



February

2025

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INSPIRING WOMEN

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### Gair gan y Cadeirydd / *Chairman's Message,*

February may be the shortest month of the year but we have some lovely events organised for you including craft sessions and the Health & Wellbeing day.

Thanks to Judy Lile who has now stepped down from her role as Derwen Group Convener. We are very grateful for all her work over the years.

A final thought - "February, the month of love, is a time to cherish the bonds that warm our hearts"

*'Chwefror yw'r mis pan fo'r dyddiau yn dechrau ymestyn a'r nosweithiau tywyll yn byrhau.'*

**Gay Evans**

### Resolution Vote

NFWI Resolutions shortlist 2024/25. Time to Vote

1. Let's talk about incontinence
2. Bystanders can be lifesavers
3. Join the repair revolution
4. Eliminate landfill of medication packaging

Further information is available in your WI Life and on MyWI. One member - one vote. Please submit the total number of votes **for each resolution** from members of your WI to Ein Swyddfa by phone, form or e-mail. **Closing date, Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**CRAFT EVENT** – to be held at **Llwyncelyn Hall** on **Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Two sessions are planned. Morning 10 - 12 and afternoon 1.30 - 3.30pm. Craft sessions remaining - Origami stars. Please indicate morning or afternoon session. Please bring packed lunch. £5 per session payable at the door. Please contact Siân Lloyd John on [cfwi.creativeskills@gmail.com](mailto:cfwi.creativeskills@gmail.com)

**Wales 100th Conference 2025, Wednesday 16 April** at the Selwyn Samuel Centre, Llanelli. £27 to include ticket and coach. Usual pick-up points – Llety Park Lodge, Aberaeron, Synod Inn (*Ffostrasol if needed*), Windy Corner. Speaker to date – Mari Thomas, jeweller, Llandeilo. Please return booking form and cheque made payable to CFWI to Ein Swyddfa or by BACS. **Closing date – Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 2025**. Please note the pick-up point on your form.

**NFWI Annual Meeting Online 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025** – You are invited to our **CFWI Watch Party** at *Y Drwm* in the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth. Our WI Link delegates this year are from Taliesin WI, Genau'r Glyn WI, Capel Seion WI, Llanafan WI, Llanfair Clydogau WI, Teifi Treasures WI, Llanarth WI, Aberaeron WI, Cilcennin WI and Lampeter WI. There will be separate details for delegates. All members are welcome to attend this streamed event at this wonderful venue at a cost of **£5** per person.

Speakers – **Emma Bridgewater** - successful entrepreneur, founder of her pottery company in 1984. **Angel Strawbridge** of 'Vintage Patisserie', 'Vintage Tea Party' Series and 'Escape to the Chateau' fame. Please return your form to Ein Swyddfa along with £5 payment per person by Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

The **Health and Wellbeing Meeting** to be held in the **Aberaeron Memorial Hall** on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2025** at **10.00am** for **10.30am** will open with a session of Armchair Yoga.

Speakers include a pharmacist and others who will outline NHS services that can be accessed directly and the Hywel Dda Community Outreach Team. Representatives from Ceredigion Citizens Advice will talk about identifying scams and ways of dealing with them. All this for £8 including soup for lunch. Please return the blue form to Monica Rose, via Ein Swyddfa, by **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**. Cheque payable to CFWI or by BACS. Please bring writing material for note taking.

**Programmes** – Please send an e-mailed digital copy of your new programme to Lesley Jones so that it can appear on your web page. (see contact book)

**Speaker's List** – The new list is enclosed. Please continue to use your yellow speaker's consent form.

The **International Women's Day Walk** on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Long walk - Meet in Llanerchaeron at 10am. Short walk around the town – Meet at the North Beach car park at 10.45. The two groups will merge at the Yacht Club at 11.30am and meet for a light meal in Ambassadors. Voluntary collection in support of HAHAV.

## Spring Group Meetings – Gardening Theme

**Bedwen – TBC**

**Derwen –** Llanafan WI, Llanafan Hall, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April. **2pm.** The WI Cottage Community Garden.

