



CHAIRMAN'S CORNER:

With Christmas, New Year and the Exhibition Afternoon behind us, it's time to at least start to think about annual meetings. Are you thinking you will be organised in March and have no worries or are you really worried about who will lead you into the new WI year and need to do some serious thinking? If it's the latter please do chat amongst your members and make sure you have a committee and people willing to take on officers' roles.

Time to think about future resolutions too. The last one was more difficult for us to do a great deal about so let's hope this year's will be easier.



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FEDERATION DIARY DATES - FEBRUARY

Thu	01	1030	Strictly Easy Dancing (weekly) L'Hermitage Gardens Village Hall
Mon	05	1400	Badminton (weekly) New Gilson Hall, La Pouquelaye
Fri	16	1930	Scrabble L'Hermitage Gardens Village Hall
Sat	17	1000	Crochet Club WI Office
Wed	21	am/eve	Groovi Parchment Craft Groups WI Office
Thu	22	1030	Walk Goose on the Green car park
Fri	23	1400	Canasta L'Hermitage Gardens Village Hall
Sun	25	1245	Sunday Lunch Club Isabella' Union Inn
Thu	29	1430	Bingo Afternoon Trinity Parish Hall

If you are unable to register at your WI meeting but would like to attend a Federation event, please contact the organising Chairman or the WI Office. Please do not just turn up as venues often have limits to the number of guests allowed on the premises and admitting over this number invalidates our insurance.

Please do not attend an event if you are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms. Please take a lateral flow test to check for a negative result before attending WI meetings or Federation events.

'TEMPS PASSE'

WI Centenary Baton 2015

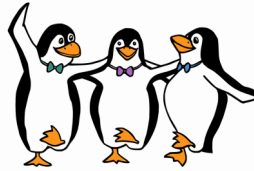
L-R
Maureen Bougeard, Maureen De Gruchy, Amber Du Feu And Jenny Totty



COMBINED ARTS

What a lovely afternoon at the Exhibition Afternoon Tea and it was great to see so many of you. After a long wait, I am pleased to announce that the winners of the Photographic Competition 2023 are 1st Karen Cotillard (SJ), joint 2nd Elspeth Legg (SM), Betty Dartnell (SM) and Ingrid Bihet (GdA). Well done everyone and I hope those you attended enjoyed all the "Holiday" photos. - Report and photos on page 9.

Strictly Easy Dancing. The second half of this term starts on the 22 February until 21 March, only five weeks, cost £25 or £6.50 if you pay on the day. We have new members frequently, so why not come and join us for some easy exercise and get rid of the last of the Christmas excess! 10.30 - 11.30 followed by a welcome tea and coffee.



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COMMUNICATIONS

Your two choices of monthly meeting reports for the Communications Award must be in by 22 February.

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CRAFTS & ART

Congratulations to all who entered the autumn competitions and thank you for taking part. I think the Exhibition afternoon went well and was enjoyed by all. Apologies for the late delivery of the results but we can't control the weather! - Report and Photos on Pages 7 and 8.

Margaret Dunell Award – Sue Bone (HB)
2nd place – Sharon Gisler (T), 3rd place – Jill Campbell (SM)
Novice Award – Sharon Gisler (T),
Mollie Beadle Award – Jill Campbell (SM), 2nd place – Norma Spillar (T)
Daisy Buesnel Award - Betty Dartnell (SM)
JIFWI Craft Award – 1st Sheila de Caux (St M)

The theme for 2024 is "Up, up and away". Get your thinking caps on.

The **Groovi Parchment Groups** are on **Wednesday 21 February** at 10.00 or 19.00 for 2 hours each. All equipment is provided. Please call Maureen (741464) for more information.

The next **Crochet club** will be on **Saturday 17 February** at the WI Office from 10.00 till 12.00. Knitters and lap crafters are invited along too. Everyone is welcome to come along for a friendly chat, tuition if you need it and most importantly, tea and cake. Bring your knitting or crochet or just come along for the company. The charge is £3. Please bring your own mug.

I hope lots of you have entered the Eisteddfod this year with your entries from the Exhibition afternoon. If anyone would like to steward at the Eisteddfod, on a two-hour shift, please contact Sue Bone at eist.needlework@gmail.com



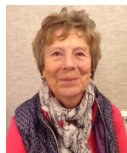
Due to unforeseen circumstances, there is a change to the Schedule for the **Millennium Cup** competition. The theme will now be filling a shoebox for a **15-year-old girl** (not an adult as originally stated) with a choice of items to make. A revised schedule is with your secretary.



