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Gair gan y Cadeirydd / Chairman's Message,

Congratulations to Felinfach WI who won the Federation Quiz and Tregaron WI who came 2nd. Felinfach WI then went on to win the Inter-Federation Quiz held in Llandeilo. Well done!

Our Onnen Group Convener, Evana Lloyd, has now reached the end of her tenure. She has been such an enthusiastic and diligent Convener and we are grateful for all her work. Diolch yn fawr am eich gwaith. Llongyfarchiadau calonnog / Congratulations to The Teifi Treasures WI for coming 2nd in the co-operative competition and to Eleri Thomas Ciliau Aeron WI for the 3rd prize in the Brecon Cup and well done to all those who put in entries in the show.

Gay Evans

Royal Welsh Show 2024 – Sioe'r Cardis 2024. Our stand and display, 'Sustainable is Attainable / Adewyddu yw'r Ateb' was a great success with many positive comments. Amongst the many visitors, we were pleased to welcome NFWI Chair, Jeryl Stone and NFWI Wales Chair, Jill Rundle to the stand. A huge thank you to all those involved including Evan and Will who set up the display, the fantastic stewards/WIAs who welcomed the visitors and the demonstrators. Thanks to Gillian Olewicz who stepped in to give an Iris folding demonstration on the Wednesday. NFWI and NFWI-Wales also wish to extend their gratitude. Diolch i bawb am fod mor barod i helpu yn y Sioe Fawr. Roedd yn wythnos lwyddiannus.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 2024 – at Aberporth Village Hall. **Saturday November 9th.** In addition to our usual business we shall be inviting Dilwyn Evans ('Dil the Vet' of 'Clarkson's Farm' fame) to talk to us about his life and in the afternoon we shall be entertained and informed by 'Cariad Millinery' hat and fascinator makers. Tickets from your WI Secretary at £9.00 made payable to CFWI or by BACS. Closing date - **Monday, October 7th** so that tickets can be delivered to your Group Meeting.

Board of Trustees Could you commit to becoming a Member of the Ceredigion Federation of WIs Board of Trustees? Would you like to make a difference and share your ideas to shape the future of the WI in Ceredigion? The Board meets once a month and members are also expected to involve themselves in sub-committee meetings and events, fundraisers and promotional opportunities. Experience of holding office in your own WI is always an advantage. If you are not sure, why not attend a meeting of your choice as an observer before you make your decision?

Elected Board Members are bound by Charity Law as outlined in the paperwork included in this mailing. If you wish to nominate yourself for the role of Member of the Board of Trustees, please return the enclosed form by **Thursday, 12th September**. If you wish to nominate another WI member, please seek their permission before returning the form. **Only paper copies will be accepted.**

Submitting a Resolution for 2025 – The WI is here to make a change. Why not put your idea into practice by submitting a resolution to be considered for future campaigning. Original ideas only. Please contact Margaret Peel on ceredigion.wi@gmail.com The closing date for submitting your Resolution for 2025 to Ein Swyddfa is **30th August 2024**.

TREASURE HUNT – we look forward to seeing you in Borth at the Community Hall SY24 5LH - **Wednesday 4th September at 2pm**. Long and short walk. Teas and coffees on return.

CFWI Autumn Rally – Saturday, 19th October 2024 at Felinfach Memorial Hall. You will have seen the advance notice of craft classes for the Autumn Rally. Full schedule enclosed. We are looking forward once again to a successful and enjoyable rally. Please note: it is very important that each member who enters an item into the rally has had an opportunity to read the full rally schedule, including the rules which accompany the entry form. Your WI Secretary has a paper and digital copy. A digital copy of 'On with the Show' is available on MyWI. It will answer all your questions on how to present your items for WI competitions. <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk>. Unfortunately paper copies are no longer available from NFWI. Digital updates will continuously be added to the digital publication, so keep an eye on My WI.

DARTS DOUBLES - Tuesday 24th September at The White Swan, Llanon. Forms with an expression of interest to be returned to Ein Swyddfa by 12th September at the latest.

ONNEN Group Convener – Are you a member in a WI in the Onnen Group? If you are interested in filling this vacancy, please contact Ein Swyddfa to seek further information. You may self-nominate or can nominate a suitable member from one of the Onnen WIs. The person needs to agree to the nomination.

