

SURREY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

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Abbreviations: NFWI = National Federation of WIs; SFWI = Surrey Federation of WIs

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PROGRAMME PLANNING

We encourage WIs to plan a varied and exciting programme for their members. This is best achieved if you find a way to get your members to tell you what they would like at the monthly meetings. This can be done by asking them for suggestions in a variety of ways and then booking a wide range of their ideas. Use the aims and objects of the WI as a guide to the full range of areas your meetings should cover. Most WIs have a range of extra activities on offer for members to join in with and members can join with the Federation and National events put on for them. The speakers in the Yearbook have all passed the Federation auditioning process and cover a wide, varied range of subjects.

THE SPEAKER

BOOKING THE SPEAKER:

After initial contact (by phone, email or post) it is a good idea to confirm in writing (email or letter) the exact details of the booking and the meeting they are to attend. This should include time, place, fee and add that they should bring whatever equipment they need to give their talk, demonstration or entertainment. If you are able to provide any amenities i.e. stage, screen, extension cable, blank wall, table/chair, make sure the speaker is aware of this on the form and ask for confirmation of what they would like provided. Speaker's fees and mileage are correct for the year in which the Yearbook is produced.

BEFORE THE MEETING:

Remember to confirm in the month before your meeting that the speaker is coming, and all the necessary arrangements are in place. Check again that they will be bringing all the equipment they need to give their talk, demonstration or entertainment as per your booking form.

LOOKING AFTER THE SPEAKER:

Please factor this into your meeting planning. Check requirements such as parking/ public transport/ timings/ payment etc., and ensure a member is assigned to look after the speaker for the entire time they are at your meeting.

AFTER THE MEETING:

The only way we can monitor the quality of our speakers is by WIs submitting a confidential report about the speaker after their meeting. These can be posted or emailed and are available from the SFWI office or the website to download, [Document Library | Surrey Federation of Women's Institutes](#)

FORMS FOR BOOKING/INVOICING SPEAKER:

These are all available on the Surrey Federation website for you to use/edit as required.

EMERGENCY SPEAKERS:

Please check the Yearbook for SN beside speaker's names. These speakers may be available at Short Notice.

OTHER PROGRAMME IDEAS

Don't stick to the same routine - change things around from time to time.

Do encourage new members to help plan the programme.

Be inventive and use your members' talents and skills.

Encourage members to participate in Group, Federation and National events by including details on your printed programme.

Try to arrange events between the meetings, like rambles, games evenings, theatre and cinema outings, discussion groups etc., and include them all on your programme.

ZOOM MEETINGS

Zoom is a video conferencing platform, which enables you to video call people as well as join and take part in meetings in small or large groups, all from the comfort of your own home. The software can be used on your laptop, iPad or phone and is safe and secure to use. If you would like more information or help on how to use Zoom, please contact the office via email info@surreyfedwi.org.uk who can provide you with guidance.

REMEMBER: Your programme is your calling card and should advertise all the events that you are able to offer members.

ABBREVIATIONS AND NOTES

AEO	Afternoons/Evenings Only	NWE	Not winter evenings
AO	Afternoons only	PPT	PowerPoint
AV	Audio Visual	PT	Public Transport
D	Daytime	PPM	Pence per mile
Di	Digital/computer presentation	R20	Radius 20 miles (miles may vary)
EO	Evenings only	SHO	School holidays only
LTP	Laptop presentation	S	Slides
M	Mileage	SN	Short notice
NE	Not evenings		Zoom/Skype – video conferencing
NSH	Not school holidays		

MILEAGE

Please check with the speaker when booking and again before the talk as mileage charges may vary from speaker to speaker and from year to year. If no rate is suggested, then use SFWI standard rate, which is 40p per mile.

CLASSES

Please contact the speaker for the fee for classes and day schools.

NOTES

The Speaker's List is revised annually, and the Surrey Federation reserves the right to omit, retain or add names.

If Speakers wish to sell items at a WI meeting, this should be by prior agreement. Items must be placed on the WI sales table and the WI concerned given their usual 10% commission. (Note: If a speaker has a money-back guarantee for the goods they sell, WIs should confirm with them in writing whether or not commission will be withheld until the guarantee period has passed. Once the meeting is over, the Secretary should obtain written confirmation from the speaker as to the amount of commission due if no returns are made.)

SPECIAL NOTE FOR ORGANISATIONS OUTSIDE THE WI

The fees listed are for organisations within the WI only. The fees quoted in this book may **not** be applicable to other organisations as many speakers may have reduced their fees for Surrey WI members. Non-WI organisations should contact their chosen speaker direct to negotiate a fee and travelling expenses.

ADVISERS TALKS

WI Advisers are happy to talk about any aspect of the WI. Apply direct to the WI Adviser of your choice. A charge of £15 will be made.

CLIMATE ADVOCATE

Please contact the SFWI Climate Advocate, Rosemary Horton, climate@surreyfedwi.org.uk. There is no charge, just mileage please.

CATEGORIES OF TALKS AND NAMES OF SPEAKERS

1. Architecture, Antiques and Collectibles	Dr Geoffery Mead
2. Art and Photography	Louise Camby Julia Heckles Dr Judith Hill Miss Sarah Oldridge Mrs Cherrill Sands Samia Tossio
3. Fashion, Health and Beauty	Mark Barber Peter Batty – Circling the Square Presentations & Tours Annabel Brash Joanna Bristow-Watkins Louise Camby Michelle Ernoult Grace Evans Ruth Fogg Sophie Fryer Alison Hoyland Jane Muddle Belinda Knox-Spinks Louise Ryrie Rosemarie Swinfield Samia Tossio
4. General Interest	David Allen Chris and Denise Arthey Mark Barber David Bickerton Joanna Bogle Roy Buchanan Joanna Bristow-Watkins Louise Camby David Chave Jody Cooksley Ian Currie Alistair Daniel Marion Dante English Shuffleboard Company – Adrian Williams Stuart Flitton Joanna Foat Ruth Fogg Mary Forlenza Gordon Gillett Julia Heckles Nicholas Henderson , Rev'd Dr Rosemary Horton Susan Howe Belinda Knox Spinks John Lane Glenda Law April Lewis

	<p> Amanda Littlecott Ann Lovelace Kate McBain Gary Miles Jenny Nockolds Louise Ryrrie Neil Sadler Geoff Saunders Roger Sherburn-Hall Bob Sinfield Sarah Slater Peter Smith Rosemarie Swinfield Andy Thomas Samia Tossio Paul Whittle Adrian Williams Jay Woogara </p>
<p>5. History and Archaeology including General History and Archaeology Social History Cultural History</p>	<p> David Allen Lucy Allen Peter Batty – Circling the Square Presentations & Tours David Bickerton Joanna Bristow-Watkins Roy Buchanan David Chave Jody Cooksley Ian Currie Alistair Daniel Grace Evans Joanna Fogg Michael A Gilbert Gordon Gillett Julia Heckles Nicholas Henderson, Rev'd Dr Judith Hill Susan Howe Christopher John Hutchinson Belinda Knox-Spinks April Lewis Robin Maddy Geoffrey Mead Gary Miles Cherrill Sands Roger Sherburn-Hall Mary Smith Sarah Slater David Standing Rosemarie Swinfield Lady Teviot Andy Thomas Paul Whittle Antony Wood Jay Woogara Angela Young </p>

6. Cookery, including Cookery and Wine – talks Cookery demonstrations	Louise Camby Rosemary Horton Kate McBain
7. Crafts	John Lane
8. Workshops and Classes	David Allen Annabel Brash Samia Tossio
9. Gardens and Floral Art	Peter Batty – Circling the Square Presentations & Tours Ian Currie Michelle Ernout Judith Hill Sarah Oldridge Cherrill Sands Lynn Sleet David Standing Paul Whittle
10. Language, Literature and Journalism	David Allen Peter Allen Roy Buchanan Alistair Daniel Stuart Flitton Susan Howe Ann Lovelace Susan Purcell Cherrill Sands Rowan Suart
11. Music, Speech and Drama, Entertainment	David Allen Peter Allen Joanna Bogle Louise Camby Deborah Chamberlayne (<i>Four Effect</i>) Alistair Daniel Victoria Frances Green Street Blues Guildford Barber Shop Harmony Club (<i>Previously Surrey Fringe</i>) Judith Hill Paul Hudson Ann Lovelace Lesley North Sue Parker-Nutley Bob Sinfield Rowan Suart The Swinging Sixtys Margaret Watson Fiona Jane-Weston

12. Radio, TV, Film and Theatre	David Allen Lucy Allen Peter Allen Ann Lovelace Robin Maddy Gary Miles Jackie Simmonds Bob Sinfield
13. Natural History and the Countryside	Louise Camby Ian Currie Michelle Ernout Belinda Knox-Spinks John Lane Glenda Law John Lawrence Gillian Lloyd Geoffrey Mead Peter Smith Colin Summerhayes
14. Surrey	Belinda Knox-Spinks Cherrill Sands
15. Great Britain	Susan Howe Christopher John Hutchinson Glenda Law Geoffrey Mead Neil Sadler Geoff Saunders Andy Thomas Paul Whittle
16. Travel in Other Countries	Roy Buchanan Rosemary Horton Christopher John Hutchinson John Lane Gillian Lloyd Jane Muddle Jenny Nockolds Ian Parsons Neil Sadler Cherrill Sands Geoff Saunders Paul Whittle

SPEAKERS LIST

Speakers are reminded that they should be prepared to provide all the equipment necessary to give their talk, demonstration or entertainment. It is not the responsibility of the WIs.

