

theWI Guernsey

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE ISLAND

SEPTEMBER 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sept

Sat	12	Guernsey PRIDE
Sat	12	Scan'n'cut workshop
Tues	15	Darts and trophies presentation
Tues	29	Darts

Oct

Tues	20	Darts
Wed	21	St Johns Annual Quiz

Nov

Tues	3	Darts
Tues	17	Darts
Fri	27	Fun Quiz and Arts/Craft Expo

Dec

Tues	1	Darts
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See page 2 for 2021 darts dates

GUERNSEY PRIDE – Saturday 12 September

Be a part of the ONLY Pride event this year in the British Isles. This year Guernsey WI will be joining the celebrations with a stand at Candie Gardens and then taking part in the parade down to market square.

If you would like to help out and be a part of this family event please contact me : Corrina Walker at info@beauvallon.co.uk or [07911 733092](tel:07911733092)



ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Due to the lockdown, our 2020 Annual Council Meeting had to be postponed. The Board of Trustees have reviewed the legal advice and guidance provided by National and the Charities Commission and have decided to cancel this year's meeting and concentrate on arrangement for 2021.

The inspected Financial Reports for 2020 have been send to WI Treasurers for approval by the members at the September meetings. An approval form has been included for signature, plus a stamped addressed envelope, please return these to Jenny Cottell following your meeting.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION EXTENDED

For those members who have not seen the news, NFWI, in consultation with Federations, have due to the Covid-19 pandemic extended this year's membership subscriptions by three additional months. The new renewal date for membership subscriptions will be **1 April 2021**. In addition, from this point forward, membership renewal will be April each year, acknowledging feedback from many about the challenges of the January payment date.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Corrina Walker has now successfully completed her WI Advisers Training and was recently presented with



her certificate by our Chairman, Linda Falla, at St Saviours W.I. 70th Birthday celebrations. She is an exceptionally talented lady, who helped entertain members with her singing too.

Well done, Corrina.

Closing date for entries for the **October 2020 Newsletter** is **Friday 11 September 2020**
Entries to Sharon Williams – sawilliams@cwgsy.net or Tel. 710007.



NEWS FROM COMMITTEES

DARTS

The Sports and Leisure Committee are pleased to announce KGV have kindly agreed to allow the WI to use their facilities with the full use of two dartboards. Please note the new evening **(TUESDAY)**. The Committee is also looking at less games per evening so as to finish earlier.

The same chef is still at the KGV and will be pleased to serve food on the evening, so why not arrive earlier with your team and supporters, making it a truly social evening. Tea, coffee and other drinks from the bar are also available.



Dates for 2021

January 5 and 19
February 2 and 23
March 16 and 30
April 20
May 4 and 18

Please note that the League trophies will be presented on 15 September 2020.

BEHIND EVERY
SUCCESSFUL *woman*
IS A TRIBE OF OTHER
successful WOMEN,
WHO HAVE *her back*.

SPORTS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE QUIZ

Here is a date for your diary - **Thursday 18 February 2021**. Further details will be given in due course.

BROTHER SCAN'N'CUT WORKSHOP - Sat 12 September

The next workshop will be at Les Capelles Community Centre (Rocher Room) from 10.00am until 4.00pm. £10 per person (bring along your lunch). To reserve a place please contact Eileen Jones tel. 237847 or mobile 07911 720341

2021 DIARIES

The 2021 WI Diary will have a royal blue recyclable cover and be priced at £5.10 this year. Please order from your WI Treasurer so orders can be returned to Maureen McDonald (726233) with cheques payable to GIFWI.

ARTS & HOMECRAFTS

After many years serving on the Arts & Homecrafts committee, sadly June Cunningham has decided it is time for her to step down as Secretary.

I, along with all of the committee would like to thank June for her commitment and hard work helping to deliver the wide range of events we have offered over the years. June has been an excellent secretary to both myself and my predecessor, Eileen Jones. June is still a hard-working WI officer as President of Catel WI and we wish her well – with hopefully a little more time on her hands!

Corrina Walker & The Arts & Homecrafts team.

NEWS FROM INSTITUTES

ST JOHNS ANNUAL QUIZ

Members and friends will be welcome at our annual quiz on **Wednesday 21st October** at 7.30pm at the Vale Douzaine Room.

Homemade soup and crusty bread followed by cake will be served (special diets can also be catered for if you let us know in advance) cost £7.00 per person. Please bring your own bowl and spoon to reduce waste and single use plastic. Please contact Ingrid Gallie tel. 714021 or mobile 07781 115037 / ingridgallie@suremail.gg to book your place for teams of four.

