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Mawrth



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Open to members on Mondays
and Thursdays 10-1pm.

Gair gan y Cadeirydd / Chairman's Message,

Dydd Gwyl Dewi hapus as we acknowledge St David's day. This is an opportunity to celebrate the patron saint of Wales, the Welsh language and culture. Cenedl heb iaith yw cenedl heb galon.

High Sheriff of Dyfed / Uchel Siryf Dyfed

On March 25th there will be a service declaring Ann Jones DL of Llanddewi Brefi WI as the new High Sheriff of Dyfed. You are all are welcome to attend the service at Bethesda Chapel Llanddewi Brefi (please be seated by 10.45am). Congratulations to Ann for this prestigious appointment. Llongyfarchiadau a dymuniadau gorau ar gyfer y flwyddyn i ddod.

Gay Evans

NFWI Board of Trustees Election 2025 Please use your vote.

Candidates' details and personal statements (available to download from the election voting website) are compiled in order for your WI to be able to make an informed decision before voting. Candidate statements are also included in an election feature in the February issue of WI Life.

Votes can be cast online at <https://www.mi-vote.com/secure/wi> no later than **8pm on 31 March 2025**.

To gain access to the voting portal you will be prompted to enter a single-use unique voting code (at the top of the ballot paper within your Mi-Voice official mailing.) Each WI is entitled to one vote; members cannot cast their own individual votes. If sending by hard copy - papers should reach the returning officers, Mi-Voice in the official envelope, no later than first post on **31 March 2025**. Please do not send your ballot papers to the NFWI. If you have any difficulty contact support@mi-voice.com or phone 02380 763 987.

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

£27 to include ticket and coach. We need to be seated at 10.30am for the Conference. Pick-up points – Llety Park Lodge 8am, Aberaeron 8.30am, Synod Inn 8.40am, Ffostrasol 8.55am, Windy Corner 9.15am. Speakers to date – Professor Steve Ormerod 'The changing face of river pollution: the need for action' and Mari Thomas, jeweller, Llandeilo. A meal has been arranged at the Ffostrasol Arms at approx 5.30pm on the return journey. Please return your food choices by e-mail and pay in advance by BACS or by cheque to CFWI. If not eating – please return as 'N/A'. Food booking form will be sent by e-mail to your WI contact. **Return date – Thursday April 3rd**.

NFWI Annual Meeting 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. 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**. (Observers who have chosen to make their own arrangements to join the Annual Meeting need to register by Friday 30th May.)

The **International Women's Day Walk** on Friday 7th 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 food in Ambassadors. Voluntary collection in support of HAAV.

Spring Group Meetings – Theme 'Gardening'

Bedwen – Taliesin WI, Llanfach Hall. Wed 26 March, **2pm**. Caroline Palmer of the Welsh Historic Gardens Trust.
Derwen – Llanafan WI, Llanafan Hall, Saturday 5th April. **2pm**. The WI Cottage Community Garden.
Helyg – Aberaeron WI, Aberaeron Memorial Hall. Mon. 31st March. **7pm**. Richard Bramley, Farmyard Nurseries.
Onnen – Cellan WI, Millennium Hall. Monday 24th March - **7.30pm**. 'Gardener's Questions'. Bring questions.
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 WIs in their Group.

The **Book Quiz** on **Friday 4th 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 20th**.

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.** See form

MCS – Please make sure that your WI details and Committee positions are correct on your MCS. Inaccurate details will cause your NFWI mail etc to be sent to the wrong people. Wrong e-mail addresses will block your members from accessing MyWI. For further assistance contact Ein Swyddfa on Mondays or Thursdays.

Spring Rally: Saturday 17 May, Aberaeron Memorial Hall. The Schedule is enclosed. Following the Craft Event, additional classes covered that day have been added to the Schedule, hoping that members will be encouraged to enter items in those classes. These are – a small Blackwork item and an item of Resin jewellery. We have a very good venue and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. We encourage you to bring friends and family members to see what they are missing. **Please also note** the change in timings for setting up the Co-operative and Brecon Cup entries.

Resolutions Thank you for your votes on the Resolutions. A total of 457 votes were received (73% of members voted) and the result for Ceredigion Federation is as follows:

Let's talk about incontinence 204	Bystanders can be lifesavers 129
Join the repair revolution 66	Eliminate landfill of medication packaging 58

Our votes for each Resolution have been forwarded to NFWI and their receipt acknowledged. The votes will be added to the totals received from the other 68 Federations nationally and the winning Resolution(s) announced by NFWI.

At this point, every WI will be asked to vote again whether your WI wishes the winning Resolution(s) to become an NFWI Campaign. This is a simple Yes/No decision. In due course an appointed Delegate will contact your WI and ask how you wish her to vote on your behalf at the NFWI Annual Meeting on 4th June at Y Drwm, The National Library of Wales when the Delegates will submit your votes For/Against the Resolution(s) becoming a Campaign. There has been confusion in the past over the need for a second vote and I hope the above clarifies this. Any queries? Please contact me via Ein Swyddfa. Margaret Peel, Resolutions Officer.

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 in with your 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.**

200 Club February -1. Megan Brown, Cellan WI £20; 2. Joy Bateman, Swyddffynnon WI £15; 3 Lucy Hurst, Llanarth WI £10

To mark the **60th Anniversary of Aberystwyth & District Floral Society** - Open Evening, Llanfarian Hal, Tuesday 20th May at 7pm. An evening with one of the best NAFAS National Demonstrators - Dawn Weaver of Chester. 8 times Gold Medal winner for her exhibits at Chelsea RHS. Tickets available now from Donald Morgan 07725616253.

International Women's Day Walk	Friday 7th March	Llanerchaeron and Aberaeron
Book Quiz	Friday 4th April 7pm	Llwynceilyn Hall
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	
Annual Council Meeting	Saturday October 18th	Aberystwyth