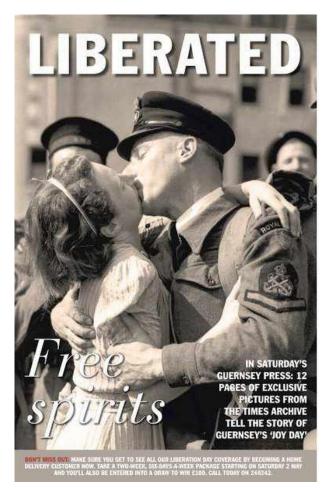
# the Guernsey Members magazine

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WI Guernsey celebrating Guernsey's Liberation from Occupied Forces this month at the AGM.



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### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FEDERATION CHAIR

What a month! With so much going on and lots in the pipeline this month's issue is a bumper one!



I know that Catel WI celebrated International Womens Day at their meeting, but I never expected to be celebrating mine in Dubai.

When I found out the Aura Sky Pool was having an exclusive women's only evening

to celebrate Internation Women's Day, I jumped at it. With women only servers, DJ's, musicians and singers it was a truly women's evening.



What an event! With an infinity pool all the way around the building overlooking the Dubai Palm and Dubai City it was such an amazing venue.





I completely felt out of place as one of the oldest women and among the Instagram crowd

- but had a fantastic time!

I then came back to the thought-provoking Domestic Violence Awareness evening which welcomed over 50 women along with the official introduction of our WI Safer Champions – and you can meet them in this issue.

Our attention now turns to the upcoming AGM and I am blown away with the support for this event with 120 members booking tickets. And to top it off, finding out that 'Liberated Guernsey Past & Present' the new book from our speakers will be launched at our event!! Don't forget to preorder your copy so you can get it signed on the day.

Make sure you don't miss out and book on our Free Virtual NFWI Annual Meeting in June and join us in celebrating 110 years of the WI with a meal at the Royal Guernsey Golf Club in September.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our AGM on 26<sup>th</sup>.

Best wishes Corrina

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#### 2025 COFFEE MORNINGS 21<sup>st</sup> OF EACH MONTH



Each month, Bailiwick Belles meet for coffee and a chat on the 21st. They

meet at 10.30am. ALL WELCOME

Monday 21/4	No get together
Wednesday 21/5	Annie's Hideaway @ Moores Hotel
Saturday 21/6	Les Cotils
Monday 21/7	Guernsey Pearl
Thursday 21/8	Portelet Kiosk
Sunday 21/9	Beach House
Tuesday 21/10	Sausmarez Park cafe
Friday 21/11	1857 @ Kings

#### **BBWI COFFEE MORNING**

BBWI March Coffee Morning was at Hotel Jerbourg, with a couple of guests from other WI's too!



#### VALE WI MAY FAYRE - 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

On May 17th, the Vale WI following on from their successful 'Why Not' lunch in 2024, are having a May Fayre at the Vale Douzaine Room.



This welcoming event will consist of lovely meat or cheese salads served

with French Bread, followed by delicious desserts, tea, coffee and cold drinks.

At the same time Vale members will be behind stalls selling Cakes, Accessories, Plants, Books, and tickets for a Bumper Raffle and Bottle Stall.



Doors for the Fayre will open at 11. 30 and lunches served from midday. Cost £10 per person

We look forward to meeting you at what we hope will be a very happy occasion.

Bookings: Pam tel. 247785. email. hildacarpentier@cwgsy.net

#### CATEL WI INVITE YOU!

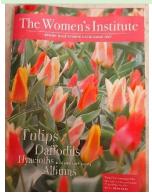
🌒 Arty, Crafty, Tea Party 🟓

Catel WI invite you to view items of arts and crafts that members have produced.

This is to be held Saturday 12 April at Torteval Church hall from 2.30 - 4.00. There will be tea and cake and the cost is £5. Plants and books will be on sale and we will have a raffle. We look forward to seeing you there.

For any information contact PaulineStreeting@hotmail.com

#### WI BULBS



The WI spring bulb catalogue for 2025 has now arrived and is available at your WI. There are new varieties of tulips, daffodils and pollinators to bring

colour and fragrance to your garden.

