

# Cambridge WI Events Diary



JANUARY 2025

DATE	EVENT AND TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE
<b>JANUARY</b>			
16	Swan Lake	Sadlers Wells, London	Closed
21	Winter Warmer Lunch - 12.15 for 12.30pm	CFWI Office	3 January
18	Mosaic Knitting Workshop 10am-12.30pm	CFWI Office	Waiting List
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
12	The Cambridgeshire Collection - 11am	Cambridge Central Library	22 January
24	Jigsaw Challenge - 10am for 10.30am	Oakington Pavilion	3 February
<b>MARCH</b>			
4	<b>Pancake Tuesday Coffee Morning - 10.30 - 12.30pm</b>	CFWI Office	21 February
12	<b>Visit to the Whipple Museum</b>	Cambridge Central Library	20 February
15	<b>Swishing Saturday - 10am-1pm</b>	CFWI Office	14 March
21	<b>Angie Stewart from Women's Aid Talk</b>	CFWI Office	14 March
24	<b>Air Fryer Talk - 10am - 12pm</b>	CFWI Office	10 March
<b>APRIL</b>			
2	Spring Lunch with Speaker	TBC	TBC
15	Resolution Evening - 7pm	Zoom	TBC
28	<b>Annual Council Meeting - 7pm</b>	Comberton Sports & Arts	15 April
30	Voulez Vous Abba Tribute Lunch and Show	London	TBC
<b>MAY</b>			
19	Riverside Walk		TBC
<b>JUNE</b>			
4	2025 NFWI Annual Meeting	Virtual	
14	'The Mirror Crack'd'	Tolethorpe Hall	TBC
23	Bingo Coffee Morning	CFWI Office	TBC

**Craft, Coffee and Chat sessions will be held on 14 & 23 January 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.](#)

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Office open Monday and Thursday 10am-1pm and 1.30pm-3pm. Tuesday contactable by email only.

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## CFWI Events

Events are available to book on TicketSource using this link:

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/cambridge-federation-wi](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cambridge-federation-wi)

Members who prefer not to make a booking on-line will 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.

### Swishing Saturday

CFWI Office

Saturday 15 March 2025

2 sessions, 10am-11.30am and 11.30am-1pm

Cost: WI Member £2.50 Non WI £3.50

Tickets available until 14 March

We are asking members to **donate** good quality, new or nearly new women's clothing, handbags and hats to be **sold** to other members at bargain prices..

Donations can be dropped off at the WI Office in Girton from **17 February until 10 March**. (Please see opening hours).

Contact the office if you would like someone to collect donations from your WI.

Please ensure all items are washed and ironed, this will make them look their best at the sale.

[TicketSource Link](#)

Booking starts Monday 6 January



### Pancake Tuesday Coffee Morning

CFWI Office

Tuesday 4 March 2025, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Cost: Members £8.00 Non WI £10.00

Closing Date: 14 February 2025

**Join us for some delicious Pancakes**

Bacon and Maple Syrup

Traditional Lemon/Orange/Sugar  
Nutella

Along with a cup of coffee or tea

[TicketSource Link](#)

Booking starts Monday 6 January



### A Morning with Angie Stewart CEO of Cambridge Women's Aid

CFWI Office

Friday 21 March 2025, 10.30am

Closing Date: 14 March 2025

Join us as we welcome Angie Stewart in the month that we celebrate International Women's Day. Angie is the CEO of Cambridge Women's Aid, an organisation that has provided specialist support to survivors of domestic abuse in Cambridge since 1977. Angie will talk about her role and the incredible support provided by Women's Aid.

[TicketSource Link](#)

Booking starts Monday 6 January



### Visit to the Whipple Museum

Wednesday 12 March 2025, 10.30 am

Cost: £6.00 (WI Members only)

Closing Date: 20 February 2025



Exclusive visit to Whipple Museum as we visit at a time when the museum is closed to the public. The Whipple Museum's collection includes scientific instruments, apparatus, models, pictures, prints, photographs, books and other material related to the history of science.

[TicketSource Link](#)

Booking starts Monday 6 January

### Air Fryer Talk and Demonstration'

CFWI Office

Monday 24 March 2025, 10am-12pm

Cost: WI Member £7.00 Non WI £8.00

Closing date: 10 March 2025

A helpful discussion & demonstration on the Air Fryer  
Sharing of information/articles/  
recipes/types available. If you  
already have an air fryer, please  
bring your recipes, thoughts and advice too so that we  
can all learn from each other.

Tea & Coffee will be available.

[TicketSource Link](#)

Booking starts Monday 6 January



### JIGSAW CHALLENGE 2025

Oakington Pavilion

Monday 24 February 2025, 10 for 10.30am start

Cost: £11.00 (WI Members only)

Closing Date: 3 February 2025

Gather a team of 4 friends from your WI  
and come along to take part in our  
annual Jigsaw Challenge - to see who  
can complete the picture first.



You will be welcomed with tea and coffee from 10.00am. A light lunch of soup and bread, followed by a muffin, will be served at about 12.30pm, when all puzzles are completed. A small prize will be awarded to the members of the winning team. Why not bring along your old tried and tested puzzles to swap with other members on the day.

[TicketSource Link](#)

**Voulez Vous Abba Tribute Show  
with Lunch aboard the Teresa Joanne  
at the Royal Albert Docks**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Wednesday 30 April 2025**

## Visit to the Cambridgeshire Collection

Central Library, Lion Yard, Cambridge  
Wednesday 12 February 2025, 11am  
Cost: £6.00  
Closing Date: 22 January 2025

Cambridgeshire County Council's Local Studies is home to major collections of material from across Cambridgeshire. During the visit we will be looking at some of the collection and having a guided tour of the archive store.



