

theWI Guernsey

MEMBERS MAGAZINE

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A New WI coming to Guernsey at the Cobo Community Centre on 21st October!

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INSPIRING WOMEN

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FEDERATION CHAIR

Well summer is really over and I can't quite believe that Christmas items are creeping into the shops already.

I certainly am thinking about what winter crafts I will be doing, having already signed up for the Dorset buttons course. If you need inspiration have a look at some of the crafts on offer during the **Christmas Craft Day on 7th December**. Book early to ensure you nab one of the limited places.

I was so pleased to hear that St Johns, St Martins, Bailiwick Belles, Vale and GY had visitors in September. With new members signing up.

The Federation have been working hard to start a new WI in Cobo in October and we have run two facebook ads over the past two weeks reaching over 10k women on island. Our 'Suggest a Name' advert was picked up by The Guernsey Press and we now have about 30 different suggestions for a name. It's not too late to enter!

Thank you to those members who completed our **AGM survey**, we have received about 80 responses and will be collating the feedback with an update next month.

Congratulations to Rose Polli for setting up the Silent Book Club, which was well attended in September and looks to be a monthly fixture going forward.

The darts season has started again and congratulations to Wendy from St Saviours who scored a whopping 130.

WI is looking to name its new centre at Cobo



A new Women's Institute centre will shortly be opening at Cobo Community Centre. Guernsey Federation chairwoman Corrina Walker is pictured. (Picture by Peter Frankland, 33613182)

A NAME is being sought for the new Women's Institute centre which will shortly be opening at Cobo Community Centre. Traditionally names for the centres would reflect the location of the new WI, such as St Martin's WI, St Austere WI or St Andrew's WI. It currently has nine centres with 276 members in Guernsey. Guernsey Federation chairwoman Corrina Walker said that women now wanted their WI name to be fun, to reflect its members, their talents and how they want to be perceived. All WIs are different and unique and their name should reflect this, so we have gone out to the public to come up with some ideas for this new group, she said. Name suggestions have included Go Guernsey, Cobo Chick, Cobo Soaps, Cobo Cookies, Smart Sisters and Cobo Alice. We are really excited to be starting a new WI in Cobo as it will give a new group of women, who may have previously been inactive, the opportunity to join. We have had lots of interest and look forward to welcoming women from all walks of life and interests to make our Federation that much stronger. Walker said that any person who was feeling tentative could come along for free to try it out, without any obligation. Each month the WI will do something different. In October it plans to give everybody a flavour of the WI, including making a chat with other women, making a gift wallet and officially making the WI. Walker, local jewellery maker Catherine Best will discuss her career and in December, members of the WI will be making a fresh filling for mince pies for a six-month membership to the WI, with those wanting to join requested to email info@guernsey-wi.org.uk. Likewise anybody who wishes to suggest a name for its newest centre can email the same address and include their name, with a bottle of champagne the prize. The new centre will be open on 21 October from 1pm at Cobo Community Centre. Further information can be found at www.guernsey-wi.org.uk

SAVE THE DATES

Don't miss out and save the date for our **Guernsey AGM** on Saturday 26th April 2025

The **NFWI Annual Meeting** will be held Virtually on Wednesday 4th June 2025. We have booked the Castel Douzaine room for members to come along and watch. The day will be free and will include a light lunch and refreshments.

Corrina



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Closing date for items for the next issue is **Friday 25 October**

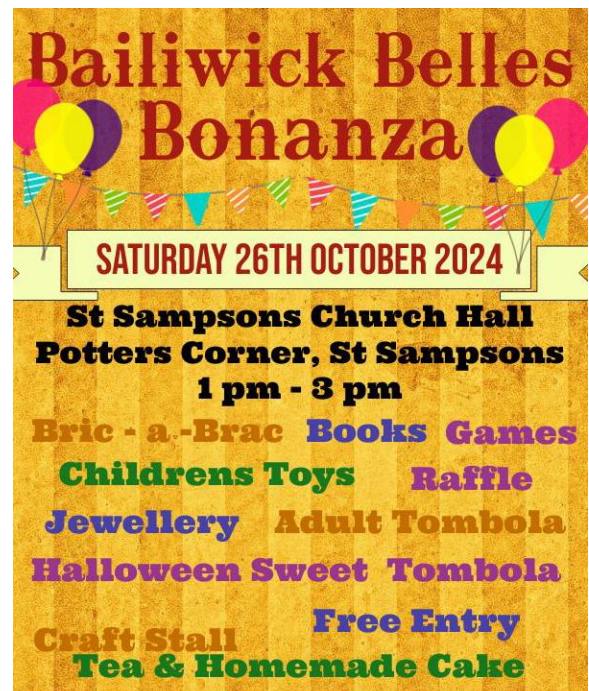
2024 COFFEE MORNINGS - 21ST OF THE MONTH

Each month, Bailiwick Belles meet for coffee and a chat on the 21st. The day and venues are set out in the table below. They meet at 10.30am. ALL WELCOME

October	Monday	Terrace Café
November	Thursday	Le Friquet
December	Saturday	The Kiln

DIARY OF EVENTS 2024

Date / Date	Event
Saturday 12 th October	Foam Forming Flower course
Saturday 12 th October	Craft Club
Monday 21 st October	Coffee morning at the Terrace cafe
Wednesday 23 rd October	St John's WI Annual Quiz – 7.30pm
Thursday 24 th October	Darts League- Halloween!
Thursday 24 th October	Silent Book Club 6.30pm Guille-Allez Library
Saturday 26 th October	Bailiwick Belles Bonanza
Saturday 9 th November	Learn to make Dorset Buttons
Saturday 7 th December	Christmas Craft Day
Saturday 26 th April	Guernsey WI AGM
Wednesday 4 th June	NFWI Virtual AGM



Bailiwick Belles Bonanza

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2024

**St Sampsons Church Hall
Potters Corner, St Sampsons
1 pm - 3 pm**

**Bric - a -Brac Books Games
Childrens Toys Raffle
Jewellery Adult Tombola
Halloween Sweet Tombola
Craft Stall Free Entry
Tea & Homemade Cake**



SUPPORTING PEOPLE IN
GUERNSEY WITH BREAST
CANCER IN CONJUNCTION
WITH PINK LADIES GSY



ST JOHN'S WI ANNUAL FUN QUIZ – WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER 7.30PM – ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB



Members, friends and family are warmly welcomed to make up

teams of 4 for our annual fun quiz at the Rovers Football Club, cost only £6 per person. The bar will be open for all your refreshments and there will be a great raffle and prizes for the winning team. Please contact Ingrid Gallie on 07781 115037 or email stjohnswi.gg@outlook.com or ingridgallie@suremail.gg to book your space at this popular event.

ARTS & HOMECRAFTS CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY

Saturday 7th December
at Les Camps Methodist Church
Hall, St Martins

Cost £15 per session - £25 for both
Including all materials + light
refreshments

Morning featuring these crafts and
lots of others too
10-12:30 - £15



Fancy Card Bauble



Material Flowers



Ring Tree Decoration



Felt Reindeer



Afternoon featuring these crafts and
lots of others too
1:30-4 - £15



Card lantern with light



Table Decoration



Quilling Star



Felt Gnome

Limited spaces so please book as
soon as possible to ensure you are
included. Contact by email or phone

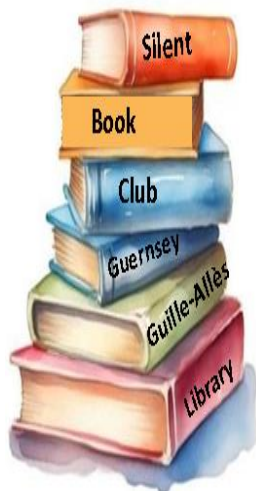
BOOK NOW

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SILENT BOOK CLUB – 24TH OCTOBER

The first Silent Book Club at Guille-Alles Library was held on 26th September. The Dorey Room was inviting set out with comfy chairs, cushions and throws and there was a good attendance, especially since it was the first one.



volunteers.

Next meeting is Thursday 24th October from 6.30-8.30pm. Why not come along, just bring your own book or pick one up at the library. Everyone Welcome

Refreshments provide by Guernsey WI, there might even be cake!

WEST SHOW CAPTION COMPETITION

Thank you to those who entered our caption competition this month.

Two entries stood out and the Federation team voted them both as winners – so chocolates will on their way to Ingrid Gallie and Pam Preece - CONGRATULATIONS

Jackie Burgess, our local librarian has signed up the group as 'Silent Book Club at the Guille-Alles Library'. The Silent Book Club is a global community of readers, with more than 1,000 chapters in 50 countries around the world led by local



Ingrid Gallie

'promoting the WI.....we're nailing it!'

Pam Preece

'we don't hammer on about it but we are game to try anything! Come and give us a try!'

GUERNSEY WELFARE ONLINE AUCTION HAMPER - HOMEMADE DONATIONS REQUIRED

Further to last months request for hampers for Guernsey Welfare's online auction – the Federation has decided to provide a hamper with homemade Christmas goodies to auction off.



We currently have a homemade Christmas cake, a lovely basket but need more!

Have you made a chutney or jam this year you could donate or make an extra Christmas pudding? How about some shortbread? Or Christmas crackers, decorated tea light/candles?

Contact Corrina if you can help

Info.wiguernsey@gmail.com

NEWS FROM WI'S

CATEL WI

Dolls were all around us for the Catel WI



With a visit from Rose Ferguson and her friends. The friends being the dolls she had been given and collected over the years. She received her first doll in the early 1950s, one of the first dolls to drink and wee, her name is Patsy. Another doll was a hand assisted walker, very advanced. A favourite doll was Elizabeth, beautiful dressed in a green knitted outfit. All of Elizabeth's earlier dolls had wonderful outfits made by her grandmother and mother. There was a collection of Cindy dolls, small dolls in national costumes and many flower fairies, I wonder if they were ever photographed at the bottom of the garden.



At one time Rose had over 500 dolls, some found at charity shops, car boot sales and donated by friends but not a Barbie in sight.



BAILIWICK BELLES WI

THE
Tumaini
FUND

BBWI had a visit from Jacky Cotterill who talked about her time spent in Villages in Tanzania with the Tumaini Fund.



The aim of the charity is supporting the HIV/AIDS widows and orphans of the Dioceses of Kagera, Lweru, Biharamulo and Kibondo in north-west Tanzania towards independent existence, by improving

standards of living and promoting health and education and working towards a self-sustainable future by growing crops and having (rearing?) chickens.

A lot of the children after education go into a trade like carpentry or tailoring.



It is amazing in this day & age that families still live in such poverty & poor conditions.

As an incentive for the evening BBWI had a goal to fundraise enough money to buy a goat. The ladies excelled themselves and raised enough for 2 goats! A goat will help feed the babies up to the age of 2 with their milk, then be able breed, to have more goats/trade sell.



SAUSMAREZ WI

The speaker for the Sausmarez September meeting was Helen Glencross who is head of Heritage Services for Guernsey. She oversees Castle Cornet, Fort Grey, Candie Museum, the German Naval Signals Headquarters, and more than 80 other

historic sites that come under the Guernsey Museums umbrella.

Her illustrated talk took us from Neolithic monuments to German fortifications and lots in between including maps of historic and German sites. It was fascinating and we all learned something new and now know lots of new places to visit.

Later the same week we held our annual **Stashbuster Sale**. Stalls laden with all sorts of craft goodies to purchase at low prices.

The tombola raised £95 for Guernsey Alzheimer's.

Lively chatter over a great selection of cakes and tea/coffee finished up the afternoon.

Thanks to the WI members who came along.



