

Bont Faen WI

Minutes for the Monthly Meeting:

Held: 20 November 2025

1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Apologies: Leanne Brown, Pam Harrison, Alison Hannaby, Lesley Freeman, Jean Lloyd, Krys Hunt, Ros Davies, Glenn Brookfield, Alison Killick, Jan Thomas, Mary Hopkins, Ellie Lasseter, Dawn Jones

Number of members present: 44

Number of visitors present: 1

ANNOUNCEMENT

It was with great sadness that members were informed of the death of Glenn Brookfield's husband, Garth. We extend our deepest condolences to Glenn and family at this difficult time.

2 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes approved

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 St Hilary Carol Service: St Hilary Church 2 December, 6.30 for 7pm start

The Coryds Choir will be singing. Refreshments to be provided afterwards in Village Hall.

3.2 Dental Bags:

The bags will be donated to Atal Y Fro in Barry.

3.3 Christmas Parade: Sunday 30 November 3.30 pm

Reindeer are back! Parade will start at Cowbridge Leisure Centre and return there after parading down the High Street as far as Druid's Green. To meet at the Leisure Centre between 3-3.15pm dressed as an angel, fairy or star. The Parade will start at 3.30pm.

4 REPORTS

4.1 TREASURER'S REPORT

£2667.49 unadjusted. Remembrance wreath invoice still o/s.

4.2 CORRESPONDENCE

- **Carol Service, Margam** (3 December) (Reminder) One place remains unfilled.
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- **Glamorgan Federation “Denman” courses** (Closes 5 December)
Two courses offered (on a lottery basis):
Dates: 24 January 2026 (Cardiff) or 31 January 2026 (Swansea);
Genealogy: 12 places on each date
Willow weaving: 8 places on each date
Cost: £30
- **Fashion show and Lunch** (Closes 30 January)
Heronston Hotel Bridgend (Samantha B):, 10, 11, 12 March 2026, £25

4.3 SOCIAL

- **Llantrisant Guild Hall: 27 November 10am** Tour of Guild Hall followed by refreshments at Gwyneth’s Tea Rooms. Lifts organised.
- **Christmas Social (Lesser Hall): 18 December:** Members were requested to sign up with their finger-food contributions for the evening to enable the Committee fill any gaps.
- **Thursday 8 January: Christmas Meal: Forage 8 January**
£36 for two courses (desert and drinks to be ordered separately)
Menu on website and on board: Members asked to sign up for choices or to email Sue Dibben
Secret Santa (maximum value of gift £5)
- **Thursday 26 February: Beetle Drive** in the Lesser Hall at 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 23 April: Llanelli Plas trip:** leaving Cowbridge at 9am for tour of house at 11am. Lifts to be organised.

5 SUB GROUPS

5.1 Crafty Sew ‘n’ Sews

Meeting held 17 November at Sue Dibben’s to complete stars for Holy Cross Christmas display. Sixty stars have been made.

No December meeting. January meeting details to follow.

5.2 Culture Vultures

To Kill a Mocking Bird booked for 26 November WMC (6 attending) Email from Lynne about car sharing to follow.

5.3 Walkie Talkies

No walks planned at present, will resume in New Year.

6 NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

18 December (Lesser Hall): Christmas Social

Finger food: Plates, napkins and glasses provided!

£1 at door includes first drink and a raffle ticket

Donations for drinks: £1.50 / glass of wine, 50p for soft drinks

7 AOB

Emergency contact numbers: Miranda read out a list of those members who have yet to provide an emergency contact number.

Raffle: won by Diane Bluck.

8 SPEAKER

Matt Murray, BBC Wales Senior Journalist

Sue Bradshaw Jones introduced Matt by recalling his talking about his time at primary school and in particular the early reading book: Look

Matt gave a very engaging talk about his path into journalism via the Cowbridge “Radio Cracker” at 12 years old, through work experience with the Cowbridge Gem and then beginning as a researcher with the BBC in 2003, before advancement to BBC Wales Today as a senior reporter where he has spent the last 15 years covering a wide variety of stories. He gave snapshots of the highlights of his career, not least meeting Faye Dunaway in Port Talbot!

Cath Jones gave the vote of thanks.

Minutes taken by: Anne Hordley

Chaired by: Diane Bluck