



# Staffordshire Federation of Women's Institutes

**Speakers' Book**

**2021/2022**

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(affiliated to the National Federation of Women's Institutes)



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Mrs H Newman

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### **OFFICE HOURS:**

9.00am - 3.00pm Monday to Thursday

Closed Friday

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We also have a list of Speakers on our Facebook page for Zoom talks.

## How to plan your programme and use the Speakers' Book

When planning your programme, remember that the monthly meeting is the most vital part of WI life, that the speaker is the highlight of the meeting and funds spent on good speakers is money well spent.

An imaginative and varied selection of talks or demonstrations will keep members interested and attract new ones. With the help of a programme-planning sub-committee, try to provide subjects they would like to hear. Purely social activities, parties, outings etc should be arranged as extras and not take place instead of the monthly meeting.

This book is revised regularly and additional recommendations of speakers prepared to visit WIs are welcome. The Staffordshire Federation does, however, reserve the right to delete, retain or add names of speakers and demonstrators.

When booking speakers, secretaries should apply by email, or in writing enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for reply. Printed booking forms are available from County Office. The following points should be mentioned:

- 1 - Title of talk, or exact nature of demonstration, required.
- 2 - Date of meeting.
- 3 - The Speaker would appreciate a designated parking place.
- 4 - Place of meeting, village and hall, good directions to find the hall, including the postcode; a sketch map is helpful; whether public transport is available; any possible charge for car parking.
- 5 - Time at which speaker will begin and length of time allowed for the talk.
- 6 - Approximate size of audience.
- 7 - Enquire as to equipment to be provided for a demonstration or illustrated talk.
- 8 - Ask about fees and travelling expenses - the cost of petrol and diesel continues to rise.

**REMEMBER:** When booking speakers **PLEASE** make sure you ask for  
**CURRENT FEES AND TRAVELLING EXPENSES**

Remember to send a reminder to the speaker a fortnight before the Meeting - printed forms are also available from Federation Office.

If a speaker cancels at short notice please, ring Federation Office on 01785 223838, they may be able to help.

We do not recommend that speakers should sell items at WI meetings. If unavoidable, then ten per cent commission on sales should be paid to the WI.

*The SFWI publishes the following list of speakers in good faith, believing the details to be accurate. The Federation does not hold itself responsible for any misunderstandings or ill effects that may arise from the booking of any speaker on the list.*

### WI ADVISERS

Names and contact details for Advisers are shown in the current Yearbook. Please get in touch with your Contact Area Adviser if you would like to arrange a visit. WI Advisers will discuss or speak on any aspect of WI activities, and may be contacted at short notice.

## **THE POWER OF THE PRESS**

Do you take time to tell others what your WI gets up to? Do you have someone who is responsible for writing Press Reports? If not, consider a shared responsibility - a rota when a different Member writes a Report each month.

Local press are generally very happy to print WI reports so long as they meet certain criteria. It is a very good way to raise your profile and attract Visitors to your meetings – and if they like what they see they may become new Members.

SFWI's Press Officer has put together a Procedure Note to help you harness the Power of the Press and would be happy to give advice on anything publicity related.

Contact: Karen Sulway - Trustee & SFWI Press Officer – email: [sfwipressofficer@gmail.com](mailto:sfwipressofficer@gmail.com)

### **PROCEDURE NOTE PRESS OFFICER \*\*ADD DATE \*\***

#### **FUNCTION;**

To raise the profile of the WI and to encourage Visitors/new Members through informative, engaging, concise and timely reports on Meetings, events and trips through local press and, where applicable, the SFWI News Bulletin, WI web-page and social media such as Facebook.

Reports to WI Life can be considered when there are special events or when specific feature items are requested.

#### **SCOPE;**

All Meetings, events and trips organised by the WI.

#### **CONTENT;**

Facebook should be 2 or 3 lines only. Other reports should be around 250 words, submitted electronically and contain

An eye-catching headline that is short and to the point

Clear reference to the WI

When the Meeting/event /trip took place

Interesting but concise details

At least one photograph attached

Time & Date & Place of the next meeting & Speaker's name and topic

Where further information can be obtained

#### **POINTS TO NOTE;**

If members are featured on any photographs, their consent must be obtained prior to submission to the Press. However, photos taken from Facebook pages are appropriate.

A photograph of people should have at least 2, preferably 3 clearly in shot.

Details of the photographs are to given in a footnote.

Contact details for the WI Press Officer are to be given in a footnote.

