

theWI Guernsey

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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.

2024 COFFEE MORNINGS- 21ST OF THE MONTH

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

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

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’



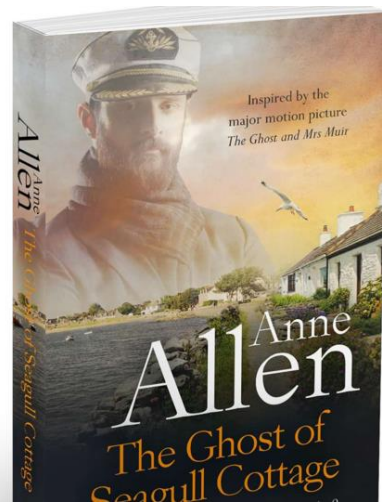
Last year we seemed to have an endless stream of cups and saucers requiring washing up – with one of our members chained

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 !

	Name	Pts	W	L
1	Mare de Carteret A	34	14	6
2	Mare de Carteret C	34	14	6
3	Bailiwick Belles	33	13	7
4	GY C	33	13	7
5	St Saviours A	32	12	8
6	GY A	30	10	10
7	Catel	29	9	11
8	St Saviours B	29	9	11
9	Mare de Carteret B	28	8	12
10	GY B	24	4	16
11	St Johns	24	4	16

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

Date / Date	Event
Saturday 4 th May	Craft Club
Saturday 11 May	Federation AGM
Tuesday 21 st May	Bailiwick Belles coffee morning at Vallette Bathing Pools
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.

