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INSPIRING WOMEN



Storm Ciaran Hits Guernsey!

It does seem that over the past few months we keep having a weather theme to our front cover! But with one of the worst storms on record in decades across the Islands, we had to place it front and centre this month.

As you will see inside, the Federation has received some lovely letters of support from NFWI and Jersey (who felt the brunt of the storm). We hope that you are all ok and have not sustained too much damage at home.

On a happier note - enjoy the run up to Christmas and all the festivities that entails, including your WI Christmas parties.



Corrina and Sharon

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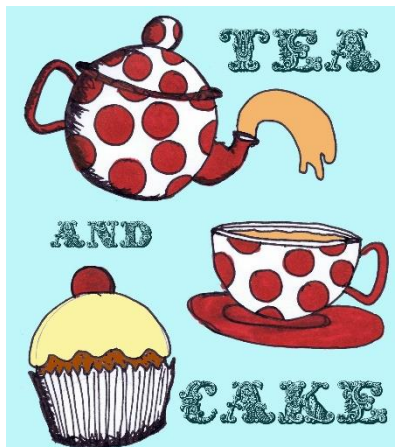
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Closing date for items for the next issue is 15th December.

Remember MyWI is also a great resource which is accessible to all members.

Link is <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk>

BAILIWICK BELLES REGULAR COFFEE MORNING INVITE



Bailiwick Belles WI invites all members of the WI to their regular coffee morning socials on the 21st of each month at different venues from 10.30am.

Join us on:

Tuesday 21st November – Friquet Garden Centre (for some festive cheer)

Thursday 21st December – The Hideaway at Moores Hotel

Sunday 21st January – Kings Club

There is no need to book – JUST TURN UP (you can normally spot a group of WI women!)

EVERYONE WELCOME

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

On the last Sunday of each month (except December) the Sunday lunch club can be found at different venues throughout the Island.



Last month they enjoyed the carvery at Les Cotils and in November they will be at 'The Queens' in St Martins – why not join them ALL WELCOME



Contact Jenny Richmond on 01481 263470 to book.

MESSAGES OF SUPPORT IN THE AFTERMATH OF STORM CIARAN

With so much news coverage of the impact of Storm Ciaran on the Islands, it was lovely to receive these notes of support from Jersey and the UK

A MESSAGE FROM MELISSA GREEN – NFWI CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Hi Corrina,

I just wanted to send you and the team a message to send my love. I've been watching

the footage of the impact of the storm last night as it hit the Islands.

I hope you are all keeping safe.

Melissa

A MESSAGE FROM ANN JONES -NFWI CHAIRMAN



Hi Sharron,

I have been concerned to see that Storm Cieran has hit you with full force and hope that you and your

members remain safe. It must be incredibly frightening as although the storm is easing it's still ferocious.

I hope that any damage is repairable and that everyone is safe.

Thinking of you and wishing you well.

Ann

OUR MESSAGE TO OUR FELLOW WI MEMBERS IN JERSEY

Dear Joy and Maureen

I hope you are both safe and well after what can only be described as a horrendous night. The Trustees team would like me to convey our thoughts are with you in Jersey, as we know you had the worst of the storm.

Please pass on our best wishes to your members and keep safe.

Best wishes

Corrina and the Guernsey Trustees Team

JERSEY FEDERATION GOOD WISHES

Thank you so much, I think we're still taking stock as, like you I'm sure, we've been told not to go out. I personally have been very lucky as am living in a very sturdily built complex but I know others have not been so lucky. Do hope you and all your members are all right - or at least not too much damage, I think we're all a bit shell-shocked at the force of the storm even when we were warned.

Please do pass on our sincere thoughts to your members too, let us hope no one has suffered badly or has been hurt. Not quite sure it's completely over yet, one of my members keeps telling me it's coming back! Hope she's wrong but it does happen.

Do look after yourselves, wish we were in the old days when it wasn't so expensive to travel between the islands.

Very best wishes

Joyxxxx

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NEWS FROM WI'S

ST SAVIOURS WI

St Saviours WI (aka **The Witches**) hosted a Halloween Lunch at Styx on Saturday 28 October.

The room had been transported into a Witch's lair with cauldrons bubbling full of tasty soups and desserts to tempt unsuspecting visitors.

