

**SPEAKERS DIRECTORY 2023/24**

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| Mr Brian Barber11 Taylor RoadNorthleachCheltenhamGlos GL5 3JE | 01451 860383bbarber743@aol.com£40.0010ppm | The talks may seem heavy but I always try to make them light and amusing. | Other - technology abroad | The President of Liberia claimed I was working for the CIA. The French special forces had to rescue me during the fighting; The Sudanese government Threatened me with Execution whilst I was building Radio Stations; Communication systems for gender-based Violence in the DRC; UN Peacekeepers not fit for purpose. UN management incompetent. |
| Mr Nicholas Baxter5 NorthwayCalneWiltshire SN11 9DN | 01249 817482nickbaxter.history@gmail.com£50.0025ppm | Further talks on website www.wiltshirecharityman.org.uk | Historical Subjects | Eglantyne Jebb: From School Teacher to Save the Children; The Boy Ghost of Bowood; Wiltshire - A Journey Through Time; Samuel Taylor Coleridge in Wiltshire |
|  Suzanna Beard33a Claremont GardensMarlowBucks SL7 1BP | 07768 990296info@susannabeard.com£70.0010ppm | Susanna talks of her life as a Novelist showing all her books which she would bring to your meeting & is aware that 10% of any Sales are donated to your WI | Crafts & Leisure Pursuits | Wrestling with the Octopus: (How I became a published author) |
|  Sue BirleyMarsh Cottage, The MarshWanboroughSwindonWiltshire SN4 0AR | 01793 790438sbirley@gn.apc.org | No fee - no mileage | Travel | Travels With a Brompton |
| Mrs Lyn Blythe45 Drake CrescentChippenhamWiltshire SN14 0XH | 07976 247656lyn@lynblythe.com£70.0025ppm |  | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Naturall Remedies from the Kitchen; Natural Remedies for Common Ailments |
|  |  |  | Countryside & Nature | Natural Remedies for the Garden; Hedgerow Medicines |
| Mrs Alix Booth11 Stibb GreenBurbageMarlboroughWiltshire SN8 3AE | 01672 810352alix@alixpartypuppets.co.uk£70.00-£100.00 | Both talks are told through puppets.Mileage fees included in fee charged. | Music, Art & Drama | Entertaining Children Through Puppets |
|  |  |  | Historical Subjects | The History of Punch & Judy |
| Mr Mike Brook25 Chapel StreetThatchamBerkshire RG18 4JP | 07848 976717mjbrook2@virginmedia.com£70.0033ppm | For the first two talks I am accompanied whenever possible by Isabel Oettinger, a fellow member of Newbury Dramatic Society, and we perform short sketches as part of the show | Music, Art & Drama | Musings From The Amateur Stage; Christmas Miscellany: Season's Readings |
| Historical Subjects | Top Of The Greasy Pole: amusing anecdotes about former UK Prime Ministers |
| Other: Entertainment | Favourite Comedians: laughter on TV and in film for the last 50 years |
| Katherine Brooke | 07908 442211£40.0030ppmhello@thehealthygutclinic.co.uk | How to eat well and keep yourself healthy | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | “Having the guts to be Healthy” |
| Dr Frances BurroughesSunnybankAlvingtonYeovilSomerset BA22 8TH | 07730 526166francis@burroughes.uk | Petrol expenses and donation to support chosen charity. Details of talks available at [www.burroughes.uk](http://www.burroughes.uk) | Other | Can You Play Jerusalem For Us?; Don't Put Your Daughter on the Stage |
| Historical Subjects | The Wonderful World of Glass; A Victorian Head Gardener |
| Ms Amanda Butler7 Newmeadow CopsePeatmoorSwindonWiltshire SN5 5AQ | 07788 202256ambassadorfordswf@yahoo.co.ukDonation25ppm | This presentation is a celebration of the life and passion of David Shepehrd, the artist who founded the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF) in 1984. | Countryside/ Nature | In the Footsteps of a Giant |
| Mr Ian Caskie8 BriarwoodWestbury-on-TrymBristol BS9 3SS | 07870 297440i.v.caskie@gmail.com£40.0045ppm | Fee and mileage negotiated with each WI to make talk affordable for all. Fee passed on to the SS Great Britain Trust | Historical Subjects | SS Great Britain: From Launch to Re-Launch |
