

Record of the Meeting of the Sanderstead Village WI

Held on Monday 2 February 2026

Our Vice President, Sandra Elliott gave apologies from our President who was attending a funeral and unable to be present. She welcomed 50 members and two visitors.

She thanked Jean Masson for the flowers and Heather Lindsay for the cake.

Members sang Jerusalem.

Record of Last Meeting – this is available on the website. Agreed.

Matters Arising – None

News of Members –

We received news of one member whose health continues to be very variable.

President's Remarks:

Our Charity donation from the Christmas Raffle proceeds will be £100.00 to Stripey Stork who support babies and young children in Croydon and Surrey.

A Diamond Centre representative, Eva Curtis, will attend our March meeting to thank members for our recent donation.

Pam and Sue will be taking on arranging outings. There were thanked for volunteering.

Sheila will organise theatre trips, the first of which will be "Hamilton" on 19th March.

We are planning a stall at the Gruffy Fair, and Chris Napper is looking for fabric to use. Members who had fabric for possible donation were asked to talk to Chris. Chris is also keen for ideas for things to make.

Refreshment volunteers for March are Chris Foulcher and Linda Hudson. Chris Waite volunteered to make the cake.

Treasurer's Report:

Current account – 2969.31

Deposit account – 2220.03

Total – 5189.34

£715.00 has been collected for Hamilton tickets.

Expenditure included £50.00 to Joanna Bogle, our January speaker, and £100.00 donation to Stripey Stork.

Secretary's Report

Secretary updated on Surrey events and asked if any member was interested in being a delegate to the Surrey ACM. She alerted members to the voucher booklet included with the latest WI Life.

Outings

Hamilton – 19th March – there were a few seats still available. Payment (£65.00) was due.

Pam and Sue have planned their first trip - **Royal Hospital Chelsea – 16th April** - £25.00. There was a board for sign up.

There were also boards for some possible future trips to gauge likely interest.

Sub Groups:

Dorcas – Dorcas members are knitting baby hats and blankets for King's College and Gro Baby.

Rambling – Chris W was thanked for agreeing to lead February ramble as Marion will be at a funeral. The walk will be around Beddington Park, hopefully mud free.

Keep Fit - is progressing well at Sanderstead United Reformed Church. Term continues until 1 April.

Pilates – is back to normal twice a week on-line sessions. The group hopes to have some in person sessions later in the year.

Book Club – is reading "The Reading List". Members were informed of a change of venue.

Lunch Bunch – Next lunch bunch will be at "Med Kitchen" on 19 February.

Duncan MacCallum then gave a very well illustrated talk about Richmond Park, the deer and other wild life, and the work of the volunteer rangers.