Everyone was in the Halloween spirit in fancy dress, although Karen was a little scary when she came to take the orders (pic right)



ST MARTINS WI

Unfortunately, due to Storm Ciaran, St Martins meeting had to be cancelled due to the closure of the St Martins Community Centre on the Thursday when the storm hit.

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

GUERNSEY ANNUAL MEETING 2024 – SATURDAY 11 MAY



The AGM organising team is really excited to let you more of our plans for the 2024 Annual Meeting.

In celebration of the formation of the Oscars on 11th May 1927 we shall be embracing all things Hollywood next year with our 'Oscars' themed day.

JOIN IN THE FUN AND ENTER THE 'BEST FILM' DECORATED TABLE COMPETITION

The table competition was such a success last year and everyone embraced it so enthusiastically that it was decided we would do it all again 'Oscar style'.

We shall be asking WI's to select a movie from the list of Oscar winning Best Movies (see list below) and asking you to decorate your tables using the film as your inspiration.

There will be £20 available to help with costs to each WI entrant.

Film titles will be allocated on a first come first serve basis so get your thinking caps on and bag the film of your choice first – contact Corrina when you have decided which one you would like.



Last Years winners – Bailiwick Belles with their French themed table

JOIN THE RED CARPET!



Ever thought of walking the red carpet? At next years' Annual Meeting you will have the chance!

In addition to the Best Dressed table competition, we shall be having a 'Best Dressed' competition.

In true Hollywood style we want members to dress up as though they are going to be strutting their stuff on the Oscars Red carpet- but this time on our own WI Red Carpet.



Guernsey's own celebrity photographer 'Chris George' will be taking pictures of your red carpet arrival as well as the 'Best Dressed' competition parade.

You can dress up in support of your Best Film category or celebrate the formation of the Oscars with the roaring 20's style, to putting on that dress that you can never find the right occasion to wear – the choice is yours!

LIST OF BEST FILM OSCAR WINNERS

1927/28	Wings
1928/29	The Broadway Melody
1929/30	All Quiet on the Western Front
1933/31	Cimarron
1931/32	Grandon 11 th May 1927 Hotel
1932/33	Cavalcade
1934	It Happened One Night
1935	Mutiny on the Bounty

1936	The Great Zeigfeld
1937	The Life of Emile Zola
1938	You Can't Take It with You
1939	Gone with the Wind
1940	Rebecca
1941	How Green Was My Valley
1942	Mrs Miniver
1943	Casablanca
1944	Going My Way
1945	The Lost Weekend
1946	The Best Years of Our Lives
1947	Gentleman's Agreement
1948	Hamlet
1949	All the King's Men
1950	All About Eve
1951	An American in Paris
1952	The Greatest Show on Earth
1953	From Here to Eternity
1954	On the Waterfront
1955	Marty
1956	Around the World in 80 Days
1957	The Bridge on the River Kwai
1958	Gigi
1959	Ben-Hur
1960	The Apartment
1961	West Side Story
1962	Lawrence of Arabia
1963	Tom Jones
1964	Mr Fair Lady
1965	The Sound of Music
1966	A Man for All Seasons
1967	In the Heat of the Night
1968	Oliver!
1969	Midnight Cowboy
1970	Patton
1971	The French Connection
1972	The Godfather
1973	The Sting

1974	The Godfather Part II
1975	One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
1976	Rocky
1977	Annie Hall
1978	The Deer Hunter
1979	Kramer vs. Kramer
1980	Ordinary People
1981	Chariots of Fire
1982	Gandhi
1983	Terms of Endearment
1984	Amadeus
1985	Out of Africa
1986	Platoon
1987	The Last Emperor
1988	Rain Man
1989	Driving Miss Daisy
1990	Dances with Wolves
1991	Silence of the Lambs
1992	Unforgiven
1993	Schindler's List
1994	Forrest Gump
1995	Braveheart
1996	The English Patient
1997	Titanic
1998	Shakespeare in Love
1999	American Beauty
2000	Gladiator
2001	A Beautiful Mind
2002	Chicago
2003	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
2004	Million Dollar Baby
2005	Crash
2006	The Departed
2007	No Country for Old Men
2008	Slumdog Millionaire
2009	The Hurt Locker
2010	The King's Speech

2011	The Artist
2012	Argo
2013	12 Years a Slave
2014	Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)
2015	Spotlight
2016	Moonlight
2017	The Shape of Water
2018	Green Book
2019	Parasite
2020	Nomadland
2021	CODA
2022	Everything Everywhere All at Once

More details about the AGM will be released in the Newsletter in the coming months.