#### **EXAMPLES OF PRESS CONTACTS;**

SFWI News Bulletin [admin@sfwi.org](mailto:admin@sfwi.org)

Staffordshire Newsletter [leah.cassady@reachplc.com](mailto:leah.cassady@reachplc.com)

Express & Star [newsdesk@expressandstar.co.uk](mailto:newsdesk@expressandstar.co.uk)

Lichfield Mercury [mercury.editorial@cintamworth.co.uk](mailto:mercury.editorial@cintamworth.co.uk)

The Sentinel (S-o-T) [robert.andrews@trinitymirror.com](mailto:robert.andrews@trinitymirror.com)

[newsdesk@thesentinel.co.uk](mailto:newsdesk@thesentinel.co.uk)

Burton Mail [editorial@burtonmail.co.uk](mailto:editorial@burtonmail.co.uk)

Leek Post & Times [newsdesk@thepostandtimes.co.uk](mailto:newsdesk@thepostandtimes.co.uk)

Cheadle & Tean Echo [belinda@timesandecho.co.uk](mailto:belinda@timesandecho.co.uk)

The Village Voice [dan@myvillagevoice.co.uk](mailto:dan@myvillagevoice.co.uk)

WI Life [wilife@nfwl.org.uk](mailto:wilife@nfwl.org.uk)

REVIEW ; This Procedure Note will be reviewed annually but revised when necessary

## ARTS AND CRAFTS

### ALBRIGHTON POTTERY

John and Annette Christophers, Albrighton Pottery, 33 Grange Park, Albrighton, Wolverhampton WV7 3EN  
Tel: 01902 441140 email: [jchristophers@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jchristophers@blueyonder.co.uk)

A talk with a difference – fun with clay

Fee: £25.00, plus travel expenses of £25.00

### BOB NEILL

10 Long Croft, Aston on Trent, Derby DE72 2UH

Tel: 01332 792036 email: [bob.neill1@btinternet.com](mailto:bob.neill1@btinternet.com)

Bits and bobs – antiques quiz/items from gran's attic

Pyrography – hands on workshop

Fee: £55.00, plus travel expenses of 40p a mile



### SUE ROBINSON (WI member)

6 Barnfield Road, Upper Tean, Stoke on Trent ST10 4LA

Tel: 01538 723409 email: [suecake200@live.co.uk](mailto:suecake200@live.co.uk)

mobile: 07736 619556

Folky Painting – paint a coaster/heart, not a paintbrush in sight

Papercraft – including Origami, cardmaking, boxes small packages

Can be hands on or a demonstration, phone to discuss your preference.

Encaustic Art – painting using an iron and wax, with a chance to have a go after the demonstration

Provides own iron; PAT tested

Fee: £45.00 with additional charges for hands on, plus travel expenses of 30p per mile

## CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS

### SHROPSHIRE, STAFFORDSHIRE AND CHESHIRE BLOOD BIKES

Watling Chambers, West Suite, 214 Watling St, Cannock, Staffs WS11 0BD Contact Helen Bundy

Tel: 01785 822963 email: [talks@ssbbgroup.org.uk](mailto:talks@ssbbgroup.org.uk)

mobile: 07870 868347

Shropshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire Blood Bikes

Multi media presentation using own equipment

Fee: a donation, no travel expenses

## COUNTRYSIDE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### IAN PETTIT

56 The Green, Castle Donnington, Derby DE74 2JX

Tel: 01332 853505 email: [ianpettit77@gmail.com](mailto:ianpettit77@gmail.com)

mobile: 07908 338592

View through the lens. Collection of pictures and stories behind them

Key steps to improving your pictures – practical session with tips on taking better photos for the non photographer

A number of travel talks, Australia, New Zealand, India, Canada, Britain.....

Multi media presentation using own equipment

Fee: £40.00, plus travel expenses of 25p a mile over 30 miles



**RON SCHOLES**

2 Houston Avenue, Endon, Stoke on Trent, Staffs ST9 9HW  
Tel: 01782 504384 email: [ron.scholes1@btinternet.com](mailto:ron.scholes1@btinternet.com)  
Long Walk – Coast to Coast on the Ravenber Way  
Yorkshire Dales  
From the Alps to the Pyrenees  
Slide presentation using own equipment  
Within a 15 mile radius, evenings in autumn and winter  
Fee: £40.00, including travel expenses

**MIKE TAYLOR**

222 Cemetery Road, Cannock, Staffs WS11 4QF  
Tel: 01543 504386 email: [mjtay66@yahoo.com](mailto:mjtay66@yahoo.com) mobile: 07871 994959  
From Little Acorns. A talk on managing 11 acres of ancient woodland and associated stories  
Demonstration of traditional Greenwood crafts and a talk on how Windsor Chairs are made  
Multi media presentation using own equipment, but WI would need to provide a screen  
Fee: £55.00, plus travelling expenses of 40p a mile. No travelling expenses within 10 miles

