

STROUD EVENING WI NEWSLETTER



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GIANT EASTER MARKET WAS A HIT FOR STROUD EVENING WI!

The Giant Easter Market in Petersfield is an annual event that brings together the local community for a day of fun, shopping, and charity. Held at the Petersfield Festival Hall, this vibrant market features over 70 stalls offering a wide array of items, including Easter gifts, collectables, scented candles, vintage clothing, artwork, jewellery, and crafts. One of the highlights of the market is its charitable aspect. Proceeds from the event benefit various local charities, including the Portsmouth Hospitals Cancer Fund.

Our WI members volunteered to bake some fantastic cakes to sell while others spent the day making tea/coffee, bacon butties, cheese crumpets and more! It is a great fundraiser for us, and we are lucky to have members support us, it is a testament to the town's spirit of togetherness and generosity. (more photos p4)

Check out the interview on **Shine Radio** with our very own Glen Wellstead which starts at minute 7:05!

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13th May

19:30 – 21:30

Doors open at 19:10

AGM, Janet Goring with Bluebird Storytelling, and will have the £200 Denman Bursary Draw


STROUD VILLAGE HALL

Ramsdean Road

Petersfield (Stroud)

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JUNE

Fashion Show in association

with Cancer Research UK (CRUK)

CHARITY UPDATE

Portsmouth Hospital Charities Cancer Fund:

We are pleased to announce that from the proceeds of the food stall we held at the Giant Easter Charity Market, Stroud Evening WI have donated £100! This money was a portion of £2000 donated to the cause on the day. It is wonderful to be able to support our local charities, especially in such a fun way!

Hopefully, you will join us at the next one!

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| <p>Saturday 17 May Coffee Morning with Pre-loved Handbag, Jewellery and Scarf Sale WI House, 10am - 1pm</p>  <p>Tea/coffee and cake £3</p> | <p>Wednesday 4 June NFWI AGM Tea Party in WI House, Eastleigh 10am - 4pm</p>  <p>Watch the NFWI AGM with fellow Hampshire WI members</p> <p>Tickets £15 (Delegates £10) includes buffet lunch plus tea/coffee and cake</p> <p>www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1243633875399</p> | <p>Sold Out 13 May 2025 The Queens' Pearls and Cream Tea 2.30pm Lymington Town Sailing Club</p> <p>Dates for your Diary Tuesday 23 September Speaker Selection Day Havant Rugby Football Club Details to be confirmed</p> <p>Friday 26 September Quiz Final Pavilion-in-the-Park for winners of the group rounds</p> |
| <p>Tuesday 30 September Darts Tournament Day 4pm - 9pm Locomotive Engineers' Club (next door to WI House)</p>  <p>Have you booked a place for your WI's Team?</p> <p>Email: ticketing@hampshirewi.org.uk</p> | <p>Tuesday 7 October The Red Dress 11am - 3.30pm The Concorde Club, Eastleigh See this amazing dress, hear the story, enjoy a buffet lunch.</p>  <p>Tickets £35</p> <p>www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1312755118899</p> | <p>Friday 10 October Murder Mystery Evening with a two-course dinner Havant Rugby Football Club</p>  <p>Tickets £45</p> <p>www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1309735085899</p> |

Boots the Chemist in the High Street is collecting pill blister packs rather than put them in landfill.



Starting May, we will recycle these for you! **Bring your blister packs to our meetings** and we will take them to the recycling boxes, any Boots points will then go towards raffle prizes!

Walking Netball

We are so pleased to announce we are teaming up with **Petersfield Evening WI** for Netball! Starting 8th May, they will be running a 5-week course at Churcher's College (7-8pm) on the outside courts. £5 per session, money goes toward the hire of the courts and host training (for sustainability of the sport). Please sign up! No experience necessary.



