

# theWI Guernsey

## MEMBERS MAGAZINE

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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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Closing date for items for the next issue is Friday 12 April

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 2024 COFFEE MORNINGS- 21<sup>ST</sup> OF THE MONTH

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

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



## 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 , Catel 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 24<sup>TH</sup> 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

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Dessert selection including macaroons as demonstrated



## ANNE ALLEN – CELEBRATED AUTHOR OF 'THE GUERNSEY NOVELS'



Anne Allen is our key note speaker this year and is about to release a new Guernsey novel.

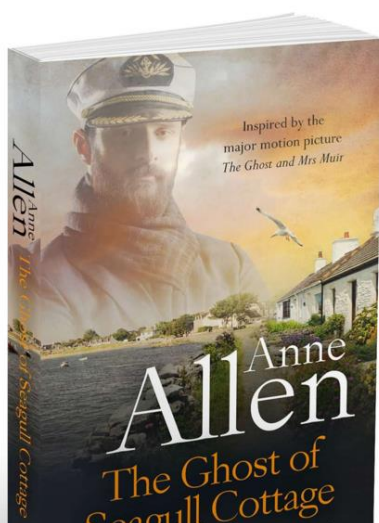
REMEMBER IF YOU WISH ANN TO SIGN COPIES OF HER NOVELS PLEASE ORDER IN ADVANCE TO BRING WITH YOU ON THE DAY.



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.

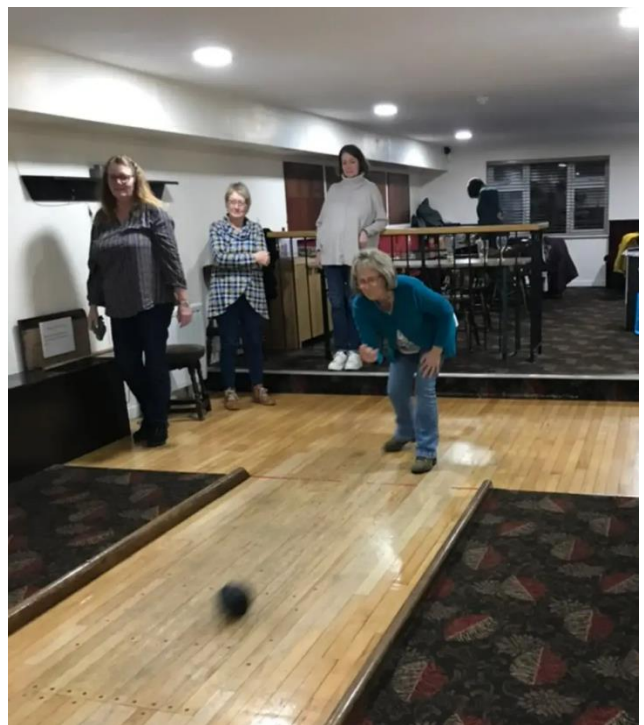


## BAILIWICK BELLES

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



The current standings after 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 are as follows

## 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.

	Name	Pts	W	L
1	GY C	30	12	6
2	Mare de Carteret C	30	12	6
3	Bailiwick Belles	29	12	5
4	Mare de Carteret A	28	11	6
5	St Saviours A	28	11	6
6	GY A	26	9	8
7	Catel	26	8	10
8	St Saviours B	25	8	9
9	Mare de Carteret B	22	6	10
10	GY B	22	4	14
11	St Johns	19	2	15

### HIGHEST SCORE OF THE NIGHT – LINDA PRIAULX WITH 104

## ARTS & HOMECRAFTS

### SATURDAY CRAFT CLUB- 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 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.

If you want to join us or want more information, please email Rose Polli on [rosemob@lobster.nu](mailto:rosemob@lobster.nu)

**BEGINNERS & IMPROVERS  
CROCHET COURSE – 4<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup>  
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 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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