ST MARTINS WI

St Martins members were treated to an afternoon of listening to Peter Girard speaking about his Golden Guernsey Goat Herd. Members were absolutely delighted to meet **STAR** an 8 week old Golden Guernsey Goat.

She was adorable and obviously enjoyed the attention she was receiving during the afternoon.



Peter Girard spoke about the history of the

Golden Guernsey Goat, the colour, how the Golden Guernsey goat is distinguished by its golden skin and hair, the build, and the care and attention he and his family give to their herd.

Goat products are in high demand on Guernsey fresh unpasteurised full cream milk, yoghurt, goat cheese, feta in olive oil with herbs, "Chilli Billi" soft goat cheese, Garlic & Herb soft goat cheese – all available from The Goat Farm in St Peters.

ST SAVIOURS WI

At the September meeting, Cat Tyrrell gave a talk and demonstration on Henna Tattoos and her artwork.

She is very willing to talk to other groups
cathryn.tyrrell@gmail.com



ST JOHNS WI



After being let down by their speaker, St Johns enjoyed a puzzle evening where members brought games, UNO, dominoes, rummicub, beetle etc and socialised!

ST JOHNS LIBERATION BUNTING



Another group took on the task of putting bunting together for the Liberation

Bunting project. Lots of St Johns ladies have been very busy making flags at home. We look forward to seeing them next year.

This month they plan to go to China Red for an evening meal.

GYWI



10 GY members enjoyed a WHISKY tasting at GY President's home, Tania Bodsworth. Her husband Andy shared his comprehensive knowledge and enthusiasm

on all things whiskey! His side-kick/totty (in Anderson kilt) was Sue Lawrence's hubby, James. We got to taste a variety of different whiskeys from Highland, Irish & American – even Japanese to name but a few!

FUN FACT - IS IT WHISKEY OR WHISKY?

Countries that have E's in their names (UnitEd StatEs and IrEland) tend to spell it whiskEy (plural whiskeys) Countries without E's in their names (Canada, Scotland, and Japan) spell it whisky (plural whiskies)

GY LIBERATION BUNTING WORKSHOP

GY members have also been busy making Liberation Bunting with their first GY bunting making workshop, great fun and productive too



ARTS & HOMECRAFTS

SATURDAY CRAFT CLUB – 12TH OCTOBER 2024

Why not take some time out for yourself and spend one whole day a month crafting? We are at Castel Douzaine from around 9.45am – 4pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided, but bring along your own lunch. Cost is £15. All welcome

FOAM FORMING FLOWERS - 12TH OCTOBER 2024

Learn to make these lovely orchids using flower forming foam, with the centre made of paper clay which will be provided in the kit as well as wires and tape for the stems. You will also be using oil pastels to colour and define the flowers.



This course will be held at the Castel Douzaine room from 10am-12pm. Cost £15 – includes kit and refreshments.

refreshments.

Contact Eileen Jones to book emj@newtelsurf.com or call 07911 720341.

LEARN TO MAKE DORSET BUTTONS – 9TH NOVEMBER 2024



A Dorset button is a style of craft made button originating in the English county of Dorset. These buttons make beautiful embellishments for clothing, purses and even furniture.

This course will be held at the Castel Douzaine room from 10am-12pm. Cost £15 – includes kit and refreshments.

Contact Rose Polli to book. rosemob@lobster.nu

DARTS LEAGUE NEXT EVENT THURS 24 OCTOBER @ 7PM

Dot Williams and Sue Patch from GYWI have taken over arranging the WI Darts League for the 2024/5 season. Dot can be contacted on: dot@wiliams4.co.uk

STANDINGS AFTER 26 SEPT

	W	L	Points
GYWI B	3	0	6
Catel	3	1	7
Mare de Carteret B	3	0	6
Bailiwick Belles	2	1	5
GYWI C	2	1	5
St Johns	2	1	5
Mare de Carteret A	2	2	6
Mare de Carteret C	1	2	4
GYWI A	1	2	4
St Saviours A	1	2	4
St Saviours C	0	4	4
St Saviours B	0	4	0

You can see all the matches and results using this link which goes to a dedicated website page:

<https://playpass.com/go/R5AiQr9>



FUTURE DARTS DATES

- 24th October 2024 (Halloween costume – optional)
- 28th November 2024 (Christmas Pot Luck Supper)
- 23rd January 2025
- 27th February 2025
- 27th March 2025
- 24th April 2025
- 22nd May 2025 (Team & Individual Knockout, Winners Presentation & Pot Luck Supper)

DARTS RAFFLE

Each month, we ask that different groups be responsible for the raffle – providing prizes and running it on the night. Costs can be reclaimed.

- 24 Oct 2024 Mare de Carteret
- 28 Nov 2024 St Saviour's
- 23 Jan 2025 Bailiwick Belles
- 27 Feb 2025 St John's
- 27 Mar 2025 Câtel
- 24 Apr 2025 St Saviour's
- 22 May 2025 Mare de Carteret

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A WI ADVISOR?

Things have changed at NFWI and the role of an Advisor is now only to:

- Set up new WI's
- Suspend WI's
- Enlarge WI's

Long gone are the days when advisors were required to visit WI's for their Annual Meetings, or visit if there are problems. The role has been significantly stripped back.

The online training is only 3.5 hours long and everything else is locally based shadowing either Fiona McDonald or Corrina Walker.

It is a great opportunity to meet other WI members, introduce women to the organisation and learn a little more about the WI.

If you think you might be interested, please contact Corrina on 07911 733092.

JOIN THE NEW MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

As 2024/2025 is the year for WI Promotion in Guernsey we thought this would be an ideal time to bring back our MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

We are looking for women who are keen to spread the WI word and let local women know what we have to offer. We are initially looking to meet twice a year to plan promotional activities – such as the stand at the West Show.

Please let us know if you are interested to get involved?

Contact Corrina on 07911 733092

OTHER NEWS

HEREFORDSHIRE FEDERATION ONLINE CRAFT AND CHAT

As we step into those dreary Autumn/Winter months, why not brighten your week, by starting it off with a Craft and Chat.

The Autumn 2024 Craft & Chat online series is just about to start (7/10/24) for 10 weeks. Take a look at the weekly themes, and for, less than, the cost of a shop bought coffee (!) you can be crafting along with the presenter in your own home. You will meet like-minded crafters for a chat and a laughter.

The link below will provide you with details of the exciting sessions on offer and booking instructions. All sessions will be run online using MS Teams.

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DXIQ>



OUR HISTORIC PAST

DONATION OF HIGH FREQUENCY CASSETTE PLAYER IN 1972

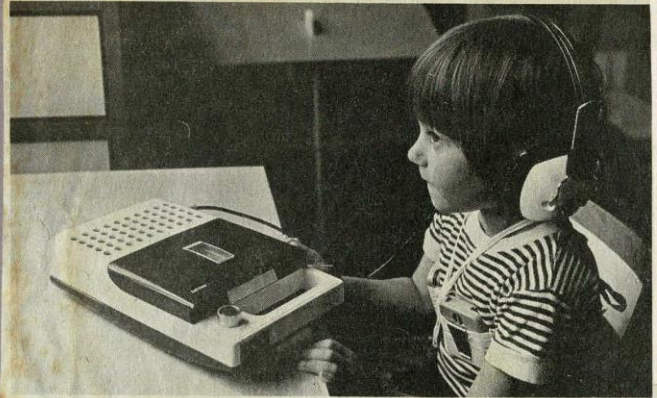
In 1972 the Music & Drama Committee presented a High Frequency cassette player to the Guernsey Unit for Deaf Children which emitted high frequency tones. The cassette player was purchased with jumble sale money raised by Guernsey's WI Choir.

How technology has moved on!



They also donated a Ripple bed to St Peter Port Hospital in 1969 and a Talking Book machine for the blind in 1970.

W.I.s help the deaf children



A young child listening to a cassette player.

THE music section of the Guernsey Federation of Women's Institutes recently has presented a cassette player to the Guernsey Unit for Deaf Children.

At this unit, high frequency tones are used as a teaching aid for those children who are unable to

hear the normal tones of everyday life.

The cassette which has been presented to the centre emits these high frequency tones and this will enable a child to study in the environment of his own home.

A jumble sale provided the

funds for this valuable piece of equipment—yet another example of the benefit which can be derived from hard work, gentle persuasion and other people's cast-offs.

Picture shows Shane Cotter listening attentively to the high frequency cassette player.

Guernsey Press

Talking Book gives a new interest



IN a comparatively short time, Mr W. R. Symons, of Carmel, St Martin's, has had to learn to cope with a world

of blindness. Last year Mr Symons was another blind person to become a member of the Royal National Institute for the Blind Talking Book Library. For this he and his wife are most grateful.

Chairman, Mrs C. Long. At

Other efforts by the committee enabled a ripple bed to be presented to the St Peter Port Hospital.

The photograph by Brian Green shows Mr Symons at his home with the Talking Book which is giving him a new interest. Mrs Corbin sits beside him.

D.D.

The music sub-committee of the Guernsey Federation of Women's Institutes, the chairman of which is Mrs F. Corbin, raised some money by means of a jumble sale, and made a donation to the Guernsey Association for the Blind in favour of the Talking Book Library. When the machine arrived it was sent to Mr Symons.

Cdr. H. J. P. Crousaz, of the G.A.B., wrote to Mrs Corbin, thanking her committee for their interest, saying that Mr Symons would be pleased to meet W.I. representatives should they care to call and see him with the machine.

This they did a few evenings ago and photographer Brian Green was there to record the scene. With Mrs Corbin and some members of the music sub-committee was the Island

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FEDERATION CHAIR

Well, what a busy July/August it has been.

This month's issue is a bumper one as you have all been out and about so much. I am pleased that most WI's have contributed to this issue as it is good to hear from all of our WI's.

We have had the King's Visit (doesn't it seem a long time ago!) More on that inside.

Our promotion activities have been in full swing as we exhibited at the West Show, with lots of women coming up for a chat. I hope to see this translate into more visitors to the various meetings in September and October – looking to learn more about the WI.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

In Guernsey we offer prospective members the opportunity to try a WI FREE of charge for the first meeting and they can try up to 3 different WI's in total without paying (not 3 free meetings at the same WI).

The Subscription rate from 1st October – 31st March 2025 is £24.

As September approaches, I am pleased to announce the darts season will start again. There is the ever popular Sausmarez stashbuster

coming up, as well as a number of Arts and Homecrafts courses.

Finally, the trustees have sent out a questionnaire, regarding the AGM format and we ask that you complete it – even if you have never attended over the past three years since the new format AGM was introduced.

I hope to see you all soon at a WI event.

Best wishes
Corrina
Federation Chair



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July's Coffee Morning headed out West & took advantage of the lovely weather.

A small group met at Portelet Bay Kiosk and a visitor joined us who heard about the

WI through 'The List' article, which was encouraging. It was smiles all around in August at Christies with members from Bailiwick Belles, St Johns and GYWI meeting up. Sue from GYWI showed a few of her newest craft projects, something always welcome when members get together!



DIARY OF EVENTS 2024

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Saturday 14 th July	Craft Club
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Do you have any of the below items that you don't need anymore?

Leftover fabric, card, wool, beads, embroidery threads, kits, craft magazines, knitting patterns.

