

theWI Huntingdon & Peterborough

Speakers Handbook 2025



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Notes to WI Programme Secretaries

1. If writing to a Speaker by post, always enclose a stamped addressed envelope for a reply. If contacting a Speaker by email, print any replies as proof of confirmation.
2. Please remember that all bookings made by telephone should be confirmed in writing. This can either be in a letter or email format. The fee and travel expenses should be agreed immediately afterwards, giving the appropriate details of date, time and place of meeting. The Speaker should also be told how much time is allowed for the talk or demonstration. It would be most helpful if, when writing to speakers or demonstrators, a contact telephone number is given which could be used by the Speaker in the event of a last minute emergency.

3. A reminder, giving the necessary directions both to and from the meeting, should be sent at least a week beforehand. It is often difficult to find the way to a hall on a dark winters evening so a good, well drawn map is very useful. Postcodes of venues can also be useful for those using Satellite Navigation.
4. It is worth finding out the travelling expenses beforehand and the length and method of the Speakers journey. It is the duty of the WI to appoint a Hostess to welcome and look after the Speaker, introduce them to the President and see to their comfort. Don't forget to leave a parking space for them and do help them with any boxes etc.
5. Speakers fees and travelling expenses should always be paid at the meeting, and by bank transfer or cheque payable to them personally and not to a national charity.
6. Do see that adequate table space and any requested equipment is made available before the start of a meeting.
7. Do not keep the Speaker waiting if they arrive promptly. If necessary, the remainder of the business could be postponed until the end of the talk.
8. The Federation has agreed with these Speakers that the information contained in the Speakers Handbook is for the use of Huntingdon and Peterborough WIs. Please do not pass the information on to anyone else. In accordance with GDPR, please ensure all earlier editions are destroyed.
9. Finally; use local talent whenever possible, especially during winter months; keep a look-out in the local press for ideas; do not be afraid of trying something new and remember—a WI with a dull programme cannot expect to gain new members or even keep their present ones.

ANIMALS, WILDLIFE AND NATURE

Zoonique Adventures

Zoo Nights: 24 Hours Visiting ZSL London Zoo

Roaring lions at 5am in the middle of a London park? It's not what you'd expect! Hear what it is like to spend the night at ZSL London Zoo, where Asiatic lions, flamingos, and parrots become your noisy neighbours! Listen to stories about their animals and learn how their conservation work is protecting endangered animals world-wide.

Talk can be adapted to include other animal encounters and experiences, including animal experiences offered by ZSL London Zoo (Komodo dragon keeper, penguin keeper, giraffe keeper, and more), day visits to other zoos and aquariums, and encounters with wild sea turtles in Maui, Hawaii. Available to present via Zoom if required.

Availability: Afternoons. Evenings. Possibly short notice.

Requirements: Projector and screen. Table.

Miss Helen Foster, Alconbury Weston.

Tel: 01480 896602 / 07514777929

Email: Helenfoster1997@yahoo.com

Fees: £40.00

Travel expenses: £0.40 per mile.

AUTHORS

1. Talk by a Local Author on the Craft of Writing

I live in Godmanchester and have written three novels, the most recent of which is a psychological thriller called *The Invitation*. Set in and around Cambridge it draws its inspiration from the gravestone of Mary Anne Weems in the graveyard of the local church, St Mary's, in Godmanchester. The main protagonist is a woman, Claire Evans, who is a forensic pathologist. Coming home one night after a tiring day at work she finds a hand delivered card inviting her to her own funeral...

I can also talk about my previous novel which is a work of historical fiction and is based on the Irish famine. I have a particular interest in this as both my parents are Irish and my mum grew up on a farm in Cairns, near Sligo. The novel is called *Darkness Falling* and a brief synopsis is as below:

'From 1845-1847 the British government reshaped Irish society, with disastrous results.

Ultimately, a million lives would be destroyed, and another million people would flee.

These are two stories of those lives.

A woman cursed by a priest stands alone on a clifftop trying to summon up the courage to jump.

Her brother stands accused of murder and rebellion against the state.

Accompanied by a troop of soldiers, a landlord destroys the homes of his tenants leaving them to die on the hillsides.'

My first novel, *The Reckoning*, is also a psychological thriller and, if invited to speak, I can say more about this at the particular meetings.

I can also talk about the craft of writing itself.

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: None.

Contact: Patrick MacDonald, Godmanchester.

Tel: 07977 229079

Email: patrickdermotmacdonald@gmail.com

Fees: £40

Travel expenses: Not stated.

2. Roger Leivers—Author and Local Historian

The Godmanchester Stirling, the subject of my first book 'Stirling to Essen,' which has now sold over 3,500 copies worldwide and into its third reprint. The true story of a XV Squadron Short Stirling bomber crew out of RAF Alconbury who crashed close to Godmanchester in April 1942. It tells their story, learn about the raids they went on, the crashes and close calls and what became of them. Who did fate save and who did she cast aside.

House of Spies, how Farm Hall in Godmanchester became a vital link between SOE/IS HQ in London St James and RAF Tempsford. Who ran it, who passed through it on the way to occupied Europe, a canine warrior, the German Nuclear Scientists incarcerated there and one of the most amazing wartime survival stories, worthy of a film any day. This talk comes from my second book, 'Godmanchester at War.'

Godmanchester at War, our towns amazing wartime history outside of the Farm Hall story. Children and evacuee memories, a long lost story, the story of our fallen, tales of the ARP and Dads Army, invasion planning and local politics, a fascinating insight into what life was like in most small towns during the war.

Searching for Lotte, she made an emotional appearance in my first book, but since then her story, and that of her family, has expanded to become a talk in its own right. The true holocaust story is full of both hope and despair. You will find how she was found and then the twists and turns of life for the family in Theresienstadt, and for some, Auschwitz.

Father & Son, the life of William Rhodes Moorhouse, the first airman to be awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery during the Great War, and his son, 'Willy,' who flew during the Battle of Britain. Both remarkable men and heroes of the nation, although there are some dark corners in Williams story. Make up your own mind at the end! He divides opinion!

When Brits Go Bad, Bull Dog spirit? Not for these scoundrels. Wartime brought out the worst in people. Looting, gangs, prostitution, serial killers, murderers, spies, and traitors. Its all here. Be warned, its not for the faint hearted!

NEW for 2025 'DACHAU, 80 Years ON'

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: Projector and screen

Contact: Roger Leivers, Godmanchester.

