

WI SPEAKERS LIST

ART & LITERATURE

A Beginner's guide to Art and Art History – Illustrated talks include Love and Romance in Art; Women in Art, Portraits, Historical Eras (Vikings/Tudors/Elizabethans/Victorians); A Beginner's guide to Modern Art

Grainne Purkiss

Market Harborough, Leics.

01858 419213/07587 052948

£60 plus 40p per mile travel (negotiable for smaller WIs)

grainnepurkiss@hotmail.com

Available evenings and at short notice

Face to Face & Online

Murder and Mayhem - Bestselling local crime novelist talks about the challenges of writing detective fiction in the modern age, including an insight into the research required and the workings of the publishing industry

Jane Isaac

Northamptonshire

07969 065479

£60 + 45p per mile from NN14 1JZ

janeisaac@live.co.uk

Face to Face & Online

My Life as an Author - A brief description of my career to date, then describing the research needed for my books and including a Q&A session

Margaret Dickinson

Coalville

07990 549203/01530 458675

£70 face to face/£20 online

margaretedickinson@me.com

Also available at short notice

Face to Face & Online

My Life as an Artist * Cruising for the Uninitiated

Michaela Kelly

Thorpe Satchville, Leics.

01664 840731

£40 plus mileage

michaela.kelly3@btopenworld.com

Face to Face only

A brief history of Western bookbinding - Bookbinders are less celebrated than some other practitioners of art and crafts, for example, the royal binders at Charles II's court were known simply as binders A, B, C and D, whereas we know the names of the main painters, such as Sir Peter Lely and Antonio Verrio. The history of Western bookbinding is fascinating, its roots in Roman tablets and continuing to the present day. Bookbindings provide an insight into trading relationships between countries, methodologies and materials peculiar to particular countries, recycling, consummate craftsmanship and design and evidence of cowboy practices. The "archaeology of the book" is the study of the book as an object, rather than a text, and scholars of bookbinding are gleaned ever more information from the books themselves, each of which has an individual story to tell.

***The conservation of the National Trust's libraries** - The National Trust owns nearly half a million books spread over 205 properties. This exceptional collection dates from the C6 to C20 and has to be conserved in the context of the buildings it inhabits, with equal consideration given to the needs of all other objects. The conservators work with those of other disciplines devising appropriate solutions, with the care ranging from simple protection against dust to taking a book to pieces, washing it and putting it back together again. The books hold many insights into the characters of the people to whom they belonged and are an exceptional resource for scholars of bookbindings, society and contemporary thinking at a particular moment.

Caroline Bendix

Market Harborough

caroline@bendixlibraryconservation.com

Fee £50 plus mileage 45p per mile

01858 881091

www.bendixlibraryconservation.com

Face to Face & Online

Adventures of Ruffle - the journey of a local author/illustrator and her children's stories about an Airedale Terrier and his adventures on a steam railway.

Rachel Greaves
07784 749611

Mountsorrel, Leicester
£35

rustytheraildog@outlook.com

COUNTRYSIDE & NATURE

The Woodland Trust & National Forest

Ian Retson
01530 415682/07969 191493
retsonian@gmail.com

Ashby de la Zouch, Leics.
Donation to charity
Available anytime

Face to Face & Online

CRAFTS & HOBBIES

The Making of Hand-woven Bags from the Philippines - focusing on the harvesting, dyeing and weaving process of the raw materials) * **Philippines: Culturally Quirky.** A humorous talk on everyday lives of ordinary Filipinos which other people might find amusing, strange or even weird! * **Shell Craft from the Philippines.** A talk about the different shells found in the Philippines, and the different products made from them.

Analiza Jones
01789 565075/07443 565185
siimpp@yahoo.com

Stratford upon Avon
£45 plus £25 travel max.

Face to Face & Online

Honey Bees and Bee-Keeping – how important bees are to us and how we can help * **Spinning – Sheep & Wool** – talk on the use of wool and spinning wheel demonstration * **Are Poems Scary? Thought-provoking? Rhyming?** A whistle-stop tour from TV ads to the Bible and beyond

Julia Wallis
07801 414335

Nuneaton, Warks.
£70 plus £5 travel if over 45 minutes (one way)

jlswallis@hotmail.com

Available anytime

Recycling With a Difference.

A very interesting and amusing talk – includes a large display of items to make, using every day throw away items, such as supermarket carrier bags, old CDs, food tins, ring pulls, plastic bottles, magazine pages, book pages earrings, and necklaces to name a few.

