

## **BONTFAEN WI MONTHLY MEETING -THURSDAY 16th JANUARY, 2025**

Diane welcomed everyone and said that there had been 5 apologies.

### **Matters Arising: -**

- Members were reminded to put their resolution vote slip in the box and it was announced towards the end of the evening that the most popular was “Bystanders can be Lifesavers” with 17 votes. Federation will be duly informed. Whichever resolution(s) is/are selected nationally will be debated at the Annual Meeting in April.
- The Christmas Party was a success. There was an issue with the pantomime cast also using the kitchen area. A compromise was reached and fortunately they had departed before members started the buffet. Diane confirmed that they had not booked the space and the Town Clerk has promised that this will not happen again.
- The post-Christmas meal at Forage was excellent with the manager making us very welcome and giving us free wine to go with the meal. This was a one off in that they have not done party bookings in the week before but it is hoped that we will be able return next year. Thanks were given to Sue Dibben and Annie for arranging.
- Kate Smith had sent her thanks to members for the card and gift of toiletries which Sue Bradshaw- Jones had delivered before Christmas.
- Members indicated by show of hands that they would like to do a tombola at the May Fayre on the 5<sup>th</sup>, which will celebrate 80 years since V.E. day. 3 gifts will be required including one for children and can be brought to the meetings from February. It was also agreed to purchase a jar of lollipops to placate children who repeatedly do not win a prize.

### **Treasurer's Report: -**

- There is £2237 in the bank with no adjustments required.
- Payment of £163 was received on a gift aid claim within two weeks. Jean explained that it is only submitted in relation to the share of the membership fee that comes to Bontfaen.
- Jean has not managed to prepare the new budget as yet. She confirmed that Bontfaen's subscription will be less than the new full charge of £51 which applies from April.
- The 2024 accounts have been completed and sent to the auditor.

### **Correspondence: -**

- Diane confirmed with Federation that there is no correspondence.

- Federation event: reminder- Afternoon Tea with Music (Choir from the Rhondda) at the High Tide Inn, Porthcawl on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 1.15 to 1.30pm start. Closing date 28<sup>th</sup> February. Cost £20.

### **Social: -**

- 6<sup>th</sup> February -Ten pin bowling at Fontygary, meeting at 6.15pm for 6.30pm start. 20 attending and those going for Indian Meal afterwards requested to pay £10 deposit this evening.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – “Murder on the Orient Express” all paid for.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April -Cardiff Arcades two-hour walking tour from 11am. The cost is £160, so members asked to sign board so that individual charge can be determined for payment by the 14<sup>th</sup> February at the very latest.

### **Sub Groups: -**

- Sew ‘n’ Sews meeting at Sue Dibben’s house, 2pm on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Bring scissors and a sewing kit for a valentine themed craft.
- Walkie Talkies -members to sign up to express an interest in 3 mile walk from Penarth marina into the town or one around the Barrage. Exact date in March to be determined but will most likely be on a Wednesday.
- Culture Vultures -Sue Bradshaw- Jones has stepped down from leading this group and has been replaced by Lynne Mulcahy.
- Mystery Trip -Jan Thomas and Maggie Cooper have volunteered to arrange the 2025 trip.
- Diane explained that she had intended to ask members to come forward in respect of leading Culture Vultures and arranging the trip, but that these members had already volunteered.

### **Speaker :-**

- The February speaker is Dr. Graham Cope. His talk may change from “Antibiotic Resistance” to “Ailments of the Monarchy”.

Diane then introduced Kathy Kettle who began her talk highlighting women involved in BBC broadcasting. Initially employed aged 21 as a secretary in the World Service in the early 1970’s, Kathy soon became a Production Assistant. Success in doing an interview on behalf of her double-booked boss led to her becoming a freelance broadcaster. On one occasion she interviewed Harold Wilson in his Angel Hotel in Cardiff bedroom suite. She also secretly interviewed the mother of an arrested anti-apartheid protesting student in South Africa and managed to get the tapes back to Britain. She was sent to Dallas to do a special feature on the American soap. She ended her BBC career as the World Service Producer for Wales.

Jean Downing gave the vote of thanks.