Please could you donate any items for us to sell

Contact Margaret to arrange to drop off your items

263798

07911 726063

Thank you

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER AFTERNOON TEA & CRAFT STASHBUSTER

2.30pm – 4.00pm
at Les Camps Church Hall
Opposite Le Grand Marche, St. Martin's

PLENTY OF PARKING

Entry £3.00 to include a drink and a slice of cake

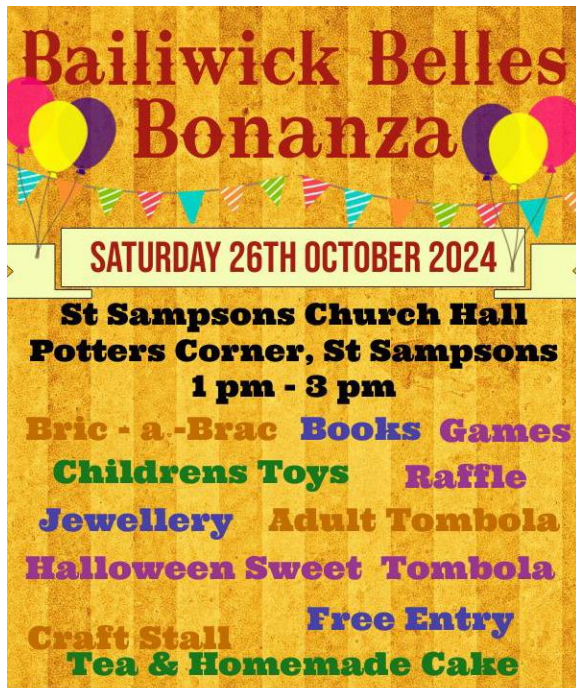
TOMBOLA AND STALLS



SAUSMAREZ WI

CHANGE OF DATE - SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2024

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date of the Bailiwick Belles Bonanza is now on the 26th October from 1-3pm.



Bailiwick Belles Bonanza

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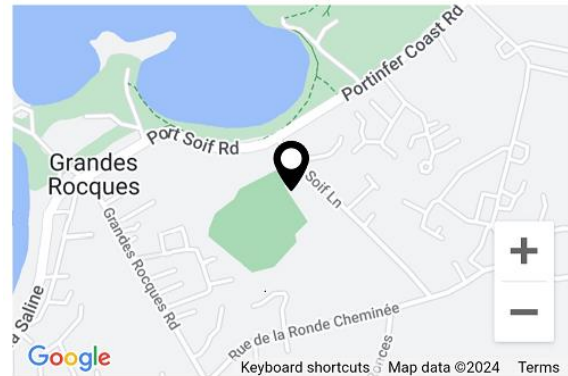
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ingridgallie@suremail.gg to book your
space at this popular event.

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Guernsey Rovers AC
Port Soif Lane
Vale

SUNDAY LUNCHES

The Sunday Lunch Club ventured to the Himalayan Kitchen at Guernsey Pearl for a roast last Sunday.



The ladies lunch on the last Sunday of the month. If you wish to join them, call Jenny Richmond on 07781 462805.

RADIO APPEARANCE ON LOCAL RIDUNA RADIO IN ALDERNEY



After spending a few days in Alderney and popping into the Riduna radio office, Anita Walker was asked to come and talk about the WI. So, on the 10th July she had a spot on

the breakfast show and spoke about plans to open a new WI in Alderney within the next 12 months.

Thanks Anita for your support.



GUERNSEY WI HELPS START A SILENT BOOK CLUB AT THE LIBRARY – 26TH SEPTEMBER 2024



Rose Polli, our Island Treasurer has been instrumental in starting a 'Silent Book Club' at the Guille-Alles Library.

The first one will be on Thursday 26th September in the Dorey Room. The timings are:

18.30 - 19.00 People arrive and have refreshments

19.00 – 20.00 Quiet Reading

20.00 - 20.30 Optional socialising, discussion time or keep reading.

Guernsey WI will be supporting the 'Silent Book Club' by funding the refreshments.

Read with friends

At Silent Book Club® there's no assigned reading. SBC members gather in bars, cafés, bookstores, libraries, and online to read together in quiet camaraderie.

All readers are welcome—ebooks or audiobooks, poetry or prose, fiction or non-fiction... it's BYOBook.

Welcome to introvert happy hour!

For more information go to:

<https://silentbook.club>


Guille-Allès
Public Library

WEST SHOW WI PROMOTION



Guernsey WI had a stand at the West Show on both days, and met lots of women who had either never heard of us or that we just baked and sang Jerusalem all the time!

Our aim was to promote each of our unique WI's and tell the WI story.

90 ladies have signed up to our emailer and we shall be sending out information throughout the year.

In addition, we had a fabulous raffle to draw the public over to the stand and raised £540. We shall be using some of the money raised to have speaker evenings on Violence Against Women in Guernsey in support of our resolution, as well as the recent symposium in Guernsey on the subject.

Lots of ladies took information away with them and we have promoted your September meetings to all those who signed up. Fingers crossed you have some visitors in September.



Here is an example of the leaflet we produced for each WI.

La Mare de Carteret **the WI**
INSPIRING WOMEN

About us:-
No of members - 32
Average Age range of members - 70's
Regular outings:- Meals out - lunchtimes and evenings, and coffees/teas all over the island. Also trips to the other islands, Herm, Sark, Jersey & occasionally France.
Holidays - Some members have joined in recently with nationally organised holidays in the UK with Yorkshire WI. This year a few are going with Gloucestershire WI.

Monthly Meeting:
Second Monday each month @ Castel Douzaine
Room @ 7.30pm
For more info go to:
www.wiguernsey.co.uk



Just a few Pictures from some recent outings

5 things that makes our WI great -
We laugh a lot, We eat a lot
Interesting speakers, Contact with friends
Varied outings through the year

CAPTION COMPETITION

Why not enter our fun competition and win a box of chocolates by entering our caption competition and giving the photo below a title.

Fran Torode suggested 'Sign up or else'.

Email Fran by 20th September with your suggestions at: trigger@cwgsy.net



It was all very top secret as they put in place the FOUL WEATHER PLAN.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JENNY RICHMOND AT THE WEST SHOW



Congratulations to Jenny Richmond from St Saviour's WI on winning FIRST in the LEMON CURD category at the West Show this year.

In that plan, 25 WI members would be invited to watch the unveiling of the plaque, which would be moved to Beau Sejour, and meet the King and Queen.

We then received the message below:

'Please keep this information to a very small number of people in the centre of your organisation for now, on a need to know basis. It is requested that your first response confirms whether your organisation would want to be involved in the way outlined below.'

KING CHARLES III VISIT AND THE FOUL WEATHER PLAN

On Saturday 12th July we had a surprise call from Government House regarding the programme for the Royal Visit of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty Queen Camilla to Guernsey on Tuesday 16 July 2024.

Of course we went straight back and said 'We would love to'!!

It was late on Sunday evening when it was decided to go with the original plan. As the weather forecast had changed we were asked to step down.

It was a fantastic day and great that so many were able to meet their Royal Highnesses.

Although we have to admit I had hoped for rain!



NEWS FROM WI'S

BAILIWICK BELLES

The Bailiwick Belles have moved their year-end to July, so it was their Annual Meeting with a darts practice. In addition, the Bailiwick Belles Bake Off took place, with members bringing in a selection of desserts and cakes to try.



Julie Wilkie won the coveted 'Bake Off Spoon' with her profiteroles with Mel Robert and Tracy Giles runners up.

BBWI VISIT THE GUERNSEY DAIRY

Carolyn Way organised a trip to the Dairy and with so many wanting to come along, we had to split into 2 groups. After donning our dairy outfits, we had a comprehensive tour in what they call a 'micro dairy'. We were surprised and delighted to



receive a goody bag of different cheeses before we left.



BBWI & THE SAUSMAREZ MANOR GHOST TOUR



Not happy with just one outing in the summer, BBWI had a tour of Sausmarez Manor learning all about the ghosts that resided there. After all of the spooky tales, they relaxed in the gardens with refreshments and cakes.

SAUSMAREZ WI

Sausmarez WI enjoyed learning to paint using a technique led by Sarah Plumley at their July meeting.



ST SAVIOUR'S WI

St Saviour's decided on a relaxing BBQ with swim for their August outing, with a dip and dine at 'Beau Vallon'. The weather was great, as was the company and the food.



GYWI – RAISING FUNDS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION

Adding the FUN to FUNdraising, GYWI member, Michelle Spittal opened the doors of her conservatory (after the heatwave time for the rain!!) to welcome 12 other members of the GYWI. Aply



assisted by her Sous Sandwich chef, Sue Patch.

Michelle hosted, along with contributions from all GYWI attendees, an Afternoon Tea to rival that of any 5-star hotel!

The afternoon included a tour of the garden (during a brief respite from the rain), giving everyone the



opportunity to work up another appetite for 'seconds'. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon so a huge

“Thank You” to Michelle for her wonderful hospitality which, thanks to the somewhat inclement weather was extended further while waiting for the worst of it to pass! And to think, Michele had initially been worried “...it’d be too sunny”!!



Sue Patch & Michelle Spittal (GYWI) went to the Blind Association and presented them with a cheque for £140.00, being the proceeds from the Afternoon tea.

GYWI - FISH AND CHIPS AT COBO WITH BBWI

GYWI organised a fish and chip evening at Cobo inviting Bailiwick Belles member to join them. It was a relaxing and fun evening and the sun was shining.



ST JOHN’S WI – ALL AT SEA!



St John’s went to Herm for a 2-night mini break staying in one of the cottages. For those who couldn’t make it, they also arranged a coastal cruise trip.



St John’s members can’t seem to keep their feet on land!

ST MARTIN’S WI

St Martin’s President, Katherine Lau presented Denise Mabire, Hon Treasurer of St Martin’s WI, the Perkins Cup. She was honoured to win the cup, for her splendid knitting of a garment for a child.



There is always a good response from members every May for entries to be submitted for the Perkins Cup.

CÂTEL WI TRAVELS EAST



The C atel WI welcomed Tomoka Nel to their July meeting when she gave an interesting insight to the differences between Japanese and western cultures. She also explained

that there are three types of script that are used and showed members how to write their own names using one of them. Naturally some origami was introduced into the presentation and everyone was able to take home a small sailing boat.

To finish her talk, Tomoka showed off some beautiful kimonos, the oldest of which had been made by her mother for her as a young women. It took quite a time and she needed assistance to get perfectly dressed in the traditional way. The members were also intrigued by her wooden shoes and specially shaped socks.



Tomoka assured everyone that she didn't wear them whilst driving.



CÂTEL WI - OUT AND ABOUT

August saw the ladies of C atel WI go on an outing in glorious sunshine to the Folk Museum at Saumarez Park where they enjoyed the exhibition of paintings by Roseanne Guille. The exhibition is entitled "En Plein Air" and features paintings from all across Guernsey also some of Sark.

The visit was rounded off with afternoon tea at the cafe.



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HOLD THE DATE – CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY 7TH DECEMBER



Make sure you don't miss out on Arts & Homecrafts' first Christmas Craft Day.

Here's a sneak peak into some of the Christmas crafts you will be able to try. More information to follow in next month's issue.



DARTS LEAGUE STARTS THURS 26 SEPTEMBER - 7PM

We are pleased to announce that Dot Williams is taking over arranging the WI Darts League for the 2024/5 season. Her contact details are :

dot@wiliams4.co.uk

You can see all the matches and results using this link which goes to a dedicated website page:

<https://playpass.com/go/R5AiQr9>

Other dates are

- 24th October 2024 (Halloween costume – optional)
- 28th November 2024 (Christmas Pot Luck Supper)
- 23rd January 2025
- 27th February 2025
- 27th March 2025
- 24th April 2025
- 22nd May 2025 (Team & Individual Knockout, Winners Presentation & Pot Luck Supper)

DARTS RAFFLE

Each month, we ask that different groups be responsible for the raffle – providing prizes and running it on the night. Costs can be reclaimed.

