WI SPEAKERS LIST

ART & LITERATURE

Wet on Wet Oil Painting Demonstration * Landscape - Seascape - Floral
Jayne Good  
Broughton Astley, Leicester  
01455 282981/07968 495177  
jaynegood25@aol.com  
£45  
Available anytime

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  
janeisaac@live.co.uk  
£40 + 45p per mile over 10 mile radius from home

A Fun Oil Painting Demo with an unscripted, go with the flow approach – ideal for those with no particular interest in art! Humorous talk on Life as an Artist with the emphasis on entertainment – with audience participation!
Mike Peachey  
Wellingborough, Northants.  
07977 580429  
mickybrush.art@gmail.com  
£50 + 33p per mile travel  
Available evenings, day talks subject to availability

My Life as an Artist  * Cruising for the Uninitiated
Michaela Kelly  
Thorpe Satchville, Leics.  
01664 840731  
michaela.kelly3@btopenworld.com  
£40 plus mileage

COUNTRYSIDE & NATURE

Helping Hedgehogs
Colleen Powell  
Leicester  
0116 2207844  
billandcolleen@outlook.com  
£60 including travel  
Available daytime and evenings

The Woodland Trust & National Forest
Ian Retson  
Ashby de la Zouch, Leics.  
01530 415682/07969 191493  
retsonian@gmail.com  
Donation to charity  
Available anytime

My Life and Times in Farming and Hedge Laying
Clive Matthew  
Desford, Leicester  
01455 824055/07703 827548  
c.matthew1@btinternet.com  
£1.50 pp, donated to DCL Holidays for children’s holiday carers  
Available any evening October – April, lunchtime talks on request and short notice

The People of Bradgate Park - an introduction to some of the interesting members of the Grey family)  
* Managing Bradgate Park for Wildlife * Bradgate Park: Making the Connections (a review of the interest features of Bradgate Park and an introduction to the work of the Trust)
The Trust has a pool of speakers  
Estate Office, Bradgate Park, Newton Linford LE6 0HE  
0116 236 2713  
estate-office@bradgatepark.org  
£50 donation to Bradgate Park Trust  
Availability: weekday evenings, some daytime availability.
CRAFTS & HOBBIES

Behind the Scenes at the Chelsea Flower Show * Fabulous Fuchsias * The Imperial Gardens of Japan
Geoffrey Smith 6 Gatcombe Grove, Sandiacre, Notts. NG10 5PN
0115 9392926/07482 627717 £45 + travel
geoff.smith@gmx.co.uk Available almost anytime and short notice

From Ants to Elephants * A Camera in the Garden * What a Wonderful World * Memories are Made of This * Rutland, Small but Beautiful * A Magic Carpet Ride
All talks illustrated with slides set to music. Other titles available
Richard Adams Oakham, Rutland
01572 756706 £35 + 30p per mile travel
rjaadams@btinternet.com Available anytime

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 £60 plus small charge for materials used
bob.neill@btinternet.com Evenings or one day workshops, also available at Denman
www.bobneillpyrography.co.uk Can attend at short notice

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 Nuneaton, Warks.
07801 414335 £65 plus £5 travel if over 45 minutes (one way)
jlswallis@hotmail.com Available anytime

Key Steps to Improving your Pictures * Land of Dreams * On My Doorstep * Behind the Lens * Travel Talks (Australia, New Zealand, Canada, India)
Ian Pettit Castle Donington, Derby
01332 853505/07908 338592 £40 + 25p per mile over 30 miles
ianpettit77@gmail.com Availability on application and short notice

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. Short demonstration of basic principle. Products available to purchase.
Matthew Warburton Ashby de la Zouch, Leics.
07733 552888 £50 plus 45p per mile travel
matthew@aluminiumart.co.uk Generally available

FINANCE & LEGAL AFFAIRS

Will writing & Inheritance planning: Keeping your family money ‘in the family’
Rob Abell Will Planning Solutions Ltd.
0116 2784862/07796 937150 Countesthorpe, Leicester LE8 5QY
rob.abell@willplanningsolutions.co.uk Donation for nominated charity. Call for availability.