Sue Drage
01788 336565 07487 420838
susan.drage@ntlworld.com

40 miles of Rugby Travel radius
£45 and 41p per mile
Available April to September & at short notice.

Memory Albums/Scrapbooking and Book Art – bespoke scrapbooks/memory albums, learn how to create something beautiful. I upcycle old, unwanted books to create a work of art – service with a smile!

Sageena Thakur
07711 153709
sageenathakur@gmail.com
majaspapercraft1@gmail.com

Leicester
£50 plus travel
Available at short notice.

Face to Face and Online – plus Denman online

Pyrography (Wood Burning) – Hands-on workshop with around 16 machines and wooden blanks. Traditional craft burning designs onto wood for making your own coaster, key fob or at Christmas, a tree hanging.

Bob Neill

Aston on Trent, Derby

01332 792036
bob.neill1@btinternet.com
www.bobneillpyrography.co.uk
Face to Face only

£80 plus small charge for materials used
Half day or one day workshops

Patchwork for Pleasure – 1) Sit back, relax and enjoy my collection of quilts and how I began patchwork and quilting * 2) Make an Owl Paperweight (£1.50 for materials) * 3) Make a Patchwork Christmas Tree (£1.50 per tree materials) * 4) Make a fabric flower brooch (£1 for materials) * 5) Christmas Tree hanging decoration (£1 for materials) 6) Hat Pincushion (£1 for material) 7) Snowman hanging (£1 for material) 8) Lavender Heart (£1.50 for materials)

Carolyn Boulter
01455 843618/07759 842909
carolynboulter@ymail.com
Face to Face only

Barwell, Leicester
£50 plus 25p per mile travel over 10 miles
Available most times and at short notice

View Through the Lens * On My Doorstep * Beautiful Britain * Key Steps to Improving your Pictures * Travel Talks (Australia, New Zealand, Canada, India)

Ian Pettit
01332 853505/07908 338592
ianpettit77@gmail.com
Face to Face only

Castle Donington, Derby
£45 + 35p per mile over 30 miles
Availability on application and short notice

Flower Arranging - Arrangements to be raffled off (also workshops available)

Kerry Evans
0116 2602824
kerryevans289@btinternet.com
Face to Face Only

Syston, Leicester
£35 + travel & materials.
Available evenings and some weekends

The road to Aluminiumart, from Bugattis to Butterflies – the background to creating unique aluminium sculptures and artwork with the story behind the development of each piece. Demonstration of principles and the development of recycled material range of artwork. Wide range of unique and high quality gifts/products available to purchase on the night.

Matthew Warburton
07733 552888
matthew@aluminiumart.co.uk
Face to Face only

Ashby de la Zouch, Leics.
£80 plus 50p per mile travel
Generally available

From Fleece to Finish- a talk by a sheep farmer on preparing fleece for handspinning with practical demonstrations of the tools used including carders and combs as well as demonstrations of different types of spinning using a spinning wheel and drop spindle. There is an opportunity to look at different types of wool as well as a chance to buy some of the spun yarns and handmade items. ***One Crafter's Journey-** How a love of knitting and spinning was turned into a small business, includes practical demonstrations including a spinning wheel demonstration. There is an opportunity to buy some of the spun yarns and handmade items

Angela Dewes
barnspun yarnandfarm@gmail.com
Tel: 07745122180
www.barnspun yarnandfarm.co.uk
Face to Face only

Ashby Magna
Fee £55 + 45p per mile for travel
Availability: All year

FINANCE & LEGAL AFFAIRS

Wills & Lasting Power of Attorney – Have you got the right Estate Plan in place for you?

Rosie O'Hanlon-Hills
Leicester/Leicestershire

rosie@westcoteswills.co.uk
07920 061946
www.westcoteswills.co.uk
Face to Face & Online

Donation to Hammersley Homes Charity.
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday Evening & Weekdays Mon- Fri.

Does your Will need updating? *How can a trust protect my family's wealth or assets for future generations? *I've heard about LPAs but do I need one? *Should I be considering how I will manage care home fees?