EISTEDDFOD SHIELD 2020

This year's winners are St Saviours WI (2235 points), followed by St Johns (1190 points) and Vale (245 points). Congratulations to St Saviours on winning the shield again this year.

FUN QUIZ AND CRAFT EXHIBITION

The Board of Trustees are looking to hold a fun quiz at La Capelles Hall at 7.30pm on **Friday 27 November 2020**.



There will also be an opportunity for members to display any items of arts and craft they have made during lockdown.

More details will follow in the next newsletter.

LETTER FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

You should have received a copy from your Institute but for those have not received it yet

9 June 2020

Good morning everyone

Things are improving quite rapidly in Guernsey and it does look as though WI members will be able to get together very soon, albeit in a quite different way to our previous gatherings. Many of our meeting places are not yet accepting groups back as several have pre-schools and nurseries that take place in the premises.

Several WIs have been extremely inventive in finding ways to communicate with members, particularly in the use of Zoom and social media. Pam Gerrard, our island treasurer, and I had our first experience of Zoom last week in a conference with NFWI hosted by Lynne Stubbings. It is certainly being considered as a useful tool for the future to enable all federations to participate and save money. Lynne sends her thanks to every WI across the country for keeping the organisation running and supporting the members at this time.

If your usual meeting place is closed, please consider various ways that you could get together. Sausmarez are to meet in a member's garden in June and St Saviour's has planned a beach clean followed by fish and chips (on the beach) in July. On Saturday, the Board of Trustees planned to meet in the treasurer's garden. Unfortunately, the weather was against us and we had to go indoors, but it was good to get together rather than doing the business via email.

Should you decide to meet in a garden, on the beach or have a gentle walk somewhere, please adhere strictly to the government guidelines. August outings can still be considered, and the regulations are likely to have been relaxed still further.

Until then, please remember

- No more than 30 people can gather for a social event
- Names and contact numbers must be taken down for quick contact if the need should arise
- Keep 1 metre apart from each other
- Members should bring their own refreshments
- Do not share pens, utensils etc
- Use hand sanitizer and of course.....wash your hands!

If you decide not to have a meeting just yet, small groups could go out for coffee together as cafes and beach kiosks are now open. I'm quite sure that many of you are already doing this, but some of our members may still feel rather cautious about venturing out too soon, which is quite understandable.

You may have seen in the newsletter that an exhibition of work created during the lockdown will take place, so keep crafting. If you take photos, write poetry or keep a journal, all these can be used in a WI Guernsey journal to document 2020 for future generations who will learn about it in history lessons!

Meanwhile, keep checking on MyWI for recipes, crafts and news from NFWI and other federations. Denman is offering talks and short classes via Zoom which look interesting, too. Hopefully, it will not be too long before we can return to relative normality.

A bétao, Linda

As Guernsey enters Phase Five on Saturday 20 June, WI Activities can recommence. Well done everyone.

#GuernseyTogether

NEWS FROM NATIONAL HOW HAS THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) IMPACTED YOU?

The NFWI has launched a new survey to understand WI members' experience of lockdown, and the impact of Covid-19 on local communities. Your responses will help inform campaigning activities and help the NFWI call for any changes that might benefit women and their communities during these difficult times. The survey should only take 10-12 minutes to complete and is completely confidential. The survey can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9P9HYS6>

UPDATE ON THE NFWI ANNUAL MEETING 2021

NFWI is pleased to announce it has secured a venue for its 2021 Annual Meeting which will be held at the Royal Albert Hall on **Monday 19 April 2021**. 2021 will also be the Royal Albert Hall's 150th Anniversary year. The Public Affairs department is currently working out how the resolutions process will be impacted by the cancellation this year.

The Board of Trustees feel it would be fair to allow those delegates who had been selected to attend the 2020 AGM which was cancelled should have the first opportunity to attend in 2021. Delegates will be contacted directly in due course.

RESOLUTIONS 2019 /20

As the NFWI Annual Meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the two resolutions due to be discussed were not able to be debated or voted on by delegates. The NFWI Board of Trustees has decided that in these exceptional circumstances, the results of the shortlist selection process will be used as a proxy for the Annual Meeting vote. The resolutions receiving the most votes were:

A call to increase potential stem cell donor registration (38,280 votes) and **End modern slavery** (35,395)

LOCAL NEWS

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Tel: 256693

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The Board of Trustees will announce further details in the near future.

