



Hello from the WI Office This is your second February copy of The Hive making it the **events issue**, so don't be alarmed that you can't find the daisy chain and all our usual news features. Instead this one is bursting at the seams with dates from the Federation, as well as open invitations from WIs to fill up your diary!

Although it saddens us to say that lately we're finding our events aren't selling like they used to.

It's not only disappointing for our committees who work so hard organising them, but also **very worrying** because **events are how we fundraise to keep the Federation running** and they are planned with our members enjoyment in mind!

So, if you have any **feedback or suggestions** on our events contact us via office.swfwi@gmail.com

We really would love to hear from you.

♡ Rachel Hows and Rachel Sparks, WI Team

Don't miss out! Tickets only available on Eventbrite!



Secrets, Sex, Scandal & Salacious Gossip from the Royal Court with Sarah Slater

Monday 28 February | 7PM | Via Zoom

£5 (+80p booking fee) | Book via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Storyteller, actor & Hampton Court tour guide Sarah Slater will be spilling the salacious gossip on the royal court of the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th century with her scandalous talk!

Did you know...?

NEW WI OPENING

Fornham St Martin Village Hall

Monday 7 March 2022

10AM - 12PM

with guest speaker Lucy Lewis!

Pop along for a
FREE taster session!

We are opening a brand new WI in Fornham St Martin next month?

Whether you're an existing WI member or you have a friend

who's looking to join, everyone is welcome at our **FREE** taster session on **Monday 7 March** from 10am with **inspiring speaker Lucy Lewis!**

CRAFT & CHAT



Park Farm | 10AM-12PM

Monday 21 March | 25 April

£2 per member

Book via [WI Office](https://www.eventbrite.com) or Secretary

Bring along the craft you are currently working on and tend to it over a natter & cuppa with other crafty minds.

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Open Tuesday-Wednesday 10am-4pm & Thursday 10am-2pm

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Spring Wreath Workshop



Monday 28 March | 10AM-3PM | Sturmer Village Hall

£25 per member | £27 per non member

Book via [WI Office](#) or your Secretary

A two-part workshop with tutors Jo Porth and Liz Leeds who will demonstrate how to create a spring wreath using fresh materials & needle felt decorations.

You will need to bring: suitable fresh greenery (ivy, pittosporum, ruscus, euonymus, box, escallonia or eucalyptus) for your wreath, as well as lunch & cold drinks.

Coffee/tea and biscuits and needle felting materials will be provided.



Rougham Church to Rushbrooke ...and back!



Tuesday 5 April | 10AM

Rougham Church | IP30 9JJ

£3 per person

Book via [WI Office](#) or Secretary

Pack a flask and pull on your walking boots to join our Sports & Leisure committee for a five mile circular walk.



Beginning at Rougham Church, walkers will meet in the church car park for a 10am start. The walk will take you via Rushbrooke Church as well as the demolished Rushbrooke Hall (home of the Rothschild family) whilst soaking up the Suffolk scenery.

Please note there are no toilets and dogs are not allowed. Sturdy shoes or boots are advisable.

MORETON HALL WI OPEN MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2022 | 7.30 PM
Moreton Hall Community Centre



🎵 HARP MUSIC & SONG 🎵

An evening of harp and vocal music with acclaimed musician

LUCY BUNCE

Lucy is a professional musician based in Cambridge who in 2021 performed on BBC1 'Songs of Praise'

Tickets £5 in advance | £6 on the door

To book contact Frances Harding
fran-harding@btconnect.com or 07790 997427

**don't
miss
out**

FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING

**THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2022
DOORS 9.15AM | 10AM MEETING
CULFORD SCHOOL
FROM £17 PER MEMBER
DELEGATES GO FREE***

with guest speakers...

Paul Martin & Sandy Ruddock

Don't miss out on booking your ticket for Suffolk West's 102nd Annual Meeting. This is our first in person meeting since 2019!

Our guest speakers are BBC1 famed Paul Martin who is best known for presenting Flog It! & Sandy Ruddock who is the mastermind behind award winning condiments Scarlett & Mustard. Next time you're in the supermarket see if you can spot her in the sauce aisle!