Kayleigh Brown, Wilson Browne Solicitors Leicestershire
cbarry@wilsonbrowne.co.uk No fee
0800 0886004 Two weeks notice required
www.wilsonbrowne.co.uk
Face to Face & Online

FOOD & DRINK

Chocolate – talk, demonstration and tasting

Tom Phillips Quorn Chocolate Academy, The Farriers, Charley Road,
07879 857703 Charley, Loughborough, LE12 9YB
choc.tom@hotmail.co.uk £90 plus mileage
Face to Face Only Available February to Easter, October to Christmas

Smile Please, Say Cheese * Poultry and Game with Turkey Carvery * Timeless Entertainment * Carvery & Timeless Entertainment

Ian Rogerson Kirby Muxloe, Leicester
07983 632286/ 0116 3489060 £65 Smile please, say Cheese, Turkey talk, carvery
ian_timeless@icloud.com & entertainment, please call to discuss
Face to Face Only discuss (includes travel). Evenings/some daytime availability

Indian Cooking – talks on spices and herbs used in Indian Cooking *Indian Cookery Demonstrations with tastings

Bhanu Mistry Leicester
07816 246103 Talk only £60 plus travel expenses. £2 per head for food bites
bhanumystery66@gmail.com Cookery demonstration, please call for pricing
Face to Face & Online

HEALTH, WELL BEING & FITNESS

Crystal Healing * Stress and Aromatherapy * The Benefits of Aloe Vera

Pamela Lenthall Wigston, Leics.
0116 2108730 £45 + travel
pamela.lenthall@ntlworld.com
Face to Face only

Tai Chi - Talk, demonstration & some participation

Laraine Tucker Glen Parva, Leicester
07779 434742 £48 per hour + 50p per mile travel
larainetucker@icloud.com Available anytime Monday – Friday
Face to Face & Online

Herbal Medicine for the 21st Century * Herbal Health - a traditional approach for a modern world
* **Herbal Health through the Ages** * **Herbal Medicine** – Living with Chronic Conditions
* **New models of Healthcare** – what is good health and how herbs can help

Dr Serene Foster/Ruth Austin Hydes Herbal Clinic, 68 London Road, Leicester LE2 0QD
0116 2543178/07769 675301 Donations to NSPCC/Macmillan + mileage

serene.foster@hydesherbalclinic.co.uk
ruth.austin@hydesherbalclinic.co.uk
www.hydesherbalclinic.co.uk

Face to Face & Online

Cardiology Research Talks: Is blood transfusion harmful? * Is obesity good for you?

*** Vein grafts disease * Ethnicity and access to care in cardiac**

Prof. Gavin Murphy

Oadby, Leicester

0116 2563021

Donation to British Heart Foundation

sp504@le.ac.uk

Face to Face & Online

HISTORY & LOCAL INTEREST

Ghosts and legends Leicestershire * Down the Garden Path – A humorous look at the privies of Leicestershire * **Murder Cases of Leics. /Rutland** – from Earl Ferrers to the first ever use of DNA * **Ladies of Leicestershire** – From Lady Jane Grey to Clare Hollingsworth * **A Nostalgic Look at Leicestershire in the 1940s & 50s** * **The Dirty Thirty** – Leicestershire's Striking Miners * **Historic and Contemporary Characters of Leicestershire and Rutland** * **Radicals & Rebels of the East Midlands** * **Leicestershire Heroes Past and Present** * **Miners' Memories from the Leicestershire Coalfields**

David Bell

Ashby de la Zouch, Leics.

01530 413371

£35 + travel

belldavid950@outlook.com

Available morning, afternoon & evening

Face to Face only

Calke Abbey & Stoneywell Cottage National Trust properties

General and specialised talks available for both properties.

Christine Hodgson

National Trust

01530 248040/07791 389372

Donation to National Trust (min. £50 £25 for online)

christine.hodgson@nationaltrust.org.uk

Available daytime & evening

Face to Face & Online

Bits and Bobs - Do you remember what Grannie had in her kitchen or in Grandad's shop? Hands-on talk remembering items from 1940s and earlier. Try to identify the items passed around – it's fun and involves everyone.

