

Y Bontfaen W I

Thursday 15 May 2025. 7.30 pm, Cowbridge Town Hall

President Diane marked the arrival of 45 members and 1 visitor with a glass of bubbly for all to celebrate her 70th birthday. Apologies received from 5 members.

Matters Arising

- The roles of the committee members were announced as follows:
Diane Bluck – President
Anne Hordley – Vice president
Lucy Higgins – Correspondence secretary
Miranda Davis – Treasurer
Lynne Mulcahy – Minute secretary
Susan Bradshaw-Jones – Speaker secretary & welfare
Susan Dibben – Social secretary (joint)
Annie Williams – Social secretary (joint) & new member link
Moira Cotter – Door (joint) & raffle
Margaret Price – Door (joint) & MCS officer
Jean Downing – Assistant treasurer & filling in for others!
- 2025/6 programme has been circulated to all members. Thanks to Anne H for preparing. One November date to be amended.
- The Tombola stall at the VE Day celebrations was a huge success despite the cold; raising £374 before paying for the stall space.
- The Ogmore River Clean saw the successful removal of 6,00 tyres with a great atmosphere. Merthyr Mawr WI organised the refreshment cabin with support from others. Thanks to those of our ladies who undertook one or more shifts.
- Please provide an emergency contact telephone number if you have not already done so. It is hoped these will never be needed!
- Mary Noyes had used her bursary twice to book GFWI courses and both times they were cancelled. As some recompense we decided to fund a local willow weaving course she has booked on.

Treasurer

Miranda reported an adjusted bank balance of £3,270 and 59 paid up members. She reminded members that she lived in Rhosce so cheques through her letter box were not really practical!

Secretary

- Open Darts competition in Pencoed Social Club, Saturday 28 June.
- Wine & Words at Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl, Wednesday 7 September.
- Table top games & afternoon tea in Mumbles Road Hall, Swansea, Saturday 20 September.

- Let's Celebrate Christmas with mulled wine & mince pies in the Aberavon Hotel, Monday 1 December.
- Mobile telephone numbers requested.
- Summer social at Diane's on 17 July. Please sign up with specific food contributions.

Boards for all the above on the top table for members to sign.

Socials

- Thursday 22nd May, St Fagans picnic. Meet 2.30 pm. Car shares will be arranged.
- Walk & eat at the Pelican, Ogmere, 26 June. Long walk starting at 5.30, short walk at 6.00, supper at 7.00.
- Mystery Trip is Thursday 14 August. £30. Payment deadline 30 June.

Sub-groups

- **Crafty Sew & Sews** meeting at Sue Dibben's Monday 19th May 2.00 pm. Mary H is organising; please bring scissors & pritt stick. Sign up with Sue.
- **Walky Talkies** are hoping to join the GFWI Summer walk. Details to come.
- **Culture Vultures**. 10 Ladies enjoyed the production of 'The Women of Llannrumney' at the Sherman Theatre. No future event planned as yet.

Next meeting

At the meeting on 19th June Richard Ballantyne will talk about the history of wine with an opportunity to taste one of each colour. A show of hands indicated that about 35 members would wish to taste.

Speaker

Annie W introduced Jude Pengelly, a qualified nurse & health professional who spoke about and demonstrated the use of CPR and defibrillators. This links beautifully with this year's resolution "Bystanders can be Lifesavers". A useful mnemonic is Drs ABC:

D – danger (to patient and yourself)

R - response

S – SHOUT

A – airways

B – breathing

C – circulation

Jude had brought a number of manikins with her and members were encouraged to have a go with chest compressions and use of the defibrillator. Sue Bradshaw-Jones gave the vote of thanks.

Diane was wished a happy birthday in the traditional manner and presented with a celebration cake. The raffle wasn't claimed so will be redrawn next month.