE BACK PAGE** to

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### News from Sport & Leisure

By Pam Dinham tel: 01443 203770

Dates for your Diary  
City Walk, Hereford—25 April 2019  
Darts Competition—16 February 2019

Over 70 members played Pentanque during August. There was lots of laughter and some rivalry as the confidence grew.

If any member would like to become involved with a ladies cycling group, check out the website [breeze@welshcycling.co.uk](mailto:breeze@welshcycling.co.uk) Beginners and experienced riders are welcome.

The Walking Netball popularity is growing. If there are no sessions in your area, contact your local Sports Centre who are prepared to put on sessions if there is enough interest, or give me a ring.

### News from Denman Myra Thomas

Tel: 01792 232662  
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There are still a few places available on the weekend of 22-24 March 2019. However, the coach is full, but if you would like to drive yourselves to Denman you are very welcome to join us on the weekend. Give me a ring or e mail.

I know many of you are planning your programmes for next year, so if you would like me to come to your WI to give a chat and a few slides at anytime, please contact me.

### News from Combined Arts

By Janet Young tel: 029 2067 0981

Many thanks on behalf of the Combined Arts to all those members from the 15 WIs, who supported the recent Murder Mystery Evening at the Hi Tide, Porthcawl. It was a thoroughly entertaining night, where we enjoyed a Three Act Play, 'The Great British Bump Off', ably performed by the Concept Players from Penarth. The story centred around a baking competition in a village, where rivalry and scandal were rife. The cast have contacted me to say how much they enjoyed the evening too, and are keen to assist and perform for us at any time.

Jane Exell, Media Officer

### DATA PROTECTION AND THE MEDIA

Owing to the recent changes in the Data Protection Laws it has become necessary to seek permission to include Member's Photographs in any reports of WI events sent to the press.

I would be grateful if you could contact Federation House if you **DO NOT WISH** your photographs in any press reports.

### News from Home Economics & Craft

By Myra Thomas tel: 01792 232662

Just a reminder, Malvern Autumn Show Sunday 30 September, pick up times are with your Secretaries.

Finishing off your Knitting, Tuesday 9 October. Members have been notified.

At our next meeting we will be planning the 2019 events, so ladies if you have any suggestions or ideas of what you would like to do, please contact any of the Committee or myself. The Rosebowl and Brecon Cup is already booked, Thursday 11 April, 2019 at Miskin.

### News from Membership Support

By Ann Lydiard tel: 01639 776831

Now that Summer is over and September is here, it is time to start thinking about planning your 2019 programme. Don't forget that WI Members are entitled to 11 free meetings as part of their Membership subscription. This means that they should be able to come along to monthly meetings and not incur any costs apart from paying for refreshments and raffle, if they wish to do so but bear in mind that this is voluntary and not an entry charge.

When planning your programme please ensure that on the night of your Annual Meeting you do not arrange for a speaker as your WI Adviser will be in attendance for the whole meeting.

### News from Public Affairs

By Carolyn Davies tel: 01443 223093

NFWI Wales will be holding a Candlelight Vigil outside the Senedd Building in Cardiff Bay on 20 November to mark International White Ribbon Day (Violence Against Women) which takes place on 25 November.

Please join us to hear from Ambassadors and to take part in a short walk around the Pier-head building to show solidarity with victims of VAW across the world.

### Recruitment of Male Ambassadors

NFWI-Wales is encouraging Federations and WIs to recruit Male Ambassadors from their communities to make a pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women.

Why not make white ribbons for your Ambassadors, organise a photo opportunity with Ambassadors or establish links with other women's groups in your area to organise joint awareness-raising activities?

The Action Pack, poster and other resources are available on MY WI and the website: - <https://www.thewi.org.uk/wi-in-wales/current-campaigns/no-more-violence-against-women>

### 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 Southerndown WI for their donation of £50, towards the upkeep of Federation House in Port Talbot.

### Enclosures this month

- 1 Pro Rata subs October/December
- 2 Whist Competition 2019
- 3 IFE application form
4. Christmas Tree Festival Tickets
5. Photograph entry form for 2020 Calendar
6. Urban Tree Project—Questionnaire

### Christmas at The Hall at Abbey-Cwm-Hir

The Hall is a 52 roomed grade II Gothic Mansion near Llandrindod-Wells. From 1 November 2018 to 6 January 2019 all 52 rooms of this family home will again be decorated to individual themes for Christmas. A unique and remarkable tour experience for individuals, couples, small and large groups.

To book phone 01597 851727 or e mail [info@abbeycwmhir.com](mailto:info@abbeycwmhir.com)  
Entrance costs are £16pp or £14pp for groups and return visitors. Children under 12 £5pp

### 2018 National Eisteddfod, Cardiff

On behalf of the NFWI Wales Office and the Board of Trustees we would like to thank all those who helped on the Glamorgan WI stand at the National Eisteddfod in Cardiff Bay, making the week successful and enjoyable.

### SPEAKERS CORNER.. Just a few more ideas for your next programme..

Let us have your recommendations for good speakers or trips..

- ⇒ Good Nutrition First—Personalised Nutrition. Tricia Lowe, Nutritional Therapist tel: 07974 356224 e mail [tricia@goodnutritionfirst.co.uk](mailto:tricia@goodnutritionfirst.co.uk)
- ⇒ Dean Powell is a very experience guest speaker who has entertained audiences throughout the UK with his variety of subject. Tel: 07773 352962 or e mail [dean@llantrisant.net](mailto:dean@llantrisant.net) website [www.deanpowellpr.com](http://www.deanpowellpr.com)

Diary dates 2018			Closing date
Autumn Holiday—£299	Thursford	13/16 November 2018	
How to Finish your Knitted Garments—£15	Federation House	9 October 2018	
Federation Dinner—£23	Hi Tide, Porthcawl	18 October 2018	
Christmas Tree Festival	The Orangery, Margam Park	21 November 2018	26 October 2018
Christmas Miscellany—£8	Wenvoe Golf Club	22 November 2018	22 October 2018
Whist Competition - £5	Ystradowen Village Hall	19 January 2019	30 November 2018

### 500 Club 2018-2019

The winners of the August Draw are:

£20 No. 217 — Ann Davies  
£15 No. 12 — Cheryl Quick

The winners of the September Draw are:

£20 No. 44 — Gaynor Harry  
£15 No. 196 — Barbara Bowring



### RURAL CRAFTWORKS PROJECT

This project aims to set up five craft 'hubs' in the rural wards of Bridgend County. However anyone can attend the hubs, whether or not they live in a rural ward. They aim to reduce social isolation and loneliness through bringing people together to craft as well as to generate employment and business potential where relevant.

As many WIs have a craft group they would be delighted if some would like to be involved. They will need volunteers to help run the hubs and would also be happy to support charitable craft projects.

If you are interested in helping contact Alison Westwood e mail [alison@eclipsegiftwrapping.co.uk](mailto:alison@eclipsegiftwrapping.co.uk) or ring 07951 106449 or Claire Bridge e mail [claire@eclipsegiftwrapping.co.uk](mailto:claire@eclipsegiftwrapping.co.uk) or ring 07596 748942.