Bob Neill

Aston on Trent, Derby

01332 792036

£60 plus travel

bob.neill1@btinternet.com

Can attend at short notice

Face to Face only

The History of the High Sheriff of Rutland - a Rutland farmer who spent a year wearing tights for the Queen. An insight into the role and history of the High Sheriff

The Future for British Food and Farming-An insight into a modern family farm and the challenges faced by farmers and food producers

Andrew Brown

Rutland

07801 057417

£100

twbfarms@aol.com

Face to Face and Online

Law & Order Series: Development of the Police * Brandy for the Parson * The Gunpowder Plot 1605 * Felons, Phantoms and Fiends * Bonnie Prince Charlie and the 45 Rebellion * Midlands Murders * Stand & Deliver * Fakes, Forgers and Frauds * Wicked Women * Dastardly Doctors * The Verdict is Yours

Memories of Yesteryear: The Golden Age of Coaching * Man at Play * Inn Signs *

Drainpipe Trousers to Rock 'n Roll * Yet More Inn Signs * A Taste of Ale * Grave Tales

and Memorials * Cross Your Fingers * Women at Work * North to Alaska * Boyhood Memories * Feisty Females * Curious Clerics * Wish you Were Here * English Eccentrics Story Telling: All that Glitters (assorted stories) * Chocolate Cake to Die For (crime) * Old Cavendish (ghost stories)

Miscellaneous: Have Bell, will travel * A Mixture of Mysteries * Eleanor's Way * Famous Fictional Detectives * Literary Villains

Graham Sutherland

01926 495894/07801 962981

graham.g.sutherland@btopenworld.com

www.talksandwalks.co.uk

Warwick, Warks.

£65 + £5 travel expenses. Available anytime

Some talks are illustrated

Face to Face and Online

Workhouse Storytellers – What was Workhouse life really like? Using material from the archives, authentically costumed storytellers bring the Victorian workhouse to life. Our performance lasts for just under an hour and includes 4 stories (or 3 stories and songs) some humorous, some tragic.

Liz Muckle, Volunteer Administrator

07810 484717

workhousetales@gmail.com

for more details see our website

www.workhousetales.org

Location - up to one hour's travel time from NG25

£50 (donated to charity), 30p per mile over 20 miles from NG25

Available with reasonable notice

Richard III – the Bones in the Car Park - a talk which both describes Richard III and his reign as well as telling the whole story of the discovery of his bones and the trials and tribulations surrounding his reburial. **A History of the BBC** - in the centenary year of the BBC this talk will take a look back over the last 100 years of BBC Radio and later TV.

Dave Andrews

Former BBC Leicester presenter & Deputy Lieutenant of Leics.

daveandrews127@hotmail.com

Tel No - 07801 935975

Face to Face & Online

Leicester

Fee – Negotiable but generally around £60

Availability - Negotiable

Leicester's first suburb; story of corporation double dealing, deception and bankruptcy. Local hero who comes to the rescue, and some of the people who lived in the streets.

Thomas Cook, Rags to Riches – founder of the tourist industry and the sorrow behind the façade.

Richard Warren

Rjwintheburrow858@gmail.com

07870 8700328

Face to Face Only

South Leicestershire

Fee £50

Available most afternoons and evenings

Sailing on the Sea of Tranquillity – a journey around the moon***Leicester and Space Science** – our role in understanding the universe ***Patrick Moore** – his life and legacy

Paul Masters

07869 213183

Face to Face and Online

£45 plus travel

Evenings and weekends only

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

The Jerusalem Jammers - Demonstration of Ladies' Morris Dancing (including introduction to background of dances)

Sue Crockett (secretary)

01455 458107

£50 + £20 travel (£60 + £20 travel for WI Group meetings)

suecrockett55@gmail.com/

Available evenings

Audience participatory dances available on request at own risk

Face to Face Only

A Magical History Tour – stage magic through the ages illustrated with Powerpoint and actual magic tricks. Member of the Magic Circle. Other talks: Illusion, Delusion and Disillusion; The Golden Tapestry, The Father of Modern Magic and more

Bishop Peter Fox

Castle Donington

01332 811534

£60

peterandangiefox@yahoo.co.uk

Face to Face only

Myths of Middle Eastern Dance (Belly Dance) – talk plus dance demonstration * **Amusing Anecdotes from the life of a snake charmer/fire eater** – informative and amusing talk plus demonstration of Arabic dance (this talk does not involve naked flame or snakes!)

Roxanne Dinsdale

Groby, Leicester

0116 2874517 (answer machine)

Talks £55 plus 35p per mile travel

aysherox49@btinternet.com

www.bellydancewithroxanne.co.uk

Face to Face & Online

After Eight Quartet – four experienced singers present light hearted songs in glorious four-part harmony - with a sense of humour!

