

NEWS FROM THE ISLANDS

Newsletter of the Guernsey Islands Federation of Women's Institutes

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INSPIRING WOMEN

DECEMBER 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec

Sat 14 Christmas Wreath w/shop

Jan 2020

Wed 15 Darts

Wed 29 Darts

Feb 2020

Sat 15 Art Project for Green Hearts

Tues 18 GIFWI S&L Quiz

Closing date for entries for the **January 2020 Newsletter** is **Friday 13 December 2019**.

Entries to Sharon Williams –
sawilliams@cwgsy.net or Tel. 710007.



We now have a Facebook page – If you are a FB user, can you please LIKE our page

<https://www.facebook.com/WI-Guernsey-111438513571195/>



WI diaries correction

Please note that the May Bank Holiday is shown as Monday 4 May 2020. This has been changed to **Friday 8 May 2020** to commemorate VE Day. The diaries were printed before this decision was made.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

I cannot believe it is almost Christmas! Where has 2019 gone? It has been a very busy year for the WI in Guernsey as we celebrate 70 years since the federation was formed. Tea parties are always popular and the two this year were no exception. We were also delighted to have the national chairman Lynne Stubbings at our Annual Council meeting. As I write this, we have the WI competition (continuing the 70th theme) and Christmas party still to come.

I wish all WI members in Guernsey and Alderney a peaceful Christmas and a healthy new year. May 2020 be kind to us all.

Linda

The Christmas Cracker Workshop

Members enjoyed making Christmas crackers at the workshop on 19



October 2019. Looking forward to seeing what the members make at the Christmas Wreath workshop on 14 December.



St John Ambulance is looking for Volunteers to help at the Island Games in 2021

A team of first aiders from St John Guernsey travelled to Gibraltar for the NatWest International Island Games, and the team are now planning for when the Games return to Guernsey in 2021. You don't need previous first aid experience to become a first aider as all the training you need will be given. If you've got good communication skills and want to help people in our community, the team would love to hear from you. Email games2021@stjohn.gg or call 01481 727129 for more details.

Please ensure that a copy of your 2020 programme is sent to Jenny Cottell and the Membership Support sub-committee as soon as possible for adding to the website. Thank you.



MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Visit our website at www.wiguernsey.co.uk to find out more about us

Good News - Denman Travel Bursary – the Federation is able to offer one further Denman Travel Bursary of up to £200.00 to cover travel costs to the College. There is a new brochure available showing all the courses available so there must be something to interest you. Course costs will not be covered by the Bursary. Contact Sarah Plumley if you are interested at sarniaplumley@hotmail.com

Four further bursaries will be announced early next year.

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE RESOLUTIONS FORM IN THIS MONTH'S WI LIFE MAGAZINE. Completed forms should be handed in to your secretary in January 2020. The forms should be then forwarded to: Jenny Cottell, Le Courtil Bailleul, La Percee, Castel, GY5 7PT before the end of January 2020.

SPORTS AND LEISURE

Annual Quiz – Tuesday 18 Feb'20

Please join us for our popular annual Sports & Leisure Fun Quiz to be held once again at La Villette Hotel starting at 7.30 pm at a cost of £9 per person (same as last year) which includes basket supper of either: Chicken and Chips, Scampi and Chips, Sausage and Chips or Vegetarian Quiche and chips.

Strictly limited to 20 tables of 4 per team Please send name, menu choice and payment (cheques payable to GIFWI) no later than Monday 10 February to Pam Preece, No.4 Le Petit Bigard, New

Road, Forest GY8 0JP, phone 767423 email: monte.preece@cwgsy.net.

DARTS 2020 DATES

January 15 and 29 / February 26 / March 18
April 15th Individual Knockout
May 6th Team Knockout
May 20th Inter Island

ARTS AND HOMECRAFTS

2020 Eisteddfod

Why not use these dark evenings and your creative skills to make an entry for the 2020 Eisteddfod? Members entering can earn points for their Institutes toward the WI Eisteddfod Shield which is awarded each year at the Annual Council. Booklets and entry forms are available at retail outlets or on-line at <https://www.guernseyeisteddfod.com> Good Luck.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS



SHOW THE LOVE 2020 –

The Committee is planning an Art Project for next year's campaign in February 2020 and we need your help. We require broken or chipped white and green china or pieces of sea glass. Can you please save and we will provide further details in due course.

Remember when planning your 2020 Programme to include something for Show the Love 2020 – perhaps your members could wear

something green or with hearts for your February meeting?

OTHER NEWS

CHARITY "HOME – START" ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. The Charity is currently looking to recruit volunteers to start a Volunteer Preparation Course in January and feel the WI would have a lot to offer some of our families. They would be more than happy to come in and talk at your meetings if this would be beneficial.

If you would like more details, please contact Caroline Sauvarin, Tel: 720382 - Website: www.home-startguernsey.org.gg

JERSEY WI SPRING HOLIDAY - 6th to 13th May 2020

Visit this lovely island with so much to offer and attend the 75th anniversary of the Liberation Day. The price is £525 per person for a double or twin-bedded shared room (single £735) and includes guided visits to places of interest.



Accommodation at the centrally located Mayfair hotel is on a half board basis but travel to / from Jersey is not included. Friends and family welcome. For more information please ring Joy on 01534 732295 or email: Jerseywi.holiday@yahoo.com