ALLEN, David 82 Coleman Street, Brighton, BN2 9SQ Tel: 07729 065580 Email: allen_david10@hotmail.com Website: www.davidallenpublicspeaker.co.uk <i>*Please note that it's an underscore and not a dash in the email address</i>		£105.00 + .45ppm SN, Zoom fee £TBA
4	‘The Weird and Wonderful World of The Law’ Dotty judges, naughty jurors, and bizarre cases - based on 25 years working as a locum solicitor travelling around the country!	
5	‘Blood, Guts and Gore – Murder in Victorian England’ History and storytelling rolled into one! The true story of a young servant who murders her cantankerous mistress. Meticulously researched. Gripping stuff!	
5	‘The Lady Poisoners of Victorian England’. Meet the wicked ladies who bought deadly poisons to bump off their husbands and lovers. True tales of three poisoners with only one thing on their mind... Murder!	
5	‘A Victorians’ Guide to Poisons’ Wonderful images of Victorian adverts from contemporaneous newspapers and Ladies Magazines. Discover how arsenic and other poisons were used in wallpaper, beauty products and delicious health tonics. A fun, fascinating, PowerPoint presentation.	
5	‘Manners Please, Dearest!’ Welcome to your first day at the Victorian Finishing School. Discover the Do’s and Don’ts of Victorian etiquette, courtship, calling cards, tea with the mother-in-law and the secret language of the fan! Tremendous fun!	
5	‘Black Teeth & Dirty Fingernails: The Great Unwashed of Victorian London.’ A fascinating insight into the lives of the Victorian poor and their desperate struggle to survive. The PowerPoint talk travels across Queen Victoria reign, with hundreds of original black & white photographs. (Di)	
10,11	‘The Amazing Mr Dickens!’ An exciting, fast paced journey through the author’s ‘rags to riches’ life story, including his scandalous love affairs, his Great Tours of America and daring escape from a train, with dramatic readings from his work.	
10, 11	‘The Life of Dame Agatha Christie:’ From her young day’s roller skating on Torquay Pier to her mysterious disappearance and glittering career. With wonderful photographs of Agatha, her family, her books, and the actors who played her most famous characters, Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple. (Di)	
12	The Making of Casablanca. Step behind the scenes into the making of this all-time classic romance and tearjerker, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. This PowerPoint presentation includes several clips from his wonderful film and many wonderful photos. (Di)	
12	The Making of the Wizard of Oz: A joyous PowerPoint insight into this Judy Garland classic; including the early silent films, the search for an actor to play Dorothy, and all the backstage dramas, together with many of your favourite clips from the film and the wonderful songs! (Di)	
12	The Making of The Sound of Music’: Learn about the life of the real Maria, the true story behind the movie fiction, all the backstage secrets, with many film clips and your favourite songs. Heart warming and escapist entertainment! Pure joy! (Di)	
5	A Victorians Guide to Arsenic. A fascinating talk on the Victorian’s love affair with arsenic. Discover how arsenic was used in beauty products, health tonics, children’s toys, and wallpaper. A PowerPoint presentation of all the Victorians products and their deadly impact, with stories of how hundreds died from the deadly wallpaper and fly papers which hung in the larder.	

5	Blood, Guts & Gore-Murder in Victorian England – Part Two! – A second helping of historical story telling...Firstly, the true story of the first ever murder on a train, and secondly the wicked wife who conspired with her lover to murder her wealthy husband. Gruesome and gripping!	
4	7 Countries, 10 Punctures & 1 Friendly Camel – London to Cairo on Two Wheels! Armed with just a second-hand bicycle and a sense of humour, this is a light-hearted tale of accidental adventure: wild dogs, fire, floods and lightning, scythe wielding goat herders and losing one's way in the woods! David's fun, heart warming stories from the road will leave you excited, thrilled and maybe even yearning for your very own adventure.	
ALLEN, Ms Lucy 9 Tylney Road, London, E7 0LS Tel: 07831 185549 Email: lucy@talks4groups.uk Website: www.talks4groups.uk		£90 + .35ppm SN Zoom with PPT £82
12	'The Ship of Dreams' – Tales from Titanic	
12	From Titanic to Wicked – The Highs and Lows of a Stuntwoman's Life	
5	Suffragette and The Petticoat Rebellion	
5, 12	Black Cats, Broomsticks and Bellatrix – Who were the Witches?	
12	On the Buses – Remembering a Comedy Classic with the Director's Daughter	
ALLEN, Mr Peter York Cottage, Huggletts Lane, Cade Street, Heathfield, E Sussex, TH21 9BX Tel: 07786 803660 Email: petetalks@hotmail.com www.facebook.com/petetalks1967		£90 (inc) – Live £60 – Zoom, Skype, Microsoft Teams
10	Mr Garrick's Fireside: A Personal History of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.	
11, 12	Watching the Detectives: A History of British TV Crime Fighters	
11, 12	Oh No It Isn't: A History of Pantomime	
11, 12	How Now Spirit? Tingling Tales of Theatre Ghosts	
11, 12	Entertaining Troops: Stories From the Theatres of War	
ARTHEY Chris and Denise White Cottage, Clock Barn Lane, Hydestile, Godalming, GU8 4AZ Tel: 01483 415445 or 07484 825543 Email: info@chrisarthey.co.uk Website: https://chrisarthey.co.uk		£75 + M Avail anytime. PPT. <i>They will also want to sell their book</i>
4	"Highway 35-Meeting disaster head-on with hope". Whatever struggles you're facing, this account of a disabling road accident and remarkable recovery will be an encouragement.	
BARBER, Mark 4 Celtic Road, Byfleet, KT14 7SU Tel: 07810 371551 Email: mark@markroberthypnotherapy.com		£95 plus mileage Available anytime
3,4	What is Hypnosis? – Learn how hypnosis can improve your life	

BATTY, Peter - CIRCLING THE SQUARE PRESENTATIONS AND TOURS PO Box 1360, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 9UU Tel: 07913 904997 Email: circlingthesquaretours@hotmail.co.uk		Groups under 40/ £75, over 41/£95 + mileage PPT, Zoom £55 per presentation
5	How well do you know Christmas? Plants, foods and traditions of Christmas times.	
5	An Armchair Tour of the City of London	
5	How well do you know Easter? Plants, foods and traditions of the Easter Season	
5	'In Sickness and Health' – A Medical Tour of the City of London	
5	Plants and Food that changed History	
5	Changing Rooms – A Look at How Interiors Have Changed Through the Ages	
9	Fruits Of Our Labour: EMR – The Research Station That Changed History	
5	Band of Sisters: Amazing Women of WW2	
	<i>10 Other talks available</i>	
BICKERTON, David 24 Walden Gardens, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO8 9PP Tel: 0239 259 1482 or 07765 438443 Email: david.bickerton1@ntlworld.com		£45 plus mileage, maximum charge £20. Avail anytime
4,5	'Parents at War' 150 love letters during the war that inspired a book	
5	'The Pursuit and Sinking of Bismarck' the 5-day pursuit and sinking	
5	'Operation Torch' the 1942 invasion of French North Africa	
5	'Operation Husky' the 1943 invasion of Sicily	
BOGLE, Mrs Joanna 34 Barnard Gardens, New Malden, KT3 6QG Tel: 07871 362580 Email: auntiejoanna@yahoo.co.uk		£50 + travel, Zoom
4, 11	Britain's Traditional Feasts and Seasons	
4	A forgotten heroine, Caroline Chisholm who helped establish Australia	
4	Courage and Conviction, the Englishwomen who rescued Jews in Italy in WWII	
4	Sue Ryder: a life of courage	
BRASH, Annabel Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 6AU Tel: 01252 375030 or 07738 920756 Email: bella_brash@hotmail.com Web: bbfitnessanddance.wordpress.com		£45 + mileage 35p Zoom
3, 8	Dance and Fitness – Bollywood, Ballroom and Latin (FitSteps), Burlesque, Musicals, Hoola Hooping, Strength and Balance exercises (Falls Prevention)	