Tickets include **FREE** parking and complimentary tea/coffee from 9.15am.

We are also offering an **optional** buffet lunch of sandwiches, sausage rolls, scones, tarts, fruit, homemade cake and a drink. You are also welcome to bring your own lunch.

Tickets are split into two categories: **General admission £17** (incl. tea/coffee on arrival)

VIP Admission £23 (incl. tea/coffee & buffet lunch)

You can book via the [WI Office](#) or your **WI Secretary.**

Tickets are only on sale until Thursday 17th March.

REMINDER

Don't forget WI delegates go **FREE!** Delegate's buffet lunch is just **£6**.

Not sure what a delegate does? It's simple, you represent your WI at the meeting and if necessary raise your hand to cast any votes on their behalf. This year delegates can choose their seat, so if you're going to the meeting with friends then you could still go as your WI delegate. Ask your Secretary for more information.

Hints & Tips!

- If you want to know more about our speakers visit Sandy's [website](#), or the BBC [here](#) to discover more about Paul Martin.
- Faces masks are not compulsory, but if you're feeling nervous about large events then please feel free to wear a mask.



Make a Junk Journal

Monday 25 April | Sturmer Village Hall

Friday 29 April | Park Farm

10.30AM - 2.30PM | £18 per member

Book via [WI Office](#) or your WI Secretary

Preserve all those little mementos we lovingly hold onto (theatre tickets, invites, confetti etc) with a masterclass in junk journaling to keep them safe for years to come.

PLUS! We're hosting not one but **TWO** workshops across the county to cater for all our WIs!

You will need to bring: your memorabilia and lunch. All other materials will be provided.



Tuesday 17 May

£40 member | £42 non member

Book via [WI Office](#) or Secretary

Discover almost 400 memorials amongst some 25,000 trees in remembrance of our heroes.

Coach pick up points include: Sudbury 7.30am, Bury St Edmunds 8am and Newmarket 8.30am. Anticipated arrival at the Arboretum is 11.30am.

You will have **all day to explore** and participate in activities including **land train tours** (included in the price of your ticket) and **memorial talks**. Food and drink is available on site or you can pack a picnic.

The coach will depart at approx. 4.30pm.

Inevitably it will be a long day, but a journey worth making!



Tuesday 31 May | 10am | Culford School

£20 per member | £23 non members

Includes tea/coffee on arrival & buffet

Book via [WI Office](#) or your WI Secretary

Do you love Science? If you do we've got just the day for you. Join us at Culford School where you will be welcomed with complimentary tea or coffee before taking your seat in Old Hall to hear from our scientific experts.

Professor Matthew Bothwell from The Department of Astronomy, Cambridge received his PhD from the University of Cambridge and has worked as a postdoctoral researcher at Steward Observatory, University of Arizona. Matthew loves explaining the mysteries of the Universe and beyond. What do you want to know about Astronomy, come and ask Matthew and find out the answer.

Morwenna Degnan has been a qualified Biomedical Scientist for 20 years. After leaving Culford School, she studied Biomedicine at The University of Hull. Morwenna has worked in many NHS hospitals including Addenbrookes and currently manages three labs in Gloucestershire.

She is qualified in Haematology and Clinical Biochemistry and has also worked as a stem cell scientist. If you want to know how Biomedicine fits in the world of medicine this is the talk for you.

*Then, after a delicious buffet lunch we will settle back down to listen to **Alison from The Whipple Museum, Cambridge**.* The museum is part of The

Department of Philosophy and History of Science. Donated by Robert Whipple in 1944 the museums collection includes scientific instruments and apparatus from the 17th-19th century plus models, photographs, books and other materials related to the history of science. Let Alison tell you more about the history and the founding of this fascinating museum. She will also bring along some exhibits for you to look at and handle.

Tickets are on sale until 30th April.

Faith & Feminism

Monday 11 July

£38 per member | £40 non member

Book via [WI Office](#) or your WI Secretary



Discover the fascinating origins of the Coptic Orthodox Church followed by a trip to Knebworth House to learn about the five centuries of remarkable women, including Suffragettes, associated with the Lytton family's ownership of Knebworth House.