Exploding myths in family law and how to help a friend or relative through divorce
To help, we need to listen and avoid advising what we might do based upon our own experience. This presentation dispels the preconceived ideas about divorce and explains in an entertaining style how to help with an emphasis on trying to achieve an amicable separation. “A difficult subject made easier and enjoyable”, “delivered with humour to lighten the mood,” “very good amusing and informative,” “enlightening,” “sensitive to audience”
James Belderbos Bird, Belderbos & Mee
01664 498998/07535 930048 Rearsby, Leicester
james@bbmlegal.co.uk Donation to charity
www.bbmfamilylawsolicitors.co.uk Availability: evenings

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Five things that mean your Will is no longer up to date! - This talk has been highly praised and invaluable to people with wills, they might not be doing what they think!
Duncan Sims
Brook Worthy Law Ltd
0333 0050072 /07813 791382
ds@brookworthylaw.co.uk

FOOD & DRINK

There’s more to Tea than a Bag in a Mug - Discover and taste five loose leaf teas. Fascinating fun! *
Japanese Tea Experience – a taste of Japanese tea and tea ceremony, no kneeling required *
Discover Darjeeling – a fascinating journey to the misty Himalayan mountains of tea * Silver Needles, Black Dragons & Tea Bricks - discover white, Oolong and Puerh (brick) teas! * From
Timber to Tearoom – How and why I built my own tearoom, an inspirational tea story.
Ann Stasinska
07803 206852
oldbrickyardtea@icloud.com
Available weekday evenings and some weekdays
www.oldbrickyardteagarden.co.uk

Interactive Indian Cookery Demonstrations with tastings * Talks on Spices in Indian Cooking with food bites
Bhanu Mistry
07816 246103
bhanumystery66@gmail.com
Talks start from £60 plus mileage
Cookery demonstrations, please call for pricing

Chocolate – talk, demonstration and tasting
Tom Phillips
07879 857703
choc.tom@hotmail.co.uk
Available February to Easter, October to Christmas

Love Food, Hate Waste * Recycling * Love Your Clothes * Composting
Matthew Copley
0116 3057005
matthew.copley@leics.gov.uk
Does not cover Leicester City Centre or Rutland areas

HEALTH, WELL BEING & FITNESS

Crystal Healing * Stress and Aromatherapy * The Benefits of Aloe Vera
Pamela Lenthall
0116 2108730
pamela.lenthall@ntlworld.com

Tai Chi - Talk, demonstration & some participation
Laraine Tucker
07779 434742
larainetucker@icloud.com
£44 per hour + 42p per mile travel
Available anytime Monday – Friday

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
0116 2543178/07769 675301
serene.foster@hydesherbalclinic.co.uk
ruth.austin@hydesherbalclinic.co.uk
www.hydesherbalclinic.co.uk
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

Benefits of Hypnotherapy – talk on neuroscience of Solution Focused Hypnotherapy and why people suffer from stress, anxiety, depression, and phobias and how to retrain your brain to think confidently and positively
Carmen Harrington  Market Harborough, Leics.
07817 387559  No fee – charity donation
carmen@inspiredtochange.biz  Available most times, except Tuesday and Thursday evening

An Introduction to Mindfulness for the Modern World – how it works, what is can do for you and experience various Mindfulness methods first hand – including meditation
Chris Heath  Thrussington, Leicester
Solutions 2 Living  £50 + £5 travel
07914 694384  Available daytime and evening
chris@solutions2living.com  www.solutions2living.com

The East Midlands Immediate Care Scheme
Dr. Tim Gray MBE  Barleythorpe, Rutland
01572 722792/07752 791531  Free talk
timgray86@hotmail.com  Available anytime

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  £30 + travel
davidjabell1@outlook.com  Available morning, afternoon & evening