**FOOD****IAN ROGERSON**

90 Barry Drive, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester LE9 2HJ  
email: [Ian\\_timeless@icloud.com](mailto:Ian_timeless@icloud.com) mobile: 07983 632286  
Smile please - say cheese  
Turkey talk with carvery  
A Timeless Live Entertainment, with or without carvery and cheese  
Fee: Talk 1 - £60.00. Fee for combined talks to be arranged. no travel expenses

**HEALTH AND WELL BEING****JAN MITCHELL**

51 Cedar Way, Walton on the Hill, Stafford ST17 0NB  
Tel: 01785 606343 email: [hayes.mitchell17@gmail.com](mailto:hayes.mitchell17@gmail.com)  
20 ways to lift your spirits  
Less stress/Sleeping well/health and well being  
Mind your body language  
Willing to travel up to 15 miles from Stafford  
Fee: £65.00, no travel expenses

**GLYNIS MYLES**

The Bungalow, 31 Beech Tree Lane, Cannock, Staffs WS11 1AZ  
Tel: 01543 327433 email: [signingwithsmyles@hotmail.com](mailto:signingwithsmyles@hotmail.com) mobile: 07870 767154  
Have fun with sign language including an informative talk on deaf awareness  
Fee: £50.00, plus travel expenses of £5.00 if not too far to travel; willing to travel any distance and will keep petrol cost to as low as possible

## HISTORY

### **MARION ARMSTRONG (WI member)**

The Dales, Stanley Moss Lane, Stockton Brook, Stoke on Trent ST9 9LR

Tel: 01782 502568 email: [marionarmstrong81@btinternet.com](mailto:marionarmstrong81@btinternet.com) mobile: 07532 142362

Chasing paper skeletons – a Registrar's light hearted talk about family history

The remarkable VAD nurses of WWI and their impact on women's lives today

She believed she could – The lives/achievements of 10 women who have made an impact

Multi media presentation using own equipment

### **JESS BOYDEN**

Royal Airforce Museum, Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire

Tel: 01902 376237 email: [jess.boydon@rafmuseum.org](mailto:jess.boydon@rafmuseum.org) mobile: 07708 944753

RAF stories; collecting stories and memories

Multi media presentation using own equipment

Fee: no fee, no travel expenses

### **JUDITH HUBBLE**

8 Essex Drive, Great Haywood, Nr Stafford ST18 0RL

Tel: 01889 882567 email: [judehubb1207@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:judehubb1207@yahoo.co.uk) mobile: 07817 750067

Shugborough – a brief history

The life and times of Patrick Lichfield

A servant's lot – a day in the life of a Victorian kitchen maid

Multi media presentation using own projector, but would need a screen

Fee: £50.00, plus travel expenses of £10.00 min

### **KATE WAIN (WI member)**

3 Fernie Close, Stone ST15 8YD

Tel: 01785 818780 email: [kate.wain@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate.wain@hotmail.co.uk)

Temporary heroines – a history of wedding dresses

Multimedia presentation using own projector, projector stand and screen

Would prefer not the second Wednesday

Fee: £30.00, plus travel expenses of £5.00 or more if long distance

### **DEAN NIXON AND NORMA SHAW**

23 Lowell Drive, Park Hall, Weston Coyney, Stoke on Trent, Staffs ST3 5RX

Tel: 01782 327168 email: [DEANNIXON@BTINTERNET.COM](mailto:DEANNIXON@BTINTERNET.COM) mobile: 07941 953271

1950s. A nostalgic journey

Every night something Awful! ENSA and War time entertainment

Bah Humbug! Charles Dickens and our Christmas Traditions

Multimedia presentation using own equipment

Fee: £50.00, plus travel expenses of 40p a mile after first 20 miles; will travel up to 40 miles each way



## LANGUAGE AND DRAMA

### **SYLVIA BODEN (WI member)**

Claremont House, Shropshire Street, Market Drayton, Shrops TF9 3DQ

Tel: 01630 653416

email: [sylviaboden@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sylviaboden@hotmail.co.uk)

mobile: 07926 336186

My love affair with France

Tales from the Dales (works of Gervase Phinn)

Living history (audience participation)

Will provide own microphone and laptop if needed

Would prefer to travel within a twenty mile radius in Winter, unless an afternoon group

