

Annual meeting of Penarth Peers WI, Wednesday 10th April 2024

Secretary's Report

May saw a delayed annual meeting, followed by a party to celebrate the coronation of Charles. How quickly the year has gone.

We have had a varied list of speakers and have learnt about GI brides from Penarth; gentle ballet steps courtesy of Emily from the Silver Swans over 55 ballet classes; the benefits of mindfulness; the training involved in Guide Dogs for the Blind, along with the gorgeous puppy Peggy; the history of Tredegar House and the wonderful work undertaken by Woody's Lodge.

We have enjoyed a fish and chip supper, Christmas crafts and two musical evenings: Penarth Community Choir made us feel very festive as we listened to, and joined in with, carols at our December Christmas meeting; and Ukelele Nights, which brought a big smile to everyone's faces as we started the New Year.

The three book groups continue to meet and at least two of them make good use of the Barry Library reading group scheme. The lunch club organised by Sally has also met every other month enjoying a meal and a chat in various locations. Julie has been coordinating the theatre group supporting the wonderful productions put on by PODs, including "Chess"; the highly amusing play "Ladies Day" and, just recently, "Shakespeare in Love". We eagerly await "The Producers" next month.

Members have enjoyed two educational visits - a day trip to Stratford in May and a tour of the BBC studios in September. There have been other trips organised by Dinas WI to which we have been invited: Tyntesfield, Aberglasney and, just recently, Gareth's Kitchen in Lampeter.

There have been events organised by the GFWI: Margam Park picnic and the Malvern flower show, both always popular events. We took part in the passing of the baton of friendship at Cosmeston and represented our group at the centenary service at Llandaff Cathedral, complete with banner.