Tel: 07926 329970

Email: rogerleivers@yahoo.co.uk

Fees: £50

Travel expenses: N/A

3. My Journey from Complete Beginner to Self Published Romance Author

I give talks about my journey from being a complete beginner in 2013 to a successful self-published author today. I emphasise the fact that it's never too late to start writing and describe the process I go through to come up with ideas and then write them into books. I've now published a dozen books of varying lengths in the contemporary romance genre. I always leave time for questions at the end.

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: A projector and extension lead. A table to sell books from.

Contact: Julie Stock, Great Paxton.

Tel: 07715 699202

Email: Julie.stock@btinternet.com

Fees: £60.00

Travel expenses: £0.45 per mile.

COMMUNITY/VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

1. Dementia Friends Information Session

The Dementia Friends Information Session is a one hour FREE presentation. Non medical.

Raising Awareness of dementia.

Through discussion and activities you will learn a little more about dementia, what it may feel like to have dementia and how best we can support those with lived dementia.

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: A small table to work from.

Contact: Mrs Heather Hooper, Werrington, Peterborough.

Tel: 07816 521081.

Email: Heather.Hooper@volunteers-alzheimers.org.uk

Fees: A voluntary donation to the Alzheimer's Society would be very welcome.

Travel expenses: No travel expenses.

2. Mary's Meals—The Story of our Journey so far

Mary's Meals was inspired by the words of a child back in 2002. We started by feeding just 200 children in Malawi a daily meal in their place of education, and now we feed over 2.4 million children in 18 countries.

Our story begins in 1992 in the village of Dalmally in Scotland when 2 brothers were having a pint in their local pub. Our global headquarters is still the small shed that was used as storage on their father's farm.

This presentation tells you the story of Mary's Meals from its humble beginnings to now being a global charity helping children and their communities build a ladder out of poverty.

Our talks have been described as – inspiring, thought-provoking, moving and interesting.

Availability: Morning, Afternoon, Evening.

Requirements: Preferably access to a screen/projector/speaker to show presentation. Power supply.

Contact: Mrs Jane Wright.

Tel: 07395 798196.

Email: jane.wright@marysmeals.org

Fees: No charge, voluntary donations. **Travel expenses:** No travel expenses.

3. Behind the Scenes with MAGPAS Air Ambulance

Take a look behind the scenes of Magpas Air Ambulance, a charity delivering critical lifesaving care to the counties of Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and beyond for over 54 years. Hear what it takes to make an air ambulance available 24/7, the teams behind the operation, the care we provide and how it all comes together with your help.

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: Large table. Projector and screen (although we do have our own that we can bring if required). Speaking position near a plug socket.

Contact: Mrs. Emma Sanders, Alconbury Weald, Huntingdon.

Tel: 01480 371060 (Option 1).

Email: fundraising@magpas.org.uk

Fees: Donation please.

Travel expenses: No travel expenses.

4. The Angels Foundation UK

Supporting Families Who Have Fled Domestic Abuse

The Angels Foundation UK is a Huntingdonshire-based charity dedicated to supporting survivors of domestic abuse and their families, helping them rebuild their lives both practically and emotionally. Our main activities focus on breaking the cycle of abuse and empowering survivors to live safe, independent lives free from fear.

Our flagship 'Back to Life Support' project addresses the critical lack of resources faced by survivors transitioning into permanent housing. Many survivors arrive at new homes with nothing, and our packages provide essential items such as furniture, flooring, and white goods. This practical support is vital in creating a safe, comfortable home environment where survivors and their children can begin to heal.

Additionally, we offer specialist counselling and therapy services, designed to help survivors process trauma, rebuild self-esteem, and establish healthy relationships. Recognising the impact of abuse on children, we ensure support is available for all family members, helping to break intergenerational cycles of abuse.

Engagement with our services varies based on individual needs. Survivors receiving counselling typically access a minimum of 12 sessions, while practical support through the 'Back to Life' programme provides immediate relief as they transition into permanent accommodation. Our ongoing activities, such as the Angels Walk and Talks, offer long-term community support and opportunities for survivors to build connections, fostering social inclusion and resilience.

Each survivor's journey is unique, and our trauma-informed approach ensures support is tailored to their circumstances. By addressing practical, emotional, and psychological barriers, we empower survivors to overcome the challenges they face. For example, providing basic household items reduces the risk of women returning to abusive relationships due to financial hardship or lack of stability. Counselling services help survivors rebuild confidence and develop coping strategies, while community activities promote integration and reduce isolation.

We are committed to working collaboratively with local organisations to ensure holistic support. Our partnerships enable us to identify survivors at the most vulnerable points of their journey, provide appropriate interventions, and deliver effective follow-up care.

Feedback from domestic abuse professionals highlights the value of our services in reducing return rates to perpetrators, preventing furniture poverty, and creating stable home environments.

Since 2020, our 'Back to Life' project has supported over 400 survivors and their families, with none returning to their abuser. Our charity is credited with saving lives, fostering independence, and creating opportunities for positive futures.

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: None, will use what is available or happy to just talk.

Contact: Caroline Deeprise, St Ives.

Tel: 01480 271771

Email: support@angelsfoundation.org.uk

Fee: £50.

Travel expenses: No travel expenses.

5. Estate Planning: Tax, Care 7 The New Guy

Our talks are designed to make important topics like these both informative and enjoyable:

- **Wills:** Exploring why they matter and the different types available.
- **Trusts:** Protecting your assets for the future.
- **Lasting Powers of Attorney:** How they can be invaluable.
- **Sideways Disinheritance:** Addressing the challenges of remarriage.

Inheritance Tax: Simplifying what can seem like a complex subject.

We've had the pleasure of delivering these talks to groups such as U3As, Women's Institutes, Men's Sheds, Rotary Clubs, and many others. The feedback is always positive—people appreciate the light-hearted, interactive approach we take to what can often feel like heavy subjects.

****PLEASE NOTE**** The speakers name is Bruce Wakeling, who lives in the local area, but his diary is managed by Ria Hambridge, when calling the mobile number or sending an email you will need to talk to Ria.

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: No electronic equipment, unless you would like our speaker to wear a microphone then this will need to be supplied.

Contact: Ria Hambridge / Bruce Wakeling

Tel: 07796 962405 Email: ria@silvertimelegal.co.uk

Fees: No charge. Travel expenses: No charge.

6. Diane Manian—My experience as a Volunteer Nurse in Lourdes with Raphael Pilgrimage

As a volunteer registered Nurse with the Raphael Pilgrimage to Lourdes we undertake Nursing care to the sick pilgrims who require help with any aspect of care. Sometimes it all nursing care, feeding tubes and medication, sometimes it's a hand to hold and give reassurance.