BRISTOW-WATKINS, Joanna 23 Severn Drive, Walton on Thames, KT12 3BH Tel: 07930 414525 or 01932 244518 Email: jo@harmonyhealing.co.uk Web: www.joannabristow-watkins.com		£100 + M + parking if relevant SN
3	Why Forest Bathing – immerse yourself in the power of nature	
4, 5	The Great Escape 1944; forget the film, what <i>really</i> happened?	
4	Other talks including ‘sacred sites’, ‘Indigenous Egyptology’, ‘Health in Nature Podcast’, Do Past Lives Exist?	
BUCHANAN, Roy 142 Seaforth Gardens, Epsom, KT19 0NW Tel: 0208 786 8718 Email: roy.buchanan@hotmail.co.uk		£100 + .65ppm, SN Zoom and others
5	The Life and Times of Admiral Nelson	
5	My Time in Blue Uniform – Anecdotes from 34 years as a police officer	
4, 10	Poetically Speaking – learn what inspires the speaker to write poetry	
4, 16	Staying in Empty Hotels-stories from 45 years of continental motor touring	
CAMBY, Miss Louise Chartwood, 39 Tadorne Road, Tadworth, KT20 5TE Tel: 07889 304460 Email: louise@voice-productions.co.uk Website: https://www.voice-productions.co.uk/keynote-talks		SN, PPT, AV, Zoom and others See talks for fees
3	Health Benefits of Aloe Vera (produce sampling and opportunity to purchase if desired. <i>Talk can be given without sampling/purchase opportunity</i>) (£110 + 45ppm with 10% going to host WI)	
3	Bees and the amazing products from the hive (product sampling and opportunity to purchase if desired). <i>Talk can be given without sampling/purchase opportunity.</i> (£110 + 45ppm with 10% going to host WI)	
3, 4	Legal Cannabis. The health benefits of CBD and Hemp (product sampling and opportunity to purchase if desired). <i>Talk can be given without sampling/purchase opportunity</i> (£110 + 45ppm with 10% going to host WI)	
11	Tracks to my grandfather’s success – Johnny Douglas composer of the music to the 1971 film “The Railway Children” with/without CD sales. <i>Talk can be given without sampling/purchase opportunity.</i> (£110 + 45ppm with 10% going to host WI)	
2, 4,	Capturing the curvature of the earth on Concorde. (£110 + 45ppm)	
4	The Hope of Spring – facts and fun information about our season of Spring. (£110 + 45ppm)	
4	The Warmth of Summer - facts and fun information about our season of Summer (£110 + 45ppm)	
4	The Beauty of Autumn - facts and fun information about our season of Autumn. (£110 + 45ppm)	
4	The Wonders of Winter - facts and fun information about our season of Winter (£110 + 45ppm)	

6	Grape Expectations – facts and fun information about wines from around the world with some tasting if interested. (£110 + 45ppm)	
4, 13	Help our Hedgehogs - everything you need to know about this spiky mammal and how we can help them avoid extinction. (£110 + 45ppm)	
	More talks can be found on my website page https://www.voice-productions.co.uk/keynote-talks	
CHAMBERLAYNE, Mrs Deborah – See ‘FOUR EFFECT QUARTET’ Hollydene, Church Lane, Chaldon, CR3 5AL Tel: 01883 819429 or 07932 228424 Email: dchamberlayne@hotmail.com		£100 + M, AEO, R20
CHAVE, David 21 Devonshire House, Devonshire Avenue, Sutton, SM2 5JJ Tel: 07701 390424 Email: david_chave@hotmail.com		£60 + .25ppm over 10 miles from home
4	Fighting Monsters – A History of Offending Profiling	
4	Murderous Women	
4	DNA Profiling and Murder	
4 & 5	Dirty Money – A History of Money Laundering	
COOKSLEY – Jody 57 Mead Road, Cranleigh, GU6 7BQ Tel: 01483 542066 or 07931 386514 Email: jodyrcooksley@gmail.com		£55 + M Avail anytime + possible books to sell
4, 5,	Julia Margaret Cameron – Pioneer C19th Photographer	
4	Uncle Jim’s Tin – how a tin of memories sparked a novel	
CURRIE, Mr Ian ‘Siskins’, Bracken Lane, Storrington, West Sussex, RH20 3HS Tel: 01903 741478 or 07914 758066 Email: ian@frostedearth.com		£60 + M, DI, Zoom
4, 5	Frost, Freezes and Fairs – Ice Carnivals on the Frozen Thames	
4, 13	The History of Weather Forecasting from Aristotle to Computers	
13	Weather Lore - Fact or Fiction? A Country Guide to Forecasting	
13	A Guide to the Wonderful World of Clouds	
4	Gales, Greenhouses and Global Warming – is our climate changing?	
4	Storms, Tempests and Hurricanes	
4	Droughts, Deluges and Dust Devils – weather events in the SE since the 1650’s	
4	The Day It Rained Crabs and Frogs – Unusual Weather	
	<i>other talks available</i>	

DANIEL, Dr Alastair 88 Gainsborough Road, New Malden, KT3 5NX Tel: 07703 646828 Email: akdaniel@storytent.co.uk		£55 + .45ppm Available anytime
10,11	Storytelling – the Social Art of Language	
4,10	Storying place: how stories turn space to place	
4	A Dyslexic learner in the world of print	
4,5	A brief history of Fairy Tales	
4,5	Folk and Fairy Tale, and the Oral Tradition	
	<i>Other talks available</i>	
DANTE, Marion 50 Buckingham Way, Frimley, Camberley, GU16 6XF Tel: 01252 834870 or 07913 267248 Email: dantemarion5@gmail.com		£70 + .40ppm
4	“Dropping the Habit” autobiography of a former Nun	
ERNOULT, Michelle 119 Mill Green, London Road, Mitcham Junction, CR4 4JJ Tel: 07906 228929 Email: michelleernoult@outlook.com Website: www.michelleernoult.co.uk		£70 + .45ppm SN Zoom
3	The Benefits of Honey and Beeswax	
13	Around the Beehive	
13	Bumble Bees, Solitary Bees and Honeybees,	
9,13	Gardening for Bees and Other Pollinators	
9, 13	I Don’t Want That in My Garden	
	<i>(Other talks available)</i>	
EVANS, GRACE (Keeper of Costume, Chertsey Museum) Chertsey Museum, 33 Windsor Street, Chertsey, KT16 8AT Tel: 01932 575373 Email: grace.evans@runnymede.gov.uk		£70 + mileage. <i>Available anytime subject to museum opening times</i>
3,5	A Bride Revisited, exploring an 18 th century wedding ensemble	
3,5	Three Gowns for Three Crowns, exploring three garments with Royal connections	
3,5	Titanic Style – Dress and Fashion on the Voyage	
5	The Olive Matthews Collection at Chertsey Museum, a history of the collection	
FLITTON, Stuart 5 Hillview Crescent, East Preston, West Sussex, BN16 1RD Tel: 07984 714996 Email: stuart@stuartflitton.co.uk		£75 + M or PT. Avail anytime

4	Journalism: My Part in Its Survival. Experience and stories an editor and newspaper journalist in South Africa and The Times in London.	
FOAT Joanna 34 Farnham Road, Guildford, GU2 4JN Tel: 07828 762045 Email: getintouch@thelumberjills.uk Web: www.thelumberjills.uk		£150 + .45ppm or PT Zoom/Skype
4, 5	The Lumberjills – Britain’s Forgotten Army (<i>Feel inspired by the 15,000 strong army of women in the forests in WWII who brought gender stereotypes crashing down in the Women’s Timber Corps</i>)	
4, 5	Lady Gertrude Denman – Chairman of the NFWI 1917-1946 (<i>The extraordinary woman who led the NFWI for the first 30 years, through two world wars, and whose powerful influence remains today</i>)	
FOGG, Ruth Barbizon, 35 Welley Road, Wraysbury, TW19 5DW Tel: 01784 488165 or 07849 072013 Email: ruth@stressworx.co.uk		£70 + mileage. Available anytime
3,4	The Invisible Enemy – how to understand and manage stress	
4	Deaf, Daft or Just Different – my personal story growing up believing I was deaf and daft	
4	Self Care is a necessity not a luxury	
FORLENZA, Mrs Mary 42 Nork Way, Banstead, SM7 1HW Tel: 01737 360072 Email: mjforlenza@yahoo.co.uk		£ neg + .45ppm Zoom avail
4	Great Lovers – Anecdotes of famous couples	
4	Women – a look at the lives of ladies who have improved the female status	
‘FOUR EFFECT QUARTET’ – Contact: CHAMBERLAYNE, Mrs Deborah Hollydene, Church Lane, Chaldon, CR3 5AL Tel: 01883 819429 or 07932 228424 Email: dchamberlayne@hotmail.com		£100 + M, AE0, R20
11	4-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style with audience participation	
FRANCES, Victoria Chapel Cottage, Stocks Green Road, Stock Green, Hildenborough, Kent, TN11 8LT Tel: 01732 838348 Email: jackiesimmondstillergirl@talktalk.net		£120 + £10 travel
11	‘Music and Fun’ Violin and Singing, all styles to suit your occasion	