COMMITTEE CORNER

Our committee works behind the scenes to make our WI fun, interesting and social! We have two roles that need to be filled, we would love to have you on board! *Committee meeting attendance is optional, but we'd love to have you there!* ✨

- **Social, Speaker Selection role:** This can be multiple people to inject fun into our group! This role will work with the group to find speakers for 2026 and look at opportunities for us to socialise outside our meetings.
- **Deputy Treasurer:** This role will assist Rosemary with Treasurer duties. This role would develop into the treasurer role when Rosemary steps down.



COMMUNITY

 Thursday 12th APRIL |  **Keep Britain Tidy: Thank You to Our Supportive Community.** During the end of March and beginning of April, members of the Stroud Evening Women's Institute (WI) demonstrated their commitment to environmental stewardship by participating in a beach cleanup at Lee-On-Solent and



a village cleanup in Stroud, Hampshire. This initiative was in collaboration with Surfers Against Sewage, a renowned organization dedicated to protecting the UK's coastlines and marine environments and Stroud Parish Council.



The WI members, equipped with gloves, bags, and a keen sense of purpose, worked tirelessly to remove litter and debris from the beach and their village. Their efforts not only contributed to the beautification of the respective environments but also played a crucial role in safeguarding wildlife and promoting a cleaner, healthier environment.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Members Subs: Thank you to all who have paid your annual subscription. If you have not yet paid, please pay via BACS. Membership fee this year is £51.

BACS details are:
STROUD EVENING W I REG CHARITY

Account #: 97175503

Sort Code: 09 01 51

Memberships renewed after 6th May will be required to re-join as personal data will be removed from the WI database.

Members Update: MJ is leaving us this month. She has contributed much to our WI through her roles on the committee, organising social events, speakers and



volunteering for our fundraising events. Her sunny disposition will be missed but we wish her well as she tours the world, stay in touch, we'd love to hear of your travels!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

6 – Committee – 7 ☆ @ 1800

13 – Annual Meeting, Bluebird Storytelling and Denman Bursary Draw @1930

24 – Quiz Night - 7 ☆ @1930

June

3 – Committee – 7 ☆ @ 1800

10 – Fashion Show in association with Cancer Research UK @1930

26 – Quiz Night - 7 ☆ @1930

July

1 – Committee – 7 ☆ @ 1800

8 – We Ring, You Ring @1930

31 – Quiz Night - 7 ☆ @1930

Aug

5 – Committee – 7 ☆ @ 1800

12 - Jane Austen and her best friend Marth with Jane Glennie. OPEN evening

Sept

5 – Committee – 7 ☆ @ 1800

12 - Jane Austen and her best friend Marth with Jane Glennie. **OPEN** evening

Giant easter market (cont'd)



28 Apr – 6 May Roadworks

Road resurfacing scheduled may impact travel from Stroud Village Hall (20:00-06:00) during this period, please allow time for diversions.

Mental Health Awareness Week 2025 is 12-18th May.

The WI has a strong relationship with WISH, often supporting their campaigns and initiatives. The WI also actively promotes WISH's services and encourages members to access support when needed. WISH was founded in 1987 and is a user-led women's mental health charity developing pioneering support services for underserved women and campaigning together for social justice. This year's theme is **community**.

Let's celebrate the power and importance of community! Being part of a safe, positive community is vital for our mental health and wellbeing. Being a member of our WI, getting involved, trying something new, can all provide a sense of belonging, safety, support in challenging times, and give us a sense of purpose.

<https://www.womenatwish.org.uk/>

WI RAFFLE 2025

Don't miss out on the chance to win £10,000, a cruise for two and other fabulous prizes in this year's WI Raffle! See Rosemary for tickets, £1 per entry and remember, 60% of the proceeds are paid directly to federations!

PRIZES

- 1ST Prize: £10,000
- 2ND Prize: Cruise for two, sailing to Spain, Morocco and the Canary Islands
- 3RD Prize: KitchenAid Go Cordless Hand Mixer and Hand Blender
- 4TH Prize: Dry: Soon Deluxe 3-Tier Heated Airer
- 5TH Prize: Top price theatre tickets for two
- 6TH Prize: Singer M2605 Fashion Mate sewing machine
- 7TH Prize: Martha Hill Beauty Hamper