Stories of Brooksby (Deserted village, famous families and 21st century college) * Brooksby Links with World War 1 (Admiral Beatty, The Battle of Jutland & local stories) * Stranger than Fiction – Brooksby ghosts, myths and legends * Brooksby Church and Brooksby Hall Grounds summer walks (from the old to the new: 13th century church – 21st century practical teaching accommodation- Walk: £4.00 per head donation to Brooksby Church)
Malcolm Britton  Frisby on the Wreake, Leics.
01664 434490  £40 donation to Brooksby Church
mrbritton1946@gmail.com  Available almost anytime

Cathedrals, Rooftops and more, Restoration of old Buildings
Dr Jonathan M Castleman DSc (Hons)  Wigston, Leics.
0116 2880311/07801 859842  Donation to charity.  No fee or mileage
jcastleman@btinternet.com  Please ring or email for availability

Stoneywell Cottage National Trust property * Conservation at Stoneywell * Ernest Gimson his life and work * General talk on Stoneywell * Stoneywell and the Arts and Crafts furniture of Leicestershire and Stoneywell garden
Christine Hodgson  National Trust
01530 248040 or 07791389372  Donation to National Trust (min. £50)
christine.hodgson@nationaltrust.org.uk  Available daytime & evening

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The Story of the Music Hall with lots of audience participation * Life in Edwardian Times including Edwardian Leicester * Life in the Fifties a nostalgic look at the post-war era * Life on the Home Front during WW2 with particular reference to the role of the WI * Oh I do like to be beside the seaside a fun history of the seaside holiday * Life in Jane Austen’s time a costumed talk on life between 1780 and 1820 * Those Big Brand Names we grew up with the stories behind many well-known food brands such as Oxo and Ovaltine * Life in the Swinging Sixties with songs of the era * An entertaining history of Nursery Rhymes, Riddles and Proverbs * A century of Children’s Costume using an extensive collection of 20th century children’s clothes * A Wartime and Austerity Christmas a fascinating look at how people celebrated Christmas during the WW2 and the austerity years despite rationing and hardship * 100 Years of Weddings a history of wedding fashions in the 20th century, illustrated with clothes and artefacts * The hosiery industry in Leicester in the 20th Century a brief history illustrated with many articles of clothing made locally * Every home should have one the domestic history of the 20th century told through the development of household equipment that we all now take for granted * An Old Fashioned Christmas an atmospheric mix of fact, poems, stories, games and audience participation for November and December only.

Felicity Austin Syston, Leicester
0116 2692543 £50 + 40p per mile outside 5 mile radius of Syston
felicity1947@live.co.uk Talks restricted to 15 mile radius of Syston Apr-Oct and 8 mile radius Nov-March evenings Available any day or evening

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 and a look at the future of British agriculture.
Andrew Brown Rutland
07801 057417 £100
twbfarms@aol.com


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 Warwick, Warks.
01926 495894/07801 962981 £65 + £5 travel expenses. Available anytime
graham.g.sutherland@btopenworld.com Some talks are illustrated
www.talksandwalks.co.uk

The Orient-Express: Reputation, Renovation and a ride on the King of Trains – History of long distance train travel * Namibia: Marooned on the Skeleton Coast – True story of a WWII shipwreck
* Bling – Hunting for gold and diamonds * Four Fiddlers - four people in 1880s America who were on the fiddle! * Top Gear at GCR – how the TV scenes are shot: featuring episodes of Victoria, Casualty and Ripper Street using the Great Central Railway * 40 years of Railway Clangers: from the Orient Express to working for Richard Branson

All talks are fully illustrated and last about one hour
Bill Devitt Moira, Derby
01283 819410/07952 173724 £60 plus travel 25p per mile
bill.devitt@sky.com

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**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  
bob.neill1@btinternet.com  
£55 plus travel  
Can attend at short notice

**The Death and Afterlife of Wistan, a murdered princely saint of Mercia** * Guthlac the warrior and hermit saint * The cunning Women of Pagan Mercia * The Anglo-Saxon Monastery at Breedon on the Hill * The Secrets of the Staffordshire Hoard

Douglas Clinton  
Oadby, Leicester  
0116 2714414  
djclinton666@gmail.com  
£50 inclusive  
Available daytime and evenings

**Maintaining and Repairing Britain’s Historic Buildings**
The talk looks at how Britain’s historic buildings and monuments are protected and repaired. Britain has a wealth of old buildings from small cottages to churches and castles. They are all part of our heritage and it is imperative we protect them for future generations to enjoy and cherish.

