

<p>Caravan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are very nearly at the end of another successful season and a great number of people have enjoyed and benefitted from an AFIA holiday. • By the end of the season – 26 families – 65 adults, 84 children. • The new laundry system has been in place since July and despite a few teething problems at the beginning it has been a very worthwhile change. • I spoke about the benefits of AFIA holidays at All Saints Porthcawl. • Donations towards the caravan have been excellent this year. • A new caravan will be installed in the same position at the beginning of November – we're all quite excited about that. There has been quite an expense on the present caravan this year – boiler problems, radiator problems, toilet problems, electrical failures etc. So yes, we're looking forward to a stress free new caravan!! • It was good to hear at the 140th Anniversary Winchester Cathedral service the Testimony of Neil Obbard – because of an AFIA holiday, he turned to Christ and is now a Diocesan speaker promoting Mothers Union and their AFIA holidays. (His testimony has also been in a previous issue of Families First) • We had a very successful Open week at the caravan in July with almost 100 visitors – including Archbishop Barry. • Our fun day at Trecco Bay Church was successful but slow to start. We sent some balloons off but unfortunately I've not had one back – I think the wind was in the wrong direction and they all went over the sea!!! Perhaps we need to think of the times for next year – it didn't really get going until 12 noon!
<p>Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cynon Valley food project continues as does the Rhondda deanery Project – indeed our President is quite a screen star! The food project in the Cynon Valley has been used by MSH for global promotion – the video is on MU website but you can also find it on Youtube. How good to see Llandaff mentioned globally. Thank you to all responsible for the success of this project. • Please could Deaneries keep me informed of any projects going on in their deaneries and give me regular updates. As our website is now up and running it will be good to publicly advertise our projects. Photographs and a short description of events on a regular basis will be great. Grateful thanks must go to Sue and her team for all the hard work in ensuring that the website has become live in such a short time. • Prison visiting is ongoing in Parc Prison and indeed flourishing! We have recently been told of a project by the Toy retailers Association where they give toys to worthy childrens charities – and this year Parc Prison is one of 10 prisons in the UK to benefit from the grant – indeed we have been invited to apply again next year!! Thank you Jodie for your work in organising this.
<p>Overseas</p>	<p>Plans for the wedding fairs next year are in hand. Several companies have been approached and one in particular is willing to give us a table free of charge! I had been hoping for a trial run in our own benefice but the fair did not materialise!</p> <p>Joyce is our Overseas rep and we hope to develop our links with our new link Dioceses. These links are still very new and we all need to familiarise ourselves with their global location! We have looked at the geographical map of our links – location, physical and social geography. They vary considerably! Joyce has heard from Kibondo – only to say that their President Betty is away on an English course! Nothing further to report at present. We hope next year to hold an Overseas event.</p> <p>We look forward to another Units United meeting again in the near future where discussions in our individual meetings and plans can be coordinated.</p>

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