STROUD EVENING WI
NEWSLETTER

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DID SOMEONE SAY "WINE"?

Our September meeting was a lively and delicious celebration of flavour, learning, and good company. We began with an engaging presentation from **Carol Coole**, who guided members through six wines from around the world—three alcoholic and three non-alcoholic. The selection included Thompson & Scott Noughty Rouge (Germany), Stormhoek Sauvignon Blanc (South Africa), Thompson & Scott Rosé Sparkling (Germany), Barista Pinotage (South Africa), Incanta Pinot Noir (Romania), and The Ned Skyscraper Sauvignon Blanc (cont'd P2)







NEXT MEETING

Tuesday **13th October**

19:30-21:30

Doors open at 19:10

Refreshments Served following our meeting.

STROUD VILLAGE HALL

Ramsdean Road

Petersfield (Stroud)

OCTOBER

We have Wayne Newport to tell us all about **"Theater Ghosts – The Haunted Stage"** an appropriate time of year for this kind of talk!

Home-Start Butser

There's still time to sign up for the HomeStart Butser fundraising Quiz Night, and we'd love to see you there.

Join fellow members and our officers on **Friday, 30th October at Churcher's College** for an evening of friendly competition and plenty of laughs.

Tickets are £20 per person, including a delicious dinner and dessert, making it a great night out as well as a chance to support a worthy cause. All proceeds will help Home-Start Butser continue its vital work supporting families across Petersfield and the surrounding villages.

Gather your team or join our table, sharpen your wits, and come along for a fantastic evening.

WI DAY AFTERNOON TEA

We marked WI Day, the 111th Anniversary, on **16th September** in true style this year, gathering at The Tea Barn in Durleighmarsh dressed proudly in shades of purple. Members enjoyed a traditional afternoon spread featuring sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes, scones, and endless cups of tea. The warm, relaxed atmosphere made it a perfect setting to celebrate our shared WI spirit and enjoy time together. Laughter, conversation, and good food filled the afternoon, creating a sense of community. It was a wonderful way to honour WI Day and spend time with friends old and new. (See photos on p4)



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(New Zealand). Members enjoyed sampling each wine and sharing their favourites.

Next, **Rosemary Bishop** introduced four carefully chosen cheeses, explaining their origins and the protected status some regions hold. Her talk added depth and context to the tasting, making each pairing more meaningful.

The evening was a great success, thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was a warm, relaxed opportunity to learn, taste, and spend time together.



We are still collecting **KNITTED OR CROCHETED POPPIES** for RBL. Please bring your creations to our October meeting so they can be handed in by the October deadline.



DURLEIGHMARSH EXCURSION

Our new ***WALKING GROUP*** enjoyed a wonderful first outing on Friday, 18th September 2026, setting off from Durleighmarsh Farm for a relaxed three-mile walk through woodland paths and the rolling South Downs countryside. The weather was perfect, making the gentle, gradual changes in elevation easy to navigate while chatting with friends along the way. The route proved ideal for all abilities and took a little over an hour at a comfortable pace. It was a lovely start to what we hope will become a regular activity. **Our next walk will be on 18th October in Steep**, with full details shared at the next meeting.



BEACON OF PEACE WALK

We have been invited to take part in this year's Beacon of Peace walk, *please consider joining Christine and Maija this year*! It is a great day out, you can take your friends, family and pet if you like. It's a lovely flat stroll followed by a very good FREE lunch! If you ARE walking on the day, please complete the following registration.

JustGiving Donation Page: Stroud Evening WI is fundraising for Beacon of Peacewalk-

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

6 - Committee- 7⭐ @1800

13 - Theatre Ghosts - The Haunted Stage" with Wayne Newport 1930

24 - Beacon of Peace Walk – Hogmoor Inclosure @9:30

30 – HomeStart Butser Quiz Night – Churcher's College @ 1900

November

3 – Committee- 7⭐ @1800

10 – TBD @1930

11 – John Lewis Shopping Evening @1730

14 – Dabble Day – WI House, Eastleigh @1000

26 – Orchestra Teas @1430 - 1645

December

8 – Committee- 7★ @1800

19 – GIANT Charity Christmas Fayre @Festival Hall

Register for the Walk: Register your charity and encourage your supporters, families and friends to join you on the day: https://beaconofpeace.org/east-hampshire-beacon-of-peace-charity-

Beacon of Peace Event Programme

Date: Saturday, 24 October 2026
Venue: Hogmoor Inclosure, Hogmoor Road, Bordon, GU35 9HL
Registration: 9:30 am
Opening Ceremony: 10:30 am
Walk Starts: 11:00 am
Finish & Rolling Lunch: From 12:00 pm

PETERSFIELD ORCHESTRA NOVEMBER TEA

The Stroud Evening WI is delighted to once again support the Petersfield Orchestra by providing a full afternoon tea for around 70 musicians on Thursday, 26th November. This is always a warmly appreciated contribution, and we're looking forward to creating another generous spread of homemade treats for their rehearsal break. To make the day a success, we kindly ask members to consider donating food or volunteering their time. Every contribution helps, whether it's baking, preparing plates, or assisting with setup and serving. A signup list will be available at our next meeting, and we'd love to have your support.

OFFICER THANK YOU DAY

On 16th September, **Christine Hayward** *(Treasurer)* and **Leah Newland** *(Secretary)* spent a wonderful morning at WI House in Eastleigh for WI Officer Thank You Day. Dressed proudly in green and purple, they joined fellow Hampshire officers to share stories, exchange ideas, troubleshoot IT challenges, and enjoy an endless supply of tea, coffee, cakes, and cookies. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, with plenty of opportunities to meet advisors and make new friends. It was a delightful way to spend the first half of WI Day, celebrating the hard work and dedication of officers across Hampshire.

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