FRYER, Mrs Sophie 6 Redwood Drive, Camberley, GU15 1QJ Tel: 01276 501148 or 07922 054067 Email: sophie@hatsoff.org.uk		£60 + mileage SN
3	'Hats Off to Millinery' – the history, making and designing of Couture Millinery	
	<i>(Other talks and workshop available)</i>	
GILBERT, Michael A. 14 Melrose Avenue, Norbury, London, SW16 4QU Tel: 020 8407 4450 or 07973 254748 Email: magilbert@blueyonder.co.uk		£70 + M if over 10 miles SN Di Zoom
5	Exploring the Thames from its source to the seas (series of 9 talks)	
5	'A Tonic to the Nation': London 1951 and the Festival of Britain	
5	History of the Crystal Palace (Series) Example: 1851 and the Great Exhibition	
5	Exploring London Through the 20 th Century (Series) Example: London 1940-1959	
	<i>(Please email me for a full list of 45 Talks and 14 Guided Walks)</i>	
GILLETT, Gordon Tollsworth Manor, Rook Lane, Chaldon, CR3 5BQ Tel: 01737 643751 or 07734 114876 Email: ggconsulting23@gmail.com <i>*£160,000 raised for cancer charities, of which £120,000 so far for St Catherine's Hospice.</i>		£Donation to St Catherine's Hospice please*
4,5	How Carol saved Tollsworth Manor, Circa 1326, Grade II	
4	How to beat the cost-of-living crisis, without having to cut back	
GREEN STREET BLUES c/o Caroline Harrison 16 Watercroft Road, Halstead, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN14 7DP Tel: 01929 534359 or 07887 823848 Email: cahharrison@gmail.com		Up to £150 Please phone to discuss our fee and your event
11	A Women's Cappella Choir – We can offer a large or small group to suit your needs.	
GUILDFORD BARBERSHOP HARMONY CLUB (SURREY FRINGE CHORUS) Contact: Simon Ward Email: bookings@surreyfringe.org , Website: www.surreyfringe.org Please contact for distance R20		£135 weekdays £165 eve/weekend and Christmas, NYE Fee includes expenses. R20
11	Barbershop/Close Harmony Singing by a chorus of 12-20 men <i>(Quartet also possible)</i>	

HECKLES, Julia Jane 211 St Ann's Hill, London, SW18 2RX Tel: 07553 619118 Email: jjheckles@gmail.com Website: www.voicesonart.co.uk		£90 per hour Available anytime Public Transport
4,5	William Morris at his 'Surrey Idyl' Merton Abbey Mills	
2,4	Spotlight on: John Singer Sargent, George Seurat, Cézanne, Sonia Delaunay or you choose	
5	Evelyn De Morgan and Winifred Knights: Female Artists from Southwest London	
HENDERSON, The Rev'd. Dr Nicholas 38 Caledonian Wharf, Saunders Ness Road, Isle of Dogs, London, E14 3EW Tel: 07590 059914 Email: nicholashenderson@mac.com Website: www.nicholashenderson.org		£70 + PT or 30ppm (neg) Zoom avail on request
5	Ten Tudor Queens – the powers on and behind the throne	
5	Russia History and Provenance	
5	Of Crowns and Coronations through the ages	
5	Learn How To 'Read' The English Country Church	
4	Great Mysteries and Conspiracy Theories	
4	From Ghosts to Visiting Aliens and Much In-between – Explaining the Inexplicable	
4	This England – where did it come from?	
4	From then 'till now and into infinity – the wonders of the universe	
5	From King Arthur to Lady Godiva and many more – myths and legends of English History	
	<i>(Other talks available)</i>	
HILL, Dr Judith High Pines, Blackdown Avenue, Pyrford, Woking, GU22 8QG Tel: 019323 40049 or 07977 404029 Email: judy@judyhill.co.uk		£80 + .35ppm LTP PPT Zoom for all
5	The British Almshouse: A Perspective on Philanthropy	
5, 9	The history of the Allotment Movement in England	
5	The invention of the Victorian Seaside	
2	Julia Margaret Cameron, A Pre-eminent Victorian Photographer	
5	Bess of Hardwick Hall – Elizabeth Countess of Shrewsbury, A Powerful Woman	
5	Queen Victoria - the "royal disease," how haemophilia passed into the royal houses	
5	Queen Victoria and Prince Albert - Rulers, Partners and Rivals	
5	Marianne North, A Victorian Lady Traveller and her Gallery at Kew Gardens	
5	Victorian Life Upstairs and Downstairs	
5, 9	The Victorian Garden – Great Change and Innovation	
5	The Victorian Pharmacy: Kill or Cure?	
5	Misdoings and Misdemeanours: The Life of the Victorian Servant	
5	Victorian London, a city of dreadful delights – prostitution, scandal and murder	
5	Victorian culinary delights - banquet to poor man's table	

5	Mary Queen of Scots – Heroine or Villain?
5	The Footsteps of Henry VIII’s Wives – their Palaces, Castles and Houses
5, 9	The Victorian Head Gardeners the “forgotten heroes of horticulture” in the Victorian period
5	“Dismissed” sacking of three Victorian housekeepers’ scandal and shame
5	Osborne House, “Our dear Osborne which is a little paradise for us” (Queen Victoria)
5,11	The Victorians and Entertainment – music hall to the seaside entertainment for all
5	Gertrude Jekyll artist gardener and craftswoman – An amazing legacy who created nearly 400 gardens
5	The partnership of Edwins Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll Bumps and Ned – a story that must be told
5	Thomas Holloway built a patent medicine empire much criticised but now remembered as a great benefactor
HORTON, Mrs Rosemary Carriden, Nower Road, Dorking, RH4 3BY Tel: 07969 131787 Email: hortonrosemary@ymail.com	
	£50 + .40ppm SN Zoom
6	Cheese Please
16	New Zealand on Impulse
SFWI	This is me and the Climate, in my role as Climate Advocate (<i>Just Mileage</i>)
	(Other talks available)
HOWE, Mrs Susan Hart’s Leap, Fyning Lane, Rogate, Petersfield, Hants, GU31 5DJ Tel: 01730 821600 or 07761 102923 Email: susanhowe99@gmail.com Web: www.selectideas.co.uk/susanhowe	
	£90 depending on group size + WI rate mileage. Will negotiate. SN. Zoom
4	Lighthearted look at running ‘Fawlty Towers’ and Cooking for the Rich and Famous
4, 5, 15	All Things British – Eccentrics, Heroes and Tea
4, 10	Knowing Two Eccentrics: Fun Anecdotes About John Betjeman and ‘Siegfried’ - James Herriot’s Partner
4, 5	History Minus the Boring Bits – Amusing Historical Stories, Teacher Didn’t Tell You
5	Animals and Their Famous Owners: Florence Nightingale’s Owl to Oscar Wilde’s Lobster
4	Indiscreet Revelations of a Tour Guide
4	Entertaining Episodes in an Eventful Life - dancing with the future King, being abandoned in the desert, causing a stir in Harrods
HOYLAND, Miss Alison 53 Nightingale Road, Godalming, GU7 2HU Tel: 07774 999827 Email: alisonhoyland@styleworkout.co.uk	
	£80 +35p mileage
3	Never Judge a Book by Its Cover – wear your best colours and styles
3	The Power of Style – the secret language of clothes
3	The Magic of Makeup (Makeup demonstration for ladies of an “interesting” age) 1 volunteer required