|  Kady Chatman4 West ParkCorshamWiltshire SN13 9LN | 07980 005169saxonrdachair@gmail.com40ppm | No fee - donation appreciated | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Changing Lives With Horses: The Saxon Riding for the Disabled |
| Mrs Verna CliffordChantry HouseBadminton RoadOld SodburySouth Glos BS37 6LR | 01454 312941 / 07960 344311verncliff@yahoo.co.ukNone45ppm | Verna is blind | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Life as a VIP: An Enlightening, Informative, Often Amusing Life as a Blind Woman; Riding Blind - Let me Tell You How |
| Ms Dorothy Cook23 Fanstones RoadEldeneSwindonWiltshire SN3 6DX | 01793 618519 / 07895 084597dorothycook@outlook.com£55.0025ppm |  | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Tales as a Midwife over 42 Years (Does include some info on Female Genital Mutilation as I came across this when in Oman) |
| Ms Barbara Cropp14 Church WalkMelkshamWiltshire SN12 6LY | 07901 505130bcropp@blueyonder.co.uk£60.0025ppm | Available at short notice | Crafts & Leisure Pursuits | Pots, Clay & Other Muddy Matters - Talk and Demonstration |
| Mrs Claire Diamond-Mills37 BargatesBoxWiltshire SN13 8LT | 07850 533940clairedimondmills@gmail.com£45.0025ppm |  | Misc | Who does your DNA say you are? How DNA testing can support family history research; Brunel’s Box Tunnel and its impact; The Darker Side of Wiltshire – murder and mayhem in the county; Box: Its People & Places |
| Mr Peter DixonBradford on Avon Chiropractic Clinic4 Kingston SquareBradford on AvonWiltshire BA15 1FH | 07801 207344peter@dixon-health.co.uk |  | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Chiropractic: a history and a modern perspective; Back Pain: a modern epidemic |
|  Marianne DonohueCorsham | 07812 770989Greycloudandsilverlinings@gmail.com£50.0040ppm | Workshop and demo prices to be arranged when booking | Crafts & Leisure Pursuits | What is Silver Clay? |
|  Lucy Duncalfe & Verity Moore | 01722 820400chirobackontrack@gmail.com | No fee - no mileage | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Staying Strong & Preventing Aches & Pains |
| Col Patrick Duncan | 07931 218921patrickmargrit@googlemail.com25ppm | No fee | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Alzheimer's: The Neuroscience of Prevention |
|  Susan Essex5 Kew CottagesBuckingham RoadNewburyBerkshire RG14 6DG | 07791 700239sue\_essex@yahoo.co.uk£50.0045ppm | Screen or white wall at venue required. | Travel | A House Mother in India: 9 Months That Changed My Life; A Housemother in India part 2: helping the teenagers; The Role of a Pastoral Officer: back in India |
|  | Other | Meaningful Funerals: How to plan a fitting farewell |
| Mrs Freda FerneCanal Cottage154 AvoncliffeBradford on AvonWiltshire BA15 2HD | 01225 865260freda@avoncliff.co.uk£35.0045ppm | Dsplays of textiles, flags, maps & books. Wears national dress. | Travel | Bhutan - Land of the Thunder Dragon Kayaking in the Antarctic - Aged 70 |
|  Stuart Flitton29 Evelyn AvenueRustingtonWest Sussex BN16 2EJ | 07984 714966stuart@stuartflitton.co.uk£95.0025ppm |  | Other: Journalism | Journalism: My Part in it’s Survival |
|  Lizzie FlynnWilton | 07540 334356Lizzieflynn53@gmail.com25ppm | Space to sell books at meeting would be useful | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Life in Numbers” A personal journey through a nine year cycle of growth & renewal |
|  Gerry GajadharsinghWhite Horse CottagesAlton BarnesMarlboroughWiltshire SN8 4LB | 0207 631 414info@thehealthequation.co.uk25ppm | No fee | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Making Life Easier in These Difficult Times: Focussing on breathing and heart rates |

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|  Diana Goetz6 Stroud PlaceSalisburyWiltshire SP1 1JQ | 01722 329675t.goetz@btinternet.com£60.0030ppm |  | Historical Subjects | Salisbury: A tale of two cities; Windsor Castle; The Life & Times of Thomas Hardy |
|  | Other: Career | The Life of a Blue Badge Guide |