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HOME ECONOMICS

I hope that you are all trying out recipes for an interesting Treacle Tart and we look forward to a large number of entries for the Victoria Sandwich competition both in March. Please also remember to start thinking about the preserves competition-Piccalilli is something different.



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MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their selection for which resolution they wish to have discussed at the National Annual Meeting.

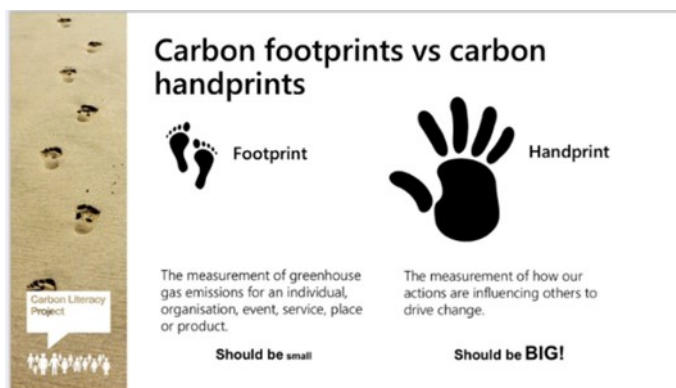
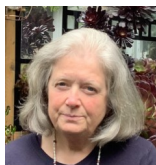
Would you like to help promote the WI RJ&HS events? We would love you to join the Team. If you are interested, please let me know.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Carbon Literacy and Net Zero. This was the focus of the training offered by gov.je for businesses and organisations. JIFWI was invited to attend the 10hour training and submit a pledge on behalf of their organization. A full report is available and will be discussed with the Trustees & PAJ Committee, please contact me for a copy. But I think this image sums it up!

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SPORTS & LEISURE

Badminton continues on Monday afternoons. No booking form to fill in, just come along to the New Gilson Hall at 1400 where you can bash shuttles to your heart's content until 1500. New players are always welcome. £31 for 15 weeks or £3.00 per session. All enquiries to Joan please (Tel: 726911).

Our next **Scrabble** session is on **Friday 16 February** at L'Hermitage Gardens Village Hall at 1930. Everyone (including friends) welcome, particularly beginners – just put your name on the form to ensure we have enough refreshments and pay on the night. We play with 'open' dictionaries where players can look up any words they wish to, before playing them, without penalty, so come along to stretch those 'little grey cells'. Cost £5.50.

Betty Galvin will be leading the **Walk on Thursday 22 February** from the Goose on the Green car-park and hopes the weather will be kind to us! Please meet at 10:30 for some good exercise. Don't forget to pay for your parking (two hours for the price of one). and wear sensible footwear and clothing. Call Betty (Tel: 726920) if you have any questions about the route.

Canasta players are invited to meet at 1400 on **Friday 23 February** at L'Hermitage Gardens Village Hall, Beaumont. Please reserve your place on the registration form and pay £6.00 on the day. These sessions are for Improvers and those who enjoy the game. We will not be teaching how to play. If you would like to learn to play, please contact me. Parking behind the Goose on the Green (two hours for the price of one).

A **Bingo Afternoon** will take place at Trinity Parish Hall on **Thursday 29 February** commencing at 1430. Cost £10.00 (includes a book of cards). Cash prizes, and light refreshments. Friends and Family welcome.

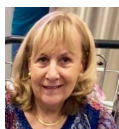


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FEDERATION

FINANCE

Treasurers: I hope that you are able to get your 2023 accounts to your allocated Independent Examiner for review. If you have any problems with this, please let me know.



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SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

Di Gladwell and Julie Shaw (St.O) have organised lunch at Isabela's for **Sunday 25 February**, 12.45 for 13:00.

Price £25 pp not including tip. Drinks to be paid separately. Card or correct cash please.

Please do a LFT before attending. Your secretary has the booking form. If unable to attend, please call Di or Julie at least 24 hours before.

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DIAMOND DRAW

At the time of writing the January draw has not taken place. Results next month.