HUDSON, Paul 23 Brambleton Avenue, Farnham, GU9 8RA Tel: 07900 910707 Email: phudsonoldnall@gmail.com		£90 plus mileage at 40ppm. Available anytime
11	The Story of the Kings of Swing: a musical tribute to Sinatra and friends & the rat pack era	
HUTCHINSON, Christopher John 39 Walnut Close, Yateley, Hampshire, GU46 6DA Tel: 01252 875510 or 07739 216553 Email: yateleyart@outlook.com “yateleyart” on Flickr		£50 + .45ppm SN Di Zoom
5	In Memoriam – A Light-hearted look at some unusual memorials	
15	Britishness – A Look at Some British Traditions, how they started and have changed	
16	A Mountaineer’s View of Scenery and Culture of Places Like the Alps, Scandinavia and Surrey	
	<i>(Other talks available)</i>	
KNOX SPINKS, Mrs Belinda 3 Hart Gardens, Dorking, RH9 1JT Tel: 07977 225975 Email: belindaknoxspinks@gmail.com		£ 95 + .45ppm PPT Zoom
14	Top Ten of my famous trees in Surrey	
14	The idiosyncrasies of the North Downs Way in Surrey	
3, 4	The Miracle of KONMARI professional home organising – decluttering made easy	
4,5	The history of the Teddy Bear	
5	Was Harold killed by an arrow? The story of the Bayeux Tapestry	
14	Stories from the South Downs Way	
LANE, John 60 York Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, Battersea, London, SW11 4BP Tel: 0207 627 4944 or 07393 204377 Email: london137@hotmail.com Web: www.johnlanebooks.com <i>NB responses by email will have the name of “Ned Brooking” and not John Lane.</i> Donation to the Foundation of International Textile and Embroidery Museum in Peru		PT Travel + £85 Zoom, Skype
4, 7	Embroideries of the World	
13 & 16	The Peruvian Amazon Rainforest – the jungle city of Iquitos and beyond	
13 & 16	The Magic and Mysteries of the Peruvian Andes, (parts I and II)	
13 & 16	Service in HM Yacht Britannia	
	<i>other talks available</i>	

LAW, Miss Glenda 16 Drivers Mead, Lingfield, RH7 6EU Tel: 01342 617141 or 07397 1510960 Email: glendalaw53@sky.com		£36-£58 + M, SN
4	Street Furniture (S)	
13 & 15	Scotland the Beautiful (S)	
13	Wildlife of Eastern Australia (Di)	
13	Wildlife of Botswana (Di)	
13	Wildlife of Madagascar (Di)	
	<i>Other talks available</i>	
LAWRENCE, John 123 Chaldon Way, Coulsdon, CR5 1DN Tel: 01737 553316 or 07952 830240 Email: jflawrence@gmail.com		£60 + M + parking SN PPT Zoom £50
13	Garden Birds – An Introduction by Sight and Sound	
13	Gardens 4 Birds – How to Make Your Garden More Wildlife Friendly	
13	Visiting Birds – Recognise Our Winter and Summer Migrants by Sight and Sound	
13	Voyage to Antarctica – Wildlife of the Peninsula, the Falklands and South Georgia	
13	Crossing the Pantanal – A Search for the Elusive Jaguar	
13	Footloose in Namibia – Wildlife of the Namib Desert and Etosha National Park	
13	Birding Ecuador – In Search of Antpittas and Hummingbirds	
13	Kiwi experience, the wonderful wildlife of New Zealand	
	<i>Other talks available</i>	
LEWIS, April Flat 19, Cromwell Place, 144-146 Station Road, Redhill, RH1 1EX Tel: 07576 947648 Email: aprilLewis37@outlook.com		£70 plus PT. Available evenings, other times by arrangement.
4,5	Crime and Punishment, the evolution of. Journey through the evolution of crime and punishment, from early medieval through to modern day.	
5	Lighting the Pyre: Exploring key witch trials in history from North Berwick to Bideford	
4	Haunted Britain: Exploring ghost stories of Great Britain and ghost hunting	
4	Women at the Gallow – Sense and Sensibilities: Exploring tragic stories of women at the gallows and how they went against the public stereotype	
LITTLECOTT, Amanda 10 Westmorland Close, St Margarets, Twickenham, TW1 1RR Tel: 07821 526511 Email: amanda@clearbubble.co.uk <i>A certified photo organiser with a passion for helping overwhelmed memory lovers who want all their photos and videos safe and sound in one place to share and enjoy</i>		£40 + M. Avail anytime
4	Photo Mess to Success: Free Your Photos from Albums with Digitisation.	

4	Photo Mess to Success: Taking control of your photos on your phone	
LLOYD, Mrs Gillian Whitehouse Cottage, Danegate, Eridge Green, West Sussex, TN3 9HU Tel: 07976 292952 Email: info@gillianlloydphotography.co.uk Web: www.gillianlloydphotography.co.uk		£70 + 50ppm SN Di
13 & 16	Wildlife Begins at 50	
13 & 16	Walking with Polar Bears – A Photographic Journey to the Arctic	
13 & 16	Surprises of Uganda (In Search of Mountain Gorillas)	
13 & 16	Seasons of Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem	
13 & 16	An African Dream – Beauty, Behaviour and Beyond	
LOVELACE, Mrs Ann MBE 8 Pond House, Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, CR2 9EA Tel: 01959 576212 or 07771 698610 Email: lovelace@clara.co.uk		£75 + 40ppm SN S Zoom
4	The Orpheus Centre – Sir Richard Stilgoe’s Inspiring Centre for Young Disabled Adults	
10, 11	‘It Could Be Verse’ – Performance of Own Reflective and Humorous Poems	
4, 11, 12	Writing Plays and Lyrics for Young People	
MCBAIN, Mrs Kate 26 Herne Road, Surbiton, KT6 5BP Tel: 07714 624254 Email: katemcbain06@gmail.com		£75 + .45ppm R20 SN
4, 6	‘Oh, For A Slice of Naughty but Nice’ (An exciting career in the food industry) with cake to end the event	
6	Gluten and Dairy Free Cooking and Baking	
MADDY, Mr Robin 9 Kenmore Close, Church Crookham, Fleet, Hants, GU52 6JJ Tel: 01252 663657 Email: r.maddy@ntlworld.com		SN S or Visual Aids
5, 12	‘Magicians and the Music Hall’ – brochure describing talk available	£75 + M AEO Di PPT
12	‘Magic Show’ – Tricks and Illusions to Baffle, Amaze and Entertain!	£95 + M Groups
MEAD, Dr Geoffrey 47 Hartfield Avenue, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 8AD Tel: 01273 501590 or 07826 284526 Email: g.mead@sussex.ac.uk		£80 + 35ppm SN PPT, Zoom
1, 5	Hearth and Home: Vernacular Building Materials of the Southeast	

5, 13	Resorting to the Coast: A History of Seaside Holidays	
13 & 15	Landscapes of S. E. England	
13 & 15	Coasting Along Sussex: A Pictorial Journey - Chichester to Rye	
	<i>Other talks available</i>	
MILES, Gary 2 Pine Walk, Carshalton, SM5 4HB Tel: 0208 643 2289 or 0780 1616112 Email: garymiles2@hotmail.co.uk		Donation to the Macular Society LTP, Zoom
4, 12	History of Punch and Judy	
4	Life as a Cruise Lecturer	
4, 12	"Oh No It Isn't" History of Pantomime	
5	History of Town Crier	
5	History of Isle of Wight	
4	Secrets of an Autograph Hunter	
	<i>Other talks available</i>	
MUDDLE, Mrs Jane Klomona, Five Ash Down, East Sussex, TN22 3AP Tel: 07774 614399 Email: jane@madajazz.co.uk		£70 + £15 SN
3	The Story Behind the Bags and Hats from Madagascar – Madagascar Island, How the Bags and Hats are Made – audience modelling	
16	The Secrets of Madagascar – My adventures around this large, beautiful island so rarely visited	
NOCKOLDS, Jenny 4 Lawn Road, Guildford, GU2 4DE, Tel: 07599 808999 Email: jennynockolds@gmail.com		£70 + M SN Di S
16	Volunteering in the Rainforest in Ecuador (2009)	
16	A Sponsored Climb of Mount Kilimanjaro (2010)	
16	Ethiopia, Amazing History, Beautiful Land (2017)	
16	Walking the Inca Trail to Macchu Pichu (2011)	
16	Trekking to Everest Base Camp (2012)	
16	Bhutan, The Land of Gross National Happiness (2014)	
16	Volunteering With Elephants in Thailand (2015)	
4	Volunteering with Guildford Street Angels (2010-2023)	
NORTH, Mrs Lesley 65 The Woodlands, Esher, KT10 8BZ, Tel: 07957 438497 or 0208 398 3161 Email: royles.chequers@ntlworld.com		£80 R20 Zoom