The 7 days are long and varied, my role starts when we get to the airport ready to fly and finishes when all the sick pilgrims are safely on their onward journey home. With everything in between!

It is a pilgrimage / holiday for the sick who would not be able to travel without our care and spiritual support.

The sick often seek healing and upliftment, friendship in with our 'Raphael family'

I am a small cog in the wheel of other volunteers of Doctor, Nurses, health carers, Clergy, wheelchair pushers (Brancardiers) and youth who work as a team to enable to pilgrim to receive comfort and support.

The time is fun with in-house entertainment as well as the spiritual aspect of being in Lourdes.

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: Projector with HDMI connection and screen.

Contact: Diane Manian, Cambridge.

Tel: 07903 293112 Email: diane.manian2@gmail.com

Fees: £40-£50 negotiable, as fee would be given to Raphael Pilgrimage

Travel expenses: None stated. Depends on distance. Tea and cake would be appreciated!

7. RNLI—Royal National Lifeboat Institution

The talk covers some of the history of the RNLI and the work that is currently being undertaken around the country.

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: Speaker will bring a laptop and projector. If a screen could be provided, it would be helpful.

Contact: Katie Hunt, Wisbech.

Tel: 07799 907259

Email: katie.hunt60@btinternet.com

Fees: Donation. Speaker would like to bring a collection tin for donations on the day.

Travel expenses: None stated.

CRAFTS

1. Rip and Burn Layered Fabric Textile Pictures

Learn how to make textile layered pictures using fabric and a soldering iron!

I will explain how I discovered the technique, the procedure and allow members to have a try with a soldering iron. All materials will be supplied.

I am passionate about using pre-loved and vintage fabrics so each picture is truly unique and the possibilities are endless.

Examples of my work will be on display.

I look forward to having the opportunity to share my “Rip and Burn” technique with you.

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening,. Short notice.

Requirements: 1-2 tables. Access to an electrical plug.

Contact: Mrs Lee Harris, Bury.

Tel: 07990 523144

Email: LeeSews@outlook.com

Fees: £55.

Travel expenses: £10.

2. Bees to Candles

I have been a beekeeper for over 15 years and that lead me to utilising beeswax to make candles which is a hobby I have been enjoying alongside it.

As a WI member myself, I have created a talk and crafting session which will give an insight into the fascinating world of the honeybee, the beeswax creation process and ending with a hands-on crafting session where members can create their own rolled beeswax candles to take home.

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening.

Requirements: 1-2 tables

Contact: Caroline Knightley, Ramsey.

Tel: 01487 710311

Email: caroline.knightley29@gmail.com

Fee: £40.00 plus £1.50 per member for crafting materials.

Travel expenses: Dependent on location.

3. Millinery Magic

A presentation on the magic of millinery and my journey to becoming an award-winning milliner.

A brief history of millinery and current millinery business in the UK.

An interactive discussion on the main materials & techniques in the making of hats bases.

An interactive discussion on the main materials & techniques in creating millinery trims.

A demonstration of how to curl and shape feathers.

An opportunity for those attending to decorate a headband with flowers, beads, ribbon, feathers and veiling to create a small headpiece or to make a brooch/corsage/hat trim.

All materials will be provided –

- A single headband (various colours) for each person.
- A variety of feathers, flowers, beads, brooches, ribbons, buttons and veiling will be available.
- Sewing supplies, hot glue guns and illustrated instructions.

The speaker will also provide support to members during the decorating session, by circulating around the tables.

The talk and demonstration will last approximately 20 minutes which allows for the rest of the session for making.

Availability: Morning, afternoon, evening, all by prior arrangement. Short notice; possibly, it depends on how short notice is defined, and if I have all supplies available.

Requirements: Tables and chairs to set up groups for all those attending. Space on tables for millinery supplies & equipment for each person. Table for speaker to set up display of hats and materials used in millinery. Further space and ideally a table to put out further supplies for headband decorating.

Contact: Miss Alison Cooper, Pidley, Cambs.

Tel: 07403 310356

Email: Alison.cooper953@gmail.com

Fee: £60.00. Fee includes all materials. Travel expenses: £5.

ENTERTAINMENT

1. Without Fantasy, A Life is Not A Life

Do you want something different? This is it! Brighten your morning, afternoon or evening by watching completely unexplainable things magically happen right in front of your eyes ! See what your mind can do: its wonders, glories- and peculiarities. (and if we've already met - it's a whole new show for this year)

My website: www.davidbale.co.uk Have a look !

Magic shows of between 45 minutes to one hour (or time can be adjusted to suit). Emphasis is on your fun and enjoyment with effects of regular and mental magic.

Now also offering strolling and table magic.

I have worked in theatre for many years and can offer talks on life in theatre, history of theatre and history of magic.

Thank you soooo much for such a wonderfully entertaining evening - everyone loved it!! ' (Linda Nightingale, Bourne Worth WI)

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: No equipment needed.

Contact: David Bale, Cambridge.

Tel: 07593 586263

Email: davidbale1944@gmail.com

Fees: £80, plus travel expenses

2. The Tally Ho Project

One of Our Own.

'One of Our Own' tells the remarkable story of local Battle of Britain pilot, Victor Ekins. This engaging 45-minute talk will transport your members to 1940 and will evoke cherished memories of loved ones- which I love to hear. Victor's story is one of love, loss, friendship and duty. I've been able to bring it to life as the Ekins family have allowed me privileged access to the wartime diaries that he meticulously kept during that arduous time. Incredibly, they lay unread for over 80 years.

You will feel as though you are in the cockpit of his aircraft with him, during one of the biggest turning points in recent history.

His story has gone on to be an Amazon best seller.

Availability: Evening. Short notice

Requirements: I have a laptop and projector, I will just need a screen or blank white wall to project onto.

Contact: David Duker. St.Neots.

Tel: 07917 206128.

Email: thetallyhoproject@gmail.com

Fees: £75

Travel expenses: £5

3. It's Hell on Wheels—the Learning to Drive Industry

Two events available:

1. An amusing talk

- Stephen has been a Driving Instructor for over 40 years – and is still alive!
- Find out what the current Driving Test is like. It has changed a lot since we all took our driving tests!
- Hear the hilarious questions his Learners have asked and said during their driving lessons.
- What the 'new' Driving Theory test is like.
- Experience a funny mock driving lesson courtesy of an (un)willing volunteer from your audience.