Fee: By arrangement. plus travel expenses at WI mileage rates



### **BERT FLITCROFT**

79 Church Lane, Fradley, Lichfield WS13 8NJ

Tel: 01283 790571

email: [bflicroft@btinternet.com](mailto:bflicroft@btinternet.com)

mobile: 07583 362969

Poetry about Staffordshire/The Staffordshire Poetry Collection

Fee: £60.00 plus travel expenses of £10

## MUSIC

### **CHRIS AUSTIN (performing as CHRIS STRATMAN)**

30 The Village, Walton on the Hill, Nr Stafford, Staffs ST17 0LQ

Tel: 01785 662945

email: [redstrat66@sky.com](mailto:redstrat66@sky.com)

mobile: 07791 673312

[chris.austin6@sky.com](mailto:chris.austin6@sky.com)

Into the Shadows 1 – a history of the group, illustrated with live performances of their greatest hits

Into the Shadows 2 – a continuation of the original, for WIs who are booking a second time

The music that made us – the soundtrack of our youth, illustrated by live performance

Multi media presentation with own equipment

Fee: dependent on likely attendance figure, includes travel expenses

### **JONATHAN BADDELEY**

Beech Tree House, Manor Road, Baldwins Gate, Newcastle, Staffs ST5 5ET

Tel: 01782 680587

email: [j.baddeley4578@btinternet.com](mailto:j.baddeley4578@btinternet.com)

The Lancashire lad and his uke – the life and career of George Formby in word and song

Story of 1950s music in word and song

Musical nostalgia concerts. Wartime, Christmas, 1950s and 1960s

Fee: negotiable, plus discretionary travel expenses



### **BILL DUROSE**

Landsdowne, Brook Lane, Endon, Stoke on Trent, Staffs ST9 9EZ

Tel: 01782 504340

email: [william.durose@ntlworld.com](mailto:william.durose@ntlworld.com)

mobile: 07970 151983

The History of English folk music with live music

Life in the 50s, 60s or 70s – all talks with live music

The Antiques Roadshow – my appearance on the show

Will bring all his own equipment

Fee: £50.00, travelling expenses included

**JOHN WALLEY**

Poolside Cottage, Poolside, Madeley, Nr Crewe, Cheshire CW3 9DX

Tel: 01782 750137

email: [gilljohn1956@gmail.com](mailto:gilljohn1956@gmail.com)

mobile: 07721 079625

The George Formby story – the life, career and times of one of Britain's most famous stars told in music, ukulele playing and songs, using one of Formby's own ukuleles.

Use an iPad for backing tracks and a portable amplification system for large rooms and groups

Fee: negotiable according to distance, travel usually included in the fee; will travel reasonable distances up to a maximum of 40 miles

**PERSONAL HISTORY AND EXPERIENCES****CHRISTOPHER BOULT**

32 Kingston Avenue, Stafford ST16 3RX

Tel: 01785 252597

email: [staffordauthor@gmail.com](mailto:staffordauthor@gmail.com)

mobile: 07531 851904

The experience of writing your own books

Fee: £50.00, includes travel expenses

**MARGARET CLARKE (WI member)**

Dovecote Barn, Home Farm Barns, Church Road, Rolleston on Dove, Staffs DE13 9BG

Tel: 01283 813709

email: [clarkem14@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clarkem14@yahoo.co.uk)

mobile: 07736 254121

Are you Averill? – a talk about my search for my birth parents

Fee: £40.00, plus travel expenses of 40p a mile

**ROWENA LOVATT (WI member)**

150 Buxton Road, Leek, Staffs ST13 6NE

Tel: 01538 371103

email: [rowenalovatt@btinternet.com](mailto:rowenalovatt@btinternet.com)

mobile: 07494 408722

A lingerie designer's life

Leek Embroidery

Fee: £20.00, plus petrol. If travelling over 30 miles in an evening, would like to speak at the start of the meeting

**TRAVEL AND INTERNATIONAL TOPICS****ROB CROSS**

37 Thorn Close, Rugeley, Staffs WS15 1TA

Tel: 01889 577721

email: [crosses@crossimages.plus.com](mailto:crosses@crossimages.plus.com)

mobile: 07908 606724

Nepal. Gurkhas and the Gurkha Welfare Trust

Plains to peaks

Home of the brave

Multimedia presentation

Fee: £50.00, plus travel expenses at 40p per mile

**MARY KENNY (WI member)**

11 Ashleigh Road, Pear Tree Estate, Rugeley, Staffs WS15 1NP

Tel: 01889 586935

Egypt)

China) Costumes and photos

'Dolls Night Out'

Will need two large tables to display goods

Fee: £40.00, to include travel expenses