Peter & Iris Sayer

Newtown Linford, Leicester

01530 243822 / 07857 505283

£75 inclusive

sayerpeter8@gmail.com

Available for morning, afternoon & evening bookings

Extracts from recordings of the quartet can be heard at <https://soundcloud.com/user-340700642>

Face to Face only

Edward Elgar: The Man and his Music. Elgar was something of a puzzle even to those who knew him well. This talk captures the essence of the great man; with plenty of illustrations and musical examples.

***Malcolm Sargent, Local Hero** – A popular talk charting the extraordinary rise of the superstar musician from the back streets of Stamford to Peterborough, Melton Mowbray to his breakthrough in Leicester. With plenty of original illustrations and musical examples. * **Malcolm Sargent, Onward to Worldwide Fame** - Continues the story of the meteoric rise of this most popular of musicians. With plenty of original illustrations and musical examples. ***Malcolm Sargent's Stamford , A one hour town tour** - Remarkable events in the life of the young Malcolm Sargent, entertainingly told in the places they happened, reveal all the signs of future greatness

Sam Dobson

Birstall, Leicester

£45 donated to LSO (Charity no.1078708)

samdobson69@gmail.com 0116 2677372

Available anytime

Discovering South American Music - Los Amigos, on Guitar, Clarinet and percussion, taking you on a foot tapping, scintillating and enlightening musical journey through the music of South America

Neville Cooper/Harry Heppingstall, Verity Fielding

Hinckley, Leics

07968 279675/07528 182287

£80 plus £10 travel

neville.cooper@btinternet.com

hheppingstall@yahoo.com

Face to Face Only

Hula Hooping – Talk about the Hula Hoop's history & a performance demonstration, plus a "have a go" opportunity* **Juggling and other Circus skills** - Talk about the History of the Circus, a performance demonstration & *have a go" opportunity* **Balloon modelling – A talk and demonstration** plus a "Have a go" session for everyone to try making a model themselves. **Magic !! Yes a talk and**

demonstration of Magic !! including card tricks, and ending with instructions of a trick or two that you can perform for your family and friends...

All of the above talks and demonstrations are suitable for all ages.

John Parnell

Nuneaton, Warks.

07946 413452

£70 including travel

john@hoopguy.co.uk

Available daytime or evening & maybe at short notice if required.

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Leicester

Glyn Bray

£20

07964 310673

Available anytime with notice

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Well Seasoned Carols and Seasonal Songs - The carols we sing are not the usual church carols but traditional carols from around the country, which mostly pre-date the more familiar ones. We offer a performance which includes narrative explaining the origins of the carols and songs and can also include a traditional local Mummers Play. While many of the carols would be unfamiliar, we encourage the audience to join in and some will be very familiar, for example the full version of the carol 'We Singers Make Bold', which has the well-known chorus 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas'.

Well Seasoned Carollers

Leicestershire, Rutland, South Derbys & Notts

01509 558917 or 07298 294298

Donations to Rainbows Hospice

johnandsheilabentham@virginmedia.com

Available - Lead up to Christmas & early Jan to include Face to

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Wassail.

OTHERS

30 years of Leicester Comedy Festival - entertaining talk about the history of the festival, featuring stories and anecdotes

Geoff Rowe

£90 donated to Big Difference Company (registered charity

geoff@geoffrowe.co.uk

1135167)

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Anytime except February

Costumed Talk Titles – Between stairs - The life of a Lady's Maid * Top to Toe - The price of Vanity * True Tales of a Tour Guide * 'A Design for Life' The Laura Ashley Story * Christmas - True Victorian Style * The Time Travelling Tourist * Ghosts in Grandeur

Jo Golby

Ludlow, Shropshire

07867 893110

£40.00 plus 45p per mile travel from Barrow on Soar, Leics.

timetravellersuk@msn.com

Available: mornings, afternoons and evenings

Face to Face only

103 The Eye – Community Radio Station for Melton Mowbray & The Vale of Belvoir

Christine Slomkowska

103 The Eye, PO Box 103, Melton Mowbray, Leics. LE13 9AW

01664 565315

Donation to radio station funds

business@103theeye.co.uk

Availability: various times, day and evening

Face to Face & Online

Real CSI (Crime Scene Investigation) - Funny and interesting stories from my work as Head of a Police CSI Unit, stories of silly criminals and clever ones. Ask about your favourite police TV show and I'll tell you about the ones I have worked on. This is mainly a light-hearted talk, entertaining with lots of laughs. **TV Drama insights** – more funny and enlightening stories and TV drama insights as they are not always as they appear.

