

MEMORIAL & BENEVOLENT FUND

I remind members of the Benevolent nature of this Fund and ask that I be notified when members are ill or celebrate special occasions such as 90th Birthday.

Marian Whippey from Aberdare Women's League

Commemorative gifts are always welcome, and should be sent to me, Barbara Clifford, (address on back page of this League Letter).

Cheques to be made payable to U.W.L. Memorial Fund.

Please print all names of the member and donor in block capitals. Receipts only if s.a.e. is sent.

Barbara Clifford

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIBERAL RELIGIOUS WOMEN (IALRW)

The following letter is from IALRW President Dr Kamar re. the terrible incident in Manchester.

Dear all

This mail is surely too late at expressing my deepest condolence, and as President of IALRW, our deepest condolence for the Manchester tragic deaths. As Arianne Grande twitted, we all feel -"Broken" and no words are adequate enough to convey our condolence and our shared pain, anger and concern for what had happened and what may be to follow. I am sure, like me, for the few first days you too were glued to the TV for news. I could only watch and absorb, could not react, could not think.

We too hurt terribly and share in the grief. So much insanity, so much pain, so much anger, so much hatred. Now, gradually I am re-activating my mind again re the situation - how can we diffuse the pain, anger and hatred that seems to envelop our world - despite the ever- insensible promotion of hatred that surrounds us.

As we hurt together, let us also think together. May all the departed find blessed peace. May their beloved families and friends find strength to heal and move on. And may all come back to our senses, back into love and care. We come into this world for a limited time; surely, we can be better than what we are now.

Love you all.

Do keep safe

Kamar Oniah

NEWS FROM OUR BRANCHES AND DISTRICTS

ABERDARE

As a lover of sunshine, I'm having some difficulty not to grumble about the sweltering heat we are having here in South Wales and so I have to remember that by the time you read this it could well be pouring with rain! Such is life!

We continue to hold our weekly meetings, enjoying a varied programme and spending time together. Our members continue to provide prizes for the Project Raffle and to raise money for local charities. Each meeting one of our number offers meaningful, inciteful 'thoughts for the day'.

We held our Branch AGM at the end of April and since then have had a craft demonstration, watched an uplifting film ('Quartet'), listened to a wonderful talk from a well-known local speaker, about one of her ancestors. Born into a mining family, he had a long and distinguished life and his story was one of triumph over diversity. His adult life was spent working in the local political arena and in 1922 he became MP for Aberdare, a position he held for 22 years before becoming the first Viscount of the Cynon Valley and the first miner to be elevated to the peerage.

Other memorable afternoons were spent sharing favourite musical choices where the ooh's' and ah's told us all of the memories filling our minds. As the voices of Sasha Distel, Johnny Mathis, Deanna Durbin, Mel Torme, Bette Midler and the Beatles (to name just a few) filled the hall, we were delighted in the pride of our photographic memories but also had to acknowledge they were not necessarily developed!



Branch President Anne Watts and Niki Lee of the Zisize Charity we support, who gave us an update on her work in South Africa.

Considering other dreams, we spent an interesting afternoon thinking about time travel and where, when and how we would like to go. We visited Ancient Egypt, but not as a slave, to discover how the pyramids were built; India, during the time of the British Raj and back to the time of our teens.

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