Tickets for 2023 are still available. £11 for 11 months (February to December). Please send a cheque for the relevant amount to the WI Office or contact your WI Treasurer to make alternative arrangements. A number will be allocated to you and tickets sent via the next possible WI mailing or include a stamped addressed envelope for it to be sent to you direct. To help our admin, please, when sending personal cheques to the office for a ticket can you include the WI you belong to - thank you.

Payments can be accepted via BACS to JIFWI, Account No. 87641560; Sort Code: 30-94-61; Reference Diamond Draw.

GENUINE JERSEY POTATO COMPETITION



Members successful in the draw to take part in this year's competition will have their kit delivered to them this month.

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RIDDLE—What tastes better than it smells.

Answer on Page 13



Joy's Journal January 2024

I make no apology for harking back to my item in the Newsletter and it really is vital to start thinking now about the future. Many of our WIs are struggling to find trustees and officers in particular and the Board is in a similar position. We too need new members for the Federation Board of Trustees, many of us have been on the Board for some time and although willing to continue, fresh blood would be a real asset. That could, hopefully, bring new ideas and suggestions which would benefit us all. If you aren't willing to volunteer perhaps you have ideas of events you'd like to see the Federation putting on or that you would like to attend. Meanwhile please do consider supporting the events that are put on.

Meanwhile we have been able to enjoy two good events over the last couple of weeks - the Exhibition afternoon for Crafts, Arts and Photography and the lunch at St Brelade's Bay. I was sorry not to be able to attend the latter because of a previous engagement but when I arrived just after coffee had been served it was clear that it had been very successful. It would have been even nicer to have seen more members, there was plenty of room for at least another table but I do understand how the rising costs of events like this could prevent members from attending.

The exhibition afternoon was excellent, it was great to not only be able to admire all the wonderful exhibits but also to see a really good turn out of members, it seems an afternoon is a better time for this exhibition particularly in the winter months.

So I leave you hopefully considering a full committee with volunteers for officers and other roles to lead your WI into the next year.

Joy xxxx



FEDERATION REVIEWS

Crafts & Arts & Combined Arts

Craft and Photography Exhibition 2023

"Holiday"

Unfortunately, due to Storm Ciaran the Exhibition afternoon was postponed until January 2024.

We decided to do things differently this time and have the exhibition in the afternoon instead of the evening.

I think the afternoon went very well, everyone seemed to enjoy it. We enjoyed another great exhibition with a lovely display of entries, 20 in the Margaret Dunell award, although 1 was NAS as it was too big, 7 in Daisy Buesnel, and 6 in JIFWI Craft.

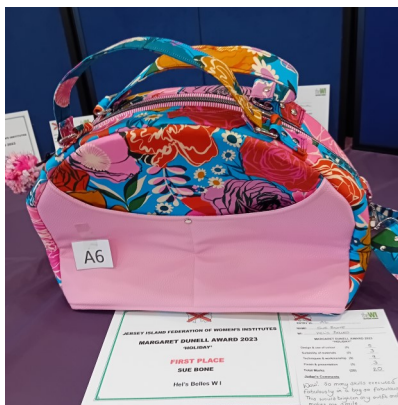


FEDERATION REVIEWS

Crafts & Arts & Combined Arts

We followed with the prize giving.
Congratulations to the winners of the "Holiday" competitions.
The results are as follows:

Margaret Dunell Award - 1st place: Sue Bone (HB)



Mollie Beadle Award - 1st place: Jill Campbell (SM)



Novice Award - 1st place: Sharon Gisler



Judge's comments: Heidi Grimes –

“Great to see such a varied range of crafts. Special mention for the hat - Wow! And the vast number Of cushions. You are a very talented bunch and I look forward to the difficult task of scoring you against each other again.”

FEDERATION REVIEWS

Crafts & Arts & Combined Arts

JIFWI Craft Award - =1st place: Sheila de Caux (SM)



Trophy collected by
Anne Pasturel, President
St. Martin WI



Judge's comments: Heidi Grimes –

“Great work, some natural variety and choices which is great to see.”

Daisy Buesnel Award - 1st place Betty Dartnell (SM)



Judge's comments: Peter Fancourt – The theme of this year’s exhibition “HOLIDAY” has highlighted many different facets of peoples’ ideas of a holiday. All of these pictures demonstrate how colour is SO important in our lives. It is amazing how the word Holiday can conjure up so many varied thoughts and ideas. Well done to all the artists who entered.

