

WI SPEAKERS LIST

ART & LITERATURE

Wet on Wet Oil Painting Demonstration * Landscape - Seascape - Floral

Jayne Good
01455 282981/07968 495177
jaynegood25@aol.com

Broughton Astley, Leicester
£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
07969 065479
janeisaac@live.co.uk

Northamptonshire
£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
07977 580429
mickybrush.art@gmail.com
mikeartorguk.wordpress.com

Wellingborough, Northants.
£50 + 33p per mile travel
Available evenings, day talks subject to availability

My Life as an Artist * Cruising for the Uninitiated

Michaela Kelly
01664 840731
michaela.kelly3@btopenworld.com

Thorpe Satchville, Leics.
£40 plus mileage

COUNTRYSIDE & NATURE

Helping Hedgehogs

Colleen Powell
0116 2207844
billandcolleen@outlook.com

Leicester
£60 including travel
Available daytime and evenings

The Woodland Trust & National Forest

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

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

My Life and Times in Farming and Hedge Laying

Clive Matthew
01455 824055/07703 827548
c.matthew1@btinternet.com

Desford, Leicester
£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
0116 236 2713
estate-office@bradgatepark.org

Estate Office, Bradgate Park, Newton Linford LE6 0HE
£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.neill1@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

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

Melton Mowbray, Leics.

Brook Worthy Law Ltd

Donation to a charity

0333 0050072 /07813 791382

Available anytime and short notice

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.

Anna Stasinska

Old Brickyard Tea Garden, Scalford, Leics.

07803 206852

£55 (plus travel expenses if over 10 miles)

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

Leicester

07816 246103

Talks start from £60 plus mileage

bhanumystery66@gmail.com

Cookery demonstrations, please call for pricing

Chocolate – talk, demonstration and tasting

Tom Phillips

Hannahs, Quorn, Leics.

07879 857703

£80 plus mileage

choc.tom@hotmail.co.uk

Available February to Easter, October to Christmas

Love Food, Hate Waste * **Recycling** * **Love Your Clothes** * **Composting**

Matthew Copley

Leicestershire County Council, County Hall, Glenfield, LE3 8RA

0116 3057005

No charge Availability: daytime and evenings

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

Wigston, Leics.

0116 2108730

£45 + travel

pamela.lenthall@ntlworld.com

Tai Chi - Talk, demonstration & some participation

Laraine Tucker

Glen Parva, Leicester

07779 434742

£44 per hour + 42p per mile travel

larainetucker@icloud.com

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

Hydes Herbal Clinic, 68 London Road, Leicester LE2 0QD

0116 2543178/07769 675301

Donations to NSPCC/Macmillan + mileage

serene.foster@hydesherbalsclinic.co.uk

ruth.austin@hydesherbalsclinic.co.uk

www.hydesherbalsclinic.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
0116 2563021
sp504@le.ac.uk

Oadby, Leicester
Donation to British Heart Foundation

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
07817 387559
carmen@inspiredtochange.biz

Market Harborough, Leics.
No fee – charity donation
Available most times, except Tuesday and Thursday evening

An Introduction to Mindfulness for the Modern World – how it works, what it can do for you and experience various Mindfulness methods first hand – including meditation

Chris Heath
Solutions 2 Living
07914 694384
chris@solutions2living.com
www.solutions2living.com

Thrussington, Leicester
£50 + £5 travel
Available daytime and evening

The East Midlands Immediate Care Scheme

Dr. Tim Gray MBE
01572 722792/07752 791531
timgray86@hotmail.com

Barleythorpe, Rutland
Free talk
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
01530 413371
davidjbell1@outlook.com

Ashby de la Zouch, Leics.
£30 + travel
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
01664 434490
mrbritton1946@gmail.com

Frisby on the Wreake, Leics.
£40 donation to Brooksby Church
Available almost anytime

Cathedrals, Rooftops and more, Restoration of old Buildings

Dr Jonathan M Castleman DSc (Hons)
0116 2880311/07801 859842
jcastleman@btinternet.com

Wigston, Leics.
Donation to charity. No fee or mileage
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
01530 248040 or 07791389372
christine.hodgson@nationaltrust.org.uk

National Trust
Donation to National Trust (min. £50)
Available daytime & evening

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

0116 2692543

felicity1947@live.co.uk

Syston, Leicester

£50 + 40p per mile outside 5 mile radius of Syston

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

07801 057417

twbfarms@aol.com

Rutland

£100

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

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

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

and Memorials * **Curiosities** * **Cross Your Fingers** * **Women at Work** * **North to Alaska** *

Boyhood Memories * **Feisty Females** * **Curious Clerics** * **Wish you Were Here** * **English**

Eccentrics

Story Telling: All that Glitters (assorted stories) * **Chocolate Cake to Die For (crime)** * **Old Cavendish (ghost stories)**

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

Graham Sutherland

01926 495894/07801 962981

graham.g.sutherland@btopenworld.com

www.talksandwalks.co.uk

Warwick, Warks.