Please return your order with cheques made payable to GIFWI by your May meeting.

#### **ARTS & HOMECRAFTS**

### SATURDAY CRAFT CLUB – 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

Craft club timetable – 2025 Castel Douzaine 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 10-4. April 12<sup>th</sup>

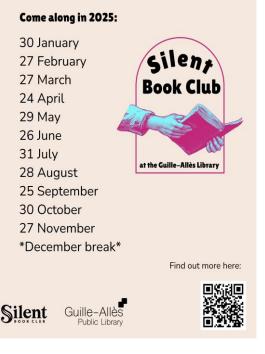
May 10<sup>th</sup> etc.

All are welcome – Bring whatever craft you are currently working on, especially if you need help with Scan n Cut, Crochet, Knitting or Sewing, we have a wealth of crafting knowledge between us. Don't forget your lunch, Coffee, Tea and Biscuits provided. Cost is £15.

### DIARY OF EVENTS 2025

Date / Date		Event
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Club
April		
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Catel WY Arty, Crafty Tea
April		Party
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Silent Book Club
April		
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Darts
April		
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Guernsey WI AGM
April		
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Vale May Fayre
May		
Wednesday	21st	BBWI Coffee Morning at
		Annie's Hideaway @
		Moores
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	NFWI Virtual AGM
June		
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	110yr WI Anniversary
September		Dinner at RGGC

#### Last Thursday of every month 18:30-20:30 in the Dorey Room on the second floor



### GUERNSEY AGM – 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

### **SOLD OUT**

Thank you so much for your support. We are pleased to confirm that all of the tickets have been sold and we have now started a waiting list.

Please contact Corrina if you wish to be added to the waiting list. chair@wiguernsey.org.uk

If you are attending and have any special dietary requirements, please contact Mel at <u>moby@cwgsy.net</u>

#### PRE-ORDER YOUR BOOK SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT

We are excited to let you know that our AGM Speakers Marco Tersigni and Simon Hamon will be launching their new book 'Liberated Guernsey Past & Present' at the WI AGM. *WI members will be the first to see it and buy it!* 

Marco and Simon will be book signing after their talk and we want to make sure members don't miss out by pre-ordering their copy.

Books cost £20 and can be paid for on the day. Just let your WI Secretary know you would like one.

If you are not attending, and want to purchase a signed book, please make payment to your Secretary and we will purchase on your behalf.



DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR OWN CUP TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF WASHING UP OUR VOLUNTEERS NEED TO DO. (CUPS ARE AVAILABLE SHOULD YOU FORGET!)

#### SUE LAWRENCE - BARCELONA MARATHON RUNNER

Congratulations to Sue Lawrence for completing the Barcelona marathon this month. I think she may have inspired some members to start running!



#### AN EVENING FOR DEBUNKING DOMESTIC ABUSE MYTHS

Safer We had a fantastic turnout of over 50

women and it was lovely to welcome nonmembers for our community awareness evening. To hear from local charities Safer and Willow House and also a personal account from Grace who experienced domestic abuse which ranged from coercion to being held down in a bath of water.

Antonia and Lou from Safer spoke of the prevalence in Guernsey and discussed what can happen in an abusive relationship highlighting the risk was highest when leaving a partner. Thankfully legislation is now being drawn up in Guernsey to make it easier to convict abusers. There was lots of myth busting with a quiz highlighting the statistics with prizes.

The proceeds from the raffle during the evening were donated to Safer, raising £200.



Grace gave an emotional speech about her experience and how she didn't see herself being drawn into an abusive relationship,

which included both emotional and physical abuse.

Wanting no-one else to go through the same experience, she decided to put a statement on facebook so that rumours did not circulate. Others then came forward with similar experiences. She herself has now joined the Police force in order the help others.



WILLOW The evening HOUSE finished with Willow House manager Katie,

who explained what sexual abuse was and the facilities offered at Willow House, which is currently completing a year trial and hoping for a renewal of their grant to continue their services.

#### WI SAFER CHAMPIONS RECEIVING THEIR CERTIFICATES



#### **MEET YOUR SAFER CHAMPIONS**

7 WI members have now completed the Safer Champion training and are able to assist with signposting and support for anyone who is experiencing domestic abuse and needs a friendly confidential person to confide in.

