

# NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

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## 🌊 November Meeting – “The Rise, Fall and Rise Again” with Angus Collins

We're proud to welcome Angus Collins to our November meeting. Angus is a world-class ultra-endurance athlete and mental health advocate who has rowed across the Indian, Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, setting multiple records along the way.

In his talk “The Rise, Fall and Rise Again of Ultra Endurance Athlete and Ocean Rower, Angus Collins”, he will share unforgettable tales of ocean crossings and teamwork—and open up about his personal battles with mental health and how they changed his life's purpose.

Join us for what promises to be an inspiring and profound evening, bringing together strength, vulnerability and hope. Let's finish the year as a community—connected, empowered and ready for what comes next.



## 🎉 There's Still Time to Book Your Place at Our Christmas Party! 🎄

If you're a **new member**, you may not have heard about our fabulous Christmas Party at Old Thorns Hotel — and we'd love for you to join us!

So far, over 70 members will be getting into the festive spirit with a 2-course dinner, tea, coffee & mince pies, a DJ, disco and photobooth — it's going to be a night to remember! 🎊🌟

Date for your diary is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December and cost is £35.95 per person. Book your place via the WI Bookings System and make payment to the WI Bank Account (Ref: Xmas + Surname).

## Next Meeting

**TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**

**7.30-9.30PM**

**DOORS OPEN 7.15PM**

**REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTER THE  
SPEAKER**

**THE STUDIO**

**THE PETERSFIELD SCHOOL**

**THE CAUSEWAY**

**PETERSFIELD GU32 3LU**

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## ♥ A huge thank you to Jodie Phelps ♥

We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Jodie Phelps for joining us at our October meeting and sharing her invaluable insights into financial planning, confidence, and empowerment. We're also so grateful for Jodie's generous offer of a free 30-minute telephone consultation for all Petersfield Evening WI members — a wonderful opportunity to ask questions and gain tailored advice on your personal finances. Contact her on: [Jodie.phelps@sjpp.co.uk](mailto:Jodie.phelps@sjpp.co.uk)

Thank you Jodie, for supporting our WI and empowering women to feel confident and capable.

**Buddy Walk to meeting:  
Meet at the library at 7pm**

**Mark your calendars for the next meeting dates  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January | Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

## 🎄 A Few Spaces Left – Christmas Wreath Making Evening!

Get into the festive spirit and join us for a magical evening of creativity with Lynne from The Flower Shed on Monday 8th December, 6.30–9pm at Gallery 30. For £65, you'll enjoy a hands-on workshop making your own beautiful Christmas wreath — all materials, a festive drink, and homemade cake included! ✨ Spaces are limited, so don't miss out on this wonderfully Christmassy evening. Book now via the WI Bookings Page and send payment to the WI Bank Account (ref: Wreath + Surname).



## ♥ Volunteer Spotlight ♥ We Need a Raffle Coordinator!

A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have recently stepped forward to help — we're so grateful for your time, energy, and enthusiasm!

We're still on the lookout for a Raffle Coordinator to help bring a little extra sparkle (and fundraising!) to our monthly meetings. This isn't a committee role, just a supportive one — perfect if you'd like to get involved in a lighter way.

### The role includes:

- 📺 Sourcing prizes from local businesses, committee, and members
- 📢 Promoting the raffle at meetings
- 📋 Setting up and running the raffle desk
- 🍵 Looking after the raffle kit
- 💬 Liaising with the Treasurer about funds

If you'd like to find out more or volunteer, please speak to Chloe or a committee member — we'd love to have you on board!



### NEXT CAFE SOCIALS:

**Thursday 27th November 2pm**  
**at Gallery 30, High Street,**  
**Petersfield**

### NEXT CRAFT CLUB DATES:

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
**and Wednesday 10th December**  
**7-9pm at Gallery 30, High**  
**Street, Petersfield. You can**  
**bring your own craft or**  
**participate in an organised**  
**activity. All abilities and**  
**crafts welcome. Join the What's**  
**App community for more info.**





## 🌟 Welcome to the Committee, Lucy Kelsall! 🌟

We're absolutely thrilled to welcome Lucy Kelsall to the Petersfield Evening WI Committee as our new Membership Secretary!



Lucy will be working to ensure every member — new and existing — has a brilliant WI experience, helping you make the most of all the opportunities our wonderful community offers.

With her wealth of experience in the charity and volunteering sectors, Lucy brings a fantastic mix of energy, empathy, and expertise, and we're so excited to have her on board. ❤️ Here's to another inspiring woman joining the team! 🎉



**theWI Hampshire**  
**Candlelight Vigil**  
Tuesday 25 November  
5pm - 7pm  
The Cenotaph, Guildhall Square  
Portsmouth PO1 2AD

We will be marking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the beginning of 16 days of Activism with a candle lit vigil at the Cenotaph in Portsmouth.