ARTS AND HOMECRAFTS

FRESH CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING – 16 DECEMBER 2023



Saturday 16
December at
Torteval Parish
Hall.

Two sessions –
10am to 12pm and

1pm – 3pm.

£25 for WI members, £30 for non-members.

All materials are provided, along with tea & coffee, mince pies and mulled wine.

To book contact Amanda on 01481 264871 after 7pm or email amandajurkiewiczddc@gmail.com

(please remember to mention which session you would like to book)

LEARN THE ENGLISH PAPER PATCHWORK TECHNIQUE – SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY 2023

Learn a new skill and join Anne at Les Camps Church Hall, St Martins from 10am-4pm



We will be hand sewing so no machine is needed. Fabric kits will be provided including straw needles. The technique that you will learn forms the basis of quilt making. During the day you will make a hand stitched hexagon flower coaster.

Course cost - £25 includes fabric pack, tea, coffee and biscuits

(please bring a packed lunch with you)

To book contact Anne Hayward on 07911 714200 or email

gsyanne63@gmail.com

SEWING COURSE – MAKE A ZIPPERED CUSHION COVER 24TH FEBRUARY 2024 AT LE CAMPS CHURCH



Due to the great success of the recent sewing machine course, Eileen Jones will be running another and will be showing you how to make a cushion cover with a zip sewn in.

You will need to bring 1m of cotton material and a zip of at least 12 inches in length.

The course will again be based at Le Camps Church from 10am-4pm

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided (please bring your own packed lunch)

Cost £20

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

DIARY OF EVENTS

Date / Date	Event
Tuesday 21 November	Coffee Morning – Friquet Garden centre
Sunday 26 November	WI Sunday Lunch at 'The Queens'
Thursday 30 November	WI Darts – Christmas pot luck supper
Thursday 21 December	Coffee Morning – The Hideaway Moores
Saturday 16 December	Fresh Christmas Wreath making
2024	
Sunday 21 January	Coffee Morning – Kings Club
Saturday 27 January	English Paper patchwork course
Thursday 25 January	Darts
Thursday 22 February	Darts
Saturday 24 February	Learn to make a cushion cover with a zip
Wednesday 13 and 20 th March	Crochet course
Saturday 11 May	Federation AGM

NEWS FROM NFWI

NO MORE

violence against women

**No More Violence:
Get involved with 16 Days of
Activism against Gender-Based
Violence (25 November – 10
December)**

Ending violence against women and girls remains a critical frontier in a world striving for equality and justice. The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence stands as a global call to action, inviting campaigners like you to raise your voices, ignite conversations and drive transformative change.

Running from 25 November – the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and also White Ribbon Day – to Human Rights Day on 10 December, the 16 Days is a global event. Each year, the WI marks it and encourages members to get involved as part of our No More Violence against Women campaign.

By lending your voice, you can contribute to breaking the silence that shrouds survivors and promoting open dialogue about the actions needed.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN GUERNSEY

Support your local women's refuge.

Collect donations to assemble care packages for the refuge, or hold a fundraising activity and donate the proceeds.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2024/25

The NFWI Board of Trustees has set the membership subscription for the 2024/25 membership year at £48.00.

This means there will be a £2 increase from the current membership year.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE FEDERATION HOLIDAY

**Monday 16th to Friday 20th
September 2024**

Join us for a fully escorted holiday in Gloucestershire next September, hosted by the Federation Trustees.

Enjoy seeing Adam Henson's Farm Park often seen on Countryfile, learning more about the history of this family farm dedicated to saving rare breeds.



Visit the historic city of Gloucester with its famous Cathedral, home to the tomb of a King, site of a Coronation and meeting of



Parliament, the only ones outside London, and in more recent times, a filming location for Harry Potter. Explore the small museum dedicated to Beatrix Potter and her connection through the 'Tailor of Gloucester' as well as the docks with its historic buildings, eateries and shopping mall.

You will travel through beautiful countryside and have a chance to visit the charming Cotswold town of Cirencester. The final jewel will be a chance to visit King Charles' Garden at Highgrove.

Accommodation will be at a Country House Hotel, Hatton Court situated overlooking Gloucester with views across the Severn Vale.



Cost for half board, en-suite accommodation £493 per person sharing; single price on request.

For an application form please contact our office tel: 01452 523966 or email: admin@gfwi.org.uk

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