If you feel you need support and guidance, please contact any of our champions below:



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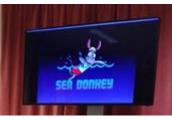
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### NEWS FROM WI'S

#### SAUSMAREZ WI

Our speaker for March was Adrian Sarchet of Sea Donkey.



His talk was very interesting, and he spoke about his marathon swimming

challenge consisting of seven open water channel swims – across the North Channel, the Cook Strait, the Moloka'i Channel, the English Channel, the Catalina Channel, the Tsugaru Strait and the Strait of Gibraltar. In challenge terms it is compared to the Seven Summits mountaineering challenge.



As you can image the training and logistics for all the challenges were huge. A team of people, back up boats and canoe, special food that could be consumed at sea etc. Adrian is a huge supporter of the bathing pools, and

he also volunteers for Guernsey Disability Swimming LBG, of which he is the Chairperson.

#### **ST MARTINS WI**

A busy, well attended meeting when many new faces were present at St Martin's WI March meeting and they were warmly welcomed by our President, Katherine Lau.

Fairydust.happydays@outlook.com

Sarah Bamford came along and gave the meeting a brief outline of 'What do the Parishioners of St Martin's wish to see in the future in their Parish'. Many members participated in the discussion with ideas that could be of help in the future.

On 5th February 2015 St Martin's WI welcomed Fermain WI, as sadly Fermain was closing down. The amalgamation went ahead successfully and Fermain members were warmly welcomed by St Martins.

As part of the amalgamation a silver brooch engraved "Fermain President 1949 - 1999" was handed to St Martin's President at the time, Pauline Lund. The brooch was made Martyn Guille in 2000 and it is thought that it was made to celebrate their 50th year anniversary of Fermain WI.

Recently, it was decided that this beautiful piece of history should be given a forever home, rather than continue to be locked away in a safe and, after a plea by Pauline Lund, to members for any ideas of where this could be placed. A former Fermain member, but now at St Martin's, offered to take it over.



The photograph shows Pauline Lund presenting Wyn Bihet with the brooch. Wyn was delighted to have this piece of important history for safe keeping in the future.

#### BAILIWICK BELLES WI

BBWI had a talk & demonstration from their very own talented Julie Wilkie. Since retiring Julie is using some of her time to create beautiful art using flowers. Julie explained about different flowers, containers, foliage to use, and also where to purchase and what you can forage.



Julie then demonstrated how to make a frame display, using only using 3 flowers and then it was the turn of BBWI to create the same piece. All in all, a great relaxed evening learning new skills.



Julie has certainly kept this a secret for the past couple of years! Below is just a sample

of some of her displays that can be seen around the Island.



#### **BBWI Fundraising raffle.**

This year BBWI have decided that each quarter the funds raised at their monthly raffle would be used to purchase something for a charity.

This month the Priaulx Premature Baby Foundation was chosen. Enough money was raised to Buy a Night at one of their burrows in Southampton.



Here is Jane from BBWI handing over the money to Jo & Sammy from PPBF

#### CATEL WI

Câtel W.I. marked International Women's Day by inviting Kathy Gill from the Living History section of Guernsey Museums to give a talk on the history of Le Platon Home, the first residential care home in Guernsey which was founded by Edith Renouf, a remarkable Guernsey woman.



Kathy told the story of Le Platon Home from the viewpoints of two women - "Olive" who worked at the Town Hospital before Le Platon opened, and "Ivy" who was one of the later residents. Their accounts brought the story of the home to life.

Having decided at the tender age of 7 that she wanted to care for the sick, as soon as Edith inherited Le Platon House in 1914 she immediately set it up to care for women with incurable diseases. At first, she only had three patients who were looked after by Irish nuns but gradually the numbers increased and she recruited nuns from a Spanish order to care for them.

The home was run by a strict set of rules for both the staff and patients and Kathy read out some of these much to the amusement of the audience. Rules such as not reading in bed, not having open neck clothing or short sleeves and not shouting.



Edith funded the home entirely out of her own wealth. She lived simply herself, living at the home in the smallest of bedrooms.

In 1925 Edith bought the house next door which gave her extra land and a greenhouse which was put to good use for growing fruit and vegetables for the residents.

