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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As our NFWI Chair- Lynne Stubbings stated:
'Hold on to Hope' 'Let us stand Together' -
'Love your WI'
Life in the WI is Learn, Love and Inspire.

Another month has passed. The daffodils are growing, and we are all looking forward to pleasant days, when we can have a walk with friends, busy with cookery, and of course the members who thoroughly enjoy their crafts.

A new season is beginning and we can look forward to the future with optimism and hope.

My thoughts, and those of the Board of Trustees are with you all. Please get in touch if the need arises.

Ann Davies
Federation Chairman

NFWI ANNUAL MEETING 8 JUNE 2021

The above meeting will no longer take place as a face-to-face event; due to related Information shared by the Government on its roadmap to easing lockdown.

However; the event will now be held virtually, the date remains the same; 8 June 2021. The meeting will **not** be held on Zoom. NFWI will be utilizing a professional virtual event platform to ensure an engaging event for all. Further information will be shared in the coming weeks.

Speakers at this meeting are: **HRH Sophie Countess of Wessex, Dame Cressida Dick**, Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, and **Baroness Brenda Hale**, former President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom.

Do you have a few hours to spare? Are you a good organiser or perhaps a willing team player? Are you bubbling with ideas which you would like to share with other WI members in Glamorgan? If so, we want to hear from you. This is the time of year when we are looking for new people to join our four Sub-Committees—Combined Arts, Home Economics & Craft, Public Affairs and Sports & Leisure.

These small Sub-Committees meet every few months to arrange events of interest to all our members across Glamorgan. Whether you like to work in the background or in the limelight, we can offer a Sub-Committee role to match your interests. All we ask is a few hours of your time each month. Sub-Committee appointments run from April to April. If you would like more information, or if you have a Sub-Committee in mind, and would like to put your name forward for selection, please contact June Humphry 01639 881588.

2021 Resolution—A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer

The above Resolution received the highest number of votes, 30,240, and will be put forward to the Annual Meeting in June.

The wording of the resolution is as follows:

Every two hours in the UK someone dies of ovarian cancer. Making sure GPs and the public know what to look for will not only ensure the early detection and treatment of this disease, but transform lives today and for generations to come. NFWI calls on WI members everywhere to help increase awareness of the subtle sings of ovarian cancer.

Voting form included with this mailing.

NFWI-WALES survey on digital connectivity

NFWI-Wales has joined up with the Wales YFC, NFU Cymru, the FUW and CLA Cymru to launch a survey to gather a picture of members' access to broadband and mobile phone connections.

Since Covid-19 the importance of good digital connectivity has become more and more evident. We have relied on the internet to keep connected with family, friends and our communities as well as for many other purposes such as work, business, education, leisure and day to day activities. However we recognize that not everyone has access to decent broadband, in particular rural communities. According to a report published by Ofcom in December 2020, 18,000 homes in Wales are unable to access 'decent' broadband, which is defined as providing download speeds of 10Mbps and upload speeds of 1Mbps.

Take part in our on-line survey to let us know about your experiences:-

English version:- <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/J57.5MPQ>

Welsh version:- <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q52Z7.7J>

The survey is open until Wednesday 31 March 2021

If you require a paper copy, please contact the NFWI-Wales Office on walesoffice@nfwi-wales.org.uk or 029 2022 1712

2021 NOT IN MY NAME COMPETITION

The 2021 not in My Name competition is to 'Design a logo for a T-shirt' depicting the Not in my Name Campaign to end Violence Against Women.

A design in any shape, size or colour will be accepted which can be reproduced. The design can be created by hand or digitally.

Judging criteria

- *Creativity and originality*
- *Interpretation and clarity of the theme*
- *Quality of the design and colour*
- *Ease of reproduction*

Closing date : Friday 15 October 2021

Submission of Entries

By post: NFWI-Wales, 19 Cathedral Road, Cardiff CF11 9HA

By e-mail: walesoffice@nfwi-wales.org.uk

You should include Name and contact details of entrant; name of WI; name of Federation

DONATIONS

So many of our WIs generously send financial donations to Federation House, and we are extremely grateful to receive these.

This month our thanks go to Treforgan WI for their donation of £25, towards the upkeep of Federation House in Port Talbot.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Just to remind you that subscriptions are due to be paid on the 1 April 2021.

Treasurers should send the subs to the office by 31 May 2021.

SPEAKERS CORNER..

Just a few more ideas for your next programme..

Let us have your recommendations for good speakers or trips..

⇒ Jenny Gibbs gives Zoom talks on 'Our Life in Rural Turkey' her fee is £50.00. Contact turkishtalks@live.co.uk or 01473 890066/07403 671350

⇒ Ian Buchan 'Magic Ian' gives Zoom talks on 'My Magic, magicians and more'. He talks about his life as a magician and some of the famous magicians. His fee is £50.00 and lasts for about 1 hour. For further details contact 07730 769374 email magicianedinburgh@gmail.com or www.magicianedinburgh.com

⇒ Amy Kitcher is the Public Engagement Coordinator, South Wales and the West of England for Commonwealth War Graves does various talks on the history and work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The talk lasts for approx 45 minutes to an hour. Contact Amy on 07917 604641 or email amy.kitcher@cwgc.org for further details.