Duration: One hour. I can easily break this talk into two separate sessions if time is an issue.

2. An informal, not very serious quiz

- *Drive you Crazy!* – a fun quiz, not to be taken seriously.
- Four rounds of seven questions each. A multiple-choice answer sheet is given out, so rest assured the answer is on the sheet somewhere!
- Funny comments made by Learners and weird facts about driving.

Experience a funny mock driving lesson courtesy of an (un)willing volunteer from your audience.

Availability: Afternoon and evening .

Requirements: No electronic equipment is needed. I only need a small table to put my props on and two chairs. I have my own microphone and sound system.

Contact: Mr Stephen Brown, Boston, Lincolnshire.

Tel: 07702 064409

Email: steve_lonwheels@hotmail.com

Fees: £70.

Travel expenses: subject to friendly negotiation

4. Silver Talks

Talk one: The Development of the English Silver Spoon

How and why spoons have changed through the ages.

Talk two: British Silver Hallmarks

Demystifying the Hallmark system.

Availability: Morning Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: 2 tables, access to a power supply and if possible a screen.

Contact: Neil Callan, Somersham, Huntingdon.

Tel: 07801 968184 / 01354 693546

Email: nccallan@yahoo.co.uk

Fees: £60.

Travel expenses: 40p per mile.

5. Shakespeare Groupie!

Talk One: Shakespeare Groupie

I've seen all of Shakespeare's 37 (or is it 38 or maybe 39 ...) plays over the last 40 years. All on stage and mostly multiple times, with many of the greats from Dench to Walters, Gielgud and Jacobi, Sheen and Tennant and Rylance.

Many were fabulous, many were dire, all were memorable.

So, I'd love to share some anecdotes about the drying, the corpsing, the mishaps, and the shenanigans - and a few examples of pure genius which I've witnessed in that time.

No equipment needed, just a lively talk by a Shakespeare Groupie ... and you don't even have to like him to enjoy it!

Talk Two: Shakespeare Groupie Revisited

This is the rest of the Groupie talk. If you've had me to be a Groupie, then why not re-invite me for the rest of the stories ...

Talk Three: Shakespeare Genius Alert

The life and theatrical times of the Bard himself - Master William Shakespeare. From his birth in Stratford-upon-Avon up to and including his time as a successful playwright in London.

No equipment needed as I'll bring pictures to hand round and a model of an Elizabethan theatre.

And if we have time we'll finish off with a lively exchange of Shakespearean insults ... you never know, you might find a few of them quite handy!

Talk Four: Craft Evening—Making an Origami Crane

Have a laugh over 45-60 minutes while I demonstrate how to make an origami crane. We'll take it step by step and we'll all end up with our own crane to take home... whatever they look like! You'll be surprised how many of us can't follow instructions but it's fun anyway! I'll bring all the stuff that we need, and those who want to can go on to make another crane with posh origami paper.

Availability: Morning, afternoon, evening and potentially short notice.

Requirements: Cup of black tea and a biscuit, preferably chocolate.

Contact: Mrs Elizabeth Dive, Perry, Huntingdon.

Tel: 07843 989940

Email: lizdivedive@icloud.com

Fees: £60.00.

Travel expenses: None.

6. Behind the Scenes in the Saleroom

My talks are about the wonderful world of antiques, and I give my audiences a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes in the saleroom, relating stories of my experiences as an on-screen expert on BBC TV's Flog It, the many characters I have met and some of the remarkable things I have valued and sold. I bring along one or two 'mystery' items, and your members are welcome to bring their own treasures!

Availability : Morning Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: None.

Contact: David Fletcher, Bedford.

Tel: 07771 532177

Fee: £50

Travel expenses: £0

7. My Life as a Micro Artist

The most amazing and unusual presentation you are likely to see
- thought-provoking, awe-inspiring and highly entertaining.

Graham left school at the age 15 without any qualifications. His first job was emptying mouse traps in a Birmingham factory.

Within 8 years he had secured the most enviable and prestigious client list imaginable, which included Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, Balmoral, Sandringham, The National Gallery, Rolls Royce, Chanel, Harrods, Fortnum & Mason, and most of London's investment banks.

His amazing microscopic artwork is collected by multi-millionaire fine-art investors, and his work can be seen in 12 galleries around the world.

He is known for engraving The Lord's Prayer on the head of a pin, and the words, 'Nothing is Impossible' along the sharp edge of a Wilkinson Sword razor blade. He has appeared in many radio and television programmes in Britain and internationally, and has been the subject of a Discovery Channel documentary. Two years ago, a film of his art was shown at the annual Art and Film Festival in Hollywood.

An interesting venture, which brought him massive media coverage in 58 countries around the world, was when he engraved a portrait of Jane Austen on four £5 notes, then travelled around Britain, spending them in small shops. These four notes were valued at £50,000 each.

He goes to greater lengths than anyone else in an effort to produce art on such a minute scale. Working from midnight to 5.00 am, to avoid vibration from passing traffic, he lowers his pulse to 20 beats a minute with the aid of potassium, magnesium and beta-blockers, and while wearing a stethoscope he engraves between heartbeats when he is perfectly still. Regular injections of Botox into his eyelids ensure there is no distraction from eye-muscles and nerves. At the age of 78 he still swims 8,000 metres every day. The reasoning is that the fitter he is, the lower his resting heart-rate, which gives him a good base to work from. He is also a former European champion and record holder - 200m butterfly and 1500m freestyle.

Graham has many funny anecdotes to relate, concerning the celebrities and Royals he has met and worked with.

He will ensure that your members are thrilled with his presentation and are left talking about it long after it ends.

One last point, if your members don't like laughing, then this 60-minute presentation is not for you!

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: Speaker provides own equipment, please check with speaker for any additional needs.

Contact: Mr Graham Short, Birmingham.

Tel: 07812 083911

Email: graham.short@freeuk.com

Fee: £120

Travel expenses: None.

8. Let's Talk About Death

Death and taxes, as the saying goes, are the only two certainties that every single one of us will experience. Taxes are boring, but death and planning for what to do in the event is not. However, it is something we generally don't talk about. Lets change that!

I can bring you an interactive session where we discuss the options available, there are now so many choices but, above all, wouldn't it be good to plan this BEFORE it happens—wouldn't you like to know what will happen—or even BE at your own funeral! That's possible too!

I promise an entertaining, uplifting discussion about the subject which should not be taboo and should be uplifting—shouldn't all our lives be celebrated?