Recently the Home has undergone further extensions and of course now caters for men as well.



#### GYWI



A trial boxing session was organised for GYWI at Amalgamated Boxing Club. Two members, Sue and Margaret go regularly so, as well as Head coach Mandy, they were able to put us through our paces. We all agreed it was great fun and thoroughly enjoyed the session!





#### LA MARE DE CARTERET WI

LMDC WI had a very interesting talk this month with Gordon and Sharon from the Pollinator Project Guernsey. The Pollinator



Project promotes the conservation of naturally occurring pollinating insects and the health of their supporting ecosystems in

the Guernsey Bailiwick. Gordon and Sharon explained about the importance of preserving and the continued planting of specific pollinating plants, flowers, shrubs, hedging and trees.



Free seeds have been distributed to Island homes to grow pollinator patches.





There is lots of information of their website:- www.pollinatorproject.gg

#### **ST JOHN WI**

St John's ladies were honoured by the presence of Lady Margaret and her maid Dorcas from the year 1573 (ably portrayed by Linda Howell and Kathy Gill respectively from History in Action at Castle Cornet) A witty and knowledgeable talk (in fabulous character!) that had us all charmed and giggling along!



Some replica artefacts were brought along from the Castle to bring history to life.





We were all in awe of Lady Margaret as she swept into the hall, her wit and clever turn of phrase kept us enthralled from start to

finish without ever breaking character. We all felt that we'd actually had a visitor from the past!

#### St. John's WI afternoon tea at Les Côtils

Tea, coffee, scrumptious sandwiches, warm scones with jam and cream, and delicious chocolate cakes to finish. A beautiful spring day, in the most perfect setting, spent with friends.





#### VALE WI



Helen Glencross, Head of Guernsey's Heritage Services came to our March meeting and talked to us about the work of her department. This includes the museum service which is responsible for a huge and diverse collection of items covering our military, maritime, agricultural and horticultural history as well as archaeological finds and geological and Natural History items.



The art collection represents the work of local residents, past and present and artists who have visited the island and been inspired by it. The Rona Cole Gallery at Candie Museum has a permanent display of some 200 paintings with many more in storage. Much of the collection can now be viewed online at artuk.org.



Helen's talk was illustrated with views of our Heritage sites. Castle Cornet, with its

museums, the Fort Grey shipwreck museum, the Guernsey Museum at Candie and the one that few people knew about, the German Signals HQ at the Collinette were all covered along with some of the smaller sites dotted around the island. We also found out that the Millennium Tapestry will be moving into a special gallery in Castle Cornet this year. Helen's obvious enthusiasm and knowledge reminded us of how much there is out there available to us all.



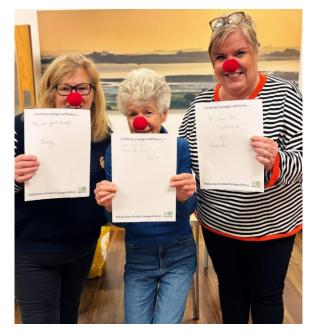
Plans were made for our spring sale and for our participation at the local Annual Meeting with several members being keen to attend, so although you might not have heard much from us recently there's lots going on. Our next meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm at the Vale Douzaine Room when Victor Lane will be talking to us about MGM Films. Visitors are always welcome.

#### **GO GUETTERS WI**

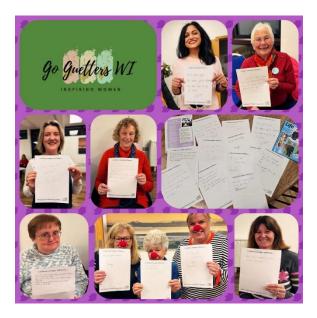
Go Guetters WI members agree that laughter is the best medicine! Our March meeting Besties, Books and Big Red Noses featured some hilarity for charity as we played games and completed team



challenges in aid of Comic Relief. We strengthened our friendships through giggles and guffaws then completed the evening with a book swap. We also completed the #lettertoouryoungerselves WI campaign!







### NEWS FROM YOUR FEDERATION

#### VIRTUAL NFWI ANNUAL MEETING 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT CASTEL DOUZAINE ROOM

Come along to our second virtual NFWI Annual Meeting on island and join our NFWI AM Party!