Just a reminder to you all that the theme for 2024 is "UP, UP AND AWAY" and there will be a restriction on the size of entries to the Needlecraft and JIFWI Craft competitions to no bigger than 24” or 60 cm.

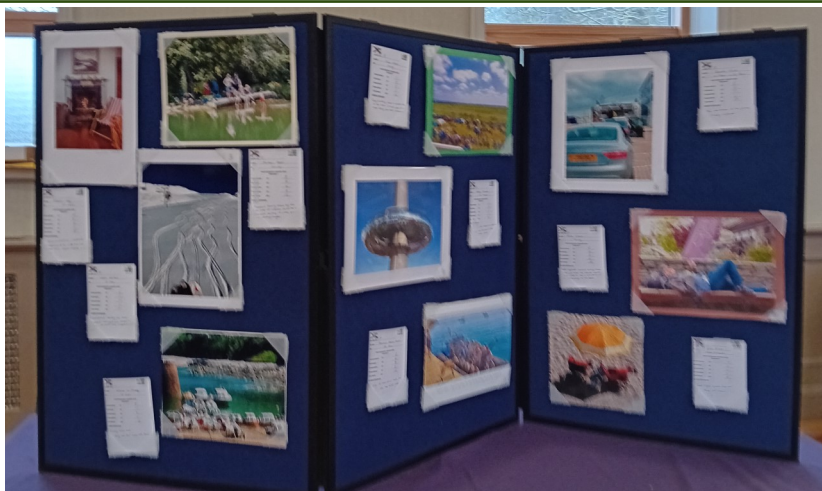
A three way conversation during the afternoon



FEDERATION REVIEWS

Crafts & Arts & Combined Arts

The Photographic Competition had been well supported with 20 entries. The word "Holiday" had conjured up all sorts of different ideas.



1st Prize went to Karen Cotillard from St. John WI



And there were three joint seconds



Elspeth Legg
St. Martin WI



Betty Dartnell
St. Martin WI



Ingrid Bihet
Greve d'Azette WI

FEDERATION REVIEWS

Sports & Leisure

Scrabble

The Scrabble shield for the member with the highest average points in the 2022/23 season was presented to Anne Pasturel.

Anne's average score was 217, Sue Frost (Hel's Belles) was second with 201 and Sharon Gizler) third with 173.



Federation Lunch

Forty Seven members came together at St. Brelade's Bay Hotel for the Federation Lunch on a sunny but bright Saturday afternoon. The food was excellent as always and everyone said how much they had enjoyed it.



OUT AND ABOUT AROUND THE WI'S

St. Martin

Despite the freezing weather the first meeting of the year was very well attended. Sally Minty-Gravett was our guest speaker. She was born in the Belgian Congo but her parents returned to Jersey with her when she was 6. She learnt to swim at the age of 4 at Havre Des Pas Swimming Pool. Swimming has always been at the centre of Sally's life and she showed huge promise from an early age.

In 1974 Sally completed her first Channel Swim. Since then she has completed a Channel Swim in every decade, a fantastic achievement. Sally met her husband, Charlie, in 1985 and they married in 1986. Charlie was a huge support to Sally.



In 2016 Sally swam to France and back to Folkestone in 36 hours 21 minutes. Her most recent Channel swim was in 2022 and she dedicated this swim to Charlie. Members wanted to know when she planned her next swim! Sally brought her MBE, photos with Prince Charles and certificates from The Guinness Book of records. The talk was memorable and inspiring. Sally certainly deserves all her many accolades and awards.



Trinity

Trinity W.I. members had a surprise when they woke up on 9th January to find everything covered in snow. Needless to say the meeting was cancelled. It was the second time that Chris Frost from Eyecan had been expected, the first time he had to cancel as he had covid, so hopefully a third time to be arranged will be a lucky date.



OUT AND ABOUT AROUND THE WI'S

St. Clement

There was a great deal of chatter and a full hall as St Clements and Greve dAlette WI's met up for a joint meeting. Pauline Daly welcomed everyone and introduced Rachel Andrews from Riding for the Disabled. Rachel did a power point presentation where we were able to see the work they do and what joy they give to all the children.