Also, the average funeral in the UK costs £4,500—where does that go and does it have to cost so much, which is direct cremation and hoe does that work? We can discuss all of this and more without getting miserable about it!

I am an independent funeral celebrant and can talk you through the confusing and changing world of funerals in an upbeat way that won't leave you depressed.

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Often short notice.

Requirements: None.

Contact: Mr Neal Thomas, Brampton.

Tel: 07887 845703 Email: neal@bowtiecelebrant.co.uk

Fee: £25

Travel expenses: £0.

9. The Home Sorter—Liz Cox

Talks can be on any one or a combination of these:

1. General decluttering and organising around the home
2. Paperwork and digital management – what needs to be kept, for how long, and what to dispose of. How to manage files and easily find important documents. Email management.
3. Digital Legacy - assess digital presence and plan to manage digital legacy. Protect personal information, so your assets are accessible in the future to those you trust – including financial documents, policies, accounts, email, photos, and passwords.
4. Moving House or Downsizing – how to declutter and decide what to take when you move, or when clearing a home following bereavement
5. Home Staging – bringing out the best in every home. How to stage a home to sell quickly

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: Projector.

Contact: Mrs Liz Cox, Catworth.

Tel: 07535 143497 Email: liz@thehomesorter.co.uk

Fee: £20

Travel expenses: £0.45 per mile

10. Automotive Adventurer / Criminologist

Once described as “The Criminology Lecturer who podcasts from her Morris Minor” by a respected Automotive publisher, my experience and passions might seem quite varied. But regardless of topic, I am keen to engage an audience in discussion, shared experiences, and leave them wanting to hear more. I am happy to be booked for either talk, each booking is for around 60 minutes, though both topics offer enough content for rebooking at a later date.

Minor Adventures and Major Miles

In 2020, aged 23, I bought my first car. Having grown up around Classic and Vintage cars, it was never going to be what I was seeing on driveways during my one permitted walk a day during the pandemic. Instead, I brought home Peggy, a 1968 Morris Minor. Since then, we have covered over 40,000 miles, learnt an awful lot more about mechanics, had a full restoration, and made many memories along the way. Being an ex-Girl Guide, soon after getting Peggy, I started a picnic blanket, where I display sew-on patches of the places we've been and the stories we've gathered.

During my talk, the audience picks patches that interest them – perhaps a place they've visited themselves, or a place they can't imagine a Morris Minor going. I then share what Peggy and I got up to earn that patch, along with some of the hilarity that comes with driving an over-50-year-old car in the modern world.

What your use of Facebook Marketplace might tell us about how you'd commit murder

Following the completion of my Masters of Criminology in Practice at Leicester University, I spent 5 years lecturing on the practical application of Criminological theory. An area of particular interest has always been the general public's relationship and understanding of the Criminal Justice System. This talk will explore the perception of the value of DNA and Forensic Evidence, Vs Forensic Profiling, and explore what in today's world is more valuable to solving serious crimes.

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short Notice

Requirements: None.

Contact: Rebecca Treston, Peterborough

Tel: 07745 609363

Email: peggypassengerseat@gmail.com

Fee: £40

Travel expenses: £N/A

11. Tales with Malcolm Busby

I am a storyteller, a teller of stories who has been telling stories to WI's for over 20 years.

These days I also include a folk song or two if appropriate to the theme and also have a few simple magic tricks as well.

Story themes include Ghostly Stories (none too scary but a variety to show the range of stories) (mind if a group wanted scarier stories it can be done)

Folk Tales of the Fenland or Cambridgeshire or East Anglia, and if you have heard a set before and want to rebook I do keep a log of stories told to groups to avoid telling the same again.

Tales of Country Folk

Animal Tales

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: A screen is appreciated, plus a small table.

Contact: Malcolm Busby, Cambridge.

Tel: 07551 431801

Email: storyteller@malcolmbusby.co.uk

Fees: £45.00.

Travel expenses: 25p per mile

FASHION

Fashion Shows and Talks:

Full Fashion Show

Full fashion shows are perfect for groups of 30 and over and your WI members will be the stars of the show as we create a fashion show for the season.

Styling Nights

These are a mini show—suited to smaller groups of up to around 30 members. We will organise a mini catwalk and talk all things styling too!

Packing The Ultimate Capsule Suitcase

How to pack a suitcase full of style for holidays, staycations, and vacations too!

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: Two tables to display handbags and accessories.

Contact: Mrs Jackie Allen, Milton Keynes.

Tel: 07766 61420 Email: jackie.m.allen@gmail.com

Fee: £60 **Travel expenses: Contribution to travel appreciated.**

GARDENING

Garden talks

Talk One: 'From Crowbar to Crocosmia'. The Making of a Fenland Garden. An illustrated talk describing how an NGS garden was created from a Fenland wilderness.

Talk Two: 'A Year in the Garden at Horseshoe Farm' - fully illustrated.

Talk Three: 'The People, Places and Plants of Paradise' - The Caribbean Island of Antigua - fully illustrated

Availability: Morning Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: 2 tables, access to a power supply and if possible a screen.

Contact: Neil Callan, Somersham, Huntingdon.

Tel: 07801 968184 / 01354 693546 Email: nccallan@yahoo.co.uk

Fees: £60. **Travel expenses: 40p per mile.**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

1. Circles of Sound UK: What is a Sound Bath?!

An introduction to start, the sort of things we offer and where they are offered.

his talk will explain Sound Therapy and what a Sound Bath is all about!

he Health Benefits to be gained and why they are so beneficial.

Some science behind it and what instruments generally used to create the Frequencies.

Talking about Frequencies and how they make a difference to parts of the body.

Talking about the instruments in more detail and an opportunity to hear them. A small demonstration.

Ending with an opportunity to play some instruments yourself!

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: None.

Contact: Mrs Paula Hutchison, Papworth Everard.

Tel: 07740 319169 Email: circlesofsounduk@gmail.com

Fees: £70.00 **Travel expenses: 40p per mile**

2. Mindfulness and Mindful Movement

We spend so much of our lives either in autopilot or caught up in our thoughts, spending little time appreciating what we have right here and now, leading to increased stress levels and a disconnection from ourselves. In this session we will explore mindfulness (reconnecting to ourselves) in a fun and interactive way, through a mixture of a short talk and practical guided activities.

Session outline

- Brief introduction to mindfulness and breathwork
Including benefits of mindfulness for health and wellbeing
- Practical Activity – Connecting our mind and body through simple guided breathwork.
- Practical Activity – Connecting our mind and body through simple guided mindful movement.
- Q&A

Notes:

Accessible to all, including attendees with limited mobility.