David Sleight  
Welford, Northants.  
07980 702121  
david@sleightconservation.co.uk  
£45 including travel  
Available week nights/possibly afternoons by prior arrangement

**The Story of the French Cancan** * Sophisticated Ladies of the Night: The 19th Century Parisian Courtesans * The Truth behind Les Misérables * The Life and Art of Toulouse-Lautrec * Franz Lehár and the Merry Widow

David Price  
Rugby, Warks.  
07528 756124  
david@d-price.co.uk  
£80 inclusive, no charge for mileage  
Available daytime and evenings

**MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS**

**An Evening of Scottish Dancing and Singing**

Gill Mouncer  
Oadby, Leicester  
0116 2713717  
gillmouncer@hotmail.co.uk  
£45 for 30 mins + travel, £60 for 1 ½ hours + travel  
Available weekends, afternoons (except Tues) and evenings (except Thurs)

**Tales of a touring opera singer; an aria in your area** – light hearted, witty and informative talk of life on the road as a professional opera singer, how to deal with divas, opera disasters, gossip and a chance to open your voices and sing

Martin McEvoy  
Gretton, Northants  
01536 770330/07899 903977  
martin@londoncityopera.co.uk  
£100

**A Trip Down Tin Pan Alley** - history of the fascinating world of popular music around the 1920s, tales of the rougish publishers, amusing anecdotes about the songwriters and performers, and how some well-loved songs were written  
*The Life and Music of George Gershwin* - the amazing life and musical achievements of one of 20th century’s greatest songwriter and composer of hit tunes from ‘Swannee’ to ‘Summertime’ and of course, Porgy and Bess and Rhapsody in Blue

David Kimmins  
Keyworth, Nottingham  
0115 9377216  
two.kimmins@gmail.com  
£40-£60 depending on size/location of WI  
Available anytime

**My Parade of Hits** * Dougie and His Drums

Dougie Wright  
Sutton in the Elms, Leicester  
01455 282624  
dougfidgetyfeet@hotmail.com  
£45 + travel. Available anytime
Discovering South American Music - Los Amigos, on Guitar and percussion, taking you on a foot tapping, scintillating and enlightening musical journey through the music of South America
Neville Cooper/Harry Heppingstall  
Hinckley  
07968 279675/07528 182287  
£70 plus £10 travel  
neville.cooper@btinternet.com  
hheppingstall@yahoo.com  

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  
£50  
peterandangiefox@yahoo.co.uk  

Nigel and Teri – Folk and contemporary songs with various instruments
Nigel Creasey  
Sleaford, Lincs.  
07717 077298  
£60  
merlyjak@gmail.com  

The Jerusalem Jammers - Demonstration of Ladies’ Morris Dancing (including introduction to background of dances)
Sue Crockett (secretary)  
Burbage, Leics.  
01455 458107  
£40 +£10 travel, £60 + £10 travel for WI Group meetings  
suecrockett55@gmail.com/  
jerusalemjammers@hotmail.com  
Available evenings and anytime at weekends  
Audience participatory dances available on request  

New: Edward Elgar: The Man and his Music. Elgar was something of an enigma even by those who knew him well. This illustrated talk attempts to capture the essence of the great man *  
Sir Malcolm Sargent, Local Hero - An illustrated talk charting the fascinating rise of the superstar musician from the back streets of Stamford to worldwide fame * 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 * An Illustrated History of Leicester Symphony Orchestra - Lots of great stories about the people and events around the orchestra including their superstar founder Malcolm Sargent *  
Sam Dobson  
Birstall, Leicester  
0116 2677372  
£40 donated to LSO (Charity no.1078708)  
samdobson69@gmail.com  
Available morning, afternoon and evenings  