11	Swimming in Suburbia – Lighthearted Poetry and Prose celebrating women in Suburbia	
OLDRIDGE, Miss Sarah 6 Green Cross Cottages, Cuckfield Road, Ansty, W. Sussex, RH17 5AG Tel: 01444 441391 or 0780 3370564 Email: sweetpeaqueen@yahoo.co.uk		£80 inc M SN S PPT Zoom £50
9	From Palace to Pagoda: The Diverse Buildings of Kew Gardens	
2, 9	Marianne North: A Remarkable Victorian Flower Painter	
9	History and Work of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew	
9	Through the Seasons at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew	
PARKER-NUTLEY Sue 24 Melody Road, Biggin Hill, Westerham, Kent, TN16 3PG Tel: 01959 574054 or 07813 251330 Email: sparkernut@talktalk.net		£100 + .40ppm If the WI is more than 20 miles from Westerham. Available anytime
11	An Actor's Life for Me	
11	An Actor's Life for Me – Christmas Version	
PARSONS, Jan 33 Beech Hanger Road, Grayshott, Hindhead, GU26 6LS Tel: 01428 605817 or 07974 314212 Email: parsonsjan@btinternet.com Website: www.janparsonstraveltalks.com		£70 + .35ppm SN, PPT, Di, Zoom
16	A Baltic Journey: Exploring captivating coastal cities from Stockholm to the Bay of Gdansk	
16	The Mosaic Trail: A quest through Southern Europe	
16	Jordan: The Desert Highway	
16	Palestine: Beyond the Wall	
16	From Transylvania to Tallinn – Travels through Romania and Estonia	
16	Secret Serbia and Albania	
16	Prague and Mozart's Travels	
16	From the North Cape to the Mediterranean	
PURCELL, Susan Flat 5, Old Forge Court, 67 Station Road, Shalford, Guildford, GU4 8HA Tel: 01483 303188 or 07891 174455 Email: purcellsusan@hotmail.com		£75 + M SN
10	The A to Z of the English Dictionary – Its History and Development	
10	The History of Crosswords and Tricks of the Crossword Compiler's Trade	

RYRIE, Louise 14 Stenning Close, Northgate, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 8HR Tel: 07721 416323 Email: louiseryieschool@gmail.com Facebook & Instagram @louiseryrie_creativeworld		£95 + travel
3	Your Pelvic Floor – What, Why and Where! Relaxed, informative, packed with tips	
3, 4	Confessions of a Ballet Teacher – Humorous fun across a 27-year career	
3, 4	All About You – introduction to meditation. Reduce anxiety and improve self-confidence.	
4	Women in Leadership – leading a Performing Arts Church and Prayerful Pilates mission	
4	'Women': Original story telling – danger of laughter and tears!	
SADLER, Neil 3 Winchester Villas, Ardingly Road, Cuckfield, West Sussex, RH17 5HF Tel: 01444 412781 or 07595 696788 Email: neilsadler1953@gmail.com Web: www.publicspeakerscorner.co.uk (<i>look for Sussex</i>)		£95 + .45ppm
4	The Inspector Calls: Confessions of a Police Speaker-to accompany Neil's new book (Book to offer for sale)	
16	"Bisons and Custer"; From Yellowstone National Park to Custer's Last Stand. How to survive a black bear attack and how not to order your steak at a Western BBQ.	
15	" Gongoozling For Beginners" – A light-hearted look at the joys and mishaps of exploring England's canals and living on a boat	
16	'California Dreaming' – San Francisco to Grand Canyon via Route 66 - A travelogue with a few twists	
16	"Almost "Death in Paradise – The Caribbean, Pirates and Rum. What is it really like in the police in the Caribbean? So, let's limbo!	
4,18	A Policeman's Lot ... Can be quite an interesting one! Combining many fascinating cases; a follow-up talk is also available linked with <i>a newly published book</i> :	
4	Come Fly with Me "An odd thing happened today at the airport" Working in the police at Gatwick Airport, and other aviation stories	
	<i>Other talks available</i>	
SAMIA TOSSIO 42 Sutton Court, Brighton Road, Sutton, SM2 5BS Tel: 07947 848308 Email: samiatossio@gmail.com SILK PAINTING WORKSHOPS by arrangement. <i>Cost dependent on how many participants. Please ring to discuss.</i>		£65 + PT or Zip Car. Ring to discuss. <i>Available anytime</i>
2,4,8	The Essence of Silk - the therapeutic are of silk painting	
2,3,4	A Chair Reaction, the power of the arts for connection, communication and self-expression	
3,4	Unexpected ways about breaking through your comfort zones and honouring your gifts	
4	Hey Mamma – putting the fun in funeral and celebrating life	
2	The Essence of Silk – the therapeutic art of silk painting	
2	A Chain Reaction – the power of the arts for connection, communication and self-expression	
2	Unexpected Ways – about breaking through your comfort zones and honouring your gifts	

SANDS, Cherrill 36 Holly Avenue, Walton on Thames, KT12 3AU Tel: 01932 222704 or 07712 432059 Email: cherrill@gardenhistory.co.uk		£90+ .45ppm PPT, AV, LTP, SN, Zoom
9, 10	Women Writers and their Gardens – Jane Austen, Agatha Christie and others	
2, 9	The Artist and her Garden, Vanessa Bell, Barbara Hepworth and others	
9	Arts and Craft Gardens in the Southeast	
9, 14	Surrey Gardens	
2, 5, 9, 10	The Remarkable Miss Gertrude Jekyll; craftswoman, author, photographer, designer and gardener	
5, 9	Women Gardeners of the 20 th century	
	<i>Other Talks are available</i>	
SAUNDERS, Geoff 8 St Pauls Road West, Dorking, RH4 2HU Tel: 01306 884812 or 07889 559765 Email: tallshipAsgard@gmail.com Web: www.Geoffsaunders.org		£60 SN Di, Zoom/Skype
4, 16	'All I Ask is a Tallship' – Traditional Sailing Across the South Pacific	
4, 15	'Reports from Coastal Stations' - Journeys Around the Shipping Forecast	
4, 16	'Antarctica' sailing to the Frozen Continent	
	<i>Other talks available</i>	
SHERBURN-HALL Roger El Rincon, Glebe Road, Headley, GU35 8QD Tel: 07930 300945 Email: rogersherburnhall@btinternet.com		£60 + .40p mileage. Avail anytime.
4,5	Violet, the Canadian Lieutenant's Wife: The poignant story of my grandparents in the early 1900's <i>(May wish to sell his book)</i>	
4	Policing: The Village Bobby	
4	New Zealand Police: A Pom in 1972	
4	A Trooper in 1965 Aden	
4	Great Barrier Island 1977	
SIMMONDS, Jackie (<i>An Original London Palladium Tiller Girl</i>) Chapel Cottage, Stocks Green Road, Stocks Green, Hildenborough, Kent, TN11 8LT Tel: 01732 838348 Email: jackiesimmondstillergirl@talktalk.net		£110 + £10 travel
12	My Life as A Tiller Girl	

BOB SINFIELD 7a Station Road, Belmont, SM2 6BG Tel: 020 8770 1076 or 07956 397595 Email: doctorsinuk@yahoo.co.uk		£85 + .40ppm or PT Available anytime
11,12	Misadventures in TV and Radio Comedy	
4, 11	The Great Unwatched (wit and wisdom of the wireless)	
11	Gentleman of Jazz (the life of musician and humourist George Chisholm)	
11,12	Blasts from the past (the art of impersonating real figures in history)	
SLATER, Mrs Sarah 2 Hare Hill, Addlestone, KT15 1DT Tel: 01932 874202 or 07899 794308 Email: sarah.m.slater@btinternet.com		In person: £110 fee negotiable + 45p mileage for travel expenses. Zoom: £70 -£100 negotiable
4, 5	Working with the ghosts of Hampton Court Palace	
4, 5	Secrets, scandal and salacious gossip of the Royal Court, 1660-1830	
4, 5	Kirtles, Corsets and Curtains – historical costuming within heritage	
4, 5	Royal Jubilees – King George III to Queen Elizabeth II	
4, 5	Christmas Traditions	
SLEET, Mrs Lynn 19 Cobbetts Walk, Bisley, Woking, GU24 9DT Tel: 07957 209946 Email: sleet.lynn@gmail.com Website: www.bloominguseful.com		£120 + .65ppm
9	Seasonal Floral Demonstrations – Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter, depending on time of booking	
9	Seasonal workshops also undertaken- Min 10 People, cost on application	
SMITH, MARY 6 The Landway, Bearsted, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 4BD Tel: 01622 736037 or 07931 718532 Website: marysmithjones@hotmail.com		£75 + mileage. Available anytime
5	A Schoolgirl's War – two fascinating discoveries found under a school in Kent which gives a rare insight into school life in WWII	
SMITH, Peter 28 Clifford Manor Road, Guildford, GU4 8AQ Tel: 01483 575022 or 07534 919121 Email: pjs.8888@yahoo.com		£100 plus mileage Available anytime (A taste of Honey is £125)
4, 13	A Taste of Honey - A history of honey and beekeeping - with lots of tastings!	
4, 13	The Secret World of Moths - Exploring the hidden and magical world of our nocturnal pollinators	
4, 13	Protecting Our Pollinators - Why our pollinators are in decline, and we can do about it.	
4, 13	Bees & Honey: Tradition, Myth, Symbol and Magic - Exploring the rich cultural history.	
4, 13	The Private Lives of Butterflies – Looking at some of the surprising stories behind our butterflies	
4, 13	The Plight of the Bumblebee – Why the Bumblebee (not the Honeybee) needs our help.	