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THINGS TO DO

If your institute cannot restart its meetings due to restrictions at venues or members have concerns over social distancing, you could try holdings a virtual meeting.



The Board of Trustees have received details of a virtual talk from the Guides Dogs for the Blind in the UK. It is estimated that there are around 5,000 visually impaired people living in the Channel Islands. If you would like more details, please send an email to: speakers@guidedogs.org.uk

There are also a number of on-line courses and virtual talks which can be found on MyWI or being offered by Denman College, along with things to make, bake and create. Check out details on <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/> or <https://www.denman.org.uk/whats-on/>

Something to make you smile:

“WITH APOLOGIES TO WILLIAM BLAKE”

*And did our feet, pre Covid times
Walk upon England’s mountains green?
And were our children out at play
In England’s pleasant pastures seen?*

*Nd did those rainbows so divine,
Shine forth upon our windowsills
For NHS, much needed here
Amongst towns, villages, and hills!*

*Bring me my soap, to wash my hands
Bring me my shopping I require
Bring me my health, and my household
Bring me the strength that I desire*

*We will not cease to fight this blight
Nor spread this virus by our hand
Till we have stayed six feet apart
To free our green and pleasant land!*

Shirley Hunt, Worlingham WI
Suffolk East Federation

Note: There is no newsletter in August

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JUNE 2020

I hope everyone is staying safe and keeping well in these unusual times.

Whilst Liberation Day 2020 was vastly different to that we expected, what did you do to celebrate during lockdown?



Home baked afternoon tea, joining your “bubble” with another or a “zoom” virtual party or a sing along.

If you would like to share a photograph or a short story for our next newsletter, please send to the Editor, Sharon Williams (see details below) by **Friday 12 June**.

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If you would be interested in donating some items for sale, or just to show people what you have been doing, please contact Sharon Williams (sawilliams@cwgsy.net) who is maintaining a list of those people interested. Further details to follow.

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THINGS TO DO

As we can't travel and enjoy the Chelsea Flower Show this year, why not go online, and take part with the Virtual RHS show instead. From 18 to 23 May 2020 the world's greatest flower show is going digital to bring you an exciting line up of world leading designers, plant experts and practical gardening advice. Find out more at <https://www.rhs.org.uk>



**THE SHARED HEARTS
PROJECT**
Dying Matters
Awareness Week
11 -17 May 2020



The States of Guernsey is encouraging Islanders to get their knitting needles out for a beautiful cause.

The Shared Hearts Project is being launched as part of 'Dying Matters Awareness Week', reaching out to the community to knit a pair of hearts. These handmade hearts will provide an ever-lasting connection between those families where a loved one dies in care without family able to be present.

These hearts become a bond through separation. Whilst particularly relevant as HSC and the community contend with COVID-19, this project will continue in the coming months.

The idea behind the awareness week is to help people talk more openly about death and bereavement, with the theme this year being 'Let's talk about it'. We know that losing someone right now, with the current restrictions we have in place, is even harder than usual.

If you are not able to attend a funeral, St Margaret's Hospice has produced 'Remembering in love' which provides support and ideas for readings, poems, and prayers to use at home.

For more information and support, go to: <https://covid19.gov.gg/support/loss>

Knitting pattern can be found here:

<https://covid19.gov.gg/sites/default/files/2020-05/Shared%20hearts%20knitting%20pattern%20-%20Dying%20Matters.pdf>

A LITTLE POEM FROM PAM AYERS

*I'm normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
We can't go out the gates.*

*You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died.*

*They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told.*

*We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s -
If you only knew the truth!*

*There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.*

*Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum,
Somebody's wife, then nana,
Who on earth did we become?*

*We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full
But to bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull!*

*So here you find me stuck inside
For 4 weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!*

*It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no flaming flour!*

*Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.*

*At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!*

*So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this awful virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.*

*We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!*

NHS STAFF THANK YOU LETTER

Inside the wrapping of the May/June issue of WI Life, you'll find a letter template you can send to NHS workers to thank them for everything they are doing during the coronavirus pandemic. Information on how to use the letter can be found on page 11, and, if you'd like to print more copies, the template is also available to download on **MyWI**

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MAY 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hello WI friends

We find ourselves in such strange circumstances never imagined just a couple of months ago. As I write this, the Board of Trustees would usually be ready for the Annual Council meeting the following week and the WI Advisors would be preparing for the resolution meetings in May.

