

BONTFAEN WI MONTHLY MEETING -THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER, 2024

Matters Arising: -

- In response to a question raised at the last meeting as to why cardboard cups are being used, Diane explained that the cups are recyclable and should be collected in the black bag provided by one of the people on the tea rota for this purpose. Whereas it is possible to use the crockery downstairs if those on the tea rota choose to do so, it is more difficult to do upstairs. This is because the cups will probably have to be brought upstairs by those on the rota and the setup, in particular the lack of worktop space in the kitchen makes washing up difficult. There is no storage available for our tea set and it is not sufficient to cover the number of members. Members can opt to bring their own mug if they wish.
- Diane attended the Presidents' coffee morning and enjoyed hearing all about the different W.I.s. in the Federation. She is forwarding emails from Beth Morgan at the Federation in case they are of interest to any members.
- Members will be asked to vote for their favourite resolution in the January meeting. Brief details have been emailed out and more information should be available in "WI Life" and on "My WI". The list is as follows: - Let's talk about incontinence, Bystanders can be lifesavers, Join the repair revolution and Eliminate landfill of medication packaging.
- Diane and Margaret Price laid the wreath at the Remembrance Service.
- Moira found out whilst attending a course in the church that they are again doing an Angel display for the run up to Christmas. It is hoped that we can reuse the angels made last year for this, as the lack of notice means that there is no time to start a new project.
- Members who are walking in the Christmas Parade on the 24th November, need to meet at the Leisure Centre from 4 to 4.15pm for a 4.30pm start. It will be possible to wait indoors. Sign up on the board or contact Diane so that she knows you are coming.
- Diane reminded members to let Sue and Annie know if they can no longer attend a social event that they signed up for. Problems can be caused in budgeting for events eg. the bingo night, when people sign up but then do not pay.
- It was hoped that the layout with only chairs might encourage members to mix more. It was also necessary at this meeting so that the space could be cleared for the line dancing later.

Treasurer's Report: -

- There is £2177 in the bank taking into account various adjustments.

- The last payment date for the meal at Forage in January is the 28th November. Members who have not paid by that date will not be able to attend. Sue and Annie will be advising the venue of the menu choices. In Jean's absence, payments can be made to Margaret Price.

Correspondence: -

- Hard copies are available of the recently circulated Federation Newsletter.
- A list of WI Glamorgan Show winners is available
- Federation event:- Afternoon Tea with Music (Choir from the Rhondda) at the High Tide Inn, Porthcawl on the 19th March 1.15 to 1.30pm start. Closing date 28th February. Cost £20.
- Christmas Party -Members to sign up on board stating what food will be bringing or to let Lucy know so that committee members can fill the gaps. Glasses will be provided, but members to bring own plate/ bowls and cutlery.

Social:-

- Christmas Meal at Forage:- 41 signed up. Warm welcome expected. Make sure you pay by the 28th November.
- February -Ten pin bowling at Fontygary with option for Indian meal afterwards. Sign up in January. One game £6 or two games £10.
- March 6th – 7.30pm performance of "Murder on the Orient Express" at the New Theatre, Cardiff £42.50. Payment must be received by the 9th January.

Sub Groups:-

- Sew 'n' Sews –2pm on 25th November at Sue Dibben's house. Christmas craft -nothing to bring.
- Walkie Talkies – No further walks this year.
- Culture Vultures -Activity being planned for February.

A.O.B.

- Diane stated that she favoured doing the business meeting first followed by the speaker as it was less disruptive and gave members the chance to talk to the speaker afterwards.
- It was also decided that the raffle would be drawn at the end of the business part of the meeting in future.

The chairs were then cleared to the sides of the room and Diane introduced Katie Lou who had kindly stepped in as a replacement. Katie taught the members a series of line dances to different tunes. Her instructions were very clear so that most members could follow them, except perhaps when they were facing in the opposite direction! Several members overheated having wrapped up for the cold evening. They were happy to watch the others reprise the dances already learnt for a final session of enjoyable dancing. Lynne Mulcahy gave the vote of thanks.