- 26th September 2024 GYWI
- 24th October 2024 Mare de Carteret
- 28th November 2024 St Saviour's
- 23rd January 2025 Bailiwick Belles

- 27th February 2025 St John's
- 27th March 2025 C atel
- 24th April 2025 St Saviour's
- 22nd May 2025 Mare de Carteret



NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT: WI AGM REVIEW



Hopefully you will all have received a copy of the AGM Questionnaire by email.

It is important that we receive your feedback, as we look to organise next year's event.

Three years ago we changed the format and we want to ensure that

going forward all members views are taken into account.

Please do complete the online questionnaire or get a hard copy from your WI.

Please return all hard copies to:

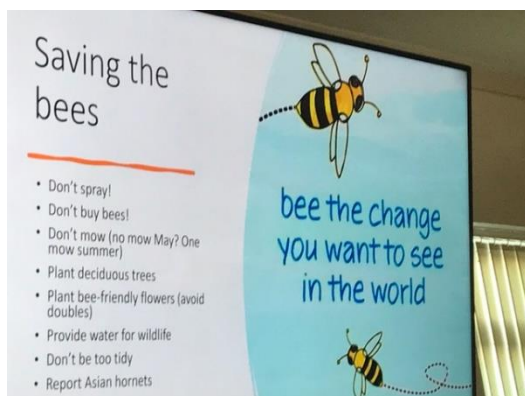
Dot Williams, La Cachette, La Rue De La Saline, Cobo, Castel, GY5 7UZ

SPEAKERS LIST

BEEKEEPING WITH WAYNE ATKINSON

Wayne Atkinson, a local beekeeper and member of the Guernsey Beekeepers' Association, is available for talks. Please contact him via email:

Wl.atkinson@gmail.com.



THE CHANNEL ISLAND LIQUOR CO - VIVIER BUNKER

The Channel Islands Liquor Co has recently opened its distillery at the Vivier Bunker. They have already installed the still and set up a shop that sells not only their products but also a variety of authentic Guernsey items.

Free tastings and a short tour of the facility is available, opposite Fisherman's Quay.

Castle Emplacement, St. Peter Port, GY1 1AU

Open Monday - Saturday

12pm - 6pm

TEL: 07781 100111

Email: luke@ciliquorco.com



OTHER NEWS

VOLUNTEERING ROLE

The Committee for Education, Sport and Culture is seeking members of the community to volunteer to join its Interim Governance Boards.

If you would like further details go to:

www.gov.gg/IGB



A CALL TO SUPPORT THE GUERNSEY CHRISTMAS APPEAL



The Guernsey Christmas Appeal is an online auction that is held throughout November. The Lots will vary from small to large, low value to luxury Items. All different kinds of experiences and services. We are looking for Items to put in the Auction and wonder if you could donate an item to make a WI Hamper/s. It could be something you have made, a jam, a craft, a Christmas cake/ Pudding, or a bought

item a bottle of wine, box of chocolates or biscuits. We will make up the hamper and people will bid to win.

Funds raised will go to help make Christmas a little easier for disadvantaged families and individuals in Guernsey. The proceeds of this Auction will go towards providing Food Vouchers, Food Hampers, Young Persons Gift Vouchers and Heating Vouchers. Distributed via Guernsey Welfare. As well as Guernsey Wooden Spoon projects supporting disadvantaged young people.

2023 Guernsey Welfare served over 500 families in need with not enough food and essentials at Christmas. This year more than ever the economy is hitting many families hard. Every pound raised really helps this service provide help to those most in need.

<https://www.facebook.com/guernseychristmasappeal>

For more details on the appeal contact Karen Solway Mob 07911 741097 or

Guernsey@woodenspoon.org.uk

Hamper is needed by 31st October

Thank you all for your considerations for supporting the appeal. To pledge your item(s) for the hamper please contact Karen.

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It was again a busy month for Guernsey WI in June with our delegates going to the Albert Hall for the National Annual Meeting (report enclosed) as well as the Federation Chocolate Bingo fundraiser.

The new Board of Trustees had their first meeting since the AGM with Corrina taking on the Federation Chair role for another year and Fran Torode becoming our Federation Secretary and Jane Dilcock Assistance Treasurer.

Enjoy your August outings and please send in photos of what you have been up to.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FEDERATION CHAIR

It is with great pleasure and pride that I take up the role of Federation Chair for the 2024/2025 year.

The past three years undertaking the joint Chair role with Sharon has been very rewarding as Guernsey WI endeavours to reach a wider audience.

This year the trustees feel promotion of the WI and helping to increase membership is a key goal to ensure the longevity of the organisation here in Guernsey.

With that in mind, we have a number of initiatives to help increase the profile of the WI as well as your individual WI's.

One of these is to promote a WI each month, pay for online adverts and leaflets and help put press releases together. ***Each of our WI's is so unique and individual and we want to ensure these qualities are communicated to a wider prospective member.***

Over the next few months we shall be asking your committees to complete a small questionnaire about your WI highlighting 'who you are' along with what sets you apart from the other WI's on island. This

information as well as collaborating with your committees (as they know you best!) will help us jointly put together a plan to help promote your WI.

We shall also be looking to try and open a new WI – firstly in Alderney and then in Guernsey.

The WI is a fantastic group of women from all walks of life and I hope that over the next 12 months we can spread the word – but this can only happen with each and every one of us helping to achieve it. So, if asked to help please consider it seriously as we are only a small group and every little helps.

I look forward to visiting you over the next 12 months and working with you all.

My door is always open so if you wish to discuss something or have a great idea you wish to share please do not hesitate to get in touch.

(info@beauvallon.co.uk / 07911 733092)

Best wishes
Corrina
Federation Chair



Contact Details



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Closing date for items for the next issue is
Friday 16 August

There is NO newsletter in August

2024 COFFEE MORNINGS- 21ST OF THE MONTH

Each Month Bailiwick Belles meet for coffee and a chat on the 21st. The day and venues are set out in the table below. They meet at 10.30am.

July	Sunday	Tea Garden at Pleinmont, with optional round the coast bus trip
August	Wednesday	Christies
September	Saturday	Valley Tea Rooms – Fermain Hotel
October	Monday	Terrace Café
November	Thursday	Le Friquet
December	Saturday	The Kiln

DIARY OF EVENTS 2024

Date / Date	Event
Saturday 13 th July	Craft Club
Saturday 14 th September	Sausmarez WI Craft Stashbuster
Saturday 12 th October	Foam Forming flower course
Saturday 19 th October	Bailiwick Belles Bonanza
Wednesday 23 rd October	St Johns WI Annual Quiz – 7.30pm
Saturday 9 th November	Learn to make Dorset Buttons
Saturday 7 th December	Christmas craft day

CHOCOLATE BINGO

Thanks to Sue Lawrence for organising a fantastic evening of Chocolate Bingo. 87 members including friends and family turned out to support. The evening raised an amazing £934.57 which will go towards supporting future federation events.



NFWI ANNUAL MEETING – A DELEGATE’S PERSPECTIVE BY ANITA WALKER

As someone who had never been to the Albert Hall before, I have to confess that I was more excited about seeing inside it, than in actually attending the National Federation’s AGM. Accounts and minutes and all of that formal ‘WI stuff’ don’t really inspire me and I was all set for a rather long day.



I openly admit I was wrong, and it was a hugely inspiring event and one that I will remember with enthusiasm.

The theme of the year was around the WI’s campaign to end violence against women and girls. In a heart-rending talk from a former chief



prosecutor, Nazir Afzal OBE spoke about how he had become an advocate for vulnerable women and children over his career as a prosecution lawyer.

One event that stuck with him was when a young Pakistani woman who had had an affair with a white man, had gone to a police station expressing fears that her brother and cousin would kill her because of the relationship with this man. The policeman at the time had told her to go home and they would be in touch in a week or two. Sadly, she was subsequently strangled to death by her cousin, who had raped her first so that she knew ‘she had done wrong’ by dishonouring the family. Nazir subsequently convicted the brother and cousin for her murder.

This ‘honour killing’ drove Nazir to want identify the degree of the problem in the UK this represented and to raise awareness of honour crimes amongst other police stations and the government. He has spent his career fighting against these types

of crimes against women and young girls.

Nazir's impassioned speech ended with a standing ovation from the 4,000 WI members in the Hall.

This was followed by Spice Girl, Mel B MBE, who was interviewed by TV broadcaster, Victoria Derbyshire and talked about her abusive former 10-year marriage.



The theme for the next WI campaign, on dental health, achieved over 95% of the votes from members and so this will be the topic lobbied to the

UK government over the coming months.

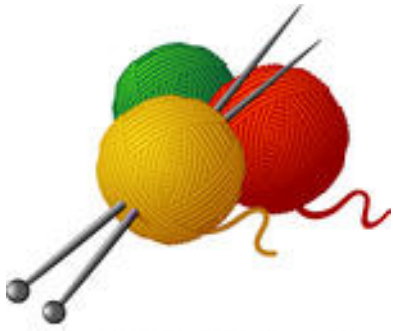


It was fascinating to see the power that our body of women, via the WI, has to effect change in the UK and the substantial lobbying group that we represent. This wasn't a side of the WI that I had ever taken particularly seriously before and it was certainly eye opening and inspiring.

NO MORE
violence against women



Delegates: Anita Walker, Sue Dickinson & Corrina Walker. Trustees: Sharon Williams, Dot Williams, Joyce du Port



**SATURDAY
14 SEPTEMBER
AFTERNOON TEA &
CRAFT STASHBUSTER**

**2.30pm – 4.00pm
at Les Camps Church Hall**

Opposite Le Grand Marche, St. Martin's

PLENTY OF PARKING

Entry £3.00 to include a drink and
a slice of cake

TOMBOLA AND STALLS



**Do you have any
of the below items
that you don't
need anymore?**

**Leftover fabric,
card, wool, beads,
embroidery
threads, kits, craft
magazines,
knitting patterns.**

**Please could you
donate any items
for us to sell**

**Contact Margaret
to arrange to drop
off your items**

263798

07911 726063

Thank you

SAUSMAREZ WI

Bailiwick Belles Bonanza

Charity Fundraiser

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2024

St Sampson's Church Hall
Potters Corner, St Sampson's
1 pm - 4 pm

Eric - a - Brac Books Games

Children's Toys Raffle

Jewellery Adult Tombola

Halloween Sweet Tombola

Craft Stall Free Entry

Tea & Homemade Cake

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NEWS FROM WI'S

BBWI WENT OUT WEST

The ladies joined forces with Guernsey Conservation Volunteers at L'Eree to help with removal of Sour Fig. The area had already been cleared of the very large pieces and BBWI were there to remove all the new shoots before they began to take the land back.



Sour Fig is very invasive & kills anything else that may grow in the same area. Wherever Sour Fig is removed, it allows native plants to regrow from the existing seeds already in the ground. A variety of native coastal plants will grow and provide food and shelter for insects and small mammals.



It was a lovely, relaxed evening with lots of jokes & laughter, especially when it came to having tea & cake (they forgot the milk!). They even got to watch the sunset. As a group, they said they would definitely help out with this again.

All in all, they filled just over a ton bag which does sound a lot, but when you think the plants are only plug size!



CONGRATULATIONS KIM LE CHEMINANT

Congratulations Kim on getting married to Steve Sholl on 31st May. It looks like it was a wonderful day.



information on what can be done to help save the bees. The evening was rounded off with a slice (or two!) of Jane’s delicious honey cake, made in honour of the occasion (see recipe at the end of the newsletter). Jane explained that it was made with a whole jar of local honey, produced at the prison. Apparently, it had come from B Wing. It took a while to appreciate the joke...