Myths of Middle Eastern Dance (Belly Dance) – talk plus dance demonstration * Amusing Anecdotes from the life of a snake charmer/fire eater – talk plus demonstration of Arabic dance *  
Interactive Middle Eastern themed show with two dancers, perfect for annual or special meetings
Roxanne Dinsdale  
Groby, Leicester  
0116 2874517 (answer machine)  
Tales £55 plus 35p per mile travel  
aysherox49@btinternet.com  
Show fee £120 plus 35p per mile travel, not available weekends  

Hula Hooping – Talk of the Hula Hoop’s history & demonstration plus some audience participation *  
Juggling and other Circus skills – History of Circus talk, demonstrations & audience participation *  
Balloon modelling – Talk, demonstration and audience participation.
John Parnell  
Nuneaton, Warks.  
07946 413452  
john@hoopguy.co.uk  
£60 including travel  
Available daytime or evening & maybe at short notice if required.  
www.hoopguy.com  

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  
sayerpeter8@gmail.com  
£75 inclusive  
Available for morning, afternoon & evening bookings  
www.aftereightquartet.com  
See reviews and recordings on website  

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1960s Dance Crazes and Styles - A talk, demonstration and dance instruction of the popular dance crazes and styles of the 1960s! Qualified dance instructor also offers other dance styles from 1970s, 1980s and 1920s, Belly dancing, Bollywood, Salsa, Burlesque, popular party dances and more. You may even wish to mix and match different styles! * Fascinator and Crown Flower making workshops also available.
Gaynor Fairweather  
01332 367444/0796 3630434  
gaynorfairweather@hotmail.co.uk  
Chaddesden, Derby  
£50 plus 25p per mile travel  
Available day and evening.

OTHERS

The Power of Colour – Learn how to wear the colours that enhance your complexion and make you look and feel fabulous! * Fab at 40 and Beyond – Top tips to enhance your natural beauty whatever your age.
* Detox & Shop your Wardrobe – Learn the 4 simple steps to a quick wardrobe detox and see how easy it is to shop your wardrobe * Holiday Packing made simple – Learn some simple techniques to make holiday packing nightmares a thing of the past * Your Colour and Style – Top tips on warning colours and styles that compliment your natural beauty and shape.
Katie Crowe  
07795 311454/07831 394449  
info@colourbykatie.co.uk  
Manton, Rutland  
£60 including travel (mileage charges apply for groups outside 15 mile radius). Available weekdays, evening and weekends.

25 years of Leicester Comedy Festival - entertaining talk about the history of the festival, featuring stories and anecdotes.
Geoff Rowe  
0116 2616812  
geoff@bigdifferencecompany.co.uk  
Big Difference Company, LCB Depot, Leicester  
£70 donated to Big Difference Company (registered charity 1135167)  
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  
07867 893110  
timetravellersuk@msn.com  
Ludlow, Shropshire  
£40.00 plus 45p per mile travel from Barrow on Soar, Leics.

Funny Bones & Wisdom Teeth – retired doctor, dentist and academic (and former comedy scriptwriter) looks at the funny side of his career
Dr. Ray Lowry  
07921 140778/01912 960699  
r.lowry@sky.com  
£40 plus travel.

Introducing the Tudors with Nursery Rhymes * Lady Jane Grey – The Forgotten Tudor * From the Fury of the Norsemen Deliver us * When Christmas was cancelled – a history of Christmas * Help me! Authentic Self – Really?
Sandy Leong  
07914 082109  
sandyleong1@hotmail.com  
www.sandyleongspeaker.co.uk  
Loughborough, Leics.  
Fee £85 depending on location (no mileage charge within Charnwood). Available morning, afternoon and evening Please find full details and complete list of talks on website.

