

## **Bont Faen AGM- 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.**

### **Numbers present-28**

### **Apologies-22**

Our President Sue welcomed everyone to the AGM and gave a special welcome and thank you to Vivian Hayes, the WI advisor for attending our Annual meeting at the last minute.

**Matters Arising-** Sue asked the members if any of them would be willing to volunteer to help with WI roles as two members of the committee, Julie and Christine were stepping down.

**Correspondence-** Lucy asked if everyone had received their Federation newsletter and NFWI Spring newsletter outlining the various campaigns supported by NFWI. She then listed the up and coming events.

1. USA & Canada Holiday 2024.£3,375-00
2. Chepstow Race Day-Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June. £85. Menu choices in by end of evening.
3. GFWI- Open Whist Competition. Ystradowen Village hall- 20<sup>th</sup> May. £5
4. Guided walk of Gloucester. (approx hour & half) -13<sup>th</sup> June. £28
5. Centenary Garden Party, Margam Park. Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. £5
6. Summer Stop Over in Oxford, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May. £159.00 (sharing twin room)
7. Malvern Flower Show, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. £33
8. WI Diaries for sale- £7.50
9. Glamorgan booklet with Summer Show categories available- 8<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Treasurer's Report.**

Jean asked if everyone had received her Treasurer's Report via her e mail attachments.

Subs are to remain at £40 and 28 people have already paid. Payment at AGM or online.

The Balance at the end of March is £2,198.

### **Social**

Julie thanked the WI members for supporting the Socials as a third of members have been on them all. Julie explained that because of family commitments she is stepping down for the time being. The last social in April is a meal at the Victoria Inn, Sigingstone. 20 people have signed up.

**Walkie Talkies-** walk TBA.

**Crafty Sew & Sews Group-**Meeting is 24th April. Coronation Banner. Numbers have to be limited.

**Culture Vultures**-Sue has organised a “Royal” historic walk on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May through Cowbridge High Street visiting pubs and alehouses. The walk will be approximately an hour and a half and will start at Old Hall Gardens. Members should meet at 6.45pm for a 7pm start. The walk will end with a drink where a toast will be raised to the new King Charles Third.

**Next Meeting-18<sup>th</sup> May. Upstairs in Main Hall.** The Speaker is Christine Evans who is talking on Domestic Abuse. “Ask Me”.

### **Resolution-Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife**

Diane told members that the resolution which had the highest amount of votes will be voted on by delegates (Penarth Peers WI is representing us) at the Annual NFWI meeting in Cardiff in May and if adopted will become a WI campaign. She then outlined the resolution and Sue gave further information and a counter argument. A vote was taken and of the 28 members present, 26 voted for the resolution and 2 against. (1 has shared WI membership).

### **AOB**

**Baton of Friendship**-Lucy is going to join Wendy Knight in August when she cycles around the Glamorgan leg of the Baton of Friendship (visiting all the WI groups in Wales on her bike) as part of the Glamorgan Centenary celebrations.

Sue thanked Diana Sloman and Jackie Jones who have kindly offered to buy provisions for each monthly meeting.

Sue thanked Maggie, Mary and Jan for designing and making a new WI tablecloth to replace the one lost at the Town Hall during the Covid Closure.

### **The AGM proceeded with the Annual Reports. 2023.**

#### **Annual Treasurer’s Report**

The Accounts had been audited and circulated by e mail before the meeting and no queries arose. The December year-end balance was £1,988.64. The Accounts were approved by Miranda and seconded by Rhian.

#### **Secretary’s Report 2022-2023.**

Margaret had written a very comprehensive report outlining the many fun filled activities since the last AGM when Sue Bradshaw Jones was voted in as President.

She listed the wide programme of monthly Speakers organised by Kate and the enjoyable Summer Social and Christmas Party complete with Miranda's Left, Right game which ended the year.

Julie planned 9 excellent and varied social trips throughout the year as well as the New Year meal in the Bear Hotel.

Jan Thomas and Maggie Cooper volunteered to organise the popular Mystery Trip which visited Stratford and Baddesley Clinton.

The 3 sub-groups, Walkie Talkies, Crafty Sew & Sews and Culture Vultures have also had a busy year either taking groups walking, making various crafts or visiting cultural events.

The comprehensive report described a very busy and full year with a very good choice of activities.

### **President's Report**

Sue reported that because of the increase in WI membership in 2022/2023 it was decided in October to move the meetings upstairs to the Main Hall. Although the space was larger, the kitchen had less facilities, so the use of cardboard mugs was adopted for tea/coffee.

Sue thanked the committee for all their hard work in their various roles. She thanked Moira and Christina for Admissions aka manning the door with Lynne deputising in absences and she thanked Julie and Kate for being excellent in their roles as Social Secretary and Speaker Secretary respectively. Margaret, "the oracle of WI," has continued to serve the committee well as Minute Secretary and with her wide experience of WI matters as well as leading the Walkie Talkie group. Treasurer Jean has, as usual, looked after the WI finances well, setting up online banking which is an easier means of payment. Lucy with all her IT skills has been an enthusiastic and competent Correspondence Secretary and Diane has written various reports in her role as Publicity Officer and covered Sue and Lucy's roles in their absence.

Thanks were also given to Ann Hordley who publishes the yearly WI programme.

Sue finished her report by thanking Christine and Julie for their hard work on committee as they step down from their roles.

Vivian Hayes, the WI advisor thanked the committee for all their hard work and commended Bont Faen on the many activities offered. She talked about Federation House and the various things going on in this the Centenary year. There are 300 WIs in Wales but a number have closed due to lack of officers.

Vivian gave out voting slips to members and 4 people were nominated for President. 3 people declined so Sue Bradshaw Jones became President for the third time. Vivian congratulated Sue.

The AGM meeting finished at 9pm.