

CAP NEWSLETTER MAY 2019

Thanks to those who attended, and thanks to those for sending their apologies, these meetings are of great value for Ian and befrienders.

This is our third year!! With six debt free clients, and a good number continuing to pay into their debt repayment CAP plans. Number of clients still struggling with their life issues, but encouraging also to learn of a client, reading her bible and attending church. Let's focus on little blessings!

Ian very much appreciates befriender's patience, in not giving up on clients.

Ian has been to various meetings with CAP. One being his 6 months review. Head office have introduced a sabbatical year, as HQ workers have FCA training to complete. For a short period Ian will now be visiting 1 client a month, together with ongoing clients. It is felt that it's quality of service rather than quantity. Consolidate what we've got. One client a month has made it easier for Ian to fit in his other work, decorating farm etc.. HQ staff have to do the training (Government rule), but hopefully back to normal in the autumn.

Andrea & Donna want to introduce life-skills training to clients that visit the foodbank. Hoping to provide cooking lessons; maybe/perhaps an evening combination of clients and befrienders. Introducing simple recipes together with the foodbank.

It was suggested to have a 'doodle-poll' for the next befrienders meeting to see what suits us best. Shall let you know when the next one will take place. Ian has suggested a lunch at his home in Tally.

Discovery break: At Hebron Hall, Cardiff. Five nominations; so far the uptake is - no response.

Donna – is speaking at Aberystwyth; a CAP job club launch, her first one! Donna is happy to do this – pray for her, it's an approx. 40 minute talk, outlining the work of CAP, life-changers and all that is involved. There is an Independent Evangelical Church involved.

Universal Credit Training, there was a meeting with managers from debt centres in Wales with the DWP, to instruct them on how to aid clients in applying for u/credit, and CAP Managers did an iPad application as an exercise.

Our finances are healthy and a copy was passed around. .

It was suggested that a meeting be set up with our current partnership pastors and vicars to decide on a vision for our debt help in the future, and to discuss our financial position and sustainability. Sally & Michael Sadler are happy to co-ordinate this meeting.

Ian has recently met with other vicars in the Amman valley to inform them of CAP's work in their area, we hope to present a CAP Sunday in one of those churches in October .

There will be a Strawberry tea again this year on Saturday 6th July. At St Teilos Church, Llandeilo from 2:30-4:30. This is a great fundraising event, and has been very successful thus far! Scone baking will be gratefully received, along with donations of jam & cream!

We closed in prayer.

Next meeting: to be confirmed

Rom. 13:8 "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law"