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

NFWI Wales have secured a grant from the Waterloo Foundation to build on the success of the campaign to end violence against women and the Not in My name campaign. We are inviting members in Ceredigion interested in becoming our CFWI Not in My name Champion. You will help raise awareness of the issue, educate members and the wider community, work with the Wales Federations and CFWI. Full support and training will be given and the project is fully funded. Please contact Ein Swyddfa for further details. Let's raise the profile of this important campaign and make a difference – Your Federation needs you!

The first week in May will be the 80th anniversary of VE day and a display of poppies is planned at Ein Swyddfa. We are asking for knitted, crochet or felted poppies in red or purple size approx. 10cm/4". Bring them to Ein Swyddfa by 1st May or contact chair.cfw@gmail.com to arrange collection.

Gay Evans

Wales 100th Conference 2025, Wednesday 16 April at the Selwyn Samuel Centre, Llanelli.

We need to be seated at 10.30am for the Conference. Pick-up points – Llety Park Lodge leaving at 8am; Aberaeron 8.30am; Synod Inn 8.40am; Ffostrasol 8.55am; Windy Corner 9.15am. A meal has been arranged at the Ffostrasol Arms at approx. 5.30pm on the return journey. Please return your food choices by post or e-mail and pay in advance by BACS or cheque to CFWI. If not eating – please return as 'N/A'. **Three tickets** have become available at £27 including coach. Please contact Ein Swyddfa.

NFWI Annual Meeting Livestream Watch Party at Y Drwm - 4th June 2025 10am - 5pm – come and join us at the **National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth**. Share the experience at this wonderful venue at a cost of **£5** per person. Tickets are selling well. NFWI will send paper copies of all Annual Meeting information directly to WIs in early/mid April so please look out for the envelope in your post. Speakers – **Emma Bridgewater** - founder of her pottery company in 1984. **Angel Strawbridge** of 'Escape to the Chateau' fame. Please return your form to Ein Swyddfa along with £5 payment per person **by Monday, May 5th**. Book now to avoid disappointment.

(Observers making their own arrangements to join the Annual Meeting need to register by Friday 30th May.)

Spring Rally: Saturday 17 May, Aberaeron Memorial Hall. The schedule and further information is available on the CFWI Website. A paper copy of the Lemon Mayo recipe, along with general Tips and Guidance, were sent out in last month's mailing. **Please note** that the wording for the book cover (Class 14) has been changed and the words 'black thread only' have been removed.

200 Club - At a cost of **£6** you, members of your family and friends have the opportunity to take part in the monthly draw of the CFWI 200 Club. Proceeds of this draw go towards the upkeep of Ein Swyddfa and a cheque is presented to the CFWI Treasurer in the Annual Council Meeting. You can buy more than one entry per person. As you are aware, your WI is not allowed to buy a number. Please return the form to Dinah Gibbons. **Closing date - Thursday 15th May.**

The **General Knowledge Quiz** will be held on **Friday, 20th June** at Llanrhystud Hall at 7pm. WIs may enter any number of teams. Cost of £5.00 per team. (Max of 4 per team.) Please return form with your payment to Ein Swyddfa by **Thursday 5th June**. The two winning teams will represent Ceredigion at the Inter-federation Quiz.

Thank you to those who contributed towards the £110 donation to HAAV on the Aberaeron walk on International Women's Day.

Recruitment - CFWI are looking for members keen to help with recruitment. If you think you would like to be a part of our recruitment team or if you know of a suitable event for us to attend, please contact Lesley Jones.

Resolutions		Selections received	Percentages*
1	Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers	32,667	36.2%
2	Eliminate landfill of medication packaging	20,844	23.1%
3	Join the repair revolution	10,633	11.8%
4	Let's talk about incontinence	26,168	29%
Total selections received		90312	

Join the NFWI Resolution Webinar (April) ahead of the AM

To support members in learning more about the resolution, the NFWI will be hosting a virtual webinar on **Tuesday 22 April at 12noon**. You can register your interest now on My WI. The webinar will be an opportunity to learn more about the topic. It is intended as a supplementary opportunity to meetings and events organised by federations and WIs before the Annual Meeting. Please note that arguments for and against the resolution will not be presented at this supplementary meeting, and no voting will take place. Details on how to join the event will be shared with registered attendees closer to the time. A recording of the event will be available on My WI shortly after the event for members to access. Here is the link to the Registration Form:

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/news-and-actions/join-our-resolution-webinar-in-april> .

Please note: The webinar will have limited capacity and registrations might need to close early.

Spring Bulbs – A digital version of the bulb catalogue and documents have been sent to each WI. Paper copies were available to be picked up in the Group Meetings. Each participating WI should appoint a member to take charge of the order. Members should pay their own WI and one cheque sent to CFWI to cover all these payments by cheque or BACS ref 'Bulbs' **by May 27th** accompanied by 'order forms 2 and 3'. The bulbs will be sent to each WI in September. Any questions, please contact Ein Swyddfa.

CFWI subscription fees

Total subscription	WI Share	Federation share	NFWI share
£51	Your WI keeps £25.10	£12.05	£13.85

Flexibility - WIs can apply the flexibility policy to their 2025/26 subscription. This means that your WI can charge the full amount of the WI portion, reduce the 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. Your **Membership booklet** was included in your copy of 'WI Life'.

No Pooling of fares - Please note – due to Annual Meetings in 2025 and 2026 being conducted entirely online, Federation and WIs will not be required to pay Pooling of Fares nor Pooling of Costs.

Please return your subs and insurance contribution by **Wednesday 30th April**.

APRIL is MCS month – When you have forwarded your subs, please tick the section which reads '2025 paid' for each member on MCS. Please contact Ein Swyddfa if in need of assistance.

200 Club March 1.Freya Willis, Felinfach WI £20 2.Susan Howells, Llwynceilyn WI £15 3.Lorraine Moore, Borth WI £10.

'What your mother didn't tell you' (menopause and other hot topics). **Felinfach WI** are hosting a light hearted discussion looking at issues that affect us all at sometime in our lives. Ask our panel of well informed women, share a story or vent your thoughts. Felinfach Memorial Hall, **14th May at 7.30pm**. All women are welcome.

60th Anniversary of Aberystwyth & District Floral Society - Open Evening, Llanfarian Hall, Tuesday **20th May** at 7pm. NAFAS National Demonstrators - Dawn Weaver of Chester. 8 times Chelsea RHS Gold Medal winner. Tickets available now from Donald Morgan 07725616253.

Book Quiz	Friday 4th April	Llwynceilyn Hall 7pm
Wales 100th Conference 2025	Wednesday 16th April	Llanelli – Selwyn Samuel Theatre 10.30am
Spring Rally (open to the public 2.30pm)	Saturday May 17th	Aberaeron Memorial Hall.
NFWI Watch Party at Y Drwm	Wednesday 4th June	National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth.
General Knowledge Quiz	Friday 20 June 7pm	Llanrhystud Hall
Annual Council Meeting	Saturday October 18th	Venue TBC