Join other members for a memorable day of speakers and immerse yourself into everything WI.

This event is free to all members with lunch and refreshments included. Starts 10am-4pm

#### SPEAKERS

#### Angel Strawbridge

We are thrilled to announce that Angel Strawbridge will also join us at the 2025 Annual Meeting as a keynote speaker. Angel is the founder of the Vintage Patisserie, a glamorous hospitality company, author of the 'Vintage Tea Party' Series, and perhaps most known and loved for being co-owner - alongside husband Dick - of the Chateau-de-la-Motte Husson; featured in the hugely popular Channel 4 series "Escape to the Chateau".



#### **Emma Bridgewater**



Emma sketched out a small collection, and found a pottery in Stoke-on-Trent, the home of British ceramics to make them up. She then decorated them using cutout sponges – a traditional technique that became her signature style. The designs were snapped up by Liberty, Harrods, and The General Trading Co, and Emma Bridgewater Ltd was born.

Emma was determined to keep production of the pottery in Stoke-on-Trent, and the business is one of the largest employers of potters in the area producing more than 40,000 pieces of pottery a week. Today, Emma Bridgewater products are sold worldwide and the company is proud to have been awarded B Corp certification.

Emma has written two books: In 2014 Toast & Marmalade and Other Stories, which covers the rollercoaster ride of building the business; and in 2016 Pattern, which formally archives over 30 years of original pattern designs, and offers a behind the scenes look at the inspiration behind the designs.

### BOOK AT YOUR WI MEETING

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### CELEBRATE 110 YEARS OF THE WI

Join the Trustees on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 for a celebration meal at the Royal Guernsey Golf Club.

The WI is 110 years old this year and we are going to celebrate this milestone with a special evening of food, fun and a few surprises!

Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis.

#### Payment to be made directly to "GIFWI"

If paying by **cheque** please make out to GIFWI for £27.50 and send to:

Jane Dilcock, Greengarth, Braye du Valle, St Sampson, GY2 4RA

If paying by direct **bank transfer** please payment into the following account:

Guernsey Island Federation of Women's Institutes Sort code:- 40-22-25 Account no: 51592548 Please put your name as reference and 110



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE DINNER Tuesday, 23 September 2025 @ £27.50 per person

#### **COLD BUFFET STARTER**

Seafood & Poached Fish Platter Cold Meat, Cheese & Pickles Platter Marinated Vegetables & Crudites & Dips Platter

#### HOT BUFFET MAIN COURSE

Beef Lasagne Chicken Breast in Mixed Peppers & Mushroom Cream Sauce Fish & Seafood Pie topped with Mash Potatoes Vegetable Stir Fry Basmati Rice Seasonal Vegetables

#### **DESSERTS FOR THE TABLE**

Selection of Mini Desserts Selection of Cheese & Biscuits

Coffee & Mints



#### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED- PEH CHAPEL



As you may be aware there is a small chapel at the PEH and volunteers place flowers in the chapel. I have taken over

organizing the rota from Rev. Linda Le Vasseur. A number of volunteers have retired this year, either due to health issues or old age. If we have enough volunteers, there is a commitment to providing flowers one a year. I am looking for replacement volunteers to replace those who have retired (and possible have a few 'on call' volunteers who could step up if someone on the rota is unable to fulfil their session). I am hoping this request can be circulated around the local WI's. Individuals can contact me by email ( anneperrio@cwgsy.net) or phone (255484) for more information if they are considering offering their services.

It is not necessary to be a flower arranger - flowers placed in a vase are perfectly acceptable. All that is required is a donation of flowers and a commitment to being 'on duty' once a year. I have this year's rota filled until early August so am looking for volunteers for the second half of the year.

## RESOLUTION TO BE

We have recently had correspondence regarding the Denman Travel fund from the NFWI along with proposed documentation. We currently hold of £1960.89 This sum is held in what is called a restricted fund. So, we can only use it to offer bursaries for travel costs to Denman College.

As the College has now closed this is not physically possible and in order the release the funds for other uses members must vote to change the fund to an unrestricted fund.