£65 + £5 travel expenses. Available anytime

Some talks are illustrated

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

01283 819410/07952 173724

bill.devitt@sky.com

Moira, Derby

£60 plus travel 25p per mile

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
01332 792036
bob.neill1@btinternet.com
Aston on Trent, Derby
£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
0116 2714414
djclinton666@gmail.com
Oadby, Leicester
£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
07980 702121
david@sleightconservation.co.uk
Welford, Northants.
£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
07528 756124
david@d-price.co.uk
www.d-price.co.uk
Rugby, Warks.
£80 inclusive, no charge for mileage
Available daytime and evenings

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

An Evening of Scottish Dancing and Singing

Gill Mouncer
Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
0116 2713717
gillmouncer@hotmail.co.uk
Oadby, Leicester
£45 for 30 mins + travel, £60 for 1 1/2 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
01536 770330/07899 903977
martin@londoncityopera.co.uk
Gretton, Northants
£100

A Trip Down Tin Pan Alley - history of the fascinating world of popular music around the 1920s, tales of the roguish 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 'Swanee' to 'Summertime' and of course, Porgy and Bess and Rhapsody in Blue

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

My Parade of Hits * Dougie and His Drums

Dougie Wright
01455 282624
dougfidgetyfeet@hotmail.com
Sutton in the Elms, Leicester
£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
07968 279675/07528 182287
neville.cooper@btinternet.com
hheppingstall@yahoo.com

Hinckley
£70 plus £10 travel

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
01332 811534
peterandangiefox@yahoo.co.uk

Castle Donington
£50

Nigel and Teri – Folk and contemporary songs with various instruments

Nigel Creasey
07717 077298
merlyjak@gmail.com

Sleaford, Lincs.
£60

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

Sue Crockett (secretary)
01455 458107
suecrockett55@gmail.com/
jerusalemjammers@hotmail.com

Burbage, Leics.
£40 +£10 travel, £60 + £10 travel for WI Group meetings
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
0116 2677372
samdobson69@gmail.com

Birstall, Leicester
£40 donated to LSO (Charity no.1078708)
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
0116 2874517 (answer machine)
aysherox49@btinternet.com

Groby, Leicester
Talks £55 plus 35p per mile travel
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
07946 413452
john@hoopguy.co.uk
www.hoopguy.com

Nuneaton, Warks.
£60 including travel
Available daytime or evening & maybe at short notice if required.

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

Peter & Iris Sayer
01530 243822
sayerpeter8@gmail.com
www.aftereightquartet.com

Newtown Linford, Leicester
£75 inclusive
Available for morning, afternoon & evening bookings
See reviews and recordings on website

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.
Available: mornings, afternoons and evenings

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
07814 226278
samantha.hancock@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk
@LeicsCyberAware (Twitter & Facebook)

Leicestershire Police
No fee
Availability – Weekdays. Evenings by prior arrangement, preferably not Tuesday evenings

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
01530 272592
colinellis1950@gmail.com

Measham
£50 plus 25p per mile travel
Anytime

21st Century Policing – An open and frank view of modern policing and the daily challenges faced by frontline officers

Robert Cross
01455 291748
robert.cross@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Hinckley
Donation to WI's chosen charity

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
01359 232199/07785 752080
charles.garland@talk21.com

Oakham
£60 plus 20p per mile travel

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

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

Loughborough, Leics.
£35 including travel
Available lunch time, afternoons and evenings

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
0115 9606638
colinbower461@btinternet.com

Nottingham
Fee negotiable
Available anytime

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

Suzi Felstead
07775 735464
sdf.dragonlady@btinternet.com

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

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

Christine Slomkowska
01664 565315
business@103theeye.co.uk

103 The Eye, PO Box 103, Melton Mowbray, Leics. LE13 9AW
Donation to radio station funds
Availability: various times, day and evening