Availability: Morning, afternoon, evening and short notice.

Requirements: None.

Contact: Mr Steve Iddon, Offord D'Arcy.

Tel: 07756 463147

Email: Steve.iddon@accentuatesolutions.com

Fees: £50.

Travel expenses: 45p per mile.

3. Hypnotherapy

Informal and friendly talk around what is hypnotherapy? What is the benefit? How is it useful to help support various conditions? Demonstration with suggested take away exercises to be used at home.

Availability: Morning, afternoon, evening and short notice.

Requirements: Screen for presentation useful, but not necessary. Has own laptop.

Contact: Dianne Gross, Orton Longeville.

Tel: 07702 499250

Email: degcoaching@outlook.com

Fees: £FOC

Travel expenses: Dependent on location.

HISTORY

1. Tracing Your Family Tree

The means of researching your family tree is described with reference to census records and birth, marriage and death records. Case studies are given of unexpected results of research and the use of old newspapers is referenced.

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: Screen.

Peter Gout, Thrapston, N. Northants.

Tel: 01832 734436

Email: familyconnections@btinternet.com

Fee: £35.00

Travel expenses £0.20 per mile.

2. The Secret Museum and Flatlands, Songs and Stories of the Fens

The Secret Museum

Spalding Gentlemen's Society was formed in 1710 and is the oldest rural society in the country. Its members included Isaac Newton, William Stukeley, Joseph Banks, Alexander Pope and Alfred Lord Tennyson. The museum was never open to the public but is a treasure trove of marvellous things. Although we are currently closed for renovation, we will have displays in the other Spalding Museum, Aycoughfee Hall, which was the family home of the founder, Maurice Johnson.

Flatlands, songs and stories of the Fens

From the Pilgrim Fathers to Barbecue '67, Patty and Dave (Spalding born and bred) began writing songs inspired by the landscape around them, acoustic music, stories and slides.

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: None.

Contact: Mrs Patty Harris, Spalding.

Tel: 01406 331236

Email: patty.goatcottage@gmail.com

Fees: £40.00.

Travel expenses: Please contact to confirm.

3. Various Talks with Paul Rabbitts

Talk ONE - This really is a fascinating insight into the history of one of our greatest ever institutions - our great British public park. We have all enjoyed them at some time in our lives but what do we really know about them? their origins? did they really start in the Victorian period or do they go even further back? This talk illustrates their origins, talks about the need for parks, the Victorian heyday, what makes a great park, with examples of lodges, lakes, bandstands, fountains and floral displays, to their great decline in the sixties and seventies. However, the subsequent revival has led to a major shift in interest in our parks and once again we are much in love with them. This is also a highly illustrative talk accompanied by slides with examples of parks from across the UK and their designs and architecture. This is a particularly popular talk and always goes down well as we can nearly always recount our own experiences with our own local park.

Talk TWO - London's royal parks are among its most beautiful and beloved spaces: just as much as the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace or St Pancras Station, the mere mention of Hyde or Regent's Park is enough to evoke the capital in all its glory for residents and tourists alike. They have a grand history - some were royally owned as far back as the Norman conquest, others were acquired by Henry VIII during the Reformation - and since being opened to the public during the eighteenth century, they have hosted some of London's great events, including the Great Exhibition and innumerable jubilees and celebrations. This talk tells the story of all eight of the parks from the point when they were acquired by the monarchy until the present day, including the major historic moments and events with which they are associated.

Talk THREE - A talk on the history of the Bandstand, from their origins in the mid-18th century to their heyday during the Victorian park making era, and their subsequent decline post World War Two. This talk is a slide show that follows this fascinating history and the recent revival of the bandstand in our public parks. This is a highly illustrative talk that engages many and fascinates the listener and has had excellent feedback from those who have heard this engaging talk. **THIS IS A VERY POPULAR TALK**

<https://www.paulrabbitts.co.uk/public-speaking>

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: A screen if possible, but I can bring one.

Mr Paul Rabbitts, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

Tel: 07915 602358

Email: prabbitts@hotmail.co.uk

Fees: £80.00

Travel expenses: Mileage at cost.

4. Cromwell Museum

Various talks detailed on pages 18— 22

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: Screen. Speaker provides own laptop and projector.

Contact: Mr Stuart Orme, Huntingdon.

Tel: 01480 410389

Email: museum@cromwellmuseum.com

Fees: £75

Travel expenses: Please contact to confirm.

Talks on Oliver Cromwell and the Civil Wars

Introduction to the Cromwell Museum

Housed in a medieval building in the centre of Huntingdon is the best collection in the world of artefacts relating to the 17th century soldier and statesman Oliver Cromwell. Discover the story behind the museum building, the collection, and what goes on behind the scenes, as well as finding out more about some of the remarkable treasures on display.

The Private Life of Oliver Cromwell

Who was Oliver Cromwell? Soldier, Statesman, Lord Protector? This talk looks at Cromwell as a person, his family and explodes some of the myths about him, focussing a little less on the traditional approach of his career as a soldier and politician, and allows the audience to uncover some of the controversies about his life and see him as a person 'Warts and all'.

Cromwell's First Campaign

In 1642 the Civil Wars erupted, and Cambridgeshire MP Oliver Cromwell found himself a junior cavalry officer in Parliament's army at the age of 43. How did a man with no military experience become one of the greatest soldiers of his time? This talk looks at his first campaign across Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire, and how this experience produced Cromwell as a soldier.

Cromwell and the Cathedral

Legends tell of Oliver Cromwell stabling his horses and smashing stained glass in virtually every cathedral in England. He was only responsible for iconoclastic activities in one place, Peterborough Cathedral in April 1643. Why did he visit such destruction upon this beautiful church and how widespread was such iconoclasm during this period?

Did Cromwell ban Christmas?

One of the things that everyone thinks they know about Oliver Cromwell is that he banned Christmas. There was a real ban, but what was behind it? Was it effective? Were mince pies outlawed? Did Cromwell really have very much to do with it? This talk reveals the fascinating story behind the myth of how the festive season was outlawed in the 1640s.

'The Curse of Cromwell': Oliver Cromwell and Ireland

Oliver Cromwell landed in Ireland in August 1649 with a Parliamentary army. The nine months that followed have become the most controversial period of his life as he conducted a ruthless but effective campaign there. This talk looks at the background to these events, what happened, and the tragic aftermath, asking questions about whether Cromwell was guilty of war crimes.