|  Sara GrayMalmesbury | 01666 823979sara.gray@tiscali.co.uk£50.0025ppm |  | Entertainment | It's Behind You! The History of Pantomime |
|  James HaddowBournemouth | 07815 819854thetaxidriverpoet@gmail.com£80.00£20.00 mileage | Mileage for long journeys must be negotiated | Entertainment | The Life & Loves of the Taxi Driver Poet |
| Rev Dr Nicholas Henderson20 Chester CrescentChester StreetCirencesterGlos GL7 1HE | 07590 059914nicholashenderson@mac.com£70.00 | Mileage negotiable. Happy to host Zoom meetings as he has licence. Other talks available: [www.nicholashenderson.org](http://www.nicholashenderson.org) | Other: Entertainment | Great Mysteries & Conspiracy Theories |
| Historical Subjects | How to "Read" the English Country Church; All You Ever Wanted to Know About the Tudors |
| Other | Explaining the Inexplicable |
|  Claudia HickinJulia's House Children's HospiceBath RoadDevizesWiltshire SN10 2AT | 01380 562525Claudia.hickin@juliashouse.org | No fee or milage but a donation would be appreciated | Other: Charity | Leaving your preconceptions of a hospice behind and delving into community care, hospice care and family support services at Julia’s House; How Covid-19 has positively affected the service at Julia’s House |
| Mrs Maureen Hinton6 Broadmead LaneCrockertonWarminsterWiltshire BA12 8BR | 01985 212953maureen.hinton123@btinternet.com85.00 | Mileage negotiable. | Crafts & Leisure Pursuits | Victorian Traditional Christmas Decorations; Flowers for Pleasure, Flowers for Special Occasions; Pots for the Patio |
| Mrs Margaret Hiscock18 Brighton WayChippenhamWiltshire SN14 0YR | 01249 461414 / 07771 792749margaret.hiscock@hotmail.co.uk£50.00 | Talk includes craft activity. Activity offered without the talk | Crafts & Leisure Pursuits | Wiltshire Scrapstore: history and current activity plus crafts |
|  Bren HoskingHighworth | 07511 929020Brenhos@icloud.com25ppm |  | WellbeingPsychology | Toxic Relationship” When Love becomes Tainted |
|  Joanne HuntleyBradford on Avon | 01225 863300artisanne@gmail.com£40.0040ppm |  | Crafts & Leisure Pursuits | Antique Lace Making |
|  Nicola Hope4 Avon RoadMalmesburyWiltshire SN16 0DL | 07711 285 447info@nicolahope.co.uk£140.0045ppm |  | Crafts & Leisure Pursuits | Organic Gardening: Happy Plants - Happy Minds |
| Mr John Jamison Davis46 The LyeSeend, MelkshamWiltshire SN12 6PA | 07469 531501john@jamesond.com£60.00Negotiable | White wall/projection screen required. Limit to half an hour drive to venue. Prefer daytime/early evening | Legal Matters | Unravelling the Secrets of Forged Signatures |
| Other: Psychology | Secrets of Famous Women's Handwriting |
| Mrs Karen JohnsonRangebourne MillDevizes RoadPotterneWiltshire SN10 5LL | 01380 720238karenajohnson2@yahoo.com£70.00 | Both sessions are interactive | Music, Art & Drama | Exploring Drawing - an exploration of drawing for all abilities |
|  | Crafts | Venetian Carnival Masks - Talk & Workshop |
|  Kerry JohnsonCorsham | 07941 007672Keri.johnson@houseofcolour.co.uk£50.0025ppm |  | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Colour Analysis & Personal Style |
|  Analiza Jones53 Clapton RoadStratford upon AvonWarwickshire CV37 6SN | 07444 565185siimpp@yahoo.com£75.00 | Available at short notice | Travel | The Making of Hand Woven Bags from the Philippines; Shell Craft from the Philippines; Philippines - Culturally Quirky |
|  |  | Crafts | AVAILABLE 2024: Loco About Coco: talk and demo about crafts from coconut shells. |
|  Nick KingChew ValleyBristol  | 01275 474162nickking869@gmail.com£25.0025ppm |  | Other: Food | The History of & What Goats Milk is Used For |
| Dr Susan Kinnaird | 07717 303798susan@susankinnairdnutrition.co.uk£50.0040ppm |  | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Eating for Goodness Sake: A Natural & Personalised Approach to Optimising Your Health |
|  Alison Knight5 Flotilla PromenadeStreetSomerset BA16 0GL | 01458 443716 / 07967 210676alisonknight59@yahoo.co.uk25ppm | No fee | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | How Writing a Best Selling Novel Helped me Deal With a Major Trauma |
