

STROUD EVENING WI NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th March

19:30 – 21:30

Doors open at 19:10

Refreshments Served

Following our speaker

STROUD VILLAGE HALL

Ramsdean Road

Petersfield (Stroud)

GU32 3FS

BECOME A DEMENTIA FRIEND

Sue Keogh is a volunteer ambassador who will be joining us for the March meeting to talk about Dementia Awareness and Dementia Friends.

What is a Dementia Friend?

A Dementia Friend is somebody that learns about dementia so they can help their community. Too many people affected by dementia feel that society fails to understand the condition

they live with. Dementia Friends help by raising awareness and understanding, so that people living with dementia can continue to live in the way they want.

What does a Dementia Friend do?

Dementia Friends help people living with dementia by taking actions - both big and small. Join us to hear more, this month, at Stroud Village Hall.

APRIL

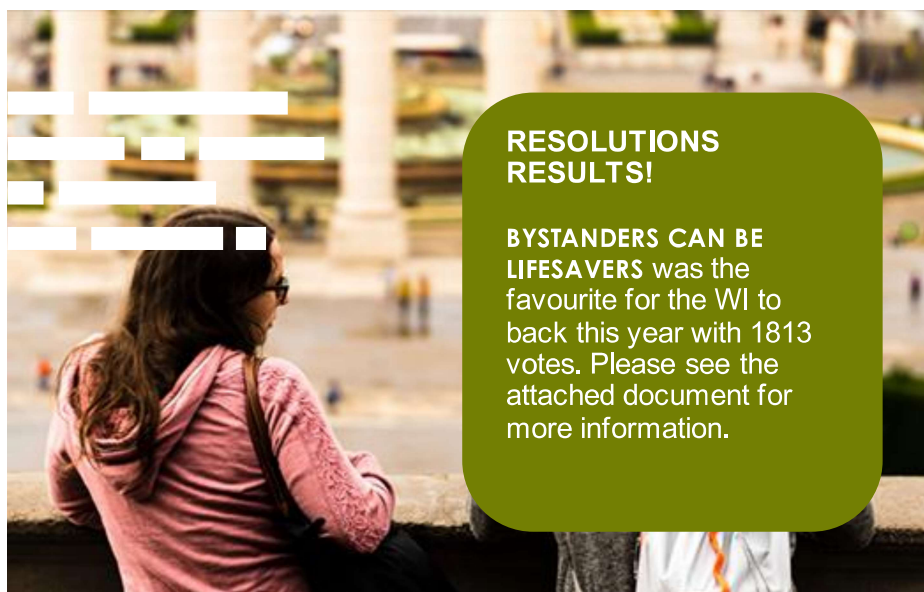
8th April → Get out your Easter Bonnet for the Craft Competition and Easter Bonnet parade!

We are recruiting!

Looking to dive into something exciting? Love meeting new people and exploring fascinating topics? This is your chance to get involved! 🎉

Chat with Carol or Leah at the next meeting or shoot us an email at stroudevepres@hampshirewi.org.uk.

Don't miss out!



RESOLUTIONS RESULTS!



BYSTANDERS CAN BE LIFESAVERS was the favourite for the WI to back this year with 1813 votes. Please see the attached document for more information.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

- Mahatma Gandhi

It's Women's History Month!

Have you seen our Facebook or Instagram accounts yet? This month we are showcasing one woman per day who has made an impact on the world. Each posting includes a quote and a place you can go to learn more!

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COMMITTEE CORNER

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International Women's Day

19

Spring Council Meeting

20

Orchestra Teas

27

Quiz Night



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our Stroud Evening WI wouldn't be the same without our amazing members who pitch in every month!



From setting up the hall to serving refreshments and running the raffle, every little bit counts. 🎉

A huge shoutout to Gill Deverill and Pat Turnbull for their fantastic job selling raffle tickets and raising valuable funds for our branch.

A heartfelt thank you to all our refreshment helpers and after many years of sending warm birthday greetings to our members, Bonnie Hill will be stepping down, handing over the honour to Gaye Bartlett. Volunteering is one of the easiest and quickest ways to make new friends!

Could you lend a hand? These are simple, fun tasks, and you don't have to commit every month – just whenever you're available. It's a great way to meet fellow members and feel part of our WI community.

If you'd like to help out, just drop Leah a message. We'd love to have you on board! ☀️

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

8TH MARCH

Celebrate International Women's Day with the WI. This year, we celebrate 110 years of the WI, we invite you to make an impact! Join us in inspiring change, sharing experiences, and taking action to help shape a better future for women everywhere.

📅 Friday 7th March | 🕒

12pm-1pm **The NFWI is hosting an exclusive event on the WI Learning Hub**, featuring expert speakers discussing the real-world consequences of misogyny and why tackling these issues is vital to protecting gender equality. Let's stand together to challenge attitudes that silence women, limit opportunities, and push us out of public spaces. Book your place here:

<https://denman.bookinglive.com/book/add/p/5910>



WI Letters To Our Younger Selves initiative!

What advice do you wish you could give your younger self? Whether it's inspirational ("You are enough, just as you are"), funny ("Stop cutting your own hair!"), or deeply personal ("Trust your gut—it's smarter than you think"), we'd love to hear it! Share your thoughts via email or send us a short video, and we'll add your words of wisdom

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

6 – Committee – Premier Inn 1800

8 – Celebrate International Women's Day

11 – Dementia Awareness with Sue Keogh @1930

19 – Spring Council Meeting

20 – Orchestra Teas – Festival Hall @1200/1815

27 – Quiz Night – 7 ★ @ 1930

April

3 – Committee – 7 ★ @ 1800

8 – Craft Competition & Easter Bonnet Parade @1930

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

24 – Quiz Night - 7 ★ @1930

to the national WI conversation.





WI RAFFLE 2025

Don't miss out on the chance to win £10,000, a cruise for two and other fabulous prizes in this years 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

7TH Prize: Martha Hill Beauty Hamper

WATERCOLOR SOCIAL

27th February Some of our members met at the Stroud Village Hall for another Watercolour Class with Clifford. The theme was "Spring Flowers". They spent the evening learning to paint a challenging floral picture with watercolour paints and enjoyed refreshments during the break. Another great session, with our members astounded at what beautiful work they could produce. Why not give it a try next time?

Romsey WI Literary Day May 10th 2025

Saturday, 10th May 2025
Crosfield Hall, Romsey SO51 8GL

Inspiring Women through Words

Celebrating 50 years of Romsey WI

A one-day event celebrating
women writers from the 17th to 21st centuries

Dr Jonathan Healey, Kellogg College:

Busy Stateswomen & zealous she-saints: Revolutionary Women in 17th Century England

Dr Kim Simpson, Chawton House Library:

Sisters of the Pen; women authors we don't know, but should

Laura Bates, activist, writer, speaker:

Founder of the Everyday Sexism project

Hosted by local author, **Louise Morrish**

Goldfinch Books pop-up bookshop



Find out more at <https://romseywi.weebly.com>

Tickets £25.00 available from 26th December
Eventbrite: Romsey WI Literary Day
Earlybird price: £20.00

With grateful thanks for their support from the organisations below