Coach pick up points include: Sudbury 8am, Bury St Edmunds 8.30am and Newmarket 9am. Anticipated arrival at the Coptic church is 10.30am. Refreshments will be provided on arrival.

The Coptic Orthodox Church, founded in the first century in Egypt, is one of the most ancient Churches in the world. Tucked away in the midst of the peaceful greenery of Shephalbury Park, a magnificent Gothic manor house that has been part of Stevenage's history since 1865, is now part of The Coptic Orthodox Church Centre in the UK. **The tour will include** a talk about the history of the Christian Coptic faith, the location and its links with other faiths and community groups, **followed by a Q&A.** There is also an opportunity to visit to the magnificent **Cathedral of St George.**

When the tour has finished (approx. 12.15pm) you will hop back on the coach to travel to **Knebworth House for the Luton Ladies tour.** You will arrive in time to for lunch which can be purchased on site or you can bring your own.

The Luton Ladies tour will start at 2pm and will tell the stories of fascinating characters such as Mrs Bulwer Lytton who remodelled the house in the early 19th century; Rosina, who refused to act the meek Victorian wife after the break-up of her marriage to eminent author Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton; the militant suffragette Lady Constance Lytton, who disguised her identity to fight for the cause of Votes for Women, and Lady Pamela Lytton, Winston Churchill's first love.

There will be some extra time for exploring after the tour. The coach will depart for Suffolk at 4.30pm.

Tickets are on sale until Thursday 30 June.



Friday 2 December 2022

£65 per member | £67 non member

Book via [WI Office](#) or your WI Secretary

Coach pick up points are Sudbury 10am & Bury 10.30am



Back by popular demand! Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the biggest Christmas show in Europe with it's extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety.

Our tickets are for the **2PM performance.** We will arrive within plenty of time for you to enjoy lunch and to browse the on-site shops. The show lasts approx. 3 hours.

This year you can **pay in full** when booking or you can **take advantage of our payment plan** and pay a **£40 deposit** when booking and the **balance by 8 September.** Deposits are non refundable.

Name:	WI:	Email:
Tel:	Address: <i>Tickets are emailed. Include an address if you would like them posted.</i>	

Event	Ticket price	No. required	Names & Email Addresses	Other information
Craft & Chat 21 Mar 25 Apr 10AM-12PM Park Farm	£2 per member Paid on the day			Please tick session(s): <input type="checkbox"/> 21 March <input type="checkbox"/> 25 April
Spring Wreath Workshop Monday 28 March 10AM-3PM Stumer Vill Hall	£25 per member £27 non member			Bring your own lunch.
Rougham to Rushbrooke Tuesday 5 April 10AM Rougham Church	£3 per person			Wear sturdy shoes. No dogs allowed.
Federation Annual Meeting Thursday 7 April 2022 10AM Culford School	£17 £23 incl. lunch			Dietary requirements if opting for lunch:
Make a Junk Journal Monday 25 April 10.30-2.30 Sturmer Vill Hall	£18 per member			Bring your own lunch.
Make a Junk Journal Friday 29 April 10.30-2.30 Park Farm	£18 per member			Bring your own lunch.
National Arboretum Tuesday 17 May Staffordshire	£40 per member £42 non member			Coach pick up point: <input type="checkbox"/> Sudbury <input type="checkbox"/> Bury <input type="checkbox"/> Newmarket
Science for All Tuesday 31 May 10AM Culford School	£20 per member £23 non member			Dietary requirements:
Faith & Feminism Monday 11 July Knebworth	£38 per member £40 non member			Coach pick up point: <input type="checkbox"/> Sudbury <input type="checkbox"/> Bury <input type="checkbox"/> Newmarket
Thursford Christmas Spec. Friday 2 December	£65 per member £67 non member			Coach pick up point: <input type="checkbox"/> Sudbury <input type="checkbox"/> Bury

Total paid:	By:	BACS (See front of Hive for bank details)
		Cheque (payable to SWFWI)
		Online payment (contact the WI Office for your link)

Ticket cancellations: If you can no longer attend an event contact the [WI Office](#). A refund is only possible if the ticket can be resold. A £2 administration fee will be charged.