Paul Taberner

Nuneaton, Warks.

02476 383772

£40 plus £5 travel

paultabs@hotmail.co.uk

Available daytime and evenings

Face to Face only

All about Playing Cards – a look at the history, mystery and some myths and facts associated with playing cards, with maybe the odd trick, if time permits * **More about Playing Cards** – a follow up from the first talk with more facts and stories related to Playing Cards

Mike Lister
01509 557350/07881 404408
mikelister49@gmail.com
Face to Face only

Loughborough, Leics.
£50 including travel
Available lunch time, afternoons and evenings

How to live in peace with your cat * **How to become a professional Gatecrasher** * **My Extraordinarily Ordinary Life** * **The Magistracy, what it means to be a Magistrate**

Suzi Felstead
07775 735464
sdf.dragonlady@btinternet.com
Face to Face only

Glen Parva, Leicester
£50 including travel
Availability: daytime and evenings

A Toastmaster's Tale * **Folklore, Folk Tales & Funny Folk** * **The London no-one tells you about** * **The Great British Eccentric**

Geoff Harris
01664 434565
enquiries@classinacoat.co.uk
Face to Face & Online

Frisby on the Wreake, Leics.
£65 + travel if further than 15 miles from base
Available afternoons & evenings

The Olympic Torch * **Journey of a Letter** * **Funny Stories from the Post** * **Life of Running** * **Oban** * **The Torch and the Exhibition** * **Covid on the Post – How we worked through it all and kept the country going**

John Noble
0116 2774495
Johntherunnernoble@gmail.com
Face to Face only

Leicester
Where applicable, fee and travel expenses negotiable, please call to confirm. Available afternoons and evenings

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01788 336565
susan.drage@ntlworld.com
Face to Face only

Bilton, Rugby, Warks.
£45 and 38p per mile travel (max. travel charge £35)
Available anytime & at short notice. Travel radius 40 miles.
miles.

A View from Above – Reflections on experiences of flying light aircraft * **Twice as fast and three times as big** – the life and work of Isambard Kingdom Brunel * **The Settle and Carlisle Railway** – a tale of Victorian railway skulduggery and the present day line

Colin Ellis
01530 272592
colinellis1950@gmail.com
Face to Face Only

Measham
£50 plus 25p per mile travel
Anytime

How to enjoy your houseplants - basic care tips without the stress.

Susie Lickman
susie@windowsillplants.co.uk
07980 542448
Face to Face Only

Market Harborough
£60 (reduced for groups of 20 or less).
25p per mile over 15 miles from Market Harborough

Confessions of Game Show Junkies - An amusing jaunt through TV game show history from the experience of two contestants covering the secrets of well-known and more obscure programmes. All finished off with a quiz comprising of question, picture and music rounds

Stephanie & Trevor Mee
07593 998377
prune2011@hotmail.co.uk

Castle Donington, Derbys.
£57 inclusive of expenses
Available daytime and evening

Face to Face Only

Motor-home Meanderings – audio visual presentation from around England, Ireland, Scotland and parts of Europe * **The Kegworth Air Crash** – The management of and the Ambulance Service response
* **33 years in the Ambulance Service** - highs and lows of my journey from Ambulance man to Chief Executive

Alan Parker

0116 2596312/07788 416109

aglp@btinternet.com

Face to Face

Billesdon, Leicester

£50 donation to charity and 45p per mile travel

Available afternoons and evenings

How to Be Plastic Free! – for your health and the planet ***Seven Generations** – walking gently on the earth with Native American wisdom

Sandra Woodward

07823 889088

realrefills@gmail.com

Face to Face and Online

£45 plus travel

Evenings and weekends only

Charnwood and South Melton only

TRAVEL & THE WORLD

The Agony & Ecstasy of a Canal Hotel Boater * **My Canal Life** * **The Life of a Wife and Family of a Canal Boatman** * **My Life Story**

Barry Watson

01788 824473/07966 156473

barrywatson209@yahoo.co.uk

www.barrywatson.com

Face to Face only

Yelvertoft, Northants.