4, 13	The Business of Bees – What can human organisations learn from the Bee?	
4, 13	Responsible Beekeeping – How to practice ethical and sustainable beekeeping.	
STANDING, David 4 Meadow Walk, Liss, Hampshire, GU23 7RG Tel: 01730 893680 or 07779 068431 Email: dave.standing@outlook.com		£70 + .45ppm Zoom £50
5, 9	Gilbert White The Gardener	
9	Cottage Gardening	
9	Old Fashioned Flowers	
9	The Pleasure of Weeding	
	<i>Other talks available</i>	
SUART, Ms Rowan (<i>please note spelling of surname</i>) Bordon, Hants, GU35 Tel: 01420 478992 Email: rjs.recitals@gmx.com <i>Outside of M25, daytimes preferred during winter</i>		£60 + M SN R20
10, 11	Something for Everyone – A professional actress’s entertaining general interest literary presentation from favourite writers	
10, 11	Festive Fare – A professional actress’s entertaining literary presentation about Christmas and food from favourite writers	
10, 11	Love and Ardour – A professional actress’s entertaining literary presentation about love/passion from favourite writers	
SUMMERHAYES, Dr Colin 4 Springfield Road, Guildford, GU1 4DP Tel: 01483 575948 Email: cps32@cam.ac.uk		£70 + M SN PPT Di
13	Our Grandchildren will inherit a different planet from ours	
13	Global Boiling – fires, ice melt and rising seas	
13	Climate change and energy use: What Can We Do?	
SWINFIELD, Mrs Rosemarie Flat 3, 22 Langley Avenue, Surbiton, KT6 5QW Tel: 0208 390 7773 or 07976 965520 Email: rosemarie.swinfield@uwclub.net Web: www.rosemarie-swinfield.com		£110 + M if long distance. Please discuss
3, 4	Where’s the Make Up Lady? A Romp Through A Long Career In Make-Up	
3, 5	The Fashionable Face of the Restoration – The Perils of Looking Stylish Then	
5	Shakespeare’s World – Discover What the Bard Had to Learn in 15 th C London	

TEVIOT, Lady 28 Hazel Grove, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0BY Tel: 01444 242605 Email: lady.teviot@census-searches.co.uk Web: www.ladyteviot.co.uk		£100 including travel, Zoom
5	One Day I Will - How I began Finding My Ancestors	
5	Baby Farming – A Profitable Trade in the 19th Century	
5	Kill or Cure – Medicine and Illness in the 19th Century	
5	Heir Hunters – Probate Research When People Die Without Leaving a Will	
5	Workhouses - records of the conditions and reasons which the inmates underwent	
5	What’s the weather like with you?	
5	Vaccination in the 19 th century	
THE ENGLISH SHUFFLEBOARD COMPANY See: WILLIAMS, Adrian		£4.00 per player – minimum £140
THE SWINGING SIXTYS James Rayne/Reg Archer, 10 Auriol Park Road, Worcester Park, KT4 7DP Tel: 0208 330 7700 or 01293 881032 Email: jl.rayne@gmail.com or regcfc@hotmail.com		£100 per hour (one-hour visits) + 45ppm for journeys over 10 miles
11	The Swinging Sixty’s	
THOMAS, Andy Broom Cottage, Ashdown Road, Forest Row, East Sussex, RH18 5BN Tel: 07771 712960 or 01342 826243 Email: andythomas.talks@gmail.com		£75 + M (£20-£40 max depending on distance) Zoom/Skype
4	The Crop Circle Mystery	
4	Paranormal Mysteries and Cover-ups	
5	A Conspiracy History of the World	
5	Christmas - A Festive History	
5	The Story of English Freedom	
15	Lewes and Bonfire Night	
WATSON, Margaret 5 Woodland View, Brooks Green Park, Emms Lane, Horsham, RH13 0TR Tel: 01403 740102 or 07957 669504 Email: goldharp23@gmail.com Website: www.harpmusic.co.uk		£90 + M SN AEO D, Zoom
11	Life on a Harp String – A lively, informative and entertaining look at the harp and how it works. With light anecdotes and lots of harp playing, Margaret shows how surprisingly versatile, fun and modern this ancient instrument can be!	
WESTON Fiona-Jane Flat 3, 10 Tudor Road, London, SE19 2UH Tel: 0208 289 8361 or 07801 260927 Email: 20cwoman@gmail.com		£115 + travel

11	Wartime Women and the WI – amazing roles of women in two wars and the part the WI played, including songs.	
11	A History of Christmas shows – includes Christmas favourite songs and fascinating historic titbits	
11	A Quirky London history show called “Loving London: A Capital Cabaret” with great songs poems and dramatic pieces	
11	Looking For Lansbury – actress Angela Lansbury’s fascinating ancestry, life and career in Hollywood, Broadway and UK	
WHITTLE, Paul, Major (Retd) TD 8 Broadwater Close, Woking, GU21 5TW Tel: 01932 346549 or 07387 159487 Email: paul.whittle47@hotmail.com Web: www.travellertales.net		£90 + .30ppm SN PPT Zoom
4, 5, 9	Homes and Gardens – Magnificent Mansions, Glorious Gardens. My “Top 20” favourites!	
4	America’s Historic East – From Atlanta north to Washington DC, New York and ‘Ground Zero’	
16	The Venetian Connection – Venice, its history and scenic splendour and its current environmental challenges	
16	The Andes and the Incas – The Amazonian rain forest, Machu Picchu and much more	
	<i>Other talks available</i>	
WILLIAMS, Adrian: THE ENGLISH SHUFFLEBOARD COMPANY 2 Sandringham Drive, Hove, BN3 6XD Tel: 01273 564375 Email: englishshuffleboard@yahoo.com www.englishshuffleboard.co.uk		£4.00 per player – minimum £140
4	English Shuffleboard Play – standing up/sitting down, easy and great fun	
WOOD, Antony Lane End House, 1 Newton Lane, Old Windsor, SL4 2RY Tel: 07957 160685 or 01753 855344 (<i>try mobile first</i>) Email: antonywood46453@gmail.com		£85 + M SN Zoom/Skype
5	Colonel Sir Francis Younghusband – the man behind “Jerusalem” – spy, explorer, diplomat, author.	
5	Five characters in search of an audience. A spy, an author, a film star and two amazing women.	
5	Our Lost World – About Growing Up in the second half of the Twentieth Century.	
5	Pamela Digby Heyward Harryman – Socialite or Courtesan? What Was Her Secret Attraction to The Rich?	
5	Never The Same River – Antony Wood’s Memoir is a Social History of England from the 40s Onwards.	
5	Gertrude Bell – the women who founded a country – spy, explorer, climber and linguist.	
5	What amused the Victorians? A look at my great-grandfather’s humour and mine.	
WOOGARA, Jay 47 Curling Vale, Onslow Village, Guildford, GU2 7PH Tel: 01483 577341 or 07805 725082 Email: jay.woogara@gmail.com		£100 + mileage
4,5	The Indian Diaspora and my Personal Experience: From Sugarcane to Surrey	
4,5	Dignity and Respect of the Living and Dying in Different Societies: Interactive presentation that will explore the meaning of dignity and its interpretation in different cultures	
YOUNG, Angela 6 Gillis Square, London, SW15 5FG Tel: 07778 934873		£75 inclusive SN LTP PPT Zoom/Skype

Email taltales1102@gmail.com	
Website: www.angela-young.co.uk/talks	
5	The Aristocrat, The Able Seaman and The Tragic Sinking of RMS Titanic

TRUST, CHARITIES AND ORGANISATIONS

Where a charity requests a donation, it is suggested that a minimum donation of £50 be made.

