

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

Join us for an evening of Compassion and Conversation!

We look forward to welcoming you an insightful and heartfelt evening at our March WI meeting, where **Jill and Wendy from the Rosemary Foundation** will share the incredible work they do providing hospice-at-home care for those in our community. This vital service offers comfort and support to patients and families during difficult times, and we're honoured to hear their story. Founded in 1997 by former staff of Bordean House palliative care unit, The Rosemary Foundation has helped thousands of patients and their families through the most challenging times, offering experienced nursing care, counselling services, and volunteer support.

To end the evening on a lighter, uplifting note, we'll be hosting a **Speed Friendship session!** An opportunity to get to know your fellow WI members through fun, quickfire questions designed to spark new connections. Whether you're new or have been with us from the start, it's a great way to chat, laugh, and discover shared interests

We'll also be running a special raffle with tickets at £2 each, and **all proceeds will go towards the invaluable work of the Rosemary Foundation.** Cash only!



Next Meeting

TUESDAY 18TH MARCH

7.30-9.30PM

DOORS OPEN 7.15PM

REFRESHMENTS SERVED

FOLLOWING OUR SPEAKER

THE STUDIO

THE PETERSFIELD SCHOOL

THE CAUSEWAY

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Membership Renewal

It's hard to believe it's been seven months since our new branch began, and what an incredible journey it's been! From inspiring guest speakers to new friendships, lively discussions, and opportunities to connect, we hope you've enjoyed everything the Petersfield Evening WI has offered so far. Now, as we look ahead to another fantastic year, it's time to **renew your membership** and continue being part of this thriving community!

On 1st April, you'll receive an email from our Secretary, Anne, with all the renewal details, including bank payment information. Please **keep an eye on your inbox** so you don't miss it! Membership runs from April 2025 – March 2026 costing £51 (Dual membership: £25.10) Your membership means more inspiring talks, more opportunities to learn, more friendships, and more ways to make difference—we'd love for you to stay with us!

Buddy Walk to meeting:
Meet at the library at 7pm

Mark your calendars for the next meeting dates
Tuesday 15th April | Tuesday 20th May

Our website is live!

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new Petersfield Evening WI website! It's packed with useful information and resources for our members, including:

- ✔ How to get involved by volunteering as a helper at our meetings or running a sub-group
- ✔ Our 2025 meeting programme and upcoming events
- ✔ Details on all our fantastic sub-groups – from Book Club to Walking Netball 📖🏐
- ✔ News, updates, and everything you need to stay connected!

Whether you're a new member or have been with us from the start, this is your go-to place for all things Petersfield Evening WI.

<https://hampshire.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/petersfield-evening/home>

Let us know what you think—and don't forget to bookmark the page!



Join Our Sister WI for a Lovely Open Afternoon

We're thrilled to be supporting our sister WI at their Open Afternoon on **Wednesday 9th April** at 2pm at The Exhibition Room, Community Centre, Love Lane, Petersfield. If you're free and you'd like to bring a family member, neighbour or colleague, a warm welcome awaits along with friendship and delicious cake. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon and hear an inspiring talk on the Women of Petersfield. We'll see you there!

Your WI needs your help

Our Petersfield Evening WI is thriving, with over 140 incredible members—but behind the scenes, just six committee members are working tirelessly to keep everything running. That's not sustainable. We completely understand that life is busy, and not everyone can commit to a regular role. But if each of us helped just once, it would make a huge difference! One evening, one small task—it all adds up.

- 💜 Already coming to the meeting? Arrive 30 minutes early to help set up chairs and tables.
- 🍰 Short on time? Serving refreshments during the break is quick and easy!
- 🎟️ Love to chat? Selling raffle tickets helps keep our funds thriving.

This is YOUR WI, and it takes all of us to make it the welcoming, inspiring, and vibrant community we love. **Please sign up** using the booking link on the Member Resources page on our new website.

We're excited to be supporting **Petersfield Town Council's Car Boot Sales** this year—a fantastic community event promoting reuse, recycling, and reducing waste. This is also a brilliant fundraising opportunity for our WI, and we'd love your help!

📅 Dates:

- 📅 Sunday 25th May
- 📅 Sunday 27th July
- 📅 Sunday 28th September

📍 **Location:** The Avenue Pavilion, GU31 4EA

🍰 What's involved?

- 💜 Serving teas, coffee, breakfast rolls, and cakes

See attached flyer for more info or, please email petersfieldvepres@hampshirewi.org.uk. Every offer of help is truly appreciated. Together, we make our WI amazing!



Important Update to Our Meeting Schedule!

When we launched Petersfield Evening WI in September 2024, we initially planned to have August as our meeting-free month. However, after careful consideration, we've decided that December would be a better choice. With the festive season in full swing, we know many of you will have busy diaries, and holding our meeting so close to Christmas may not be ideal.

So, this year, we will be holding an August meeting and taking a break in December instead. But don't worry—December won't be without its WI magic! We'll be planning a festive social and, as always, our thriving sub-groups will be creating plenty of opportunities to celebrate together. Thank you for your understanding and support—we can't wait to bring you another year of inspiring meetings, friendship, and fun! 💜🌟 The updated calendar is detailed below and, as always is subject to change. Please let us know if there's a topic or speaker you'd like to attend our meeting.

APRIL

BRINGING THE PAST TO LIFE - EXPERIMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY

MAY

ANNUAL MEETING AND WINE TASTING

JUNE

PERSONAL CYBER SECURITY

JULY

ASTRONOMY, METEORS AND STAR GAZING

AUGUST

**FROM HAMPSHIRE TO HOLLYWOOD - COSTUME MAKING
FOR THE STARS**

SEPTEMBER

DRESSING WITH CONFIDENCE FOR YOUR SHAPE AND STYLE

OCTOBER

EMPOWER YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

NOVEMBER

**ULTRA ENDURANCE ROWER
ANGUS COLLINS**

DECEMBER

NO MEETING

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE MEETING DATES
3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**

Volunteers Needed

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INSPIRING WOMEN

This year we are supporting Petersfield Town Council at the CARRR Boot Sale. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

The WI will be offering a “**Food Stall**” with breakfast rolls, savoury and sweet bakes!

We need volunteers on the following dates:

May 25th

July 27th

September 28th



WE NEED HELP WITH :

- Event Management
- Serving refreshments
- Cooking hot food
- Setting up and clearing up
- Baking donations

We also need Volunteers who hold a Level 2 Food & Hygiene Certificate

To volunteer use our WI Bookings page:

<https://outlook.office365.com/book/PetersfieldEveningWI@hampshirehirewi.org.uk/>

www.petersfield-tc.gov.uk/petersfields-carr-r-boot