

[Solihull NWR Programme – Summer 2025](#)

Please note: the number in brackets indicates the number of attendees the host can safely accommodate

****Information in Bold : each member who wishes to attend needs to book and pay as soon as possible to ensure a place**

Date	Host	Meeting Topic
Friday 9 th May	Whole Group	<p><i>A last FREE visit to Coughton Court (National Trust until early 2026).</i></p> <p>House (open 10am-4pm), Gardens (open 10/11am-5pm), see Bluebells and short walk.</p> <p>11.00am Short bluebell walk (Judy)</p> <p>12.00 Lunch in café</p> <p>1.00pm House visit</p> <p>National Trust Members FREE</p> <p>Adults £17 (£18.70 with gift aid)</p> <p>Coughton Court is a Tudor house with a collection of Catholic treasures, and home to the Throckmorton Family for 600 years.</p>
Monday 19 th May	7.30pm Helen (8)	<p><i>It's been 80 years since its introduction. Is Family Allowance/Child Benefit still relevant in today's society?</i></p> <p>Yvonne will lead this topic</p>
Wednesday 21 st May	10.30am Rosemary (8)	
Tuesday 3 rd June	Judy	<p><i>A Proper Walk 3-6 miles.</i></p> <p>A figure of 8 walk with start and half way rest stop (pub or café) for refreshment. Either join us at the start or in the middle – you choose.</p>
Wednesday 18 th June	2pm Penny (10)	<p><i>Where's your Happy Place / Shangri-La?</i></p> <p>Your happy place is where you retreat to feel calm and away from the stress of today and bring you contentment. A Shangri-La is an imaginary earthly paradise on earth, a haven or hideaway of tranquility, and comes from the Tibetan Shambhala meaning "the sun and the moon in one's heart"</p>
Thursday 19 th June	7.30pm Judy (10)	
Thursday 3 rd July 2pm	Whole Group 2pm	<p><i>Royal Shakespeare Company Costume Tour at RSC Stratford-upon-Avon 2pm.</i></p> <p><u>** You must book your own place for The Costume Tour, and pay £13.50. Individual Pre Booking is ESSENTIAL as there are limited places.</u></p> <p><u>rsc.org.uk/tours tel 01789 331 111</u></p> <p>Note that the tour duration is 60 minutes and is a continuous walking tour with no opportunities to sit down. In and around Stratford there are plenty of places for coffee and refreshments, and there are lots of short walks to be had. Nearby to RSC, refreshments are available at FourTeas – vintage 1940s themed tea room (24, Sheep Street) and The Dirty Duck/The Black Swan</p>

Tuesday 15 th July	Whole Group 2pm	<p><i>SOCIAL and 60th Solihull NWR Anniversary.</i></p> <p>Afternoon Tea at The Limes (allergen friendly) Forshaw Heath Lane, Earlswood, Solihull B94 5JZ Includes sandwiches, scones, tea and coffee £14.95 (fizz is an extra £5)</p> <p><u>**Yvonne will book for the group. Please book and confirm your place with Yvonne by paying her a £5 deposit by Friday 27th June.</u></p> <p>Balance to The Limes is payable on the day. Yvonne has kindly arranged this booking, but please do not contact The Limes directly.</p>
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VE 80 events locally -FOR YOUR INFORMATION

VE Day Celebration at RAF Museum Midlands

On 10th May the RAF Museum Midlands in Cosford is hosting a free concert featuring classic wartime songs and patriotic anthems. The event runs from 13.00 – 15.30 outside Hangar 2.

VE Day 80th Anniversary at Middleton Hall and Gardens VE80

Celebrate on May 3rd and 4th 11am-4pm at Middleton Hall and Gardens, near Tamworth with events commemorating VE Day. Activities include historical displays and live entertainment. Tickets are £11.00. Tamworth Middleton B78 2AE

Surreal Solihull Outdoor Art Exhibition

From March 6th to May 31st Solihull High Street in the Town Centre features “Surreal Solihull” an outdoor gallery and showcasing vibrant works inspired by the 1940s, and newly commissioned works of 29 talented artists from Solihull and the West Midlands. It’s a free, self-guided experience, honouring the legacy of Emmy Bridgwater, the great surreal artist and poet who called Solihull home.

Bugaloo Babes VE80 Celebration

11th May 2.30pm-5.30pm £12.00 at Land Rover Sports and Social Club, 6 Bilsmore Green, off Rowood Drive, Solihull B92 9LN

VE Day 80 Concert

On May 8th a national concert will be broadcast featuring performances commemorating VE Day. Check local listings for viewing details.

Further information about D-Day Anniversary <https://dday80.campaign.gov.uk/>