**Helyg –** Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March . Aberaeron WI at Aberaeron Memorial Hall. 7pm. Richard Bramley, Farmyard Nurseries.

**Onnen –** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March - **7.30pm.**

**Support Sessions for Treasurers –** Are you a new treasurer or an existing treasurer who would like some help or guidance? We have run two support sessions in January. Please contact Carol Evans by email on [cevansefwi@btinternet.com](mailto:cevansefwi@btinternet.com) if you were unable to attend these but would like help.

The **Book Quiz** on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April will be held in Llwynceilyn Hall starting at 7.00pm. The questions will be based on the book '**Coronation Everest**' by the well known author Jan Morris who made Wales her home. Teams of up to 4 members at a cost of £5 per team. Please return the form by Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**CFWI Spring Rally – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at Aberaeron Memorial Hall.** The theme for the Co – operative and Brecon Cup (RWAS floral art) – 'Shades of one Colour'. The schedule will be sent in the March mailing.

## CFWI subscription fees

Total subscription	WI Share	Federation share	NFWI share
<b>£51</b>	<b>Your WI keeps £25.10</b>	<b>£12.05</b>	<b>£13.85</b>

*Flexibility* - WIs can apply the flexibility policy to their 2025/26 subscription. This means they can charge the full amount of the WI portion, reduce their portion, or waive the WI portion of the subscription entirely.

*Dual members* will pay the WI portion only to their second WI. If the WI is not utilising the flexibility policy, this will be £25.10. There is no pro-rata rate for dual membership, and the set fee will remain payable at any time during the year.

**No Pooling of fares** - Please note that as the Annual Meetings in 2025 and 2026 will be conducted entirely online, Federations and WIs will not be required to pay Pooling of Fares fees.

Your **Membership booklets** will have been posted to your WI by NFWI. Please let Ein Swyddfa know if you haven't received these by the end of February.

**ONNEN and DERWEN GROUP CONVENER** –Are you in a WI belonging to the Onnen or the Derwen Groups? If you are interested in becoming a Group Convener, please contact Ein Swyddfa for further information. The Group Convener organises two meetings per year for the Group WIs.

**Learning Hub Event** - On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm-1pm the NFWI will be hosting an event on the Learning Hub platform as part of International Women's Day. You'll have the chance to hear from expert speakers on the real-world consequences of misogyny, and how understanding these impacts is the first step toward addressing them.

You'll also hear about how misogyny threatens to undo progress toward gender equality

You can book your place on the WI Learning Hub here: <https://denman.bookinglive.com/book/add/p/5910>

**WI Survey: Make Your Voices Heard** - Over the past few years, conversations around gender inequality and women's rights have taken centre stage in the UK, often for deeply troubling reasons. We want to find out how misogyny is affecting women's everyday lives. The survey will be open from 28 January and closes on 28 February. The link to the survey will be available on this page soon: <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/iwd>

**200 Club January** -1.Bethan Evans, Llanddewi Brefi WI £20; 2.Evana Lloyd, Dihewyd WI £15; 3 Audrey Evans, Llanfarian WI £10

<b>Resolutions Meeting</b>	<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Trinity Church Hall, Aberaeron 10am – 1pm</b>
<b>Programme Planning</b> 10.30 - 1pm	<b>Sat Feb 15 (South)</b>	<b>Felinfach</b>
<b>Craft Day</b>	<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Llwynceilyn Hall. 10am.</b>
<b>Health and Wellbeing Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Monday 10 February</b>
<b>International Women's Day Walk</b>	<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Llanerchaeron and Aberaeron</b>
<b>Group Meetings</b>	<b>March 24<sup>th</sup> - April 5<sup>th</sup> 2025</b>	
<b>General Knowledge Quiz</b>	<b>Friday 20 June 7pm</b>	

Contact Book; Book Quiz form; NFWI AM@YDrwm form; New Speakers' List (lilac).