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Message from the Chair / Gair gan y Cadeirydd,

The WI celebrated its 110th birthday this September and we can be proud of what this organisation has achieved over the years. The WI is as relevant today as it has always been and this is down to you the members, being innovative and working hard in your WI's. Keep up the great work and keep on enjoying all the WI has to offer.

As our ACM approaches I would like to extend my thanks to the Board of Trustees, the Sub-committee members and to Eirwen who has ensured the smooth running of Ein Swyddfa. Thank you for your help and support throughout the past year.

Diolch bawb, rydw i'n gwerthfawrogi eich cefnogaeth.

Gay Evans

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 2025 – The Feathers Hotel, Aberaeron. Saturday, October 18th.

Our main speaker is Georgie Grasso, winner of *'The Great British Bake-off'*. We can also announce our second speaker - Deian Benjamin – 'Gwin a Mwy' (*Wine and More*).

Tickets from your WI Secretary at £10 to include tea/coffee made payable to CFWI or by BACS. Soup (£8) and cake (£5) will be available at lunchtime by pre-order and advance payment to CFWI. See separate form. Food order closing date **Thursday 9th October**.

Closing date for ACM tickets - **Thursday, October 2nd** so that tickets can be delivered to your Group Meeting. All made payable to **CFWI**.

One delegate from each Ceredigion WI is requested to attend to vote on a matter involving the repurposing of accounts originally intended for Denman bursary use. See the revised resolution document. The expenses of the delegate can be reimbursed by your own WI. A digital copy of the CFWI Annual Report and Accounts have been sent to your WI contact. Please study the Annual Report and Accounts in advance of the ACM.

MESSAGE TO TREASURERS – Please close your financial books at least **one month** before your Annual General Meeting. Also send your books to be examined by the CFWI Independent Financial Examiner at least two weeks before your AGM so that they can be returned in good time to share the examined figures with your members in advance. A signed copy must be presented at your AGM. Those who have requested IFE service will be contacted by a CFWI IFE in the next few days.

GROUP MEETINGS – Theme - Fashion. October 6th- 8th.

Bedwen - Monday 6th October, 2pm. Ystwyth Belles WI, Canolfan y Morlan Centre, Queen's Road, Aberystwyth. SY23 2HH Speaker - Robyn Carlson – 'Reclaimed Fashion'.

Helyg - Tuesday 7th October 7pm. Cenarth WI Holy Trinity Church Hall, Newcastle Emlyn SA38 9BX Speaker – Vicki Watson – 'The Foundations of Fashion'.

Derwen - Wednesday 8th October 7.30pm, Llanilar Community Centre. SY23 4PA Speaker – Mary Turner Lewis, Ceredigion Museum.

Onnen -Wednesday 8th October 7pm, Felinfach WI, Felinfach Memorial Hall. SA48 8AE Speaker – Annelise Mowbray, Wardrobe Mistress, Theatr Felinfach.

Trip to Barmouth - As there has been an unprecedented uptake for this event, members of the Public Affairs Committee did a trial trip. Sadly, it was decided that the outing would be better organised by individual WIs rather than at Federation level. Of course, monies that you have paid will be returned and we are more than happy to share all information that we have gathered.

Autumn Rally – Saturday, November 8th. Rhydpennau Village Hall. Entry forms to be returned by post by **Monday, 3rd November 2025**. WI cheque made payable to CFWI to accompany the form please and sent to the Rally Secretary: Margaret Griffiths, Rhydyccerrig, High Street, Borth, SY24 5HY. (01970 871056) Entries by e-mail to arrive by Thursday, 6th November to: cwfi.creativeskills@gmail.com BACS payment please. (Please do not send e-mail entries without BACS confirmation)

Resolutions - The Resolutions Discussion Meeting will be held on **Saturday 15th November 2025** to start at 10am at the Trinity Church Hall, Aberaeron to discuss the Resolutions Shortlist 2025/2026. Federation and Member Delegates from Wales, England and the Islands will have met virtually on 2nd October to compile the Shortlist . On 3rd November shortlisted resolution resources, including videos and PowerPoint presentations will be published on My WI. Members are asked to familiarise themselves with the resolutions and resources prior to the meeting.

Vigil to highlight Violence against Women - The Vigil will be held at the Aberystwyth Bandstand on **Saturday 22nd November starting at 2pm**. The event is being organised by CFWI together with three other local organisations, West Wales Domestic Abuse Service: Dewi's Choice and New Pathways. There will be various speakers, including Joyce Watson MS and refreshments will be available. Finally, weather permitting, there will be a parade along the Promenade where Banners that you have made can be displayed.

WI Archives: WI Annual Meetings are now being planned and this may well be a good time to look through the paperwork etc which needs to be retained. In order to assist you in your decision making, please see the enclosed guide. It can sometimes be a challenge for a new Officer to find she has volumes of material to store which may not necessarily be needed or could go directly to Ceredigion Archive. Your WI records are of great interest when you have an important Anniversary and will also interest new members.

Christmas Singalong: A happy prelude to the Christmas season to be held at Aberaeron Memorial Hall on **Sunday 30 November at 2pm**. A programme of Carols, Christmas songs with the WI Choir and an amusing sketch. Served with tea and Mince Pies and concluding with audience participation. Entrance **£5** to pay at the door but please return an indication of numbers on the enclosed form to be returned to Ein Swyddfa by **Thursday, November 20th**.

Not in my Name - 'Create a Banner' depicting the 'Not in my Name' campaign to end Violence Against Women. The banner must be an original design. See judging criteria on MyWI.

Closing date: **Monday, 3 November 2025** Submission of Entries by post: NFWI-Wales, Suite 5, 11 Cathedral Road, Cardiff CF11 9HA. Submissions should include Name and contact details of entrant; name of WI; name of Federation.

SPORTS & LEISURE COMMITTEE - Would you be interested in planning activities which may include sports, trips and leisure activities? Come and join this team and shape the future of your WI. Please contact Ein Swyddfa by e-mail.

WELCOME PAGE – Every WI President should send the content of their WI Welcome web page digitally to Ein Swyddfa or to Lesley Jones as soon as possible so that every WI in Ceredigion has a presence on the Ceredigion WI website. lesleybankesjones@hotmail.com

200 Club September 1. Victoria Hackett, Lampeter WI £20: 2. Shelagh Yeomans, Llanddewi Brefi WI £15: 3. Claire Proven, Cenarth WI £10

Autumn Group Meetings - FASHION	Bedwen Mon 6th Oct Helyg – Tues Oct 7th Derwen Wed 8th Oct Onnen – Wed 8th Oct	2pm , Canolfan y Morlan Centre, Aberystwyth 7pm Holy Trinity Church Hall, Newcastle Emlyn, SA38 9BX 7.30pm Llanilar Community Centre 7pm Felinfach Memorial Hall – 7pm
Annual Council Meeting	Sat October 18th	The Feathers Hotel, Aberaeron
Web Editor Training	20th (2pm)/21st (7pm) Oct	Ein Swyddfa
Autumn Rally	Sat 8th November	Rhydpennau Village Hall
Resolution Meeting	Sat 15th November	Trinity Church Hall, Aberaeron 10am - noon
VIGIL	Sat 22nd November	Bandstand, Aberystwyth.
Christmas Singalong	Sun 30 November	2pm Aberaeron Memorial Hall.
Wales Conference 2026	Thurs March 26, 2026	Aberystwyth Art Centre.

Mailing – Revised CFWI Resolution for consideration / ACM Agenda / Archiving Guide / Singalong numbers form / ACM food order