|  Natalie Levinc/o Youth Adventure TrustWindmill Hill Business ParkSwindonWiltshire SN5 6QR | 07644 666412natalie.levin@youthadventuretrust.org.uk | No fee - donation appreciated. Screen or white wall at venue would be useful | Other: Charity | Youth Adventure Trust: The Power of the Outdoors; Engaging young people with the outdoors: top tips for getting your teenagers off their screens and outside |
| Mr Gordon Lewis51, Greenfields Avenue,TottonSouthamptonHampshire SO40 3LU | 02380 868777 / 07754 596031gordon@gordonlewis.co.uk£55.00 | Fee increase to £60 from 1/1/24. Mileage negotiable. For more presentations please visit www.gordonlewis.co.uk | Historical Subjects | Seven Miles from Any Town (Imber); Listen to the Band (First Salvation Army Band); Accident or Assassination? (Death of King Wiliam Rufus) |
|  |  | Music, Art & Drama | Pop, Politics & Parties (behind the scenes at Eurovision) |
| Mr Stewart Linford AIWSc Cert Ed14 Buckthorn DriveWood Hall ParkSwindonWiltshire SN25 3JH | 07468 493253 / 01793 954936stewartlinford1976@gmail.com£70-£9555ppm | Car space close to entrance for unloading useful | Historical Subjects | The Wicked Wit of Winston Churchill; The Remarkable Story of our National Chair: The Windsor : Early English Woodlands brought to Life |
|  |  | Crafts & Leisure Pursuits | The Art of the Limited Edition |
|  |  | Countryside & Nature | The Chiltern Beech Woods in Victorian Times |
| Dr Tean MitchellCobden Cottage, Chalk LaneHidonSailsburyWiltshire SP3 6EG | 01747 820718 / 07970 116525tean@sustainablecoppice.org£50.0035ppm |  | Countryside & Nature | Cut & Come Again & Again - The Wonderful World of Coppice Woodlands; Making A Mess Of Your Own Back Yard: How to help your local wildlife without lifting a finger! |
| Mrs Ann Orr50 Hurstbourne PriorsWhitchurchHampshire RG28 7SB | 07879 487217ann.orr@coop.co.uk25ppm | Talk covers wills, power of attorney, remarriage, inheritance tax | Legal Matters | Are You Legally Prepared? |
|  Duncan PageDragonflies20 Upper Marsh RoadWarminsterWiltshire BA12 9PJ | 07814 556931 / 01985 219135duncanpage@outlook.com£70.0025ppm | Duncan has other talks. Please contact him for more info. | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Personal Safety for Women by a Retired Police Officer; An Introduction to Mental Health First Aid; Dealing with Road Anxiety and Driving Phobias; An Introduction to Meuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) |
| Mr Neil Parkinson | 01380 850906Neil.labrador@btinternet.com£50.0025ppm | 25 mile radius of Bromham | Other | The Police Service: Training & Working With Police Dogs |
|  Janet Peck | 01980 862402 / 07761 064615janet.peck@outlook.com25ppm | No fee - donation to charity | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | What no-one tells you about surviving family life with someone who uses drugs and alcohol |
|  Janet PegrumCastle CottageKings Court RoadGillinghamDorset SP8 4LD | 07747 630052janet.p@live.co.uk£55.0025ppm | Lots of products for members to try and see. Facial demonstration. | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Sleeping Soundly; How to Look After Your Skin with Neal's Yard Remedies; Your Skin & the Changing Seasons; Looking After Your Skin on a Budget |
| Mr Chris PennyAmbleside25 Mill Close, WroughtonSwindonWiltshire SN4 9AR | 01793 634074 / 07874 820391christopher.penny2@ntlworld.com£70.0030ppm |  | Historical Subjects | Avebury History - Prehistory to Modern; Avebury Manor: The BBC Restoration; Silbury Story - Restoration of Silbury Hill |
|  | Travel | Lonliness of the Long Distance Cyclist - My Ride Across America |
| Mrs Wafaa Powell7c Jenkins StreetTrowbridgeWiltshire BA14 9NT | 07763 930199wafaa@dancingflavours.co.uk45ppm | Talks have various costs - please refer to talk title. | Music, Art & Drama | Belly Dancing Experience - £90.00 |
| Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Lebanese Cookery Experience - £80.00 plus ingredients |
| Hsitorical Subjects | Lebanon: Past & Present £65.00 |
