

Record of the Meeting of the Sanderstead Village WI

Held on Monday 6th July 2026

Our President, Sheila Freeman, welcomed 53 members. She reminded members about fire exits and safe stowing of belongings.

She thanked Linda Hudson for the cake and Mary Sherlock 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 a knee replacement and another has had a fall; both are on the mend. We welcomed back to the meeting another member who has had an operation on one shoulder and will be having another operation in November. Also, another member whose treatment is progressing.

President's Remarks

The President thanked all members who helped with the Gruffy Fair and so generously provided items for sale, or filled jars with sweets, jams etc. In addition, the stuffed toys made by Dorcas were a great success. Although it was a slow start, we managed to make a profit of over £300. This amount will be split between three charities, the Children's Society, South East Cancer Care in Purley and the London Air Ambulance.

Tickets for the Sinatra theatre trip on 15th September are now available. To anyone who has put their name down, we do need the money straight away please, preferably tonight if possible. There are more tickets available.

It was very unfortunate that we had to cancel the trip to Fulham Palace because of the heat but this trip will be reorganised at a later date.

The Whitstable trip will be taking place on this coming Thursday.

Treasurer's Report:

As at 6 July 2026, the current account balance stands at £6,545.08 and the deposit account balance is £2,231.99, giving total funds of £8,777.07.

Income

The main sources of income during this reporting period were:

- Payments received for the Farleigh Afternoon Tea.
- Payments received for the Whitstable coach trip.
- Payments received for the Sinatra musical.
- Initial payments received for the Windsor coach trip, which is scheduled to take place on 18 August 2026.

In addition, the Gruffy Fair raised £475. After expenses, the event generated a net profit of £327.

Expenditure

The following payments have been made during the reporting period:

- £70 to Geoffrey Macaulay for the June speaker.
- £578 to Allenby Coach Hire as the balance payment for the Whitstable coach trip on 9 July 2026.
- £167 to Drayson Design for the SVWI domain renewal, website data backup and ongoing website maintenance.
- £165 for the third-quarter hall rental at the Methodist Church Hall.

Before our next meeting, I will also be making the following payments:

- The Surrey Federation (SFWI) and the National Federation (NFWI) for their respective shares of the membership subscriptions collected; and
- The Public Liability Insurance premium

Secretary's Report

Not available

Outings

Whitstable Trip is this coming Thursday 9th July. There will be an e-mail sent out this week with all the relevant information and timings.

A boat trip is being planned on the Thames for 18th August from Windsor. The boat trip is £19 plus an additional charge of £10 for afternoon tea. Please could the money be paid by next week.

A visit to Kenwood House is being organised for 21st September.

Up and coming trips include the National Portrait Gallery, Christmas Market and a trip away next year.

Sub Groups

Dorcas – Dorcas members are knitting baby hats and blankets. Thanks were also given for all their efforts making the soft toys for the Gruffy Fair.

Rambling – It was decided to defer the ramble for tomorrow as it was likely to be too hot. This will be rearranged.

Keep Fit – Keep fit this week and 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 “Ordinary Thunderstorms” by William Boyd. This will be discussed next Tuesday at the pub!

Lunch Bunch – Next lunch bunch will be at Farleigh Golf Course for the cream tea.

There will be no Lunch Bunch in August.

The lunch bunch in September will be at the Gurkha Kitchen on Thursday 10th September.

Sandra also asked if anyone was interested in having an evening meal at a local restaurant. A show of hands proved that this was a very popular idea so Sandra will arrange something in the future.

After coffee, we had a fun and very interesting talk by Mary Forienza on “Women: a look at lives of women who have improved the female status”.