From Corby to the world - how a very small company got to sell its products as far as China, Australia and the Middle East
Anthony Bianchi  
07771 508412  
bianchisenior@gmail.com  
Stretton, Rutland  
£40 plus 25p per mile travel (up to a 30 mile radius from Stretton).
Cyber Awareness & Online Safety - However you use the internet, email and social media, be it via a tablet, smartphone or computer, make yourself more savvy! This is a NON-TECH overview and covers device safety/protection, passwords, protecting your personal information, social media, online shopping and more; plus advice on traditional fraud and telephone scams targeting the public
Samantha Hancock – Cyber Protect Officer Leicestershire Police
07814 226278 samantha.hancock@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk
@LeicsCyberAware (Twitter & Facebook)

Printing takes Flight - former partner in Minuteman Press, Printers reflects 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 Measham
01530 272592 colinellis1950@gmail.com

21st Century Policing – An open and frank view of modern policing and the daily challenges faced by frontline officers
Robert Cross Hinckley
01455 291748 robert.cross@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Dads Army – the nation’s favourite comedy * From Vicar’s Son to BBC Producer * Television Comedy: How a TV sitcom is created, script to screen
Charles Garland Oakham
01359 232199/07785 752080 charles.garland@talk21.com

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 Loughborough, Leics.
01509 557350/07881 404408 mikelister49@gmail.com

The Humour That Surrounds Us * My Farcical Career as the Passenger Liaison Officer on the British-India Ship ‘Nevasa’ * Strange But True - True Stories of Strange Events * Lucky Breaks in Show Business - how some stars rocketed to fame * Curtain Up - an amusing look at Show Business
Colin Bower Frisby on the Wreake, Leics.
01664 434565 enquiries@classinacoat.co.uk

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 Glen Parva, Leicester
07775 735464 sdf.dragonlady@btinternet.com

A Toastmaster’s Tale * Folklore, Folk Tales & Funny Folk * The London no-one tells you about
Geoff Harris Frisby on the Wreake, Leics.
01664 434565 enquiries@classinacoat.co.uk
Confessions of a Country Vicar * It’s better than working for a living – 45 minutes of unremitting humour, without the need to resort to expletives
Revd Canon Alan Haydock Bingham, Notts.
01949 875805 /07944 569661 £65 donated to various charities
www.revd-alan-haydock.me.uk Availability: anytime and short notice

Scam Awareness ‘Think Jessica’ * Dementia Friends * Insight & helpful tips - talks sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care
Gail Devereux-Batchelor Stonton Wyville, Leics
01858 540317/07597 800156 Donation to charity plus 25p per mile travel
gail.db@homeinstead.co.uk Available: Summer anytime/Winter daytime
www.homeinstead.co.uk/mh

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 Billesdon, Leicester
0116 2596312/07788 416109 £40 donation to charity and 40p per mile travel
aglp@btinternet.com Available afternoons and evenings

The Hoarder next door * Buying and selling at auction (stories from the auction room) * Browsing antique shops * Buying and selling at boot fairs * Identification /valuation and investment in Antique silver
Steven B Bruce Norton Grange, Warks. CV35 0OP
01926 641402/01926 641548 £45.00 including mileage
07778 595952 Members are encouraged to bring items for valuation and discussion. Available anytime and short notice
sbbrucesales@aol.com www.auctionswarwickshire.co.uk

The Olympic Torch (free talk) * Exhibition 2012 (free talk) * Journey of a Letter * Funny Stories from the Post * Life of Running or Life on the Run * Oban * Summer Holiday
John Noble Leicester
0116 2774495 Where applicable, fee and travel expenses negotiable, please call to confirm. Available afternoons and evenings
mouse606mouse@icloud.com

Recycling, not as you know it but with a difference – includes craft display using every day thrown away items
Sue Drage Bilton, Warks.
01788 336565 £40 and 38p per mile travel (max. travel charge £35)
susan.drage@ntlworld.com Available anytime and at short notice. Travel radius is normally 55 miles but will travel further if travel expenses agreeable

TRAVEL & THE WORLD

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

Wendy Martin
Hinckley, Leics
01455 613348
£40 minimum + 30p mileage
wtmartin@live.co.uk
wendytmartin@tiscali.co.uk

