

Chairperson Report – AGM April 2025

It is a privilege to chair Bridge NI and I want to take this opportunity to first of all thank our Treasurer Rebecca for all the hard work she puts into keeping our accounts in check and also helping to organise our programmes.

Also, a huge thankyou to our very strong committee the support that they give Rebecca and I throughout the year we could not do this without them, and all you ladies who are so faithful as your attendance to Bridge NI is such an encouragement to us and makes it all worthwhile.

We had another very busy successful year last year continuing a further programme of Craft, Mindfulness, Yoga, we had a very successful fund raiser and invited Patsy Cline tribute followed by a DJ.

We had a great day out in June with a coach full of ladies to the **Famine Village in Ballyliffen** then a lovely evening meal at the stunning location **Ballyliffen Spa Hotel**.

Unfortunately, in the Autumn we were saddened by the death of one of our lovely members - Beryl Harvey who attended our Bridge NI Dundonald.

Our Autumn /Winter programme was a busy time doing Autumn Pots, flower arrangements with Dorthy, Mobile Volunteering, Belfast Film Nights from Bronagh - we celebrated Christmas by joining our three groups together at Inverary which gives a group of about 87 ladies having a fun party night of food and grateful for the buns BCC supplied, enjoying a very competitive quiz, Bridgo Bingo and carol singing.

January Blues evening we all joined together for our own 70's night which went down a storm.

Last month we celebrated **International Women's Day** together inviting Jo to demonstrate and prepare some Caribbean Food for everyone to taste.

Just on a finishing note I was preparing my report and this week the weather has been lovely bright spring days, I would encourage you all to be taking time for yourselves in busy world as Lynda always says live in the moment, take time out in the garden admiring the spring flowers or a short walk in the park and take time out leave your phone down and enjoy the sun while it lasts.

Thank you everyone.

Linda