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[TicketSource Link](#)

## Winter Warmer Lunch

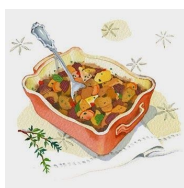
CFWI Office  
Tuesday 21 January, 12.15pm for 12.30pm  
Cost: WI Member £20.00 Non WI £22.00  
Closing Date: 3 January 2025

### Join us for a lovely warming lunch of

Pork and Pear Cassoulet or  
Mushroom, Butternut Squash and  
Pear Cassoulet  
with Boulangère Potatoes. Green  
Beans and Spinach

### Dessert

Sticky Toffee Pudding with Ice Cream  
Followed by tea and coffee



[TicketSource Link](#)

## Dorothea Jude Competition 2025

### TAKE ONE TEA TOWEL



Don't just dry dishes with it – take ONE tea towel and transform it from an everyday essential into a stylish, original item

Using only one tea towel approximately 50 cm x 76 cm (20in x 30in), additional haberdashery may be used but the star of the show must be the tea towel!

Please take a photograph of the tea towel before starting your transformation and submit this with your finished entry

The winner will be chosen by members attending the Annual Council Meeting on 28 April 2025. All finished articles and photograph to be received at the CFWI Office by Thursday 17 April 2025.

**£6.00 per Entry (Members Only)**

## CFWI Annual Council Meeting

Comberton Sports and Arts, West Street,  
Comberton CB23 7DY  
Monday 28 April 2025  
Doors open 6.15pm for 7pm start

Our speaker this year will be Lucy Lewis. Some of you may have had the pleasure of hearing her inspirational talk about her career as the UK's first female bomb disposal expert. However she now has her hands full with a new challenge – she is Cambridge University's first woman marshal and we are delighted that she is going to include some of her experiences in this role in her talk.



There will be stalls, displays, a raffle and refreshments available to purchase in the break.

All WIs are invited to send a delegate to the meeting, to vote on the constitutional items on the agenda. Delegate tickets should be paid for by their WI.

All members are welcome.

All tickets (delegates and members) are £10.00

[TicketSource Link](#)

Booking starts Monday 6 January

## CFWI ANNUAL MEETING STALL RESERVATION

Once again, we are offering WI's the opportunity to run a small stall (and make some money) at our Annual meeting in April.



If you are interested email [office@cfwi.co.uk](mailto:office@cfwi.co.uk) by Monday 17 February with details of your stall and we will be in touch.

Please note that we have limited spaces so we will be looking for a variety of stalls. In the event of being oversubscribed the final decision lies with the Board.

**Cost to your WI: £20 a stall which includes one ticket to the Annual meeting.**

## Resolution Results

Secretaries, please remember to email the results from your members to the office by Monday 10 February 2025

## Strategic Plan

NFWI is working on the strategic plan for our organisation and we are all invited to have our say. Consultation started on 16<sup>th</sup> September and will run until **1<sup>st</sup> March 2025**.

Comments can take any form - but as a starting point for discussions there are 4 draft vision statements to think about.

- **Activism**  
We will review and develop our national campaigning approach and nurture and support local activism so the WI continues to be a force for positive change in the 21st Century.
- **Belonging**  
We will be an active and visible presence in our communities and reinforce and enhance our role in bringing communities together. We will lead targeted initiatives with specific groups of women to include the voices of a wider audience and bring them into the WI family.
- **Learning**  
We will be the 'go to' platform of choice for all women to share skills, expand knowledge and forge new friendships. We will empower women to explore what learning means for them and achieve their personal goals.
- **Informed**  
Focussing on the internal management of our charities, we will improve our data collection and management. Making it easier to collect, access, evaluate and use data to inform decision-making across our charities.

### Your Role

Your role is to share your views - either individually or collectively as a WI. NFWI is keen to hear your thoughts. You know the organization best! The challenge for the future is to build a WI for the hundreds and thousands of women who will join the WI behind us - how do we reach them and ensure the WI continues to be everything you want it to be.

There is a dedicated email address to send feedback: [Vision@nfwl.org.uk](mailto:Vision@nfwl.org.uk)

Or you can write a letter to 104 New Kings Road, London, SW6 1LY. Or you can call on 02073719300

## NFWI Annual Meeting Wednesday 4 June 2025

The National Federation Annual Meeting next year will be **hosted on line** on 4 June with Emma Bridgewater, founder of Emma Bridgewater Pottery announced as the first speaker, we can expect an exciting and interesting meeting.

The meeting is **open to all members** and details of how to register as an observer are available via your WI secretaries - along with information about being nominated as a delegate.

Those of you who have been to an Annual Meeting will agree that one of the benefits of attending is the company of other WI members. NF is encouraging WIs to set up **watch parties** and your secretaries have more information about this.

We are planning to hold a watch party at the CFWI office (more details to follow). However, as we can only accommodate around 40 members, I would encourage groups to get together in their WIs if they can.

**Delegate nominations** are needed by **Friday 14 February** - so CFWI can book tickets.

**Observer/Group tickets** are booked by individuals via Eventbrite - ask your secretary for the link. We have been asked not to put links in newsletter for the security of the event. Registration can take place until **Friday 30 May 2025**.

*Sue Smales, Chair*