Nine strangers cycling across America – tale of adventures and lessons learned when following dreams. A very human story with lots of humour and drama!
Rachel Lundy
Kibworth, Leicester
07854 731274
£50
rachel.lundy1@yahoo.co.uk
Availability: evenings and some daytime

CHARITIES

One Hundred and One Years of Save the Children
Josephine Burgess
Birstall, Leicester
0116 2674252
£40+ (donated to the charity)
ajbsavethechildren@gmail.com
Available anytime but prefer to arrive at the destination in the light

British Red Cross - The work of the British Red Cross, on your doorstep and across the world.
Sue Wright
Senior Community Fundraiser
British Red Cross, Moulton Park, Northampton
01604 678507/ 07709 400764
Available any time

The services of LOROS Hospice * Wainwright's Coast-to-Coast Walk for LOROS
Adrian Walker
LOROS Fundraising, Groby Road, Leicester LE3 9QE
0116 2318431/2
Available anytime

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
Available daytime and evening

Samaritans – The Emotional Support Charity
Samaritans
No fee, donation appreciated
0116 2705500
leicester@samaritans.org

Rainbows Hospice for Children & Young People
Gary Farnfield
Community Fundraiser
Loughborough, Leics.
01509 283 952/07815 520 465
gary.farnfield@rainbows.co.uk
Enquire for availability

Dog’s Trust
Hannah Graham & Ella Tonge
Wymeswold, Leics.
01509 882966/07833 050868
hannah.graham@dogstrust.org.uk
ella.tonge@dogstrust.org.uk
No fee – donation to the charity
Available morning, afternoon and evening.
One of my four legged best friends may be able to accompany, if requested

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
Claire Coles
Regional Legacy Manager
Discretionary donation to Cancer Research UK
01780 765176
Available Monday – Friday, daytime and evenings

Yearbook 2020 Speakers List
**Medical Detection Dogs:** Dogs saving lives every day just by using their noses  
Wendy Coley  
01509 843205  
try2climb@yahoo.co.uk  
Availability: Flexible

**Your local air ambulance** - An insight into the work of the Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland Air Ambulance and its sister service in Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance  
*Children’s Air Ambulance* – Learn more about the work of the dedicated inter-hospital transfer service for critically ill babies and children across the UK.  
0300 3045999  
enquiries@theairambulanceservice.org.uk  
£50 inclusive donated to the charity  
Available mornings, afternoon and evenings

**Traveleyes: their world through your eyes** - a holiday guide for the visually impaired  
Eileen Smith  
01455 824423/07717 104017  
eilrex45@gmail.com  
£40 donation to Sightsavers  
Available anytime and short notice

**Leicestershire Youth Offending Service**  
Julian Robertson  
0116 3050030/07725204082  
juilian.robertson@leics.gov.uk  
Donations to LOROS or Rainbows  
Available anytime

**When You Wish Upon a Star** – East Midlands Children’s Wish Charity  
Contact Head Office  
0115 9791720  
alexa.wigfield@whenyouwish.org.uk  
www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk

**Mercy Ships** - delivering specialised health care and community development in some of the world’s poorest countries  
Alison Briggs  
0116 2350345  
alisonj.briggs@ntlworld.com  
Cropston, Leicester  
Donation to charity  
Available daytime and evening

**Peter Le Marchant Trust** – Waterways trips and holidays for the disabled and seriously ill  
Tim Marren  
01509 265590/07375 667487  
timmaden@peterlemarchanttrust.co.uk  
Canalside Moorings, Beches Road, Loughborough, Leics. LE11 2NS  
Donation to charity  
Available anytime

**Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution – Supporting Farming Families**  
Mary Maud  
01865 724931/07525 323450  
mmary.maud@rabi.org.uk  
Oxford  
Donation. Willing to travel to Leics & Rutland, Derbys, Lincs, Notts, Northants  
Available daytime and evenings

**Canine Partners** - a UK charity transforming the lives of people living with disabilities through our amazing assistance dogs  
Nick Sydenham  
07711 314294  
nick@osgathorpe.plus.com  
Loughborough  
£50 donation to the charity

claire.coles@cancer.org.uk