

## **BONTFAEN WI MONTHLY MEETING -THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2024**

### **Matters Arising: -**

- Diane introduced the committee members who were present. Diane asked that members keep Sue informed of any welfare matters.

The full listing is as follows: -

President - Diane Bluck

Vice President -Anne Hordley

Treasurer - Jean Downing

Correspondence Secretary and Website – Lucy Higgins

Minute Secretary and New Member Link – Miranda Davis

Social Secretaries – Annie Williams and Sue Dibben

Speaker Secretary and Welfare -Sue Bradshaw Jones

Door Registration -Moirra Cotter and Margaret Price

Publicity Officer -Lynne Mulcahy

MCS Officer/ New Member Link -Margaret Price

- Diane thanked Anne for completing the programme in time for the meeting. Anyone who cannot open the pdf attachment in the email sent out should contact Anne for another version.
- The May Day fayre tombola raised £296.50 and our report is in the Glamorgan Star. Diane thanked members for the prizes and also those who helped on the day. The stall had a display about Bontfaen WI provided by Miranda.

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

- There is £4128 in the bank.
- Members reminded to pay outstanding subscriptions.

### **Correspondence:-**

- Members interested in taking part in the River Ogmore clean up from June 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> should speak to/contact Lucy for more details.
- The Federation Website is now up to date and information will now be kept on our year-old website for 6 months. Lucy asked for any website suggestions.
- The NFWI Public Affairs Spring Bulletin which details recent campaigns is available.

- Federation event -Evening with an Author (Sue Barrow) on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 6.45pm for 7.00 pm at the High Tide Inn, Porthcawl. £21

### **Social:-**

- Arrangements are in place for those members going to the New Theatre to see "Simon and Garfunkel".
- The garden tour and afternoon tea at Gileston Manor will be at 2pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. 22 members have signed up and there are more spaces available. The payment of £20 must be made by members by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May as the overall deposit is due.
- The Summer Social on the 25<sup>th</sup> July will be at Diane Bluck's house. Food lists will be sorted at the next meeting.
- The Mystery Trip on August 15<sup>th</sup> is being arranged by Diana Sloman and Jacky Jones. The cost will be approximately £32 based on 40 members attending.

### **Sub Groups:-**

- Walkie Talkies -Diane will now be leaving this group's organisation to Margaret and Moira.
- Sew 'n' Sews -This group is run by Maggie Cooper, Mary Hopkins, Jan Thomas and Sue Dibben. Members to sign up for the next session which is at Sue's house at 2pm on 20<sup>th</sup> May to do paper collagraphy. Paper scissors required.
- Culture Vultures -Sue Bradshaw- Jones is arranging a trip to the Royal Western Academy in Bristol on the 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### **A.O.B.**

- Margaret Price agreed to take over the book stall from Jacky Jones. Jacky advised that there had been plenty of donations but not many purchases.

### **Speaker:-**

Dot Willaims then gave an interesting talk about the grant funded work being under taken to protect the High Brown Fritillary Butterfly. The rarest butterfly in Wales, it can only be found between Ewenny and St. Bride's Major. The caterpillars rely on a specific depth of bracken for camouflage and warmth and they need common dog violet leaves to feed on. Volunteers coppice the undergrowth and cattle are being used to trample the bracken. Community engagement is also important. Dot finished her talk with information about what plants and weeds we can grow in our gardens to help other species of butterflies and their caterpillars.

Jane Makin gave the vote of thanks.