

Record of the Meeting of the Sanderstead Village WI

Held on Monday 1st June 2026

Our President, Sheila Freeman, welcomed 51 members and 2 visitors. She reminded members about fire exits and safe stowing of belongings.

She thanked Hilary Jones for the cake and Susan Miller for the flowers.

Members sang Jerusalem.

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

Matters Arising – None

News of Members – One of our members has had an operation on her shoulder which seems to be working and she is on the mend.

President's Remarks

The President thanked members who had filled jars with sweets, jams etc for the Gruffy Fair. The Fair will be held on 13th June. There is no rota this year but members are encouraged to come along. Setting up will start from about 10.30 and if members are around during the day to take over temporarily or to help pack up this would be helpful.

There are a number of trips being organised and the aim is to organise a theatre trip in the Autumn.

Lunch Bunch free draw. This draw will take place randomly throughout the year. The first person drawn was Vicky Leech.

Treasurer's Report:

As of today, the current account balance is £6,415.58 and the deposit account balance is £2,225.65, giving total funds of £8,641.23,

Income

The main sources of income during this period were:

- Membership subscriptions; and
- Whitstable trip payments

Expenditure

The following payments were made:

- £78.10 paid to Michelle Ernoult for the May speaker
- £110 deposit paid to Allenby Coach Hire for the Whitstable trip on 9 July 2026
- £1,420 balance payment paid to Allenby Coach Hire for the Norwich trip from 2–4 June 2026
- £306 paid to Norfolk Broads Ltd for the boat trip on 3 June 2026
- £300 deposit paid to Farleigh Golf Club for the afternoon tea on 14 July 2026

Secretary's Report

Not available

Outings

A trip to Fulham Palace is arranged for 25th June. Meeting at East Croydon at 10.30 to catch the tram to Wimbledon, then tube and a short walk. There will be an e-mail sent out next week with all the details. There is a small café at Fulham Palace but with a very limited menu. There is also a café just outside the grounds. It was suggested that if the weather is fine that members take a picnic. Please would members make a point of storing Linda or Pam's contact details in their phones. This also enables the e-mails sent through not to go into their junk mail.

Whitstable Trip is fixed for 9th July. We have booked a larger coach and there are still some spaces available. The cost is £27.00.

Sub Groups:

Dorcas – Dorcas members are knitting soft toys for the Gruffy Fair. In addition, they are knitting baby blankets.

Rambling – There will be no ramble tomorrow as the trip to Norwich will be taking place. The next ramble will be on 7th July. Sheila, Joy and Wendy will be arranging the walk from London Bridge to Rotherhithe along the River Thames. With lunch at the Mayflower.

Keep Fit – No keep fit this week but then through to 29th July.

Pilates – is back to normal twice weekly on-line sessions. There are spaces for new members.

Book Club – is reading "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett.

Lunch Bunch – Next lunch bunch will be at "Thai Pad" Oxted on 18th June at 12.30. In July we will have the cream tea at Farleigh Golf Course. We have 33 members going. If you would like to book this please pay Lyla and also give Sandra your name. Next month Sandra will be looking to book restaurants for September onwards and will put out a list.

There will be no Lunch Bunch in August.

After coffee, we had a very interesting talk on a trip around the Polynesian islands "All I ask is a tall ship" with Geoff Saunders.