Those of you elected as representatives of your group of WIs for the National AGM will be disappointed that you are unable to go to it in June, as am I. There is nothing quite like 5000 women singing Jerusalem in the Royal Albert Hall accompanied by that magnificent organ.

Thank goodness for the sunshine. It won't be long before we are saying that the gardens need some rain! Hopefully it encourages us to get out for a little exercise each day or to potter in the garden.

Sending very best wishes to you all. I think it will be a good excuse for a big get together once the restrictions are lifted completely, even if that turns out to be a little while off. Watch this space!

Keep well and keep safe
Linda

email: dj.lafalla@cwgsy.net
tel: 264999 mobile: 07781 430405

LOCAL NEWS

2020 EISTEDDFOD

Although the Eisteddfod exhibition was not able to go ahead, judging took place as planned the previous weekend. There were many other classes such as photography, music and drama that also took place. The Board of Trustees have decided to award the WI Eisteddfod trophy to the winning institute based on the entries that were able to be judged.

Please ask your members to let you know how many entries each person had, and any certificates awarded, and trophies won. We trust members to be honest and do not require them to send in the actual adjudication slips or certificates at this time (just to be completely safe). The results should be forwarded to Jenny Cottell at jenny.cottell@icloud.com by the end of April.

GIFWI DARTS LEAGUE RESULTS

Due to the current situation of lockdown, the Sports and Leisure Committee have decided to calculate the results based on the points for the games played.

The results are as follows:

1 st	GY WI C Team	41 points
2 nd	GY WI B Team	40 points
3 rd	Three teams tied	39 points

Jenny Cottell had the highest score of 121 Trophies will hopefully be awarded at the first darts evening in September.

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GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION OF CHARITIES

As this crisis continues to affect each and every one of our lives, the Association of Guernsey Charities is continuing to work exceptionally hard on your behalf to ensure that each and every charity has the information and support required through these difficult times.

Many organisations have had to make substantial changes to their operation - either to suspend operations for the foreseeable future, or to scale up to meet the increasing demand. Whatever your charity is doing - if you need any help, advice, or additional resources, please contact them at mail@charity.org.gg.

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NEWS FROM NATIONAL WI LIFE audio services

We have been notified that the Kent Association for the Blind who produce and send out the audio version of WI Life have temporarily closed its office due to COVID-19 and will be unable to replicate studio production in a homeworking set-up.

This means some vulnerable members will not have the comfort of their audio version of WI Life during these challenging times. If you know of anyone who received this version of the magazine and would be able to make a recording of some items from the magazine to help, this would be appreciated.

DENMAN

Please note that all courses, course and events until 1 June have been cancelled and those scheduled to run until 1 July 2020 have been postponed for alternative dates later in the year, subject to availability.

Denman college will not be contactable by telephone or email and will not be able to process any payments or refunds during this period.

If you have any urgent queries, please contact the NFWI Membership and Engagement team on membership@nfwf.org.uk

WI SHOP AND BRECHINSET

Following the recent UK government's announcement, Brechinset, the WI's handling house, has shut down. This means that until further notice **the WI web shop will be closed and no orders can be fulfilled.**

COMPETITIONS

Cocooning at home and looking for something creative to do? WI Life magazine has **two shiny new competitions** to keep you busy: write a 600-word short story, and/or take a snap of 'life on pause' between now and May 18. Winners will be printed in our July/August issue!

The Story

Write a 600-word short story on the theme of 'TOGETHERNESS'. While we can't be with all our friends, family and WI sisters just now, we are in this together, even when apart. It could be a tale of laughter, intrigue, mystery, or misbehaviour. Email your story to us by MAY 18 at WILife@nfwf.org.uk, putting **SHORT STORY COMPETITION** in the subject line. Please include your name, WI and federation. The winning story will appear in full in the July/August issue of WI Life and be featured on our social media channels. Get writing!

Photo competition

We are looking for a single image that captures an aspect of life during 'lockdown'. It could be something you crafted or cooked, a fun activity with your 'isolation mates', or even just a beautiful moment that lifted your spirits... but it must be taken during these weeks at home. Email your photo in as big a format as possible to WILife@nfwf.org.uk by MAY 18, putting **PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION** as the subject. Please include your name, WI and federation, plus up to 100 words telling the story behind the image, for your chance to be in the mag!



Together we are
stronger #GuernseyTogether

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