

STROUD EVENING WI NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12th August

19:30 – 21:30

Doors open at 19:10

Refreshments Served

Following our meeting

STROUD VILLAGE HALL

Ramsdean Road

Petersfield (Stroud)

GU32 3FS

AUGUST

Jany Austen and her
friend Martha with Jane
Glennie, this will be an
OPEN event so please
bring guests!

WE RING, YOU RING

🔔 The Bishop's Belles brought sparkle and spirit to our last meeting, energising the room with their melodic performance.

Members were enchanted by the shimmering sounds of the bells and intrigued by the group's lively presence. A handful of brave participants took a turn ringing the bells themselves — bringing joy, laughter, and a touch of musical mischief to the gathering. It was a fun-filled session that truly resonated, creating lasting memories for all who attended.



Bystanders Can be Lifesavers!

Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers: Campaign Launch!

On 4 June WI members attended our 2025 Annual Meeting, where an incredible 97.7% of delegates voted for the NFWI to launch the Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers national campaign. The passed resolution is as follows:

There are over 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests a year in the UK, and less than one in ten people survive. Women have a lower chance of surviving than men. Early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation can more than double the chances of survival. We call on WI members to work together to increase public confidence and training in the delivery of CPR and to work with local organisations to help improve access to defibrillators in their communities to give every person the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest.

Margate WI – East Kent Federation



To get involved in the campaign, there are three easy steps members can take:

1. Take part in CPR training
2. Complete our survey
3. Take our quiz

Head over to [MyWI](#) and our social media channels to find out more about how you can get involved!

Did you know? The British Heart Foundation (BHF) offers free online 15-minute CPR training that you can do at home with just a phone and a cushion. [Learn CPR](#) using BHF's RevivR training tool and access their free CPR and Defibrillator training.



Save the date! 16th October is World Restart a Heart Day. Keep an eye on My WI for updates on how you can get involved!

COMMITTEE CORNER

Our committee is starting to look around for possible venues for our **Christmas party!** Like last year, we want to provide you with a fun and festive party this year, if you have any suggestions for venue, games, or "extras" to help make it special, please see a member of our committee or email stroudevasec@hampshirewi.org.uk.

Deputy Treasurer is still needed. Please, consider lending Rosemary a hand this year as she will be stepping down in May. This "on the job" training will make the transition easier. Remember, our WI needs 3 officers to remain open, so we need your help!

2026 Diaries available to order! Reminder, this is the last month you can order your 2026 diary from Rosemary (£8.00 each). Be sure to sign up so you don't miss out! Diaries will be shipped later in the year.

TEA TIME!

Get ready for the WI's birthday with our special anniversary mug, created in partnership with Emma Bridgewater.



Emma – our newest member – was a wonderfully engaging and inspiring speaker at the Annual Meeting.

Mark a year to remember and sip your tea in style! Each £25 mug is handcrafted by fairly paid, skilled artisans in Emma's B Corp certified factory in Stoke-on-Trent, with a proportion of every sale supporting the work of The WI.

Buy yours [on Emma's website](#).

WI Learning Hub

Unlock your potential with the WI Learning Hub; an inviting, flexible space where everyone is welcome, from beginners to lifelong learners. Access a rich array of engaging courses, from crafting to well-being, all available free for WI members, with a small fee for non-members. Explore what inspires you and start your next learning journey today! Visit the [WI Learning Hub](#).

Open Morning at the Stroud Village Hall

☕ Stroud Village Hall buzzed with warmth and chatter during our open morning, where local residents were treated to complimentary tea, coffee, and delicious homemade cakes courtesy of Carol and Glen.



The cheerful, welcoming atmosphere created by our members made visitors feel right at home. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and helped foster such a lovely community spirit. We hope to see new faces joining us soon, inspired by the friendly energy of the day.

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We are in WI LIFE!

We have finally made the national publication *WI Life*, celebrating our fundraising success. Check out the July & August 2025 edition, p. 35 to see the photo of MJ Etchells and Carol Coole handing over the £1000 donation to The Rosemary Foundation!



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Thank You from Hounds for Heroes!

During last month's meeting we presented Hounds for Heroes with a donation of £500. We received a thank you note from them stating *"this generous amount will help us continue training assistance dogs to provide life-changing support, independence, and companionship to injured and disabled personnel from the Armed Forces and Emergency Services."*

Our dogs don't just assist with daily tasks they empower our partners to live with greater confidence and independence."

Our advisors approved this donation to Hounds for Heroes because they are a local charity that benefits women.



TOGETHER
WE CAN

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Aug

5 – Committee – 7 ☆ @ 1800

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

29 – Summer Lunch **postponed**

Sept

2 – Committee – 7 ☆ @1800

9 – Bringing back the White-Tailed Sea Eagles with Andrew Snow

23 – Trip to [Parham House and Gardens](#)

Oct

7 – Committee – 7 ☆ @ 1800

14 – Armchair Aerobics hosted by Lesley Poulter

Nov

4 – Committee – 7 ☆ @ 1800

11 – Armistice Day Christmas Decoration Workshop

Dec

9 – Christmas Party! – TBC

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Spring Council Meeting
March 24 2026
Central Hall, Southampton

Plan ahead and think about
getting together your WI
friends and hiring a coach or
minibus to the event

