

CFWI Events Diary

May 2025

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Outing to Elton Hall Tuesday 29 July 2025



This extraordinary, romantic, part Gothic house has been home to the Proby family since 1660.

Elton Hall is a fascinating mixture of styles, reflecting the taste and interests of succeeding generations. Every room contains treasures – magnificent furniture and fine paintings, from early 15th century Old Masters to the remarkable 19th century work of Alma Tadema and Millais. In addition, there is a wonderful collection of porcelain and books. The library, one of the largest in private ownership, possesses such treasures as Henry VIII's prayer book.

The beautiful garden has been restored over the last forty years and has now come into its own, resulting in the award of the Historic Houses Judges' Choice Garden of the Year in 2021. Mature hedging, topiary, glorious herbaceous borders, a sunken lily pond and an orangery garden delight visitors throughout the summer.

We will have tea or coffee and biscuits on arrival followed by a private guided tour of the beautiful house, lasting approximately one hour after which you may enjoy the gardens at your leisure.

Lunch at the Mulberry Café is at your own expense.

The Café offers soup, sandwiches, salads, jacket potatoes and of course cake.

Please note there is no picnicking at the Mulberry Café or Elton Hall.

We will leave Elton Hall about 3.30pm.

Cost: WI Members £50.00 Non WI £53.00

Closing Date: 1 July 2025

Booking starts Tuesday 6 May 2025 [TicketSource Link](#)

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Booking CFWI Events

Please book via



www.ticketsource.co.uk/cfw

Members who prefer not to make a booking online have two other options.

TicketSource Telephone Box Office Service – by calling 0333 666 3366 or

By Post - Cash or cheque sent to the CFWI Office with written contact details.

NEW EVENTS

Lavender Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 16 July 2025, 2.30pm

CFWI Office

Cost: WI Members £18.00 Non WI £20.00

Closing Date: 25 June 2025

Come and join us for a traditional afternoon tea with a difference, the difference is a hint of lavender!



[TicketSource Link](#)

Booking starts: Tuesday 6 May 2025

NEW!

Speakers Showcase

Saturday 19 July 2025

Oakington Pavilion

Cost: WI Members £8.00

Closing Date: 1 July 2025

We are holding another popular Speakers Showcase and would like to invite WI's to send one or two of their members to come and listen to the presentations, after which they will be given the opportunity to vote on which speakers they consider suitable for inclusion on our speakers list.



Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided.

[TicketSource Link](#)

Booking starts: Tuesday 6 May 2025



Spanish Feast
Friday 5 September 2025
CFWI Office

CFWI Quiz Night 2025

Friday 12 September 2025
Cottenham Village Hall

Thursford Christmas Spectacular

Thursday 4 December 2025

Matinee performance

A festive feast for all the senses!!



We have a limited number of tickets available to attend the Thursford Christmas Spectacular which is an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. It's a fast moving celebration of the festive season featuring an eclectic mix of both seasonal and year round favourites. With a cast of 130 this is the biggest Christmas show of its kind in Europe.

It is the Winner of the Group Leisure and Travel Awards 2024 Best Christmas Experience

Cost: WI Members £82.00 Non WI £85.00

Closing Date: 15 September 2025

[TicketSource Link](#)

Booking starts: Tuesday 6 May 2025

2026 WI Diaries



We are now ready to take orders for the 2026 WI Diary. For the first time ever, the diary cover will have a print rather than a solid cover. The cover is completely recyclable, making the entire diary recyclable except for the ribbon.

The price of the diary will remain the same as the previous two years - £7.00
Order form with your secretary

COFFEE MORNING WITH BINGO

Monday 23 June 2025, 10.30am start

CFWI Office

Cost: Members £7.00 Non WI £9.00

Closing Date: 9 June 2025



A fun morning not to be missed!

[TicketSource Link](#)

A Morning With: "100 Years of Hat Making"

Thursday 29 May 2025, 10.30am

CFWI Office

Cost: WI Members £12.00, Non WI £15.00

Closing Date: 4 May 2025

Milliner Susan Widlake will talk about "100 Years of Hat Making" and will show the tools, materials and hats dating from 1920s to the present day as well as her own hat creations. Tea and coffee included.



[TicketSource Link](#)

The 8 Most Wasted Foods & What We Can Do With Them Instead

Friday 13 June 2025, 2pm-4pm

CFWI Office

Cost: Members £8.00 Non WI £10.00

Closing Date: 29 May 2025

Come and join us for an interesting talk on what we can do to prevent food waste, save the planet and our pocket!



