

Y Bont Faen WI Monthly Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday 19 June 2025 in Cowbridge Town Hall

Apologies:

Jean Downing, Sian Thomas, Val Monaghue, Wendy Pearce, Sian Williams, Julia Wright, Christina Burgin, Mary Noyes, Evelyn James, Kath Jones, Margaret Langdon, Glenn Brookfield, Melanie Fairfax, Susan Morris, Karen Jacobs, Lynn Murray, Ros Davies.

Number of Members Present: 32.

Visitors: 2(Paula Hof and Jane Sevenoaks)

Minutes from Last Meeting: Proposed and accepted as true record of May Meeting.

MATTERS ARISING:

- Diane explained changes to raffle system: each member is allocated a number and the raffle will be drawn before the Speaker.
 - Winner: Pam Harrison
- Pride March: Sunday 29 June 2025; Members interested should meet at Fire Station by noon to set off at 12.30pm.
- Glamorgan Show: Sponsoring a class, still to be confirmed which one.
- Federation Annual Committee meeting- Wednesday, 1st October 10-4pm at Barry Memorial Hall. Diane to attend. Invitation extended to members to join her.
- Fire Drill: Diane showed Members the fire exit. She reminded us all that in the event of a fire the lift was not to be used and to congregate at the bus shelter to be ticked off the attendance list BEFORE leaving the area so that no one is thought to be left inside the building. Moira and Margaret who have a register of members present at any meeting to act as Fire Marshalls.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Miranda Davis

Current Account Balance: actual: £4312; adjusted £3,270

Number of paid-up Members: 59

- Tombola Fund Raising: £344. Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and helped on the day.
- Reminder to those members who pay tax and are able to apply Gift Aid to the Y Bont Faen amount of the subs to sign, date and return the Gift Aid Declaration Form if they wish and return to Miranda. Printed forms were made available.

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CORRESPONDENCE: Lucy Higgins

Boards for following were provided for Members to sign:

- Garden Party: Margam Orangery, Wednesday 16 July 2025. No “own drinks” allowed in Orangery. (Closing date: 4 July 2025)
- Malvern Show: Coach and entry £36, Sunday 28 September 2025 (Closing date: 25 July 2025)
- Bowling Competition, Pyle & Kenfig, Saturday 13 September 2025 (Closing date: 31 July 2025)
- Summer Social: 17 July 2025: Tudor Lodge, Llysworney from 4pm; Meeting to start at 6pm.
 - Members were reminded to sign up to specific food contributions
- Lucy reminded all Members to provide their Emergency contact names and telephone numbers.
- Lucy also asked all Members to supply their mobile numbers. Diane explained these were needed rather than landline numbers to enable Members to be contacted “on the hoof” when events were taking place.

Social: Annie Williams; Sue Dibben

- **Walk & eat at the Pelican**, Ogmere, Thursday 26 June 2025. Long walk starting at 5.30pm, short walk at 6.00pm, supper at 7.00pm .
- **Mystery Trip**: Thursday 14 August. £30. A number of people who have signed up have yet to pay. Payment deadline 30 June 2025.

SUB GROUPS

Crafty sew ‘n’ sews: Maggie Cooper

Monday 23 June 2025 at Sue Dibben’s: Sunflowers

Maggie noted that September – November crafts would be making stars for the Christmas Display in Holy Cross Church.

Walkie Talkies: Margaret Price

Penarth/Lavernock/Cosmeston Walk: 7 August 2025, meet at 10am, approximately 4 miles, all flat, ending with walk around Cosmeston Lake (or adjourn to café if preferred), ending about 2pm. Members interested asked to sign up and car-share/lifts will be arranged closer to the date.

Culture Vultures: Lynne Mulcahy

Austens in the Abbey: September. Celebrating Jane Austen’s 250th anniversary. Details to follow.

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AOB:

Diane informed members that other local WIs are to be invited to attend our September meeting when Asmaa Al-Allack is our speaker for the evening (see below)

Notice of Next Meeting:

Summer Social: 17 July, Tudor Lodge, Llyswoorney from 4pm

No meeting in August

(18 September 2025: Asmaa Al-Allack Consultant Surgeon and Sewing Bee winner, Upper Hall)

SPEAKER:

The Noble Grape: Richard Ballantyne MW: Richard explained how he had come to be a Master of Wine, the only one in Wales and one of 430 world-wide. He explained about the challenging examinations and dissertations he had to complete. He then explained the history of wine, which dates at least to the Neolithic, and also explained that to be wine, the product must be no less than 8% alcohol, meaning that so-called non-alcoholic wine cannot be called wine. He gave those who wished, an opportunity to taste a white and a (chilled) red Portuguese wine.

Vote of Thanks: Margaret Price.