

STROUD EVENING WI NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th April

19:30 – 21:30

Doors open at 19:10

Refreshments Served

and socialize!

STROUD VILLAGE HALL

Ramsdean Road

Petersfield (Stroud)

GU32 3FS

CRAFT COMPETITION & EASTER BONNET PARADE

In addition to our scheduled event, this month we will welcome our new advisor, **Susan Farmer** to our meeting.

Our Competition Categories are listed here to the right, have a go at one or all! The more entries, the more fun!

- ✓ 6 Easter Biscuits, decorate as you please but they must be identical.
- ✓ A photo that captures Spring
- ✓ Easter Bonnet decorated with found objects (i.e. not bought)
- ✓ Flower arrangement in a teacup or saucer.
- ✓ Knit, stitch or sculpt a spring flower

MAY

13th May is our Annual General Meeting with **Cathy Winter** attending. We will determine if this meeting will be onsite or via ZOOM (see p4). If remote, our planned plant swap with Garden Ideas will be moved to another meeting. Denman bursary will still be drawn in May.

CHARITY UPDATE

Rosemary Foundation: Exciting Update!

In our last meeting, committee members Carol Coole (President) and MJ Etchells (Social) presented Louise Golledge, Clinical Manager at The Rosemary Foundation with a check for £1,000. We were delighted to learn half of our donation be allocated for essential equipment, while the other half will support counselling services. Their dedication to making a positive impact in our community is truly inspiring.



Reminder:

Annual Subs are due this month

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Walking Netball

The WI have teamed up with **England Netball** for 5 years now, with more than 150 WIs taking part. Whether you've ever played before or are semi-pro, would you be interested in taking part in this?



StroudVillageHall



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COMMITTEE CORNER

Orchestra Teas: We are thrilled to share that our wonderful members came together to provide tea for an impressive 74 musicians! Due to a recent change in management at Festival Hall, we were asked to support only the afternoon session, as the venue has taken over the nighttime refreshments.

Your generous contributions of sandwiches, cakes, and your valuable time made this possible. Every bit of help is deeply appreciated, and we are grateful for your continued support. Thank you for making a difference in our community.



COMMUNITY Cont'd

📅 Thursday 20th March | 🕒
Orchestra Teas: A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Supportive Community. See article on p 2.

📅 Thursday 28 March | 🕒
Keep Britain Tidy. 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. This initiative was in collaboration with Surfers Against Sewage, a renowned organization dedicated to protecting the UK's coastlines and marine environments.

Their efforts not only contributed to the beautification of the shoreline but also played a crucial role in safeguarding marine life and promoting a cleaner, healthier environment.



📅 Thursday 19th April | 🕒
Giant Easter Market will be held this month, if you can spare some time, sign up to help sell Bacon Butties, teas, coffees and cakes on the day or why not donate a cake to sell? See Glen for more information at our next meeting.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Members Subs: This month starts the beginning of the new fiscal year which means annual subscriptions are due. Rosemary has requested payment by BACS or in person at the April meeting via SumUp (credit card). This is due to difficulty with paying in cash at the bank. Membership fee this year is £51.

SumUp (Credit Card): The annual membership fee will not be uplifted to include a SumUp fee on top, it is just £51.

BACS details are:
STROUD EVENING W I REG CHARITY

Account #: 97175503
 Sort Code: 09 01 51

Members Update: Welcome back to Christine Hayward who has been off travelling for the past months, glad to see you back with us!

Committee Roles: As announced in our last meeting, MJ has decided to step down in her role as Social/ Catering Committee member, as she is taking "a gap year" to travel! She will be sorely missed but we wish her well hoping to hear of her adventures! If you would like to help, we would love to have you on board! 🌟

WI Hampshire Events

7 Apr – Speaker Selection Day, Jubilee Hall SO23 7QA.

[Book here](#)

17 Apr – NFWI Annual Meeting on Zoom. [Book here](#)
 £3.00

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

1 – Committee – 7 🌟 @ 1800

8 – Craft Competition & Easter Bonnet Parade @1930

19 – Giant Easter Market – Festival Hall @0900-1500

24 – Quiz Night - 7 🌟 @1930

May

6 – Committee – 7 🌟 @ 1800

13* – Annual Meeting, plant swap with Garden Ideas 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

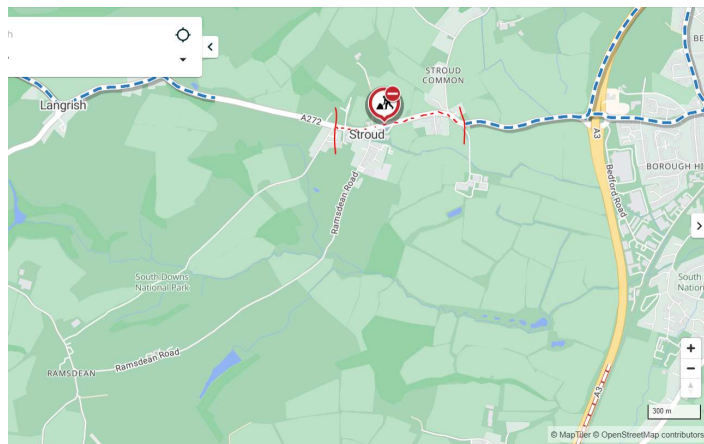
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5 – Committee – 7 🌟 @ 1800

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

*Road closure (see p4)

28 Apr – 16 May Roadworks



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

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

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Sewing Sewcial Drop-In Session

Friday, 11 April, 10am - 4pm

WI House, Eastleigh SO50 9XB



Lost your sewing mojo?
Got an unfinished project?

Join us for day of sewing,
bring your sewing
machines, fabric and
threads etc.

This day will untutored
and mixed ability, based
on the premise that you
will be able to help and
learn from each other as
you work on projects of
your own choice.

You are welcome to stay
all day or as long as you
like.



Cost £5 – payable on the day by card or BACS.
This includes tea/coffee/cake but please bring your own lunch

RSVP and enquires to: Jacquie Carver jacquiecarver@hampshirewi.org.uk

Any surplus from this event will go to HCFWI general funds

Charity Reg No: 1010437



Stop, Think, Write, Send

E-communication - emails, WhatsApp, instant messaging

Is this what you meant to say?

Although we may think that words we write and messages we send are clear and kind, it is always worth spending a little time considering how they may be read and interpreted by others.

Stop and think, before you start to write. Take a moment to pause, gather information and fully understand a situation to encourage positive, friendly, kind, and meaningful communication.

So....

- **Stop:** Pause momentarily to avoid impulsive reactions
- **Think:** about how your email or message will read
- **Write:** read and re-read what you've written
- **Send:** click the send button