Included below is the proposed resolution along with supporting documentation. It is full of legal jargon, which I have summarised above.

We have consulted with the Guernsey Registry and wish to consult with members prior to the vote at the AGM in April.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me

Corrina : chair@wiguernsey.org.uk

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU DISCUSS THIS RESOLUTION AT YOUR MEETING AND DECIDE ON HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOTE IN THIS REGARD AT THE AGM

Thanks Anne Perrio

#### GUERNSEY ISLANDS FEDERATION OF WOMENS INSTITUTES (charity registration number CH159)

#### as trustee of

#### a RESTRICTED fund known as THE DENMAN COLLEGE TRAVEL FUND

#### (the 'Fund')

#### **BACKGROUND – Resolution**

- (A) GUERNSEY ISLANDS FEDERATION OF WOMENS INSTITUTES (GIFWI) AN UNINCORPORATED ORGANISATION is the trustee (the 'Trustee') of a RESTRICED fund known as the THE DENMAN COLLEGE TRAVEL FUND (the 'Fund'), established by the NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMENS INSTITUTES from donations and distributed by them every two years.
- (B) The Fund is a RESTRICTED fund, and the objects of the Fund are to offer travel bursaries to members to help pay for travel costs in attending Denman College. (the '**Fund Objects**')
- (C) The power to amend any of the trusts of the charity is available to the Trustee and members, the charity not being a company or other corporate body.
- (D) The Trustee has considered the Relevant Considerations.
- (E) The Trustee, being satisfied that it is expedient in the interest of the Fund, intends to exercise the power to amend the Fund Objects.

#### RESOLUTION

#### 1. Resolution

- 1.1 The Trustee of the Fund is satisfied, having considered the Relevant Considerations, that it is expedient in the interests of the Fund to exercise power to amend the trusts of the Fund by altering the Fund Objects.
- 1.2 The Trustee's considerations and reasons for passing the resolution are set out in the attached supporting case.
- 1.3 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:
- 1.3.1 In exercise of the power with effect from the date the resolution is passed by members at the Annual Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 the current Fund Objects shall be altered by replacing them with the following new objects:

"To support the educational activities of the federations and/or branches of the Women's Institutes ("WI") for the benefit of WI members in the GUERNSEY ISLAND FEDERATION OF WOMENS INSTITUTES in accordance with the objects of the body corporate called the National Federation of Women's Institutes of England, Wales, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man"

Name of authorised signatory.....

Signature.....

Date.....

#### Supporting case and statement of reasons

#### 1. Background and current Fund Objects

- 1.1 The National Federation of Women's Institutes of England, Wales, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man ('NFWI') (charity registration number 803793) is the sole corporate trustee of Denman College (charity registration number 803793-1). Denman College was established by a conveyance and trust deed dated 24 March 1947 (the "Trust Deed") and is now governed by that Trust Deed, as amended by schemes of the Charity Commission dated 5 August 1991 and 8 September 2021 (the "2021 Scheme"). Denman College is linked to NFWI for accounting and registration purposes.
- 1.2 Until 2021, Denman College owned a large stately home and estate in Oxfordshire from which educational courses for WI members were run (the "College"). In 2020, Denman's financial position became unsustainable, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic which exacerbated existing financial difficulties, and the College was sold with the Charity Commission's assistance by way of the 2021 Scheme.
- 1.3 The Scheme provided that the proceeds of sale of the College should be held as an investment permanent endowment fund for Denman College's Purpose. Recently, by way of s.282 Charities Act 2011 resolution, a portion of the investment permanent endowment has been released in order that it can be invested in a new educational model involving virtual delivery of courses that will be available to WI members free of charge (the "Educational Model").
- 1.4 Following the closure of the College and the 2021 Scheme which amended the purposes of Denman College, NFWI as trustee undertook a review of the restricted funds that it holds in relation to Denman College to identify those funds which could no longer be used for their existing purposes following the sale of the College and the changes to Denman College's purposes.
- 1.5 Following the review, NFWI passed a number of statutory resolutions in accordance with s275 and s268 of the Charities Act 2011 to modify the objects of certain restricted funds and to transfer some restricted funds to be held as part of Denman College's unrestricted funds. These resolutions took effect on 16 February 2024 (following consent from John Dearden of the Charity Commission).
- 1.6 NFWI works with regional women's institute (WI) offices (known as federations). The federations are self-governing and separate legal entities from NFWI but they work closely with NFWI to progress WI operations at a regional and local level (as the federations also work with local WI branches). The Trustee is a federation.
- 1.7 Some federations (including the Trustee) also hold restricted funds in relation to Denman College. In light of this, NFWI contacted the Charity Commission on behalf of the federations to request consent in principle to change the objects of any relevant restricted funds which are held by federations and now cannot be used. On 16 October 2024, the Charity Commission provided its consent in principle to the change of the objects of each relevant fund held by the federations to: "To support the educational activities of the federations and/or branches of the Women's Institutes ("WI") for the benefit of WI members in Guernsey Island Federation of Womens Institutes in accordance with the objects of the body corporate called the National Federation of Women's Institutes of England, Wales, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man".
- 1.8 The current Fund Objects are:

to offer travel bursaries to members to help pay for travel costs in attending Denman College. (the '**Fund Objects**')

- 1.9 The Trustee has reflected on this context and the wider position as part of considering the proposals to amend the Fund.
- 1.10 The original purpose of the Fund have not been altered since the Fund was established and therefore, the purposes when the fund was established and purposes being altered are the same.

#### 2. Financial position

- 2.1 Currently £1960.89 is held in this restricted fund
- 2.2 There has been no expenditure from the Fund since the sale of the College.

#### 3. Reasons for altering the current Fund Objects

- 3.1 In respect of the Relevant Considerations, the Trustee has carried out a review and identified that the Fund can no longer be used for its existing purposes following the sale of the College and the changes to Denman College's purposes and introduction of the new Educational Model. The Current Objects are therefore no longer a suitable and effective use of the funds.
- 3.2 The Fund was established to support the travel costs of the Trustee members attending courses at Denman College. The objects the Fund therefore require the physical attendance of WI members at educational courses hosted at the College.
- 3.3 As Denman College has sold the College and under the new Educational Model, all Denman College courses are provided virtually and free of charge to WI members, it is now impossible for the Fund to be applied for its current purposes. It is clear that the existing purposes of the Fund need to be replaced so that the funds can be applied effectively for charitable purposes.
- 3.4 Activities that may be carried out/funded by the Fund if the current Fund Objects were amended as proposed are:
- 3.4.1 "To support the educational activities of the federations and/or branches of the Women's Institutes ("WI") for the benefit of WI members in the GUERNSEY ISLAND FEDERATION OF WOMENS INSTITUTES in accordance with the objects of the body corporate called the National Federation of Women's Institutes of England, Wales, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man"
- 3.5 The Trustee is satisfied that it is expedient in the interest of the Fund to enable the funds to be used more broadly, having had regard to the Relevant Considerations, in order to provide a more effective use of the funds.
- 3.6 The change is considered to be in the interest of the Fund as it will enable the funds to be used more effectively for the reasons noted above, in keeping with the original intentions of the legacy.
- 3.7 The proposed new objects are suitable and effective in the current social and economic circumstances for the reasons outlined above and below, in particular the closure of the College.
- 3.8 The proposed new objects are considered to be in keeping with, and therefore as similar as possible to the original objects, as the proposed new objects reflect the underlying intention to support educational activities.
- 3.9 The factors considered by the Trustee are set out above.

- 3.10 The change is considered to be in the interest of the Fund as it will enable the funds to be used more effectively for the reasons noted above, in keeping with the original intentions of the gift.
- 3.11 The means by which the proposed new objects will be furthered are outlined above (and also discussed below).
- 3.12 To this end, the proposed new objects have been determined by the Trustee to be similar as possible to the current Fund Objects taking into account the Relevant Considerations.

#### 4. Consultation

4.1 Consultation has been undertaken with the Guernsey Charity Registry as well as a period of consultation with members.

#### 5. Whether the change may be controversial or of public interest

5.1 It is not considered that the change is controversial or of public interest, particularly noting the impossibility of using the Fund for its current purposes.

#### 6. Conflicts of interest

6.1 It is not considered that there is a conflict of interest in relation to the Trustee decision.