We are supporting the WI campaign for No More Violence against Women and the 'Not in my Name Campaign' and welcome members of the public to join us to raise awareness, support and to share their experiences.

If you have a battery-operated candle or nightlight please bring it, but if not we will have some available for you.

No real candles please

 [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1671471298649](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1671471298649)

This event is free to attend but please register on Eventbrite so that we know how many people to expect.

Charity Reg No: 1010437

  
**NO MORE**  
violence against women

## 🏐 Walking Netball is Back! 🏐

We're thrilled to announce that Walking Netball returns on Thursday 8th January at 7pm in the TPS Sports Hall!

**Session Dates:** 8, 15, 22 & 29th Jan  
**Cost:** £5 per session (payment in advance to secure your place)

February dates will be shared in December when we return to Churcher's College. Come along, get moving, and enjoy great company with fellow WI members! ❤️

## 🎄 Festive Fun with Petersfield Evening WI! 🎄

A quick reminder that there's no monthly meeting in December, but don't worry — we have three fabulous festive events to enjoy instead! ✨

🧑🏻 Festive Afternoon Tea at Gallery 30 — Friday 6th December

🎁 Christmas Wreath Making with Lynne from The Flower Shed — Monday 8th December

🎅 Christmas Party at Old Thorns — Thursday 18th December

We can't wait to celebrate the season with you at one (or more!) of these wonderful events. ❤️ Spaces are still available for all — please book via the WI Bookings Page and send payment to the WI Bank Account, referencing the event name.

Keep an eye out in December for our 2026 Programme of Speakers — it's shaping up to be an exciting year ahead! 🌟

If anyone is interested in creating home-made Christmas cards, please email Anne Jones, our W1 Community Outreach committee member.  
[annejjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annejjones@hotmail.co.uk)

Please help us spread Christmas joy  
to care home residents across Hampshire

We are looking for volunteers of all ages to help us by sending Christmas cards to older people living in local care homes.

Christmas  
card  
project

Please send handmade cards if possible. Make your own by drawing, painting, sewing, papercrafts etc, or use pictures from magazines or old Christmas card fronts. Or contact us and we can email you one of our Christmas card designs to print out and colour in.

We encourage you to write a short message inside your card, for example about:

- the picture on your card
- a Christmas tradition you enjoy
- your favourite Christmas food

**Please keep the information general and do not include any personal or identifiable details about yourself or others.**

Please sign the card using your **first name only** or group name (but not both) or add a general sign off if you prefer (eg "a local resident").

*For children, please also write the age of the child who made the card if you can.*

#### Ideas for messages



Thinking of you at Christmas

I hope you like this picture of....

My favourite Christmas food is....

My favourite thing about  
Christmas is....

When your card is  
ready to send,  
please email us at

[hampshire@embracingage.org.uk](mailto:hampshire@embracingage.org.uk)

or phone **07577 945106** and we will  
let you know where to deliver or  
post your Christmas card(s).







# Christmas Afternoon Tea

**Exclusive WI Event at Gallery 30**

**£22.50 per person**

*A welcome glass of Prosecco*

*A selection of festive finger sandwiches*

*Pork & cranberry sausage rolls*

*Sweet scones with cinnamon sugar, orange curd & clotted cream*

*Mince Pies*

*Breakfast or Earl Grey Tea*

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**4pm to 6pm**

Please book using the WI Bookings Page to secure your spot  
and make payment to the WI Bank Account

Payment reference: Tea and Surname

(please advise dietary requirements, sadly we cannot accommodate vegan options)

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EXCLUSIVE PETERSFIELD EVENING WI



# CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

WITH LYNNE FROM THE FLOWER SHED

£65 per person

Festive drink & cake included



MONDAY  
DECEMBER 8TH

6.30 TO 9 PM

AT GALLERY 30

HIGH ST PETERSFIELD

BOOK NOW – SPACES LIMITED

Please book via the bookings page and send payment  
to WI bank account Ref Wreath & Surname





# THE ROSEMARY FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS MARKET



SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER  
10.30AM - 2.00PM  
Churcher's College  
Ramshill, Petersfield, GU31 4AS



Raffle, A Variety of Stalls, Handmade Gifts,  
Fashion, Homeware, Handbags, Pottery,  
Christmas Cards, Candles, Nail Salon & More!

Games



Live Music



Cafe

**EVEN BIGGER & BETTER THAN LAST YEAR  
WITH FREE PARKING ON SITE!**

Father Christmas  
& His Elves



Cake

Tombola