£40 plus 30p per mile travel

Availability: daytime and evening

WOMEN at WAR: The Women Warriors of Bletchley Park – *There's more than one way to fight a war!*
The MERCURY: 13 The Women the Space Race Tried to Forget – *But failed!* **WOMEN in SPACE:** For Some – *The PTA was not Enough.* ***WOMEN'S OLYMPIC ORDEAL:** In the Beginning – Never Really Wanted. *Now they're here – and here to stay!* ***CHINA:** Culture & History Back to the Year Dot – *The Terracotta Army in Xian wait to tell their Story. The Pandas of Chengdu want to say hello.*

Ken Kelly

ken904@btinternet.com

Tel: 07958703928

Face to Face and Online

Leamington Spa

Fee £35 Travel £0.15 per mile

Available weekdays

'Replacing Hopelessness with Hope: dignity and freedom for the poor and marginalised outcastes of South Asia' I will share the work of DFN UK in alleviating multi-dimensional poverty, discrimination and exploitation of outcaste communities through its life-enhancing education, healthcare, economic empowerment and community development programmes.

Janet Carleton

janet.carleton@dfn.org.uk

01785 785068

www.dfn.org.uk

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Steve Rigg

01788 573800 / 07764761795

Questions after the talk

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Face to Face only

Milk, Muck and Magnificent Mangoes – the work of charity 'Send A Cow' * **Kilimanjaro to Kathmandu** – joys and tribulations of walking and mountaineering * **Life in Maasai Villages** – customs and culture of these fascinating people * **Northern Uganda – Boy Soldiers, Child Mothers, Mud Furniture** – how families and young people previously abducted and otherwise affected by the Lords Resistance Army in Northern Uganda are building a new life with the help of Send a Cow * **Ethiopia, the Roof of Africa** – history, landscapes, people along the Rift Valley * **Feed the Soil and the Soil Will Feed You** – techniques used to combat problems of poor soil and climate change * **Rwanda, Beyond the Genocide** – the history and people * **A Walking Safari in South Africa** – from Prospectors' Trail to the Drakensberg ladders * **Gorillas and Tree Climbing Lions** – see fascinating wildlife of Uganda, then trek through the rainforest to find a family of gorillas * **Lesotho, Kingdom in the Sky** - see how Send a Cow is helping farmers combat the current two year drought in this high, inhospitable country * **Mountains and Midges – Walking the West Highland Way** – a 98 mile trek through some of the most beautiful scenery in the UK * **South Africa – Trails of the Garden Route** – walk the coastal trails and forest, climb up Skeleton Gorge, visit Robben Island and the Simonstown penguin colony * **Adventures in Asia** – Travel through Borneo's rainforest, rivers and the biggest caves in the world, then in complete contrast, sample iconic rooftop views of Singapore, Little India, Chinatown and the Singapore River * **Zambia** - Find out about Send a Cow projects to combat gender imbalance and climate change in this huge African country * **Jordan Highlights** – Visit the Dead Sea, Kerak Crusader Castle, Petra with its stunning Nabatean carvings, then camp under the stars in Wadi Rum * **Deltas and Deserts** - Travel in canoes through Okavango Delta, camp on the islands, then on to Namibia, travel through the desert, see the Skeleton Coast, learn about the fascinating San Bushmen. * **South Island New Zealand by Camper Van** – Christchurch, Arthur's Pass, The Antarctic Centre, whales, penguins, glaciers, and a helicopter trip over Mount Cook. * **Barnard Castle to Berwick** – cross Teesdale, Weardale and Tyneside to Hexham. Explore Rothbury, Alnwick, the Farne Islands and Holy Island. See the Chillingham herd, the only truly wild cattle in the world.

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Available anytime

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Face to Face & Online

Chernobyl – A trip on a whim – A talk on a visit to the world's worst nuclear disaster site – can be presented on zoom or in venue

Alison Emery

Leicester

emery.a@hotmail.com

£45 + travel

07545 1345689 or whatsapp

Face to Face or Online

Life Onboard the Royal Yacht Britannia – To give a glimpse of life during the royal tour. The fun, the laughter and the ceremonial.

Bill Haley BEM

Earl Shilton, Leics

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CHARITIES

Save the Children Past and Present

Josephine Burgess

Birstall, Leicester

0116 2674252

£50+ (donated to the charity)

ajbsavethechildren@gmail.com

Available anytime but prefer to arrive at the destination in the light

Face to Face & Online

Illustrated Wainwright's Coast-to-Coast Walk for LOROS. Also available – Hadrian's Wall, Pembrokeshire Coastal Path, West Highland Way, Cotswold Way, Cleveland Way, Leics & Rutland Rounds, Ivanhoe Way or a combination of walks.

