

BONTFAEN WI MONTHLY MEETING -THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Apologies:- 17

The record of the last meeting was accepted.

Matters Arising:-

Sue had attended the afternoon tea at Margam Park held for institute Presidents as part of the Centenary celebrations. She was pleased to have previously learnt the answer to a quiz question "Who makes decisions in W.I.?", the correct answer being the members and not the committee.

Having forgotten to present Diana Bluck with a bottle of wine as a thank you for hosting the Summer Social, Sue was able to make the presentation when they both attended the Cardiff Bay boat trip social.

Correspondence:-

The following Federation events were outlined: -

Tai Chi Taster Day on Saturday the 11th November, 2023 at Pencoed Welfare Hall. Three sessions 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Wear flat shoes. Cost £5. Closing date 31st October.

Seasonal Dabble Day on Saturday 4th November at Murton Methodist Hall in Swansea. Drinks and craft items provided but take a packed lunch. Cost £20. Closing date 2nd October.

Learn to Play Whist on Saturday 16th November at Ystradowen Village Hall from 1.30pm to 4.00pm. Initial instructions followed by actual game. Refreshments provided. Cost £5. Closing date 1st November. Margaret Price has arranged this event.

Christmas Tree Festival at Miskin Church Sunday 16th December. Jane Crowe advised that she still has the artificial tree and decorations made in the past so if some members were prepared to take, put up and collect the tree, this could be a possibility. For future discussion.

Social: -

12 members had enjoyed the speed boat trip from Cardiff Bay to a circuit around Flatholm.

Members were offered the chance to sign up for the following:-

Fontygary ten pin bowling on the 26th October. Cost £10 needed upfront. Time to be confirmed.

Gin tasting has been provisionally arranged at Hensol on Tuesday 14th November, time to be confirmed. £20.00 payment required.

Sub Groups: -

The craft group is meeting at Sue Dibben's house at 2pm on 25th September to make a poppy broach. Bring scissors, needle and black, green and red thread and let Sue know if attending.

Culture Vultures -no suitable films available at Chapter, Cardiff at the moment.

Walkie Talkies -nothing being arranged at the moment.

Next meeting:-

Will be on the 19th October with three ladies from a company called "Home Instead" talking on "Personal Care in your Home". *Please note that this is a change from the programme*

Tea Rota: - Jude Pengelly, Jo Williams and Di Sloman.

Treasurer's Report:-

Following the meeting it was noted that the current bank balance is £2345.

Speaker:-

John Sheen then gave a talk entitled "5 boys and a pasty". Born in 1946, he reminisced over his childhood memories using items hidden in gift bags to illustrate his excellent talk. He wondered why his mother had dressed him in a liberty boddy. His future wife, a pharmacist had been horrified to hear that he had been given friars balsam to take when ill, this being a product meant for external use only! The 5 boys referred to Fry's chocolate and the pasty to the dish chosen by the family to eat whilst watching Queen Elizabeth's coronation on the television. He chose the same dish whilst watching King Charles's coronation earlier this year.

Jane Crowe gave the vote of thanks.

Sue ended the meeting by thanking Jane for doing so, Christina Bergin for helping Moria on the door and Miranda Davis for taking the minutes, there being a shortage of committee members present.