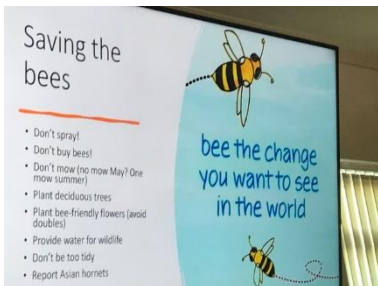


BBWI BEEKEEPING TALK

BBWI had a very informative and enjoyable meeting in June with Wayne Atkinson, a local beekeeper and member of the Guernsey Beekeepers’ Association. As well as local bees, Wayne gave them a quick tour around other bees of the world, some of which are much bigger than ours!

SAUSMAREZ WI

With the help of Eileen Jones members of Sausmarez WI made soft clay models of animals and flowers at their June meeting which they decorated to take home. It was a fun evening enjoyed by all.



He went through the basics of keeping bees for honey, and

the message that was taken away was that it is much harder work than imagined! He finished with





ST SAVIOURS WI

St Saviours had a lovely demonstration and talk on willowcraft from Rae Bearder at their June meeting.



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KEEP THE DATE – CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY 7TH DECEMBER



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With lots of different crafts to try make your Christmas that little bit special with a homemade craft. More details to follow.

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

Further to the Federation Annual Meeting in May it is with great pleasure that we announce your Federation Trustees for 2024/5

Chair	Corrina Walker
Vice Chair	Sue Lawrence
Secretary	Fran Torode
Treasurer	Rose Polli
Assistant Treasurer	Jane Dilcock
Safe Guarding Officer	Dot Williams
Trustee	Joyce Du Port
Trustee	Ali Amy
Trustee	Mel Robert

TRUSTEES ATTEND FIRST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS SYMPOSIUM IN GUERNSEY

Fran Torode and Dot Williams attended Guernsey's first Violence against Women and Girls Symposium at the Cotils on Weds 12 June.



Organised by Poppy Murray a local campaigner in conjunction with

Guernsey Police, the event was intended to provide an opportunity to hear from guest speakers from the UK and Channel Islands who are leaders in tackling violence against

women and girls across a broad spectrum of areas including policing, research and education, and building safe cities.

The event included a talk from Poppy Murray on her 'Be Lads' campaign – a pragmatic response to the question 'as a man what can I do?'. Poppy's campaign has spread from an idea in her bedroom in Guernsey to being taken up by the Metropolitan police and beyond. An excellent example of how an individual can make a difference.

The HeforShe programme <https://www.heforshe.org/en> is a UN initiative for gender equality. It is an invitation for men and people of all genders to stand in solidarity with women to create a bold visible and united force for gender equality. All UK police forces have signed up to the initiative, including Guernsey Police last year. The programme encourages men to act as Allies, in the workplace and in home life, to raise awareness of gender equality, stand up and call out when things are wrong, not be a bystander, be open minded and support others. Representatives from UK Police forces gave powerful examples of how this approach had made a difference to their organisation to everyone's benefit.

One of the biggest issues about Violence against Women and Girls is a lack of awareness of the problem. Two representatives from Jersey gave a very interesting presentation on research undertaken in Jersey, www.gov.je/vawg which must have many parallels with Guernsey. The research identified a lack of understanding and awareness of violence against women and girls, widespread experience of sexual harassment/assault, and a fragmented, male biased and 'untouchable' systems in Jersey, which fails to protect women and girls and enables perpetrators to do what they do. The recommendations being taken forward include better data capture, awareness and education as well as new legislation and training for the judiciary, family court professionals, healthcare services, police and education professionals.

It was heartening to see so many Deputies in the room, as well as others already working in this area and hopefully this will be a positive step forward for Guernsey.

WHAT'S ON

SARNIA ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB
CENTENARY EXHIBITION
with exhibits from some of Guernsey's most talented artists and crafters
19th - 27th July
AT BLANCHELANDE COLLEGE
Open Daily 10am-4.30pm
late night Thursday 25th July until 7.30pm. Exhibition closes Saturday 27th July at 3.30pm.
FREE ENTRY & FREE PARKING
exhibition sponsored by **ARC**

SAC Sarnia Arts & Crafts Club
Exhibition sponsored by: **ARC**
Join a Craft Workshop and watch FREE Demonstrations at our Centenary Exhibition
19th-27th July 2024
At Blanchelande College
Try your hand at:
• Needle Felting
• Decoupage
• Gelli Printing
• Pebble Painting
• Wet Felting
• Beginner's Knitting
• Collage
• Zentangling
And watch Demonstrations in Encaustic Art, Jewellery Making, Painting and Wet Felting
SCAN ME
Scan the QR code for the full schedule of demonstrations and workshops and for information on how to book your place on one of the workshops.
Demonstrations are free for all ages to attend and there is no need to book. Workshops cost just £10 (to cover materials) and must be booked in advance. (Payments to be made in cash on the day of the workshop).
Please note workshops are suitable for anyone over the age of 14 but under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
Exhibition open 19th - 27th July 10am-4.30pm Daily, Late night Thursday 25th July until 7.30pm. Exhibition closes 3.30pm Saturday 27th July
www.sarniaartsandcrafts.co.uk
Email: sacgsy@gmail.com

JANE DILCOCK'S BEE-LICIOUS HONEY CAKE



Ingredients

250g [clear honey](#), plus about 2 tbsp extra to glaze

225g [unsalted butter](#)

100g [dark muscovado sugar](#)

3 [large eggs](#), beaten

300g [self-raising flour](#)

Method

STEP 1

Preheat the oven to fan 140C/ conventional 160C/gas 3. Butter and line a 20cm round loosebottomed cake tin. Cut the butter into pieces and drop into a medium pan with the honey and sugar. Melt slowly over a low heat. When the mixture looks quite liquid, increase the heat under the pan and boil for about one minute. Leave to cool for 15-20 minutes, to prevent the eggs cooking when they are mixed in.

STEP 2

Beat the eggs into the melted honey mixture using a wooden spoon. Sift the flour into a large bowl and pour in the egg and honey mixture, beating until you have a smooth, quite runny batter.

STEP 3

Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for 50 minutes-1 hour until the cake is well-risen, golden brown and springs back when pressed. A skewer pushed into the centre of the cake should come out clean.

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FOR YOUR SERVICE

Sharon Williams - a Big Thank You

Sharon has been a stalwart of the WI for many years and has decided to step down from the Board of Trustees at the Annual Meeting in May to spend more time with Wes and going on holiday! She has not only devoted her time to making St Saviours WI a vibrant and successful WI but has also given her time to help the Federation flourish and develop.

I am sure you would all like to thank her for her dedication and enthusiasm for all things WI. She will be dearly missed at Federation level (thankfully she is still continuing on as President of St Saviours WI)



Thank you Sharon

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Closing date for items for the next issue is Friday 17 May

The afternoon was topped off by a really well supported raffle with a painting by their very own Angela, fresh flowers & hampers to name just a few of the prizes



A SUCCESSFUL 'WHY NOT LUNCH' WITH VALE WI



Vale WI held their popular 3 course lunch earlier in the month to help raise general funds.

There was a choice of 3 lovely soups to start with French bread & Guernsey butter, a delicious



Ploughmans for mains & to die for homemade desserts

(seconds were also offered)

It was lovely to see lots of new faces from different WI's & great to see everyone mixing together and certainly chatting.



Hilda Carpentier, Vale WI's Secretary said 'We were all delighted with the support given to our lunch; people were so very generous with their donations and the giving of their time. This made our lunch a very happy occasion especially being able to welcome all our visitors for the lunch itself'

A BLAST FROM THE PAST



25 years ago, Jenny, Linda, Carolyn and Fran were the winners of the 1999 Inter-Insular quiz.

LAST CHANCE!

SPRING BULB SCHEME 2024



Orders and cheques should be sent to Maureen McDonald Tel:

726233 immediately after your May meetings please or brought to the AGM.

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December	Saturday	The Kiln

EVERYONE WELCOME

GUERNSEY WI AGM WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW?

TICKETS ON SALE FROM YOUR WI AT £22

BEST DRESSED TABLE COMPETITION – SET UP ON FRIDAY EVENING

St Martin's hall will be open to set up your table from 5pm – 7pm on Friday evening.



You can set up on Saturday morning from 8.30am but must be finished by 9.30pm.

Guernsey WI – AGM 2024
11th May 2024
St Martins Community Centre

Agenda and Timings

- 9.15 Red carpet arrival
Red Carpet photos with Chris George
Register and receive goody bag
Coffee/tea and biscuits served
- 9.45 Main Hall closes for Best Dressed Table competition judging
- 9.55 Take your seats announcement
- 10.00 AGM starts
Welcome and Introductions
- 10.05 Sing Jerusalem
- 10.10 Annual Review Presentation
- 10.25 Adoption of Annual Report and Financial Statement
Appointment of Auditors
- 10.30 Best Dressed competition
Best Dressed Film Ensemble
- 10.50 Comfort break (tea/coffee served)
Chris George will be taking Red Carpet photographs in the lobby area until 11.15am
- 11.15 **Kelly Mauger – ‘Life as a pastry chef’ Cookery demonstration – How to make Macarons**
- 12.15 Lunch served (wine and prosecco served in the main hall)
- 13.45 **Anne Allen - celebrated author of the ‘Guernsey Novels’**
- 14.45 Q&A
- 15.00 Comfort break/tea/coffee
Anne Allen book signing
- 15.15 Table competition and Best Dressed winners presentation
- 15.25 Oscar Quiz results
- 15.30 Raffle
- 15.50 Closing remarks
- 16.00 National Anthem + Close

BEST DRESSED COMPETITION



The Best dressed competition is open to all members and is a bit of fun.

Whether you are wearing a dress worn on a cruise, your Sunday best or one of your ball

gowns, why not strut your stuff!

Just register when you arrive in the lobby area and receive your number.

This competition is also open to all those members that have dressed up according to your WI film theme. Just mention this when you register.

BEST DRESSED OSCAR FILM ENSEMBLE

We know many members are going to arrive dressed according to the Oscar winning film they have selected.

We shall ask the ensemble groups to register on arrival and we will call you forward to show off your costumes.

WASHING UP – ‘TAKE OFF THE CHAINS’



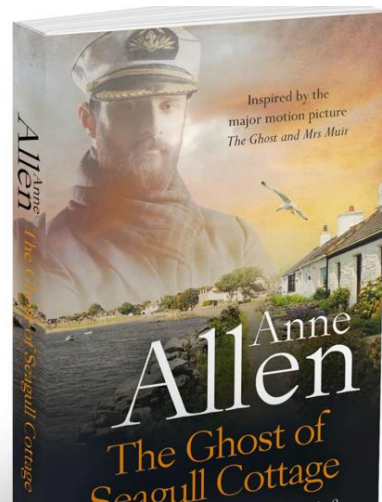
Last year we seemed to have an endless stream of cups and saucers requiring washing up – with one of our members chained

to the dishwasher all day!

This year we want to try something new and 'take off the chains'!

We are asking members to either bring their own thermos cup to use throughout the day or keep their cup and saucer to re-use.

This will reduce the need to continually wash up – thank you



ANNE ALLEN – WILL BE SELLING HER NEW GUERNSEY NOVEL AT THE AGM



Anne will be bringing a limited number of copies of her new novel 'The Ghost of Seagull Cottage' to sell at the AGM.

Hot off the press – be one of the first to read her new novel.

Anne will be on hand to sign copies of her books during the day

IF YOU HAVE A NOVEL OF ANNE'S THAT YOU WISH TO HAVE SIGNED PLEASE BRING THIS WITH YOU ON THE DAY

KELLY MAUGER- MACARONS NOT MACAROONS

So, who noticed my mistake! I have been mentioning macaroons and not macarons!!!