Adrian Walker

LOROS Fundraising, Groby Road, Leicester, LE3 9QE

07446 082910

Donation to charity

walk77a@yahoo.com

Available anytime

Face to Face & Online

Inter Care – local charity sending vital medical aid to around 130 health units within 6 sub-Saharan African countries

Alison Briggs

Cropston, Leicester

0116 2350345

Donation to charity

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Available daytime and evening

Face to Face & Online

Rainbows Hospice for Children & Young People

Gary Farnfield

Loughborough, Leics.

Community Fundraiser

Fee at WI's discretion donated to Rainbows

01509 283952/07815 520465

Enquire for availability

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Face to Face & Online

Dog's Trust

Ella Tonge

Based in Wymeswold, Loughborough

01509 882966/07833 050868

No fee – donation to the charity

ella.tonge@dogstrust.org.uk

Available morning, afternoon and evening.

Face to Face & Online

Leicestershire Children & Families Wellbeing Service Youth & Justice

Julian Robertson

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Donations to LOROS or Rainbows

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Face to Face & Online

Peter Le Marchant Trust – Waterways trips and holidays for the disabled and seriously ill

Tim Marren

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Donation to charity Available anytime

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Face to Face & Online

Cancer Research UK - Audio visual legacy talk which includes information about Cancer Research UK and our work, a little science to join in with, a personal cancer journey and unusual bequests

Terri Mclean-Bowman

Community Legacy Manager

Discretionary donation to Cancer Research UK

01536 233266

Available Monday – Friday, daytime and evenings

Terri.mclean-bowman@cancer.org.uk

Face to Face & Online

Mercy Ships - delivering specialised health care and community development in some of the world's poorest countries

Alison Briggs

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Available daytime and evening

Face to Face & Online

Canine Partners - a UK charity transforming the lives of people living with disabilities through our amazing assistance dogs

Talks Administrator

01730 716000

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Face to Face & Online

Loughborough

£50 donation for face-to-face talks, £30 for online talks

Samaritans – The Emotional Support Charity

Samaritans

0116 270 5500

leicester@samaritans.org

Face to Face Only

No fee, donation appreciated

Available anytime

Dogs for Good - a national charity that makes life-changing differences for people with disabilities through the power of expertly trained dogs. Our dogs bring independence to people by taking on many practical tasks, such as retrieving items, helping them get dressed and opening doors.

www.dogsforgood.org/about-us/book-a-talk/

£50 Donation to charity

Face to Face & Online

Available anytime and at short notice

Modern Slavery - a talk by Unseen charity about modern slavery in the UK and around the world. Unseen run safehouses and a modern slavery helpline to support victims of the fastest growing form of organised crime. This presentation looks at how we can help to identify and remove slavery from our personal and business lives.

Phil Jesson

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07774 241207

Face to Face & Online

Market Harborough

£30 donation to Unseen charity helpline

Prostitution - Profession or Oppression? An interactive and thought-provoking look at the realities of prostitution and how local charity The Saffires Project are seeking to respond and support affected women.

Becky Pantling

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Face to Face & Online

Discretionary donation to Saffires

An Illustrated Presentation of the work of Remap – design and produce custom devices for people with disabilities

Martin Grant

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Face to face only

Charity - no fees or expenses

Passage from India - Radio and TV reporter Bharat Patel shares a journey of immigration to the UK in a humorous and tragic autobiographical story. He will reveal a colourful and interesting account of his childhood through funny and distorted tales as he adjusts to three very different ways of life in India, Zambia and Leicester.

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Jessica Southworth

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www.hopeagainstcancer.org.uk

Marie Curie Care – an insight into the support Marie Curie gives to families facing terminal illness. An online talk about the services we offer, our history, the current crisis we face and our future ambitions to address this.

Abby Lockett - Speaker Coordinator

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07515 135403

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07515 134704

Donations welcome

Flexible around dates and times of your meetings

www.mariecurie.org.uk

cga@mariecurie.org.uk

Face to Face & Online

Dementia Carers Count (DCC)– Do any of your members support someone with dementia? DCC is national charity offering invaluable support services to families living with dementia. This engaging and personal presentation is about how DCC supports people who are caring for someone with dementia, help which carers often find isn't there for them. There will be time for questions and discussion, and information about how WI members can access DCC's free services or get involved with the charity.

Yael Shotts – Hertfordshire

No charge - availability: flexible, with some notice.

yael.shotts@dementiacarers.org.uk

Face to Face and Online