

# MK Scarlet Sparkles Events and News April 2025



## Events this month

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am  
Coffee morning at Dobbie's

Mary will be your hostess  
[marycooper2@hotmail.com](mailto:marycooper2@hotmail.com)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm

Book group - Trish  
[travellingmarshalls@gmail.com](mailto:travellingmarshalls@gmail.com)

We will discuss *Old God's Time* by Sebastian Barry.

*The book for May, if you wish to join us, is 'The Lie Maker' by Linwood Barclay.*

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am  
Breakfast at The Harvester, Loughton

[ejd2@btinternet.com](mailto:ejd2@btinternet.com)

Book with Elaine by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm

Escape Room, CMK

[jocastadiva@gmail.com](mailto:jocastadiva@gmail.com)

Cost ~£15, book with Jo by 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 1.00pm

Oriental Open Garden in Wootton (Beds)

[linda@broadwayavenue.co.uk](mailto:linda@broadwayavenue.co.uk).

Visit this fascinating Feng Shui garden, with lots of Japanese plants, topiary and ponds. Open in aid of charity as part of the National Gardens Scheme. Entry £5, drinks and cakes available to purchase.

Book with Linda by Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>, saying whether you would like or can offer a lift.



No birthdays this month, so Hatter Hugs all round!

## Forthcoming events

Lunch at Fabrice, The Hub

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 12.30pm - [liz\\_sparham@outlook.com](mailto:liz_sparham@outlook.com).  
Book with Liz by Monday 12<sup>th</sup>.

Ballet to Broadway (Ballet at The Odeon)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 7.15pm -  
[liz\\_sparham@outlook.com](mailto:liz_sparham@outlook.com). Tickets £20, book with Liz  
by Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

Bill's Coaches trips ([billscoachhire.co.uk/day-trips](http://billscoachhire.co.uk/day-trips))

Contact [sheran.charlesworth@skycom](mailto:sheran.charlesworth@skycom). £10 deposit payable on booking.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - *The Lion King* £82 – Lyceum Theatre, London

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August - *Black Country Living Museum, Audley*- Over 65's £52

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October - *The Coffin Works & The Pen Museum Birmingham* £45

## National & international events

British Red Hat Convention 2025: Bling Up Bedford 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September - details [here](#), booking form [here](#).

*The Convention is being organized by an external company, but they would welcome members from nearby chapters (that's us!) to act as meeters & greeters. No need to pay/book into hotel unless you plan to attend the whole convention. Contact [jocastadiva@gmail.com](mailto:jocastadiva@gmail.com) for more details.*

Sip, Sail & Celebrate, San Francisco 25<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> May - details [here](#)

Antwerp Hoot, Belgium 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May - details [here](#)

Sip, Sail & Celebrate, New York & Bermuda 25<sup>th</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October - details [here](#)

## Welcome

Please join me in welcoming our new member Amanda, Lady Bluebird. Some people may have met Amanda at the March coffee morning, and we look forward to seeing her at other events soon.