Who knew an 'o' could make such a difference.

Kelly will definitely be demonstrating how to make Macarons in May.



NEWS FROM WI'S

SAUSMAREZ WI

Sausmarez members were busy at their last meeting with a production line underway making bookmarks for the AGM goody bag.



friendly, but are used for convenience and economy and also a likely cause of long term health problems for those who produce them.

OUR PRESIDENT, KATHERINE LAU WELCOMED EVERYONE TO OUR MARCH MEETING – AFTERNOON TEA WITH A SURPRISE!



ST MARTIN'S WI

Caro Drake, who is in charge of textiles at Sausmarez Park Museum came to talk to St Martin's WI about manmade and natural materials. She had two beautiful dresses to show from years gone by.

She said many of the chemicals used in man-made fabrics are not eco

St Martin's members who had reached a BIG "O" this year were given a wonderful surprise! Our programme stated "Afternoon Tea" and many questions had been raised by members querying the reason but it was kept a secret by the committee!



Afternoon Tea it was! The room had been decorated with balloons, the tables were set with beautiful bone china tea services with colourful table cloths and napkins; the atmosphere was amazing. Tea was served by the committee and when one looked around the room it was such a party time. The birthday cake was made by Margaret Rayer and all committee



members had made tasty sandwiches, scones, cream and jam, together with a selection of cakes. How wonderful it was to see our members, relaxed, having fun taking time to catch up with news.



WI is all about friendship and that afternoon showed 100% how this is achieved. Taking time and making the huge effort to make all our members welcome.

Well done St Martin's!

ST MARTIN'S DONATIONS TO SAFER



The enthusiasm with which St Martin's WI members took up the call to help **SAFER** has been absolutely wonderful. At the beginning of the year, Denise had asked for contributions of toiletries, and members just kept donating goods so much so that Denise and Molly were able to fill 10 beautifully made bags, with toiletries, i.e.

toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap,



flannel, deodorant, brush/comb, hand cream, shampoo, tissues and so many other items. In addition to

the generous donations, the proceeds of one of the monthly raffles held at the WI meeting earlier in the year were donated to the worthy cause which enabled Denise to purchase any additional items.

All the bags were delivered on Friday 5th April to SAFER's team at their premises. Members of St Martin's really have to be congratulated on their extremely generous donations which will enable SAFER to ensure people in need of assistance will be looked after.

All the collection, storage and distribution of the goods was masterminded by Denise, our extremely hardworking Treasurer – well done!

ST MARTINS WI – THEATRE OUTING MONDAY 1ST APRIL 2024



Seven members from St Martins WI gathered together in the foyer of Beau Sejour on Easter Monday 1st April eagerly awaiting to attend the production of Guys and Dolls. A splendid afternoon was enjoyed by all. Guernsey is so privileged to have such wonderful talent enabling Productions of this excellence to be shown to the people of Guernsey.

BAILIWICK BELLES- HAVE BEEN OUT AND ABOUT THIS MONTH



The Bailiwick Belles monthly meeting was held @ Edible Guernsey in April as an outing.



“Edible Guernsey offer our Members the opportunity to participate in growing produce as part of a supportive community, to share their experiences with and knowledge about sustainable growing with others and to experiment with innovative growing techniques. We aspire to be an incubator, to seed the growth of new commercial ventures and expand the diversity and amount of

fresh, local and sustainable food produced in Guernsey."

If you have never been, it's definitely worth a visit.



BAILIWICK BELLES – RALLYING TO HELP AFTER GUERNSEY WELFARE APPEAL

At this meeting BBWI also did a “rally round” of food donations for Guernsey Welfare after their appeal to the general public. They also raised £72 on their monthly raffle to buy more food.



VISIT TO GUERNSEY UNDERGROUND HOSPITAL

An interesting evening was enjoyed by members of the Bailiwick Belles when visiting the German Underground Hospital.



We learnt some surprising facts for example a six year old Guernsey girl had her tonsils removed here.



It was lovely to walk around in our own time and spend as much time as we wanted absorbing the, at times, spooky ambience for example when the light was flickering at the other end of the tunnel!



ST JOHNS



After their successful fundraising event, St Johns members spent a few days in Herm. The weather was lovely and Fran even managed to get her photo of their trip on the Channel Island Weather news!

ST SAVIOURS WI

Ben and Naomi from Guernsey Seaweed visited St Saviours in April to talk about their products and give everyone the chance to sample them.

‘It was a really good evening and great speakers’ – Linda Falla



NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES FUN BINGO – WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE



Come and support your Federation at this Fun Bingo where all prizes are **CHOCOLATE**.

At Vale Rec. Social Club, doors open at 7.00pm with Eyes Down for a full house at 7.30pm. There will be a raffle and the bar will be open.

£10 each will include bingo tickets for 10 games. Friends and family are welcome. **PLUS BONUS GAMES**

WIs should send names and payment by 7 June to Rose Polli (Federation Treasurer).

DARTS LEAGUE



The current standings after 25th April 2024 are as follows

April's session was the last one in this years' league which has been close fought right up until the end. Mare de Carteret Teams A & C finished on the same points and will have to play a play-off match to decide the overall League Winners on 23rd May 2024

THELMA WHEELER FROM ST JOHNS THREW THE HIGHEST SCORE OF THE SEASON WITH A WHOPPING 122 – CONGRATULATIONS !

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HIGHEST SCORE OF THE NIGHT – JACQUI PARK WITH 120

ARTS & HOMECRAFTS

SATURDAY CRAFT CLUB- 4TH MAY 2024

THIS IS THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH IN MAY

Why not take some time out for yourself and spend one whole day a month crafting?

We are at Castel Douzaine from around 9.45am – 4pm, tea, coffee and biscuits provided, but bring along your own lunch. Cost is £15.

If you want to join us or want more information, please email Rose Polli on rosemob@lobster.nu

DIARY OF EVENTS 2024

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Saturday 4 th May	Craft Club
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Thursday 23 May	Darts – Team & Individual Knockout with pot luck supper
Wednesday 19 June	Fun chocolate BINGO

NEWS FROM NFWI

CLOSURE OF THE NFWI JUDGES TRAINING

Over recent months the NFWI have been reviewing the NFWI Judges scheme.

While there is recognition by the NFWI Board of Trustees that some members have an interest in judging and the opportunities are educational and offer personal development, it was felt that this programme no longer effectively contributed to the charitable objectives and strategic vision of NFWI contrary to organisations such as the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS) who clearly state training of judges as one of their aims.

Consequently, at the March 2024 NFWI Board meeting, a decision was made to cease the LLA accredited judges training with immediate effect.

Whilst the Board recognises the pride in wearing the NFWI judge badge at events, it cannot ignore the significant reputational risks to the organisation and have therefore made the difficult decision to cease

the use of NFWI judge badge after 31st December 2024.

NFWI NOW HAS A REGULAR PODCAST

In this, our first NFWI edition, we are **exploring the challenges and opportunities presented by neurodivergence**, in our society - as experienced by some brilliant women. Our huge thanks to Pippa Simou, Angela Kirwin, & Debra Presley, for their time and generous personal story sharing.



ME, MYSELF AND WI

Me, Myself and WI Mental Health Awareness Week 13 - 19 May

Supporting your own mental and physical health is incredibly important; challenges and balancing of daily life can be, at times, overwhelming.

Everyone reacts differently and changes in the way that we think, feel, and behave vary between people and over time. It's important that we take care of our mind, as well as our body; taking a break to focus on how we feel and what we can do to get ourselves into a healthy place is vital, as well as feeling able to reach out for support if we need it.

The WI has an outstanding reputation for supporting members during times of change and uncertainty; the positive, motivational, and inspirational ways in which members support one another, both within their WIs and with fellow members across the country are inspiring and empowering. In recognition and support of this, the WI Learning Hub is proud to offer members access to the *Me, Myself & WI* programme.

Now in its third year, *Me, Myself and WI* aims to support members in raising awareness and recognising simple changes that can be easily incorporated into daily life, which can help build learning and aid better mental and physical health.

Throughout the week, members will be able to access a range of free

courses and content, that will help them explore practical strategies for incorporating self-care into daily routines and highlight its significance for overall well-being

Visit the **WI Learning Hub** during 13 – 19 May 2024, to access a range of *Me, Myself and WI* speakers, activities and resources.



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INSPIRING WOMEN



The red carpet is ready, but are you?

The excitement is mounting.... And the AGM is getting closer, so we are hoping you have completed all your preparations for your film table decorations.

The Trustees Team have been working really hard to organise another fabulous event for our members.

To help raise funds to support events such as the AGM, the Trustees have also organised a FUN BINGO night in June. We hope you will come along and support this event and win some chocolate too.



Corrina and Sharon

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INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY



On International Women's Day on Friday 8 March, the WI were invited to attend a reception at Government House, organised by Women in Public Life.

Corrina, Sharon and Joyce joined the representatives from the islands women's groups, Bailiff, Deputy Bailiff, His Excellency and Mrs Cripwell. The keynote speaker was Commander Anna de-Saint-Bissix-Croissant, whose career in the Royal



Navy has so far spanned 27 years. She is currently an instructor at the Defence Academy Shrivenham, shaping future leaders on the Advanced Command and Staff course.

CLOSURE OF CLOS DU VALLE



On 12th March Clos du Valle WI closed its doors for the final time.

Corrina Walker - Joint Island Chair and WI Advisor, presented the committee members with orchids from the Federation in appreciation for all of the hard work and time they have given over the years.



There was a presentation to the Cheshire Home of a cheque for £280, which was Clos du Valle's charity of the year.

Everyone enjoyed some celebration drinks of 'nonsecco' and cakes



Karenne Lindsay had arranged for the scrapbooks from the Island Archives to be on display and members reminisced of days gone by.



"Formed in June 1989, today ends 35 years of WI life, full of activity, interesting and often inspiring talks, fun, friendship, kindness, caring concern and support. The keys are being handed in when we close the door today and St Mary's Hall has been an excellent venue for us. So many memories are held by us all here in the hall, delicious harvest meals in members homes, visits out and about at our social Tuesdays, natter at nit and natter, walks, guided tours, years and years of beach cleaning, our February buffets, Christmas meals in hotels, lunches out during each year, fund raising do's, joining in with other WIs events, the Annual Meeting and the NFWI AGM - as I said so many that I could go on but want to keep this short. It is due to all of you that we kept afloat these past three years, I commend your loyalty, vitality and the way we worked as team - thank you ladies one and all.

A very sad demise to be sorely missed but some of you will be joining other WIs.



Personally, the one that suits me best is on a Wednesday afternoon when I have a regular commitment. However, we are not giving up on our friendship and fun as we are meeting the second Tuesday and fourth Tuesday of the calendar month for coffee at the Peninsula and Aladdins Cave both times at 1030.

Linda Brouard made the following address (extract) at the closure of Clos Du Valle WI on 12 March 2024:

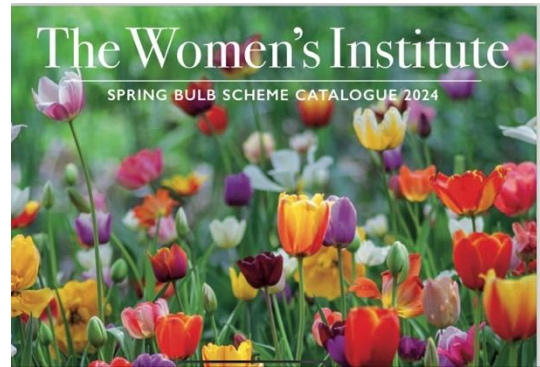
Committee members and members this is not farewell we will meet again

and again, and I thank you all for a most enjoyable WI period of my life. Memories can be held but no need to dwell on them as we have a rosy future in the Tuesday Closettes."