[TicketSource Link](#)

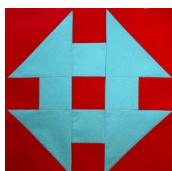
A Morning with Kay Goddard

Wednesday 18 June 2025, 10.30am

CFWI Office

Cost: Members £12.00 Non WI £15.00

Closing Date: 26 May 2025



The underground Railroad "Patterned Path to Freedom"

Come and listen to this amazing story!

Tea and coffee included.

[TicketSource Link](#)

Machine Patchwork for Beginners

Monday 30 June 2025 10am - 4pm

and Tuesday 1 July 2025 10am - 1pm

CFWI Office

Cost: Members £60.00

Closing Date: 9 June 2025

We are running a machine patchwork day-school specifically for beginners or those with a little knowledge, making a cushion from a log cabin design.



[TicketSource Link](#)

A Day at the Races in Cottenham Village Hall

Saturday 5 July 2025, 2pm-5pm



Bring along friends and family, or a group from your WI to enjoy this fun event.

Tickets include a glass of bubbly or non alcoholic drink on arrival and a light afternoon tea of sandwiches, scone and cake.

We will be watching 8 races on the big screen, from the comfort of Cottenham Village Hall.

Cost: Members £20.00 or £22.00 for event and horse

Non WI £22.00 or £24.00 for event and horse



Closing Date: 19 June 2025

[TicketSource Link](#)

Mary Poppins

Milton Keynes Theatre

Wednesday 19 November 2025

Matinee Performance



A Guaranteed Jolly Holiday with Mary

Starring Stefanie Jones and Jack Chambers!

Cost: WI Members £100.00 and Non-WI £103.00

Closing Date: 9 May 2025

[TicketSource Link](#)

CFWI Spring Bulb Scheme

We are delighted to once again offer you the chance to enhance your garden by ordering from the WI Spring Bulb Catalogue. These bulbs are not only excellent quality and a good price but also help raise funds for the WI.

Order forms are with your secretary, orders and payment to CFWI by Friday 30 May, Thank you for your support.



Dates for your Diary

DATE	EVENT AND TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE
MAY			
10	Impressive Women in Art - 10am-2pm	CFWI Office	17 April
17	Treasurers Training - 10am-1pm	CFWI Office	1 May
22	Riverside Walk - 2pm	Chesterton	8 May
29	100 Years of Hat Making - 10.30am	CFWI Office	4 May
JUNE			
4	2025 NFWI Annual Meeting	Virtual	
13	8 Food Things you Throw Away 2pm-4pm	CFWI Office	29 May
14	The Mirror Crack'd	Tolethorpe Hall	25 April
18	A Morning with Kay Goddard 10.30am	CFWI Office	26 May
23	Bingo Coffee Morning - 10.30am	CFWI Office	9 June
30	Beginners Machine Patchwork - 10am-4pm	CFWI Office	9 June
JULY			
1	Beginners Patchwork - 10am-1pm	CFWI Office	9 June
5	A Day at the Races - 2pm-5pm	Cottenham Village Hall	19 June
16	Lavender Afternoon Tea	CFWI Office	25 June
19	Speakers Showcase	Oakington Pavilion	1 July
29	Elton Hall	Nr Peterborough	1 July
AUGUST			
14	Foundation Paper Piecing	CFWI Office	TBC
16	Southwold Summer Theatre	Southwold	TBC
SEPTEMBER			
5	Spanish Feast	CFWI Office	TBC
12	CFWI Quiz	Cottenham Village Hall	14 August
16	Fine Cell Work Talk	CFWI Office	TBC
OCTOBER			
9	Knitting & Stitching Show	Alexandra Palace	TBC
11	Fused Glass Workshop	CFWI Office	TBC
NOVEMBER			
1	Crochet Stars Workshop	CFWI Office	TBC
19	Mary Poppins	Milton Keynes Theatre	9 May
29	Christmas "Try it Day"	CFWI Office	TBC
DECEMBER			
4	Thursford Christmas Spectacular	Thursford	15 September
15	Christmas Celebration	TBC	TBC

Craft, Coffee and Chat sessions will be held on 13 & 22 May in the WI Office 11am-3pm.

Events in bold are new on TicketSource this month. TBC stands for to be confirmed. Further information can be accessed from the events page on our website using the following link [view CFWI events](#) here.