'Mrs Cromwell's Cookbook: Food, Dining and Politics in the 17th Century'

In 1664 'The Court and Kitchen of Elizabeth, commonly called Joan Cromwell' was published, purporting to be the cookery book of Oliver Cromwell's wife as a piece of Royalist propaganda. This talk looks at this curious publication and what it reveals about politics, food and dining, as well as the Cromwell family.

'The World Turned Upside Down' – the experience of the British Civil Wars

We tend to think of the English Civil Wars as being rather romantic – with dashing stories of cavaliers and roundheads, but what was it really like for those who lived through this turbulent period? This talk looks at the experience of ordinary people, soldiers, and civilians, of one of the bloodiest and most important times in our history, including the real birth of 'fake news' and the origins of some of our modern sayings.

'Birth of the British Army': The New Model Army 1645 - 60

Find out the forgotten story of how the senior regiments in the British army were formed from one of our most formidable armies which was a political power, full of religious fundamentalists! Discover its foundation, military career, and role in the restoration, and how the founding father of this army was not Oliver Cromwell but one of the country's finest soldiers who is often forgotten.

Cromwell's Navy – the Naval Revolution 1640 – 80

In the mid-1600s the English navy went from being a small fleet supplemented by merchant vessels to the largest and most powerful navy in the world, a professional navy with proper administration, rules, and training. Discover how this happened thanks to the influence of a small group of men, many of whom attended Huntingdon Grammar School!

The Huntingdon Witch Trials

During the witch craze of the 16th and 17th centuries three sets of trials for witchcraft were held in Huntingdon, arguably giving it a grim claim to be 'witch trial capital of England'. Discover the stories behind the infamous 'Witches of Warboys', the 'Witchfinder General' Matthew Hopkins and what may be the last execution for witchcraft in the country.

Talks on the History of Peterborough

150 million years in 50 minutes: the complete and utter history of Peterborough

The complete history of Peterborough from Dinosaurs to Queensgate

Think Peterborough's a new town? Think again! The city and the area have a rich heritage - from dinosaurs to Bronze Age walkways, from Roman soldiers to Viking raiders, medieval monks to French prisoners of war, from railway builders to modern shoppers...

The Ghosts of Peterborough

From the creator of the hugely popular Peterborough Ghost walk! Find out how the walk was created and hear about some of the ghastly ghouls, scary spectres and petrifying phantoms that stalk the streets and buildings of this area. You may want to check under your bed afterwards...

A history of Crime & Punishment in Peterborough

An entertaining and occasionally gruesome look at the history of crime and punishment in the city - from the history of the city gaols to the development of the police force. Want to know where people used to be hanged? How bodysnatching became a premium occupation? Learn how we were the last place in England to 'read the Riot Act' and hear about our best jail-breaker.

The History and Archaeology of Peterborough Cathedral

The Cathedral is an icon for the city, its historic core, and a living place of worship. This talk looks at the remarkable history of the Cathedral and its site, revealing the 900-year-old story of this remarkable institution and its place in the city's long history.

Flag Fen to Must Farm

Peterborough has some of the most remarkable Bronze Age archaeology in the world, from the amazingly preserved prehistoric causeway at Flag Fen, to the incredible find of a burnt village dating back some 3,000 years at Must Farm. Hear about how these sites were discovered, some of the superb finds, and how they provide a window into a lost prehistoric world.

Medieval Peterborough

The first 'new town' of Peterborough was laid out in the 12th century; discover the story of the medieval town; find out what life would have been like for the monks and citizens of Peterborough through plague, fire, flood, riot, war and even some peaceful bits in between!

Longthorpe Tower

Hidden away in a suburb of Peterborough is a fascinating medieval building with the finest medieval wall paintings in a domestic setting in Western Europe. What is the story of this place? Learn how it was built by a peasant family made good, how it fits into the story of Medieval Peterborough and what the paintings tell us about medieval life, politics and thought.

Peterborough and the Peasants' Revolt of 1381

The bloody story of a failed medieval revolution! Find out how a popular rising not only led to Watt Tyler marching on London, but a riot and bloodbath in the heart of our city. Discover why the country went into a near-meltdown in the summer of 1381, and what happened when the Bishop of Norwich came to quell the riots in Peterborough.

Richard III: Peterborough's Medieval Monarch?

Good King Richard or monster? Richard remains one of England's most enigmatic and controversial Kings. Was he the monster depicted in Shakespeare's play or a victim of Tudor Propaganda? The truth, like the man is perhaps more complex and interesting, and what's more he was born just outside Peterborough!

Henry VIII's Grandma – the life of Margaret Beaufort

The remarkable story of the matriarch of the Tudor dynasty and her local connections: Lady Margaret Beaufort was brought up in Deeping and lived at Collyweston. Her fascinating life included four marriages, involvement in the Wars of the Roses and the founding of two Cambridge colleges, as well as being Henry VII's mother and a key influence upon Henry VIII.

The Life and Times of Old Scarlett

He lived to be 98, was married twice, buried three queens, and saw some of the most tumultuous events in Peterborough's history. This talk looks at the remarkable life of Robert Scarlett, parish sexton for Peterborough during the Tudor age and looks at the remarkable period in both local and national history.

Forgotten Funeral: Mary, Queen of Scots and Peterborough

We commemorate annually the burial of Katharine of Aragon in Peterborough, but often forget that she was not the only Queen buried here in the Tudor period. But what were the circumstances of Mary's death? Why was she buried here, only to be later exhumed and moved to London? This illustrated talk will examine these questions and Mary's remarkable story.

The Civil War in Peterborough

Not just Roundheads and Cavaliers! Discover the true and horrific story of the English Civil War and its impact upon Peterborough. Find out how one local landowner played a part in causing the Civil War, learn how Cromwell got a bit of a headache at the Cathedral, hear what happened to the city and discover how you can find clues about our Civil War past in the area today.

Georgian Peterborough

The Georgian period is a neglected part of Peterborough's past, overlooked by nearby Stamford. This talk reveals how the town was not quite the backwater we might expect and looks at some of our surviving and missing Georgian buildings. Hear how Peterborough ended up on a 'Grand Tour', attracted one of the country's best-known artists and why bells saved the local MPs life...

Life at Norman Cross: the world's first POW camp

On the outskirts of Peterborough was the Norman Cross Depot was the world's first purpose-built prisoner of war camp. Built in 1797, the camp was the 'home' of many thousands of Napoleonic prisoners of war. This illustrated talk tells the story of the camp and its inmates, as well as the beautiful items made by the prisoners which are now displayed at the Museum.