Linda Brouard was presented with the WI Presidents pin for her long service as its President, along with flowers from members and Cath Dodd was presented with a gift from members for her continued work as the WI treasurer.



We wish them well and hope to see them at a different WI in the future.



SPRING BULB SCHEME 2024

The WI spring bulbs catalogue for 2024 is now available. There are several new varieties to give you inspiration for your garden.

Order and cheques should be sent to Maureen McDonald 726233 immediately after your May meetings please or brought to the AGM.

The bulbs are delivered ready for planting in September.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

CATEL WI -GLAD RAGS AND BAGS



Castel had an afternoon of Glad rags and Bags, scarves and jewellery sale. Before the opening time of 2.00 people had arrived as well a reporter to write an article for the Guernsey Press.

Betty Watson , Castel WI President said *'It was lovely to see so many WI members as well as the public and after purchasing their products most enjoyed an afternoon tea and scone. A successful event'*



ST JOHNS – LIHOU FUNDRAISER 24TH MARCH



All ready for the Lihou fundraising event at Les Cotils! The afternoon was a great success with an interesting

slide show and talk raising an amazing £430.50

The money raised will be going to Lihou to help with repairs after the storm last year.

GUERNSEY WI AGM WELCOME TO THE OSCARS!

Tickets still available!

9.00am for 10am Start

Finish at 4.00pm

CHRIS GEORGE - PHOTO SHOOT ON
THE RED CARPET!

I've got my dress have you got yours?



We will have a photographic backdrop of a stage with props so you can remember the day with special personal photographs or use them to promote your WI.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN YOUR £22 TICKET?

What's included?

- Keynote Speaker – **Anne Allen** – author of **Guernsey novels**
- Demonstration on how to make macaroons- **Kelly Mauger** – Life as a pastry chef
- **Chris George** – photo shoot
- Morning tea/coffee and biscuits
- 2 course lunch with wine/prosecco 
- FREE WI Goody Bag to take home
- Oscars quiz
- Oscars Table competition
- Best dressed/Best dressed Themed competition
- Raffle

ARE YOU HUNGRY?

Our 2 course lunch will be a selection of

Chicken Chasseur

Or

Beef Bourguignon

Or

Quorn Shepherds Pie (vegetarian)

All served with new potatoes, carrots and green beans

xxxxx

Dessert selection including macaroons as demonstrated



ANNE ALLEN – CELEBRATED AUTHOR OF 'THE GUERNSEY NOVELS'



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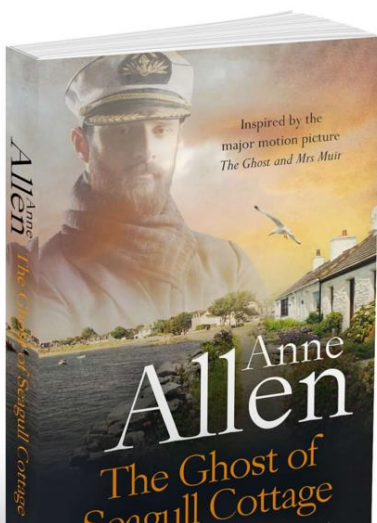
REMEMBER IF YOU WISH ANN TO SIGN COPIES OF HER NOVELS PLEASE ORDER IN ADVANCE TO BRING WITH YOU ON THE DAY.



Anne Allen

22 Mar 2024 · 🌐

Phew! The edited ms. has left the building and is now in the capable hands of my proofreader, [Helen Baggott](#) so it's onwards and upwards. Publication in May, all being well. I'm giving a talk to the Guernsey WI at their AGM on May 11th so this would be a great weekend to launch *The Ghost of Seagull Cottage*, inspired by the wonderful movie, *The Ghost and Mrs Muir*, starring Rex Harrison. As I wrote my own version I imagined his mellifluous voice as the ghost and fell a little in love with him myself all over again. Pity I couldn't use his photo on the cover! 😊



KELLY MAUGER- MORNING DEMONSTRATION/SPEAKER

Kelly will be demonstrating how to make Macaroons whilst talking about her life and experiences as a pastry chef.



TICKETS ON SALE FROM YOUR WI

Tickets are available from your WI at £22 each.

NEWS FROM WI'S

CATEL WI

At their March Meeting, members enjoyed a talk about Canada from one of their members, Kay Rowlands.



MARE DE CARTERET

Their guest speaker this month was Megs Bailey who writes the Gulls book and makes lovely gulls.

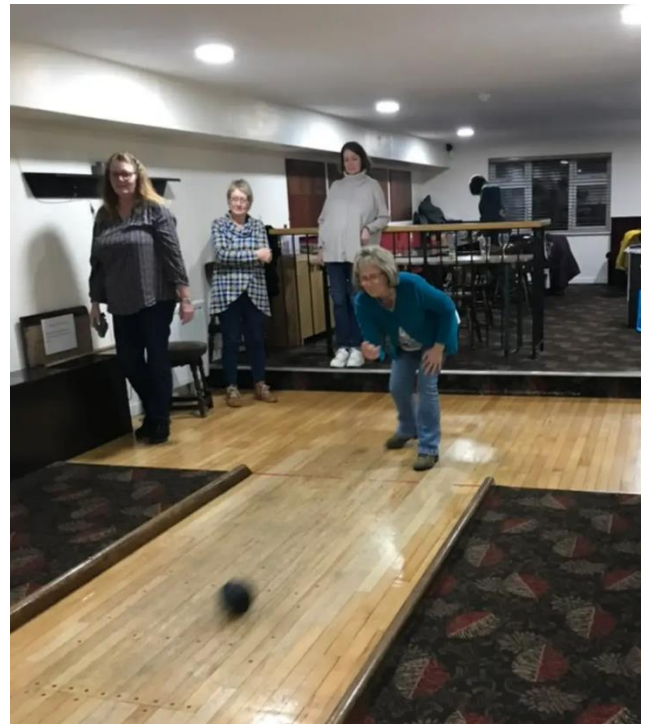


BAILIWICK BELLES

Jane Dilcock has been scouring charity shops the last couple months purchasing cups and saucers for this month's 'Flower display in a Tea Cup' meeting. With spring in the air members were able to find some lovely foliage in their gardens.



They also managed to fit in an evening of skittles as well this month.



ST SAVIOURS WI



Members made spring flower candle holders from jam jars and pressed flowers.





WIs should send names and payment by 7 June to Rose Polli (Federation Treasurer).

DARTS LEAGUE



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**BEGINNERS & IMPROVERS
CROCHET COURSE – 4TH & 18TH
APRIL**

**STARTS THIS THURSDAY –
STILL TIME TO BOOK**

Join Rose Polli for this beginners and improvers crochet course.

You will learn basic stitches to make granny squares. The class may be grouped depending on experience with improvers having the opportunity to learn new stitches.

The course will be over 2 evenings on 4th & 18th April 2024 at Le Camps Church from 7pm-9pm. Cost £30 for the two evenings incl refreshments.

To book please email Rose Polli on rosemob@lobster.nu



DIARY OF EVENTS 2024

Date / Date	Event
Thursday 4 and 18 April	Crochet course
Saturday 13 April	Saturday craft club
Saturday 13 April	Vale WI “Why Not” Lunch
Sunday 21 April	Bailiwick Belles Coffee morning at EARLSWOOD 10.30am
Thursday 25 April	Darts
Saturday 11 May	Federation AGM
Thursday 23 May	Darts – Team & Individual Knockout with pot luck supper
Wednesday 19 June	Fun chocolate BINGO

**CITIZENS ADVICE VOLUNTEER
RECRUITMENT EVENING**

On Thursday 11th April from 6.00pm until 7.30pm at their office in Bridge Avenue, Citizens Advice will be holding a Volunteers Recruitment Evening.

There are a number of different opportunities from volunteering as a Generalist Adviser, Money Adviser, Associate Adviser, preparing social media posts, admin projects and much more.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING NEW?



SHUFFLEBOARD has arrived at Styx Community Centre sports hall.

If you would like more details, please contact Colin & Michelle on tel. 07781 107 374 or at cmechem@outlook.com

QUOTE OF THE MONTH



TYNE AND WARE- PROMOTING A NEW WI

When the NFWI took pictures of our members during our Pride parade in 2020, never did we think the photos would be used so widely.

As part of the photo library available to all WI's, we appear to be promoting a new WI in Tyne and Wear South.

Lets see where we pop up next!

facebook.com

Tyne and Wear South Federation of WI's post

Tyne and Wear South Federation of WI's 15 Mar 2024 · 🌐

Just under a week until a new WI comes into being , this will be the only afternoon WI in South Tyneside, all women welcome.

theWI Tyne & Wear South
FORMATION MEETING FOR THE NEW SOUTH TYNESIDE AFTERNOON WI.

It's not too late to join our new WI with 25+ members signed up and a committee raring to go, we are all set for new opportunities for women in the area.

When - 21st March 1pm
Venue - Cleadon Methodist Church, 8 Sunderland Road, Cleadon SR6 7UT
Email us at secretary@twswi.com for further information or simply turn up.
All women over 18 welcome.
We will formerly establish the new WI, choose a name for the group and plan our future activities.

Our guest speaker will be **Glenda Young**, a local author from Ryhope who has written for Coronation Street, Peoples Friend magazine and has published many books set in the Ryhope area. Her most recent publication 'The Toffee Factory Girls' is set in Chester - le - Street inspired by the Dainty Dinah Toffee Factory.

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Spring doesn't seem to be quite in the air even though the daffodils are starting to flower. But it is that time of year when the odd glint of sunshine peaks through the clouds and you get the feeling of brighter things to come and new beginnings. (Hopefully for the rain to stop at least!)

We hope that many of you have had a chance to click onto The WI Learning Hub and are trying some new things.

Have a wonderful Easter.



Corrina and Sharon

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Closing date for items for the next issue is Friday 15 March 2024.

RESOLUTION VOTES FROM GUERNSEY

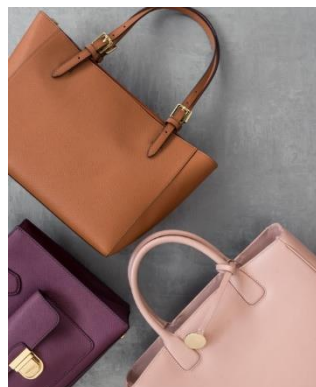
Thankyou to all members who voted for their preferred resolution to go forward to the NFWI Annual Meeting in June. These were the votes from Guernsey WI

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CATEL WI – GLAD RAGS AND HANDBAGS

Catel WI will be holding a sale of good quality handbags, scarves, hats and jewellery at Torteval Church Hall on Saturday 23rd March 2024 from 2-4pm.

Cream Teas will be available at £3 and there will of course be a raffle. (cash or cheque only)
All welcome



VALE WI “WHY NOT” LUNCH

On Saturday 13 April Vale WI is holding one of their popular 'Why Not' lunches at the Vale Douzaine Room.



The three-course menu of homemade soup, ploughmans lunch (platters of several cheeses and paté garnished with salad and served with French bread) and a selection of desserts is followed by free tea or coffee at a cost of only £9.50. Starts at 12.30 pm. Plenty of parking is available, and doors are open at mid-day.

'Why Not' join us at this popular friendly event? But please pre-book before April 6th, either by phone to Ann Dovey on 249071 or by email to Hilda Carpentier

hildacarpentier@cwgsy.net

SPRING BULB SCHEME 2024

The WI spring bulbs catalogue for 2024 is now available. There are several new varieties to give you inspiration for your garden.

