

BONTFAEN WI MONTHLY MEETING -THURSDAY 25TH JULY, 2024

- Diane welcomed everyone to her home for the Summer Social. Fortunately, she had borrowed some chairs from the village hall, as the inclement weather meant that members gathered indoors. Several members had sent their apologies due to illness.

Matters Arising: -

- The Mystery Trip on the 15th August will leave the Town Hall at 8.30am and return around 6.30pm. 31 members have paid so far to confirm their place. The deadline for payments is the 31st July. After this the trip will be opened up to friends and family as there are 48 seats available. Comfortable footwear recommended. Thanks to Diana Sloman and Jacky Jones for arranging.
- Julie Harris and Miranda Davis enjoyed visiting the Glamorgan Federation Show. Julie reported that it was wonderful to see the talent of other WI members on display including the cushion entries in the Bontfaen sponsored category and all the yellow craft items. She hopes it will inspire Bontfaen members to enter in the future.
- Diana Sloman and Miranda Davis had a good time at the Federation board game afternoon and particularly enjoyed the afternoon tea provided.
- A thank you card has been received from Kath Jones in response to the card and flowers sent to her following her injuries sustained in a road accident.
- Kath Jones has given the WI tea set which was owned by the now disbanded Colwinston WI to Bontfaen.
- Diane thanked Lucy Higgins for setting up and running our website, the only one on the Federation website as acknowledged in the recent Federation newsletter. Members were asked to send pictures etc for inclusion on the website and it was noted that the information would stay on it for 6 months.

Correspondence: -

- Hard copies are available of the recently circulated Federation Newsletter.
- The excellent report on the NFWI Annual Meeting has been emailed out to all members.
- Reminder of Federation Quiz on 22nd October, 7.30pm in the High Tide Inn, Porthcawl. One team of 4 per W.I. Cost £10
- Reminder of Craft Spectacular on 16th November at Margan Orangery. 2 members can run each craft stall for £20.
- The Glamorgan Federation WI Directory for 2024 has been received listing contact details of Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers in each WI.
- The NFWI Raffle tickets are still on sale.

Treasurer's Report: -

- Paid up membership is still 57.
- There is £3357 in the bank which taking into account outstanding trip payments reduces to £2500 to cover the rest of the year.
- Several members have missed out on going to the Malvern Flower Show as they did not make payment by the closing date. 2 members have managed to get on a reserve list, but Jean reminded members to check the closing date for activities and to make payment as soon as possible.

Social:-

- Annie and Sue have drawn up the following schedule of events for members to sign up for, but welcome further suggestions.
- September 5th -Walk to the "Bush" in St. Hilary for meal at 7pm. Indicate on the sign-up board if only attending the meal.
- October 9th – Ghost tour of St. Fagan's castle from 8pm. Meet at Plymouth Arms at 7pm for drink beforehand. Cost £20. It will be confirmed as to whether members have until the September meeting to sign up for this event.
- November (date and venue to be confirmed) -Bingo Night with wine and nibbles and a "flamboyant" male host.
- December Christmas Party and January New Year/ post-Christmas Meal.
- February -Angela Grey Cookery School session, cost around £30-£40
- March 6th - "Murder on the Orient Express" at the New Theatre, Cardiff £42.50.

Sub Groups:-

- Sew 'n' Sews –2pm on 23rd September at Sue Dibben's house. Woolly wise owls.
- Walkie Talkies - August 1st Moira has arranged a 3.5 mile walk in the Wenvoe area. Leave Cowbridge at 10am to meet at the garden centre at 10.30am.
- Culture Vultures -Lucy had reminded members in Sue's absence to sign up for the trip to the Royal Western Academy in Bristol on the 25th September. Jean Downing recommended it as an enjoyable day.

A.O.B.

- Zoe Bradley - Paper Artist Extraordinaire speaking at September meeting.
- Diane had represented Bont Faen at a Town Council meeting to discuss the arrangements for the Christmas Parade and to review and learn lessons from the event in 2023. Diane explained that it became clear how difficult and time consuming making the arrangements are and therefore the need for volunteers to assist. It is hoped that the 2024 event will be larger, perhaps

spanning two days and encouraging Christmas trade with a market and fairground. There may even be a theme. The next meeting will be on the 19th September when more specific details will be provided and we will need to decide if Bont Faen members want to get involved.

- The Town Council is currently looking to recruit two new councillors.

Anne Hordley presented Diane with a plant and a bottle of wine as a thank you for hosting the Summer Social. Diane passed the bottle over to her partner Roger, who had appeared at that moment and explained that Roger had sorted out the grounds and facilities to make our visit enjoyable. They both received a round of applause.