We had tea before carrying out the business section of the meeting everyone voting for this year's resolution and signing up for Anchors Aweigh lunch being held at Partners.

We were also pleased to welcome two new members Miriam and Thelma

There was a joint bumper raffle carried out before the meeting was brought to a close.

St. Lawrence

A Happy New Year to you all.

It seems a long break since we had our meeting in the Parish Hall - November out with a damaged roof and December we were outfor dinner.

Colleen Vautier received her certificate for 35 years membership of the WI. Others members are thinking about the many federation craft competitions while also joining in with our book club, supper club or other activities in St Lawrence.

This January we followed a traditional evening with Lucy Stephenson as our speaker. Her mother had been a member of St Lawrence WI.

Lucy spoke about her career as a journalist. After university she had some experience of the national press but that made her realise that her real vocation was for regional press with its sense of community unlike the national press that can be hard nosed. This brought her back home to Jersey to the JEP. The news room is very reliant on people sending in news observations. Eventually personal experience and that of others led Lucy to lead some newspaper capaigns. Side-by Side responded to the floods in Madeira.

They raised £100,000 for the people. Lucy went to Madeira a year later to see how the recovery was going. The Love Hearts Appeal for organ donation and Tiny Seeds fertility charity touch issues of personal experience for Lucy but also serve to help people going through difficult situations feel less alone. I assume that Lucy's experience as a political journalist and her experiences of community issues and campaigns led Lucy into politics. She finds being on the other side of an interview for example does give her a different perspective. She tries to answer very fully so that she is clear about the factors affecting any issue. She was asked by a member how she had dealt with her emotions when dealing with a difficult situation to report. Lucy said that a journalist tries to stay focussed and professional but that there is a contrast between the follow-up support given to members of the emergency services and almost none for a journalist. Something she considers needs rethinking. At the end of an engrossing talk Jennifer Jones gave a fulsome vote of thanks.



OUT AND ABOUT AROUND THE WI'S

Greve D'Azette

Members of Greve d'Azette and St Clement's WI met at the Parish Hall for a joint meeting.

Our speaker was Rachael Andrews from Riding For the Disabled Association. Rachael was accompanied by Kerry one of the volunteers. A very informative video was shown explaining that donkeys were ridden at the beginning but now they ride ponies. We were told that ponies have the correct temperament, they are quiet and don't react to sudden movements. The Association began by taking children from Mont a L'Abbe and Bel Royal Schools but now include children from Rouge Bouillon, Springfield, St Clement and Plat Douet Schools. These riding sessions help children with physical, learning difficulty, autism, and low esteem. They also take children to The Calvert Trust Activity Centre Exmoor. This Centre was founded to enable people with disabilities to benefit from outdoor activities in the countryside.



Rachael ended this extremely interesting talk by saying that they need a large number of volunteers to help run the riding sessions and that the association relies solely on donations.

Rachael and Kerry were warmly thanked for such an interesting and informative talk.

St. Helier Sirens

St Helier Sirens January meeting was a talk from Mike Panter on the re cycle cafe. We were told there are three now on the island and are on a Saturday morning.



Our social for January was a trip to Maison St Louis Met office. This was very interesting and informative.

Answer to the Riddle—Your tongue

OUT AND ABOUT AROUND THE WI'S

La Moye

La Moye WI had a sweet start to the year with a chocolate tasting. Milk and Dark chocolate bars had been melted down and remolded into anonymous bars for a blind tasting. Our members obviously know their chocolate and correctly identified all of them! The favourite milk chocolate was Galaxy, with Cadbury's close behind and followed by Waitrose. There was a tie at the top with the dark chocolate - Lindt and Waitrose has the same score - but bearing in mind that Waitrose was cheaper for a larger weight of chocolate - which would you buy! Co-op Fairtrade came in as a poor third.

We then formed into groups to make suggestions for our 2024 programme and are looking forward to another interesting year.

First Tower & Millbrook

Our December meeting was at St Brélade's Bay Hotel where we enjoyed a lovely lunch and everyone came. We all received a small Xmas gift and we did a money raffle and a football card. We also had 2 birthdays to celebrate. One of them was our oldest member and she was so overwhelmed with decorations, birthday cake and birthday present.



We also attended the St Helier Parish Hall Xmas meal for St Helier parish. Good time had by all.