Order and cheques should be sent to Maureen McDonald 726233 immediately after your May meetings please or brought to the AGM.

The bulbs are delivered ready for planting in September.



**2024 COFFEE MORNINGS-
21ST OF THE MONTH**

March	Thursday	Le Friquet
April	Sunday	Earlwood
May	Tuesday	Vallette Bathing pools cafe
June	Friday	Les Cotils (flower meadow)
July	Sunday	Tea Garden at Pleinmont, with optional round the coast bus trip
August	Wednesday	Christies
September	Saturday	ValleyTea Rooms – Fermain Hotel
October	Monday	Terrace Café
November	Thursday	Le Friquet
December	Saturday	The Kiln

EVERYONE WELCOME

**ST JOHNS LIHOU FUNDRAISER -
SUNDAY 24TH MARCH AT LES
COTILS**



St Johns is having a fundraiser for Lihou.

There will be a slide show presented by Rose Ferguson entitled ‘Guernsey Past including Lihou’.

The cost is £8 pp which includes a cream tea at Les Cotils . 2pm for 2.30pm start.

Booking essential. Call Rose Ferguson on 01481 723059 to book

DO YOU NEED A SPEAKER?

First Contact Health like to engage with the community to give talks to local groups regarding both Women’s Health and their new Wellness screening.

Their physiotherapist, Shweta Bhangra, is happy to talk about women’s health and their Orthopaedic consultant, Mr Ranjan Vhadra, is happy to talk to groups about the new Wellness screening. The talks would be around one hour in total.

If you would be interested, please contact Vicky Wright on email Victoria.wright@firstcontacthealth.com

ARTS & HOMECRAFTS – MAKING A ZIPPED CUSHION COVER



Eileen Jones zipped cushion cover course was a success with all participants finishing their cushion on the day! Take a look at the ladies in action.



YOUR WI GUERNSEY AGM- WELCOME TO THE OSCARS!

We are pleased to announce the speakers for the upcoming AGM along with news that tickets are now for sale.

KELLY MAUGER- MORNING DEMONSTRATION/SPEAKER

Kelly will be demonstrating how to make Macaroons whilst talking about her life and experiences as a pastry chef.

Members will be able to sample these baking delights at the dessert buffet during lunch.



Kelly is a pastry chef based in Oxfordshire, specialising in patisserie, confectionary and chocolate. With over 15 years working in the food industry, Kelly has worked as a head chef and ran the WI cookery school for 5 years. Her main passion within

cookery is to create colourful edible creations that make people say ‘wow, how did you do that?!’ and to share those skills with others.

Kelly was a finalist in the 2014 British Cookery School awards in the ‘Young Rising Star’ category, has contributed to the recipe pages of WI Life magazine, has featured on BBC Radio Oxford to talk about baking and competed in 2018’s ‘Bake off the Professionals’ on Channel 4.

Kelly has been lucky enough to work with some incredibly talented and celebrated chefs, including Mary Berry, Jean Christophe Novelli and Raymond Blanc and is a frequent cookery demonstrator on the food festival circuit, including venues such as Wallingford, Blenheim, Thame and Didcot.

Kelly makes artisan chocolates, teaches workshops and offers cookery demonstrations for groups both online and in person.



ANNE ALLEN – CELEBRATED AUTHOR OF ‘THE GUERNSEY NOVELS’



WI Guernsey are pleased to announce Anne Allen as our key note speaker. Anne has written 8 novels as part of her ‘Guernsey Novels’ series

with a ninth due to be published shortly.

Anne will talk about how she started writing , what inspired her and what opportunities and experiences her writing has led to.

Anne was born in **Rugby** to a Welsh father and an English mother. As a result, she spent many summers with her Welsh grandparents in **Anglesey** and learned to love the sea. Now she is based in **Devon** to be near her daughter and two small grandchildren. Her restless spirit has meant many moves, the longest stay being in **Guernsey** for nearly fourteen years after falling in love with the island and the people. She contrived to leave one son behind to ensure a valid reason for frequent returns

By profession, Anne was a **psychotherapist** who long had a desire to write and *Dangerous Waters*, her first novel, was published in 2012. It was awarded Silver (Adult

Fiction) in **The Wishing Shelf Awards** 2012.

Since then she has published 7 more books in **The Guernsey Novels** series and winner of **The Diamond Book Award 2017**, a finalist in Readers favorite awards and granted a ChillWithABookAward.



TICKETS ON SALE FROM YOUR WI

Tickets are available from your WI at £22 each.

This includes entry, goody bag, speakers and a 2 course lunch with refreshments and raffle.

NEWS FROM WI'S

BAILIWICK BELLES

February was the month for Valentines and the Bailiwick Belles decided to make rum truffles for their loved ones - or just eat them themselves!

It got a bit messy but thankfully the committee had been hard at work making boxes so the finished chocolates looked professional. (Well nearly!)



AN EVENING AT IRIS AND DORA

On a cold winters evening – the rain hadn't stopped all day - 13 members descended on Iris and Dora for a pottery painting evening with nibbles and drinks. Now they will have to wait two weeks to see how their pottery items have fared in the kiln. Not sure that 'The Pottery Throwdown' will be calling!



GYWI- BASKET WEAVING



Sue Lawrence basket weaving with her WI. She said it was something different - 'I loved it'

QUOTE OF THE MONTH



“ IT WAS ONE OF THOSE MARCH DAYS WHEN THE SUN SHINES HOT AND THE WIND BLOWS COLD: WHEN IT IS SUMMER IN THE LIGHT, AND WINTER IN THE SHADE. ”

— CHARLES DICKENS.

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

MEET YOUR NEW TRUSTEES

The Trustees team are so pleased to announce three WI members have joined the team.

MEL ROBERT



I joined Bailiwick Belles WI not long after they were founded, so in real terms just over 2 years. I am also a committee member for BBWI & love the new friendships that I have made & all that the WI offers.

I work full time as the Aftersales Manager at Forest Road Garage and have worked within the motor trade for the past 25 years which is still unusual for a female.

In my spare time I like to keep busy. I enjoy sewing, crafting & general pottering. I am also the statistician for the Guernsey Softball Association which keeps me on my toes in the summer months. Oh & I'm married (to Steve) & have a cat! Most of my holidays are spend on a cruise ship going somewhere.....

ALI AMY



I've grown up with the WI as my mum was a founding member of St John's WI so it's always been part of my life. When I was in my mid - thirties after I got married and had my daughter Millie (who is now 10) I joined Saumarez WI. When we moved about 6 years ago, I changed to St John's, so I'm now with my mum and all the ladies I grew up with! Last year I joined the committee and am still there this year. I am currently a part time cleaner and mostly spend my time crocheting, sewing, year-round sea swimming or walking our Collie-poo Archie!

JANE DILCOCK



I am a member and Treasurer with the Bailiwick Belles and have been since 2021. Joining the WI has given me a whole new aspect to my life, I have made many new friends and my confidence levels have increased meaning I can approach new life experiences in a much more positive manner.

I moved to Guernsey 16 years ago when I met my husband. I am now a (very young) retiree who works in the Friends of Citizens Advice Charity shop and recently joined the management committee for the Vintage Agricultural Show.

PAYMENT OF THE 2024/2025 SUBSCRIPTION

Please pay your subscriptions at your March or April meeting as WI's are now required to send the NFWI/Federation portion to the federation treasurer before the end

of April. (Treasurers please do not wait for all members to pay before sending your payment. Please send subs for those members that have paid along with a list of members names) **Thankyou**

NFWI Timetable

1st April – WI to collect subscription payments

30th April – Payments from WI's to Federation

31st May – Payments from Federations to NFWI

DARTS LEAGUE



The current standings after 22 February are as follows

	Name	Pts	W	L
1	GY C	27	11	5
2	Mare de Carteret C	27	11	5
3	Bailiwick Belles	25	10	5
4	GYWI A	24	9	6
5	St Saviours A	24	9	6
6	Mare de Carteret A	22	8	6
7	Catel	22	7	8
8	St Saviours B	20	6	8
9	Mare de Carteret B	20	6	8
10	GY B	18	3	12
11	St Johns	17	2	13

**TOP SCORE FOR FEBRUARY – 111
FROM KAREN ROBILLIARD, ST
SAVIOURS A TEAM**

ARTS & HOMECRAFTS

SATURDAY CRAFT CLUB

Why not take some time out for yourself and spend one whole day a month crafting?

You may not be aware the WI Federation has a booking for the Catel



Douzaine room every 2nd Saturday of the month. There is a well-established Scan n Cut group already and have plenty of room for other crafters to bring along their own projects. Share your knowledge and learn from us too.

We are there from around 9.45am – 4pm, tea, coffee and biscuits provided, but bring along your own lunch. Cost is £15.

If you want to join us or want more information, please email Rose Polli on rosemob@lobster.nu

BEGINNERS & IMPROVERS CROCHET COURSE – 4TH & 18TH APRIL

Join Rose Polli for this beginners and improvers crochet course.

You will learn basic stitches to make granny squares. The class may be grouped depending on experience

with improvers having the opportunity to learn new stitches.

The course will be over 2 evenings on 4th & 18th April 2024 at Le Camps Church from 7pm-9pm. Cost £30 for the two evenings incl refreshments.

To book please email Rose Polli on rosemob@lobster.nu



DIARY OF EVENTS 2024

Date / Date	Event
Thursday 21 March	21 st Coffee morning at Le Friquet
Saturday 23 March	Catel WI Glad Rags and Handbags
Sunday 24 th March	St Johns Lihou Fundraiser
Thursday 28 March	Darts – with fish & chips
Thursday 4 and 18 April	Crochet course
Thursday 25 April	Darts
Saturday 13 April	Vale WI “Why Not” Lunch
Saturday 11 May	Federation AGM
Thursday 23 May	Darts – Team & Individual Knockout with pot luck supper

COULD YOU BE THE NEXT CONTENDER ON MASTERMIND?

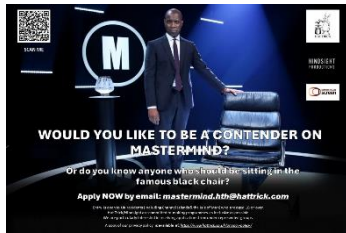
My name is Kate and I am a casting researcher on BBC Two's Mastermind and we are currently searching for contenders. It would be great to get some more female applicants! Feel free to share our information. See below:

Would
you or

someone you know like to put their Specialist Subject skills and general knowledge to the test in the iconic Mastermind chair? Applications are now open, and we're keen to hear from a diverse range of people. As well as regular quizzers, we also want to encourage people who might not usually apply for quiz shows to get involved. Email

Mastermind.hth@hattrick.com or visit:

<https://eu.castitreach.com/ag/hatrick/mastermind22/welcome.html>



HEALTHY EATING RECIPE FOR MARCH

HONEY LEMON GARLIC SALMON

Serves 4

PREP TIME – 10 minutes

COOK TIME – 18 minutes

Ingredients

1 pound Salmon
2 tablespoons melted butter
2 tablespoons honey
1 teaspoon Dijon grained mustard
½ lemon juiced
Zest from 1 lemon
½ teaspoon garlic powder (or 3 cloves minced)
Freshly ground salt and pepper

Instructions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit

Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or foil and grease lightly with olive oil and nonstick cooking spray. Place salmon skin side down.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the melted butter, honey, mustard, lemon juices and zest, garlic powder and salt and pepper.

Generously brush the salmon with the marinade.

Place salmon in the oven and bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until salmon easily flakes with a fork.

Enjoy.