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

Congratulations to Lesley Jones who has been elected onto the NFWI Board of Trustees

2025-27 - a fantastic achievement. She will take up her post after the Annual Meeting in June. Best wishes from us all. Llongyfarchiadau a dymuniadau gorau gyda'r cyfrifoldeb newydd. Congratulations also to Llwyncelyn WI who won the Book quiz with Llanddewi Brefi WI 2nd after a closely contested tie-break. Llongyfarchiadau i'r timau llwyddiannus yn y Cwis Llyfrau.

Ceredigion members attended the Centenary NFWI Wales Conference on 16th April which was excellent and I had the pleasure of welcoming all to the 2026 Wales Conference which will be hosted by Ceredigion Federation. This will be held on 26th March 2026 at Aberystwyth Arts Centre – save the date! Machynlleth WI came 3rd in the Wales Recruitment Award for WIs (24 members and under), which is a very encouraging result.

Sadly, Llanfarian WI and Cilcennin WI have decided to close and have been suspended. The members have been encouraged to join neighbouring WIs.

Gay Evans

A Musical Evening celebrating 110 years of NFWI at 7pm, Wednesday, June 25th at the Aberaeron Memorial Hall. Entry by ticket at £15 to include a celebratory drink and canapés. Please return your details by form or e-mail to Ein Swyddfa, and make payment by cheque or BACS by **Thursday, June 12th**. Pre-paid tickets can be picked up at the Federation Quiz or from Ein Swyddfa on Mondays/Thursdays June 16,19,23.

MCS meeting – at Ein Swyddfa + at Llanddewi Brefi Community Centre. 11am.

Two places have been reserved for your WI at one of our MCS training sessions at either Ein Swyddfa Tuesday 13th May or Llanddewi Brefi, Wednesday, 14th May.

The MCS (*Membership Communication System*) is the database that lists all members of the WI and from which names and addresses are taken for WI Life and MyWI. It is also the basis for all the NFWI's record keeping and correspondence so it is essential that it should be kept up to date.

NFWI Annual Meeting Livestream Watch Party at Y Drwm - 4th June 2025.

National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth

Companies Act Meeting for Federation delegates and Link Delegates **to be seated at 9.45am.**

Annual Meeting – All members to be seated at 11.30am.

£5 per person. There are still places available but please hurry. NFWI will have sent paper copies of all Annual Meeting information and the A5 agenda booklet directly to WIs – most of this information is available on MyWI. 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**. (*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. Your secretary has a paper copy. All entrants should read the full schedule so that they are familiar with the rules. Closing date for entries - **Monday 12th May** by mail. **Thursday 15th May** by e-mail. The link for 'On with the Show' is [My WI | On with the Show](#). Please pay for your entries in advance by cheque or by BACS.

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.**

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 be in 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.

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.

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.

Second Resolution Vote. You have all voted individually for the Resolution of your choice for 2025. The Resolution which came first nationally "Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers" will now be discussed and voted upon at the Annual Meeting on 4th June.

All WIs are now asked to consider this Resolution and conduct a **SECOND** vote to decide **FOR** or **AGAINST** whether your WI wishes this Resolution to become a campaign.

Towards the end of May, your allocated Link Delegate will contact an officer of each WI to ask how you want her to vote on your behalf at the Annual Meeting.

As well as your **FOR** or **AGAINST** vote she will also ask whether you are giving her **DISCRETION** to change your vote after hearing the discussion and guidance at the Annual Meeting. If you do not give discretion then she must vote as your WI has instructed regardless of any advice from experts at the meeting.

Resources are available on My WI and there will also be a recording of the Resolution Webinar held on 22nd April for those members who were unable to attend this online event.

If you have any queries, please get in touch with me via Ein Swyddfa. Margaret Peel, Resolutions Officer.

Social Media Policy - CFWI has adopted the NFWI Social Media policy document and all WIs are encouraged to read this document (available on MyWI) and adopt these guideline, adding any further details if thought necessary and recording the decision in your minutes .

Croquet – Llanerchaeron. The Croquet Group restarted in April. New members are always welcome. For further details contact cfwi.creativeskills@gmail.com or Dinah on 01570 493 344

Staging and Display – This event focusing in particular on displaying items for competition including the co-operative, will be run by Donald Morgan, well known expert. To be held during the week of September 22 - 26th September in Llanrhystud Hall. Exact date and time to be confirmed. cfwi.creativeskills@gmail.com.

Nikki Hadlow is our new **Federation Not in My Name Champion** and we look forward to working with her on this important campaign.

Admin - Please send a list of your full and dual paid WI members to Ein Swyddfa when returning your subscription payments. Also record your paid members by ticking the box on your MCS. Some have already done so. Diolch yn fawr.

200 Club April 1.Dinah Gibbons, Bwlchllan WI £20 2. Jamie Pawliczek, Llanddewi Brefi WI £15

3.Betty Harwood, Felinfach WI £10.

Aberporth WI – Thursday 1st May at the Aberporth Village Hall 7pm - a talk by a veteran of the Falklands War. Entry fee £3. Everyone welcome.

Spring Rally (open to the public 2.30pm)	Saturday May 17th	Aberaeron Memorial Hall.
NFWI Watch Party at Y Drwm	Wed 4th June	National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth.
General Knowledge Quiz	Friday 20 June 7pm	Llanrhystud Hall
Musical Evening - 110 years of NFWI	Wed 25 June 2025	Aberaeron Memorial Hall creativeskills@gmail.com
Annual Council Meeting	Sat October 18th	The Feathers Hotel, Aberaeron
Autumn Rally	Sat 8th November	Rhydpennau Village Hall

Extra Newsletter Order form (All WIs are offered 3 free colour paper copies): Musical Evening form :