|  Susan Simpson67 Summerdown WalkTrowbridgeWiltshire BA14 0LE | 07546 45544suetrelease@outlook.com£50.0045ppm | Max 10 people only | Crafts & Leisure Pursuits | Paper Beads: The Love of Making |
|  Kelly SmithMarlborough | 01672 555200Kelly.smith@porthaven.co.uk25pm | No fee | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Understanding Dementia & Becoming a Dementia Friend |
| Mr David Stocks10 Ashley Drive NorthAshley HeathRingwoodHampshire BH24 2JN | 01425 472707 / 07747 033253davidstocks47@gmail.com£50.0040ppm | Could be available at short notice | Historical Subjects | Beatrix Potter - Dispelling the Myths & Misconceptions |
|  |  | Other: Literature | Lifting the Veil on Lakeland Authors, Their Secrets and Connections |
| Mr Alan Sylvester M.B.E.20 Spinage CloseFaringdonOxon SN7 7BW | 07796 932265alsylvester@yahoo.co.uk£75.0035ppm | Screen or white wall at venue required. Available at short notice. | Travel / Leisure Pursuits | Southern Reach - The Royal Air Force's first 600-mile unsupported attempt at the South Pole; Walk to Freedom – A 881 mile unsupported walk between Land’s End and John O’Groats; RAF Mountain Rescue Service. Explaining the 79 years of it’s history and the 2 decades that I served; Himalayan Dreams – A personal account of trekking Into Mt Everest base camp |
| Mr Brian Tilley & Penny Birnsting20 BrockleazeNestonCorshamWiltshire SN13 9TJ | 07790 952074neston@madasafish.com£50.0025ppm | The music they play can be from Scandinavia, France and the British Isles, with specially chosen beautiful melodies, foot tapping traditional dance tunes, gorgeous harmonies, and the stories behind the melodies and the instruments, such as French Bagpipes | Music, Art & Drama | Reeds, Strings & Drones; Reeds, Strings & Drones Christmas Music |
| Mrs Anne Tottingham2 Little Court LaneEdingtonWestburyWiltshire BA13 4PW | 01380 831055tottinghamanne@gmail.com£30.0040ppm | I am free to give a talk at short notice. I am happy to negotiate a reduced rate for WI’s within 10 miles of my home in Edington | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Tai Chi - A Practical Introduction; Homeopathy - What it is & First Aid Remedies for the Home; Reiki - What it is & a Practical Demonstration |
| Mr Ioannis TsenkosMere CottageSalisbury StreetMereWiltshire BA12 6HB | 07592 387137yiannistsenkos@yahoo.co.uk£90.0045ppm | Fun with audience participation | Music, Art & Drama | Greek Dancing |
|  | Other: Culture | Greek Culture - multi-sensory experience |
| Mrs Lynda Warren32 Station RoadPurtonSwindonWiltshire SN5 4EN | 01793 771453 / 07974 372666lyndawarren453@gmail.com£80.0040ppm | 20 talks available. Fee depends on distance from home. Available at short notice | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | Herbs: sowing to preserving and use in cookery, health and beauty |
| Other | Funny Ways to Make a Living - working in television and video |
| Historical Subjects | Peter Rabbit & Friends: the life of Beatrix Potter; Beside the Sea: a history of British seaside holidays |
| Mr Malcolm Wells MBE17 Grangefield WayAldwickWest Sussex PO22 6NB | 07800 809618malcolmw51@btinternet.com£75.00 |  | Other: Public Speaking | So Far So Good |
|  Lindsey WestTamar2 Cornwall RoadSalisburyWiltshire SP1 3NJ | 07771 141513lindsay.west@houseofcolour.co.uk£60.0025ppm | Website: malcolmwellsmbe.com | Health, Beauty & Lifestyle | What is colour analysis and why is it so powerful?; A Wardrobe Full of Clothes But Nothing to Wear; You're Never too Old to Look Great and Feel Fabulous; Scarf Tying Workshop |
| Mr Barry WicksMaroubra WatersThe StreetCastle EatonWiltshire SN6 6JZ | 07798 682198barry@maroubra.co.uk£40.0034ppm | Talk gives details on what happens when RSPCA rescue animals | Countryside & Nature | "Wild Thing" |
| Mr Robert Wright21 Hollis WaySouthwickTrowbridgeWiltshire BA149PH | 01225 287495 / 07732 911667rob.wright1976@talktalk.net£50.0040ppm |  | Historical Subjects | Traditional Canal Painting - The Story of Roses & Castles |