“Where will our WIs be in 5 years?” Late last year we invited all Presidents + one to a seminar. We are now working through this document. Recruitment – 50 ways to increase membership – Don’t let your WI be a “secret” in your area. Promote – Newsletters - Bring along a guest – Share the word – Use local media to promote campaign. Interesting speakers. Helping with Digital awareness - Encouraging our members to get involved at all levels of the WI family. Advisers are actively involved to help any WI’s that require support.

The BETTY SEATON EVANS AWARD – A poem of no more than 100 words. Title -‘Me and My WI’. To be written in the language of your choice. Please send two paper copies to Ein Swyddfa by Thursday, **26 September** along with the form included in the June mailing.

Autumn Group Meetings – The theme is ‘Nature’. Held at 7pm unless stated otherwise. A 15 minute presentation offering digital advice to WIs will be included at these events so your digital expert is encouraged to attend. Entry fee £3.

Bedwen – Thursday 10th October. Genau’r Glyn WI in Borth Village Hall. SY245LH Speaker from Borth Animalarium.

Derwen – Wednesday 16 October. Tregaron WI, Tregaron Memorial Hall SY25 6JL - 2pm-5pm. Speaker TBC.

Helyg – Wednesday, October 9th. Hosts - Aberporth WI at Aberporth Village Hall SA43 2EN. Speaker –Julian Cremona, - ‘Rocky shore nature in Pembrokeshire’.

Onnen – Thursday, 17 October - Custard Queens WI, Cwmann Community Centre A482 - SA48 8ET. Speaker from Denmark Farm Conservation Centre.

‘The River Teifi and me’ project overseen by Becky Hulme Dŵr Cymru / Welsh Water Catchment Partnership Co-ordinator is a project aimed at learning more about the River Teifi. WI’s all along the river catchment were involved. During Springtime, each WI created a mosaic depicting river scenes .to be displayed in Llandysul. Four River Health Assessment workshops delivered by Nathaniel James, West Wales River Trust discussed the current health of the Teifi and its catchment streams. We focused on river invertebrates, river health, pollution of all types and were advised how to report any concerns. We took a river walk and water samples were assessed. A visit to the Llechryd Water Treatment Works showed the numerous stages from water abstraction to purification. A very interesting and informative day for WI members. We don’t realise how much goes into having clean water on tap. The project ties in well with our WI Campaign for Clean Rivers. **‘Week of River Action’ - September 16th- 22nd**.

Treasurer Update – Financial statement forms are enclosed. Please contact Ein Swyddfa if you have any queries or require assistance with preparing your annual accounts. Your request will be forwarded to Carol Evans, CFWI Treasurer.

WI Adviser visits - Each WI is entitled to one free yearly visit by a WIA which includes offering assistance at your Annual Meeting. Please return the form to Ein Swyddfa well before your Annual General Meeting. **Deadline date - Thursday 12th September.** If your WI requires a **WI Independent Financial Examiner** to check the WI accounts please indicate on the form **Y/N**. IFE cost £15 payable in advance to CFWI.

DID YOU KNOW? Tips from the judges for Rally entries: **Interpretation (co-operative):** Ensure that the theme is clear. Choose main characters/components of the theme and make these the scheduled items. It is important that accessories do not carry the same display value as scheduled items and that there are not too many of them. **Staging:** introduce different levels to create more interest and take care with overall finish, especially edges which should be neat and tidy. Ensure all colours used blend well with each other.

200 Club July 1.Elizabeth Davies, Cross Inn WI £20; 2. Shelagh Kennar, Aberporth WI £15; 3. Karen Deehan, Llanilar WI £10
August 1. Gillian Olewicz, Rhydyppennau WI £20; Euronwy Williams, Dihewyd WI £15 ; 3. Chris Morss, Aberporth WI £10

Resolution 2025 Closing Date	30 August 2024	Send to Ein Swyddfa.
Treasure Hunt	Wednesday 4 September	Borth Community Hall SY24 5LH
Board of Trustees Nomination form	Thursday 12 September	Paper copy to Ein Swyddfa.
Autumn Rally	Saturday 19 th October 2024	Felinfach Memorial Hall
Darts Doubles	Tuesday 24 September	The White Swan, Llanon.
CFWI Annual Council Meeting	Saturday 9 th November	Aberporth Village Hall
‘Not in my Name’ Vigil	Saturday 30 November	Aberystwyth

Financial statement form / Autumn Rally Schedule / ‘50 ways to increase membership’ / ACM ticket booking.– (in the mailing)