Some speakers ask for the fee to be paid to their named charity. The rules for this have changed and cheques for the speaker fee may be paid to any charity following a talk at a meeting. Please ensure that the words "Speakers Fee" is stated on the cheque stub along with the payee's name. If possible, obtain an invoice from the charity otherwise the receipt signed by the speaker should state that the payment was received 'on behalf of the (named) charity'. All speaker's fees are recorded in the account book under "WI meetings" 'Speakers and other costs'. Do not record the speaker's fee under 'donations'

ADOPT A GRANDPARENT charity registered in England & Wales, charity number: [1208584](#)

We are a socially driven, charitable organisation that is committed to reducing feelings of loneliness and isolation on a global scale, by pairing volunteers with the elderly community.

Our aim is to bring people together, enabling them to forge meaningful and lasting relationships

Charitable Objectives.

For the public benefit, UK and internationally, to provide support and relief to older and vulnerable persons in need.

To facilitate communication, relationships and engagement services, using technology in order to develop intergenerational relationships and to combat loneliness and isolation amongst older and vulnerable people.

Surrey Contact Details: David Annand, Head of Operations and Fundraising, Adopt a Grandparent, Capital House, 106 Meadrow, Godalming, Surrey GU7 3HY

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Email: davida@adoptagrparent.org.uk

BARNARDO'S: A PERSONAL INSIGHT

You would think that after retiring from Barnardo's as a Community & Fundraising Manager life would calm down but not of bit of it! Paul Beard continues to give talks across the SE to various community groups and small companies for the corporate side of the Community Fundraising Team.

In 2023/24 Barnardo's supported and worked with 373,000 children/young people, parents and carers through 811 services and partnerships across the UK.

Over the years Paul has given talks and presentations to community groups and Barnardo's supporters over 300 times. With his understanding and personal insight of Barnardo's work and his many years fostering. Paul can give talks that are both inspiring and factual. Whilst donations are warmly received, Paul reminds his audience of the importance of Gift in Wills as a major factor in Barnardo's fundraising.

Contact details - **Mobile:** - 07810 845460, **Email:** paul.beard9@btinternet.com Zoom calls to small groups if required

CASUALTIES UNION (SURREY UNIT)

Founded in 1942, in Leatherhead, Surrey, Casualties Union was created to improve the rescue and casualty care skills for the civil defence teams during World War 2 when buildings were destroyed during air raids and bombings. Fast forward 80 years and we are still helping emergency services, airports, community response teams and companies continuously improve the same skills, through the use of our voluntary make-up, acting and staging!

It's hard to answer the question: "can you give us an example of a day in the life of a volunteer for Casualties Union?" One day we could be rescued out of an overturned vehicle, the next, stretchered away from a smoke-filled room by fire crews.

It's certainly not a film set or a TV drama, nor are we stuntmen or women! Instead, it's a day volunteering as a simulated casualty; assisting emergency services with their training for real-life emergencies that occur all around us every day.

Details for our group: Sarah Martin, Surrey Branch Leader, Casualties Union

surrey@casualtiesunion.org.uk, Tel: 07500 271915 (*Please leave a voicemail if I am unable to answer your call*).

The national website is www.casualtiesunion.org.uk.

CATS PROTECTION LEAGUE

This talk is about Cats Protection, the UK's largest cat welfare charity (45 mins approx.). Hear how we help thousands of cats and their owners every year. Detailing our history, current day work and featuring stories of the cats we've helped along the way. Note: we do not bring cats to our talks for reasons of cat welfare. Enquire with our online booking form: www.cats.org.uk/education

Or contact Jonathan Ramsden: **Tel.** 07585 402881 **Email:** Jonathan.Ramsden@cats.org.uk

MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

M.A.F. Is the world's largest humanitarian air operator. We are a charity that has been in existence for over 75 years. We have been flying light aircraft (now 116) over mountains, jungles, swamps and deserts where journeys can take days/weeks by road but only minutes/hours by plane. In 2023 we flew over 135,000 passengers and 6.3 Kg of freight to more than 1,000 destination delivering aid, medical care, emergency relief, water, food as well materials for long-term development projects to remote communities. Our planes are used by more than 1,500 aid and missionary organisations. We save lives every day by transporting people to medical centres for treatment.

Contact: Mr Clive Bailey: **Tel:** 07917 726117, **Email:** clive.bailey@maf-uk.org or clive.bailey86@gmail.com

RAINBOW TRUST CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Rainbow Trust Children's Charity provides emotional and practical support to families who have a child with a life-threatening or terminal illness. Their headquarters are in Leatherhead, Surrey. <https://rainbowtrust.org.uk/>

Speaker/Ambassador contact: Prof. Colin P. Hales, 2 Farm Walk, Onslow Village, Guildford. Surrey GU2 7QW 01483 504194 or 07751 456285 or **email:** c.p.hales@talk21.com. Talks can be given via Zoom

RNLI - ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

Talks on the work of the Royal National Lifeboats Institution: The RNLI 'It's Not All at Sea' (a fast and inspiring talk on the current RNLI operations and how it continues to provide the world's best sea rescue service supported entirely by donation.) The RNLI "innovation and imagination" (explores sea safety innovations new and old. A follow-on talk or for groups with a more practical bias). Audio visual presentation. All AV equipment provided if necessary. Can do short notice. RNLI branded souvenirs, seaside shop, Christmas cards, if requested.

If you watch "saving lives at sea" on BBC members will really enjoy this totally different look at the RNLI. *More information at* www.sites.google.com/site/rnlicolin

Contact: Colin W Brown, 100 Byfleet Road, New Haw, Surrey KT15 3LE

Tel: 07547 444742

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SENSORY SERVICES BY SIGHT FOR SURREY

This is a charity dedicated to enabling and empowering people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind, Partially Sighted and Deafblind. Our talk will offer you an overview of the help and support we offer over 8,500 people in Surrey of all ages and provide you with some tips and ideas of how to help your friends and family. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact via one of the following methods.

Email: kwilson@sightforsurrey.org.uk, **Tel:** 01372 377701 or 07860 026269

THE AIR AMBULANCE KENT SURREY SUSSEX

Contact: Community Team, Air Ambulance Kent Surrey Sussex, Rochester City Airport, Maidstone Road, Chatham, Kent ME5 9SD **Tel:** 01634 471900. **Email:** talks@aakss.org.uk or visit www.aakss.org.uk if your group is meeting virtually, we'd love to join you! We are able to offer talks on any platform. Please contact us for more information.

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST

The Children's Trust is the UK's leading charity for children with brain injury and neurodisability. At our national specialist centre in Tadworth, Surrey, we provide education, rehabilitation and community services. We would be delighted to share some of our amazing stories with you. Our speakers may be a parent, physio, music therapist or other professional working with the children and young people we support. They will bring stories of resilience, hope and of course fun, all while offering a small glimpse into the life of a child with a brain injury.

Contact: Beverley Worsley. The Children's Trust, Tadworth, Surrey, KT20 5RU

Tel: 01737 365000, **Email:** getinvolved@thechildrenstrust.org.uk **Website:** thechildrenstrust.org.uk.

THE COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission is a global leader in commemoration. Founded by Royal Charter in 1917, we work on behalf of the Governments of Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom to commemorate the 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth who lost their lives in the two World Wars. We believe that remembering individuals who have died in conflicts is of universal, perpetual relevance, and that reflecting on their deaths is of continuing and paramount importance for us all. The cemeteries, memorials, graves, landscapes, and records in our care will be found at 23,000 locations and in more than 150 countries and territories. They are both the practical means of our commemoration of the fallen and vehicles for discovery, inspiration, and engagement. We believe that each one of those we commemorate were people like us, with their own ambitions, hopes, and dreams. It is our duty and privilege to care for their graves and memorials and through our charitable Foundation, keep their stories alive.

Our Homepage: [The Commonwealth War Graves Commission | CWGC](http://TheCommonwealthWarGravesCommission.org.uk)

Talk Booking page: [Book a Talk: Commonwealth War Stories | CWGC](http://BookaTalkCommonwealthWarStories.org.uk)

Contact information: If organisers wish to contact us directly with a query regarding a talk, they can send an email to Public.engagement@cwgc.org

They can also contact us via the following page on our website: [Contact us at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission | CWGC](http://ContactusattheCommonwealthWarGravesCommission.org.uk)

TRINITY HOUSE YOUNGER BROTHER AMBASSADORS' GROUP

The Trinity House Story. Have you ever wondered who looks after the major lighthouses around England, Wales and the Channel Islands? Trinity House is a charity dedicated to safeguarding shipping and seafarers with a statutory duty to deliver reliable and cost-effective aids to navigation for the benefit of all at sea. Incorporated by Royal Charter in 1514 by Henry VIII, it has a fascinating heritage, with HRH The Princess Royal currently its Master. Talks available via Zoom or in person. Contact: ambassadors@trinityhouse.co.uk