Women of Peterborough

Several queens, a war heroine executed by firing squad, a nurse, a Saxon princess, a woman who tried to introduce inoculation long before anyone else, a schoolmistress ... rich and poor, eccentric, and humble, find out about the women who touched the life of this city with this fascinating talk.

Royal Peterborough

Many people are aware of Katharine of Aragon and Mary, Queen of Scots' connections to the city, but you may be surprised to learn the huge numbers of royal connections to Peterborough. From visits by medieval monarchs, a king imprisoned in the town and Royal burials, this talk has them all!

Miscellaneous Talks

What they didn't teach you in school history: a thought provoking & naughty view of the past!

Did you know that one of the first electrical appliances was not exactly designed for use in the kitchen, but in the bedroom...? Fascinating facts in a talk which is not recommended for those who are easily shocked!

A humorous look at some bits of history that the Victorians wouldn't have approved of, as well as challenging our preconceptions about the past and acting as a 'Horrible Histories' for adults, posing a few thought provoking questions about the way we look at history.

"With a Strong and Steady Hand..." Medicine and Surgery in the Roman Empire

With a heavy emphasis on the learning and ideas of the Ancient Greeks, Roman medicine could be haphazard and risky but like many other aspects of Roman life was professionalised by the Army. This talk looks at medical professionals, ideas, and surgery of 2,000 years ago, including a look at replica surgical instruments as the speaker uses these at Living History events. Fascinating but not for the squeamish!

Barbers and Bloodletting: Medicine and Surgery in the later Middle Ages (NEW)

The popular image of medicine in the late Middle Ages was that it was barbarous and unsophisticated, consisting of amputations and leeches. The reality was much more complex, with a patchwork of different medical solutions and cures, some of which were highly advanced for their time. This talk looks at some of those cures, the medical professionals of the period and surgical techniques, including replica instruments. Fascinating but not for the squeamish!

The First British Military Surgeon – the life of William Hobbes (NEW)

William Hobbes was a remarkable character – the first Sergeant Surgeon (chief military surgeon) in our history, court physician to Edward IV and Richard III, and a rarity in that he was a university educated physician who was also a surgeon, the highest paid of his day. There's also questions about how much he knew about Richard III's hidden scoliosis, as well as Hobbes' scandalous personal life, sued by his wife for divorce due to his use of prostitutes! Discover the remarkable story of Hobbes' life and times in this talk.

The Gunpowder Plot

"Remember, remember, the fifth of November, for gunpowder, treason, and plot..." Why do we celebrate the demise of Guy Fawkes every November 5th? Who were the plotters and what were their aims? Could the plot have succeeded? This talk looks at the myth, reality & local connections to the Gunpowder Plot.

Medieval Christmas

Christmas trees, presents and dinners – we have the impression that most of our modern Christmas traditions were introduced by the Victorians. In fact, most of what we recognise today was common in the medieval period! Find out how Christmas was celebrated 600 years ago, and what we would see as strange festive practices – and very familiar ones!

Wellington's Secret Service

Military intelligence is nothing new... find out about the complex system of spies, code-breakers and partisans established by the Duke of Wellington during the Napoleonic wars, how the Battle of Waterloo should never have happened and hear about the true stories of the men who made James Bond's exploits look tame - and it all really happened 200 years ago!

End of talks by the Cromwell Museum.

5. Various Talks with Nicola Sandall

1) A Snippet of Stamford

All things Stamford! - Our Town's Buildings: Now and Then, local tales and stories of Stamford and her residents.

2) A Rutland Ramble

Buildings, personalities and history of Oakham and Rutland: The Smallest County.

3) M'Lords, Ladies and Locals

Personalities, Visitors and Lincolnshire Folks that have left their mark.

4) Ye Olde Crime and Criminals

Looking back at Crime, local infamous criminals and punishments from throughout history and notable in our area.

5) A Tour Around Lincolnshire

A Lincolnshire tour of its famous landmarks and what makes the County special.

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: I use a projector and screen. I have these available to bring but happy to use a venues should they have them already.

Miss Nicola Sandall, Stamford.

Tel: 07909 696612

Fees: £60.00

Email: nicolasandall@aol.co.uk

Travel expenses: £10 (over 20 miles from home)

6. History Talks by Don Chiswell

- Boudica
- King Arthur
- The Danelaw
- Macbeth
- Hereward The Exile
- Eleanor of Aquitaine
- Knights of Templar
- Robin Hood Myth and Reality
- Longthorpe Tower
- Magna Carta
- The Peasants Revolt
- Leonardo Da Vinci
- Katherine of Aragon
- The Pilgrimage of Grace and the Lincolnshire Rising
- Mary Queen of Scots
- William Shakespeare
- The Gunpowder Plot
- Josiah Wedgwood
- Burke and Hare and The Body Snatchers
- The Railway Manias
- The Great Stink
- Charles Dickens
- The Body Snatchers
- William Morris and the Arts and Crafts Movement
- The Suffragettes
- Edith Cavell
- Lawrence of Arabia
- Al Capone and Prohibition

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: None.

Contact: Mr Don Chiswell, Peterborough.

Tel: 01733 569951

Email: donchis@gmail.com

Fees: £70.00

Travel expenses: £0.30 per mile.

TRAVEL

Canadian and USA Travel

Slide show lectures on a variety of subjects connected with Canada and the USA including:

- Atlantic Canada, featuring Newfoundland and Labrador
- First Nation Canadian Indians
- Arctic Canada and Polar Bears of Hudson Bay
- Great Plains and the Prairies of Sothern Saskatchewan
- Canadian Connections, Niagara Falls, The Rockies and Much More
- A Yellowbelly in Yellowknife Land of the Midnight Sun
- The Yukon and North to Alaska

From the United States of America

- The Land of Enchantment America's South West: Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona featuring Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Route 66 etc including Apache and Navajo Nations
- Montana and Wyoming including Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and The Battle of Little Big Horn
- South Dakota featuring The Badlands, The Black Hills and along The Great Missouri
- New England in the Fall including New Hampshire and Vermont etc
- The Cities of Seattle, Sacramento, San Francisco including Alcatraz, Yosemite National Park
- NEW: The Beautiful South: Mississippi River and Tennessee featuring Nashville, Memphis and Chattanooga

Availability: Morning. Afternoon. Evening. Short notice.

Requirements: None.

Contact: Mr Chris Smith, Spalding.

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Fees: £65.00

Travel expenses: Nil.



