

BONT FAEN WI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Thursday 18th April 2024.

As members arrived Lucy had prepared a slide show of our activities from the last year.

Sue Bradshaw Jones and Diane Bluck shared the Chair for the evening.

Matters Arising: Diane thanked everyone for their contributions to the Tombola stand. The Town Hall have sourced gazebos from the Vale so that will be up ready for us. Diane asked members to sign up to do half hourly shifts. 12.30 to 4.30. We will set up at 11oc.

The programme for next year is ready with speakers and tea rota. The committee names will be added after this meeting.

Treasure: 35 members had already sent their subs for next year. We have £2317 in the bank.

Correspondence: Sport and Leisure are holding a Tabletop games afternoon at Miskin, All Hallows Church £12 to include a tea.

Social: Simon and Garfunkel at the New Theatre 19th May £32.50. June is either a tour of the gardens or afternoon tea at Gileston Manor or a walk to the Bush at St Hilary.

We had good feedback from St Donats to say the students enjoyed meeting and talking with us.

Sub Groups: Crafty Sew and Sews- 20th May, Clay!

Walkie Talkies: Penarth Walk and Treasure Hunt 11th May. Check the contacts list to organise lifts.

Culture Vultures: 25th April. 6.30 outside Great Hall for a walk around the manor of Llanblethian.

Next Meeting will have as a speaker, the Butterfly Lady, Dot Williams on 16th May.

AOB; Start time. Would members prefer 7.30 or 8oc. The majority voted for 7.30. Doors will be open from 7oc.

Ogmore is doing another River clean in June. We will have more details next month.

Diane then read out the Resolution on Dental Health Matters. Annie Williams spoke for the resolution. She told us of the limiting Dental Contract which forced many dentists to go Private and the rise in poor dental health in Children The Government should look again at the contract.

Alison Tinkler Spoke against. She said that since Covid access to NHS dentists is worse but the priority of cash goes to other areas rather than teeth. There should be more emphasis on education and preventative measures. ie Fluoride in the water.

The Vote went 32 for and 4 against. But we will give our delegate a discretionary vote.

Diane thanked Annie and Alison for their input.

AGM.

Sue welcomed Jane Exell to oversee our AGM.

Margaret Price gave the Committee report listing all our speakers and activities through the year.

Jean gave us the Finance report. Again we are in a healthy position. All activities and socials balanced out with only a £21 deficit. Our insurance was higher because of extra members. We have £1886 in

the bank so she was able to give members a reduction in subs. £43 instead of £48. Miranda seconded the report.

Sue Bradshaw-Jones gave the Presidents address. As it was Glamorgan Federation's Centenary year, Sue attended Llandaff Cathedral and a President's tea at Margam Abbey on our behalf. Sue thanked Diane for taking over halfway through the year due to Sue's ill health. During the year Lucy had set up a Bont Faen WI website sending out information to members online.

Jane Exell talked about the changes in her lifetime specially in the WI. The WI was for rural communities. No treading on the Townswomens Guild toes. When the first Advisors start they had a uniform including the HAT. This year WIS have been started as virtual Wis. Everything online, no meeting up in person. This year in Glamorgan 4 Wis had left but 2 new have been formed.

Election Of Officers. Diane Bluck was voted as President.

3 members are joining Committee. Miranda Davis, Sue Dibben and Anne Hordley.

Jean and Lucy will continue as Treasurer and Correspondence Secretary and Miranda Davies will be Minute Secretary. The other jobs will be allocated at the first committee meeting.

Sue thanked Jane for chairing the AGM and Diane thanked Sue for the last 3 years as President.

Tea and cake was served.