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

Geoff Harris
01664 434565
enquiries@classinacoat.co.uk

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

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
01949 875805 / 07944 569661
www.revd-alan-haydock.me.uk

Bingham, Notts.
£65 donated to various charities
Availability: anytime and short notice

Scam Awareness 'Think Jessica' * **Dementia Friends** * **Insight & helpful tips** - talks sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care

Gail Devereux-Batchelor
01858 540317/07597 800156
gail.db@homeinstead.co.uk
www.homeinstead.co.uk/mh

Stonton Wyville, Leics
Donation to charity plus 25p per mile travel
Available: Summer anytime/Winter daytime

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

Alan Parker
0116 2596312/07788 416109
aglp@btinternet.com

Billesdon, Leicester
£40 donation to charity and 40p per mile travel
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
01926 641402/01926 641548
07778 595952
sbbrucesales@aol.com
www.auctionswarwickshire.co.uk

Norton Grange, Warks. CV35 0OP
£45.00 including mileage
Members are encouraged to bring items for valuation and discussion.
Available anytime and short notice

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
0116 2774495
mouse606mouse@icloud.com

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

Recycling, not as you know it but with a difference – includes craft display using every day thrown away items

Sue Drage
01788 336565
susan.drage@ntlworld.com

Bilton, Warks.
£40 and 38p per mile travel (max. travel charge £35)
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
01455 613348
wtmartin@live.co.uk
wendytmartin@tiscali.co.uk

Hinckley, Leics
£40 minimum + 30p mileage
Available anytime

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
07854 731274
rachel.lundy1@yahoo.co.uk

Kibworth, Leicester
£50
Availability: evenings and some daytime

CHARITIES

One Hundred and One Years of Save the Children

Josephine Burgess
0116 2674252
ajbsavethechildren@gmail.com

Birstall, Leicester
£40+ (donated to the charity)
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
01604 678507/ 07709 400764
suewright@redcross.org.uk

British Red Cross, Moulton Park, Northampton
Donation to the British Red Cross
Available any time

The services of LOROS Hospice * Wainwright's Coast-to-Coast Walk for LOROS

Adrian Walker
0116 2318431/2
fundraising@loros.co.uk

LOROS Fundraising, Groby Road, Leicester LE3 9QE
Donation to charity
Available anytime

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

Alison Briggs
0116 2350345
alisonj.briggs@ntlworld.com

Cropston, Leicester
Donation to charity
Available daytime and evening

Samaritans – The Emotional Support Charity

Samaritans
0116 2705500
leicester@samaritans.org

No fee, donation appreciated
Available anytime

Rainbows Hospice for Children & Young People

Gary Farnfield
Community Fundraiser
01509 283 952/07815 520 465
gary.farnfield@rainbows.co.uk

Loughborough, Leics.
Fee at WI's discretion donated to Rainbows
Enquire for availability

Dog's Trust

Hannah Graham & Ella Tonge
01509 882966/07833 050868
hannah.graham@dogstrust.org.uk
ella.tonge@dogstrust.org.uk

Wymeswold, Leics.
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
01780 765176

Discretionary donation to Cancer Research UK
Available Monday – Friday, daytime and evenings

claire.coles@cancer.org.uk

Medical Detection Dogs: Dogs saving lives every day just by using their noses

Wendy Coley
01509 843205
try2climb@yahoo.co.uk

Hathern, Leics.
Donation to charity
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

Blue Skies House, Butlers Leap, Rugby, Warks. CV21 3RQ
£50 inclusive donated to the charity
Available mornings, afternoon and evenings

Travelees: their world through your eyes - a holiday guide for the visually impaired

Eileen Smith
01455 824423/07717 104017
eilrex45@gmail.com

Botcheston, Leicester
£40 donation to Sightsavers
Available anytime and short notice

Leicestershire Youth Offending Service

Julian Robertson
0116 3050030/07725204082
julian.robertson@leics.gov.uk

Rutland Building, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8RA
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@whenyowish.org.uk
www.whenyowishuponastar.org.uk

Futurist House, Valley Road, Notts. NG5 1JE
Donation to charity

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

Alison Briggs
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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
timmarren@peterlemarchanttrust.co.uk

Canalside Moorings, Beeches Road, Loughborough, Leics. LE11 2NS
Donation to charity Available anytime

Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution – Supporting Farming Families

Mary Maud
RABI Regional Manager
01865 724931/07525 323450
mary.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