

STROUD EVENING WI NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10th June

19:30 – 21:30

Doors open at 19:10


Fashion Show in association
with Cancer Research UK

STROUD VILLAGE HALL

Ramsdean Road

Petersfield (Stroud)

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MAY AGM

Another AGM is behind us, thank you to all of you who were able to attend. Fortunately, our 3 officers will remain in office for another year. Please consider standing up for one of these roles next year, you have more to offer than you realise! If you'd like to get involved now, Rosemary would appreciate some help on some of the treasurer duties.

Remember, without people filling these roles, our WI will be forced to close. These duties can and have been shared in the past, so please don't think you have to do it all on your own!

Sue Coles has declined this year's award, so the second runner up is **Rosemary Bishop**!! Congratulations on your award of the £200 Denman Bursary! We look forward to hearing what educational endeavour you undertake in the next 6 months. *(More photos on p4.)*



JULY

We Ring, You Ring
with the Belles of Bishops
Waltham

CHARITY UPDATE

Prison WI's: We are pleased to announce that £250 will be donated to the Send Prison WI, which is located in Woking, our nearest prison WI.

Hounds for Heroes: We are pleased to announce that £500 will be donated to this local charity that provides assistance for military and emergency services veterans. They are located in Ramsdean.

<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</p> <p>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>

We are working on the 2026 speaker program, please let us know if there is a topic you're interested in. Check out the survey at the next meeting or see Tash!

Walking Netball

We have had a few members take part in the Walking Netball with **Petersfield Evening WI** for Netball! Feedback was very positive and it's not too late to join! Churcher's College (7-8pm) on the outside courts. It's only £5 per session, and no experience, no need to be "super sporty". All they need is YOU!

COMMITTEE CORNER

We need your help! Glen has worked hard putting together this year's programme and needs some help delivering to all of us! If you can lend a hand, please reach out to her, whether it's just for one meeting prep or more regularly, she would be happy to have you!

Also, we need a **Deputy Treasurer:** This role will assist Rosemary with Treasurer duties. This role would develop into the treasurer role when Rosemary steps down.



COMMUNITY

THURSDAY 19th JUNE | 🕒 ORCHESTRA TEAS

We are again hosting the Orchestra Teas at the Festival Hall in a few weeks; we could still use some donations of sandwiches and one more afternoon shift volunteer. Can you spare a bit of your time?

📅 SUNDAY 29th JUNE | 🕒 **BEACON OF PEACE CHARITY WALK** Last year some of our members took part in the **Beacon of Peace** fundraising walk. We managed to raise £150 locally, and this was turned into £1000 which we donated to The Rosemary Foundation. We'd like to do this again, and hope you can join, whether through getting sponsors and/or walking on the day. This year celebrates their 40th anniversary walk, so it will be bigger and better to benefit more charities than ever before!

Date: Sunday 29th June 2025

Time: 9:30 registration, 11:00 start

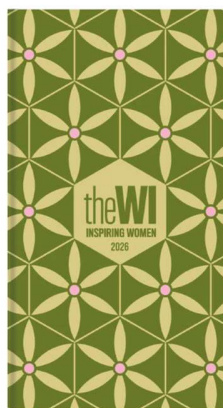
Venue: Waverley Abbey School, Tilford, Farnham, GU102AE

Why Take Part?

Hassle Free: Our dedicated volunteers organise every detail of the walk. **Cost-Free:** Fully funded by us, with no costs to participants or charities. **100% to Charity:** Every penny raised goes directly to your chosen charity, with zero admin costs. **Complimentary Lunch:** Enjoy a delicious complimentary lunch and

on-route refreshments. **A Walk for Peace:** Unite diverse communities to promote peace, cohesion, and charity. **Family-Friendly:** Bring family, friends & pets for a fun-filled day, including a fun fair and kid's activities.

📅 Friday 18th JULY | 🕒 **110th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WI.** We are planning to host a Summer Lunch, with invitations going out to our former "group" WI's. We have selected a beautiful venue, Broadhalfpenny-down in Hambledon, home of cricket! We are planning to have it catered with donations of cakes. This will be a lovely social for us. They will provide chairs, a marquee and access to the clubhouse. All you really need to do is show up, bring a chair, and cake donation if you like and relax and enjoy the day! We really hope you will join us.



The **2026 WI Diaries** are now in stock and available to order via the WI web shop. Each diary ordered through the federation will be £8.00

<https://shop.thewi.org.uk/collection/s/diaries/products/wi-diary-2026?variant=55441206641021>

If you would like to order through the Federation, please sign up at the June, July, or August meetings as these need to be completed by 25th August 2025.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July

- 1 – Committee – 7 ☆ @ 1800
- 8 – We Ring, You Ring @1930
- 18 – Summer Lunch @Broadhalfpennydown
- 31 – Quiz Night - 7 ☆ @1930

Aug

- 5 – Committee – 7 ☆ @ 1800
- 12 - Jane Austen and her best friend Marth with Jane Glennie. OPEN evening

Sept

- 2 – Committee – 7 ☆ @ 1800
- 9 – Bringing back the White-Tailed Sea Eagles with Andrew Snow

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

AGM PHOTOS



COMMUNITY (cont'd)

 TBC |  **OPEN MORNING** Glen is organising a relaxed and welcoming **Open Morning at Stroud Village Hall**. Whether you are a long-time local or new to the area, this is a great opportunity to pop in for a quick chat, enjoy a cuppa, and get to know the friendly faces in our group. It's also the perfect chance to bring along friends or potential new members who might be curious about what we do.

We'll be sharing a bit about our activities, upcoming events, and how people can get involved—whether it's volunteering, joining in on social events, or simply staying connected with the community.

We'd love to see you there! (details to follow)

What a turnout on the **pill blister pack collection** at last month's meeting! Thank you all for your donations. We will continue to collect these and turn them in for you at Boots the Chemist in the High Street rather than put them into landfill.

LOOKING FOR MODELS!

We're looking for more enthusiastic volunteers to **model** and **help** at our upcoming **fashion show** in support of **Cancer Research UK**. This is a fun and meaningful way to get involved and help raise vital funds. Whether you'd like to model or help with preparations, we'd love to have you on board!

Preparation Meeting at the *CRUK Shop, Chapel Street, 2pm on Wednesday, 4th June*. At this meeting, we'll be:

- Picking out outfits from the CRUK shop
- Planning the running order
- Giving a behind-the-scenes tour of how it all works

If you can make it, just meet us at the CRUK shop.

If you can't make Wednesday but still want to help, please **call, WhatsApp, or email Glen**. Let's make this a success – it's a great way to have fun, support a fantastic cause, and maybe even find a bargain!