



Staffordshire Federation of Women's Institutes

Speakers' Book

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



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

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

Many speakers ask this question of our members. The loudest replies are 'yes' and come from those who can. Some speakers say, 'Oh. I don't need a microphone'. Some sit down so not all members can see them which is frustrating.

It is time for all who have difficulty in hearing others to be '**Heard**'. This applies to every group whether WI or not. Let us consider every one of our members by ensuring they can enjoy a meeting as much as someone without any hearing loss.

If a hearing induction loop is available in the meeting room, make sure it is switched on and remind those with a hearing aid to turn their device to the T position. **ALL MEMBERS** deserve the same treatment as those with full hearing so let us rethink the way we present our meetings and ensure that we have equality within every WI by supplying all speakers with a microphone - hands free where necessary, and asking them to stand when speaking whenever possible.

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

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

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@sfiwi.org

Staffordshire Newsletter leah.cassady@reachplc.com

Express & Star newsroom@mnamedia.co.uk

Lichfield Mercury mercury.editorial@cintamworth.co.uk

The Sentinel (S-o-T) robert.andrews@trinitymirror.com

newsdesk@thesentinel.co.uk

Burton Mail editorial@burtonmail.co.uk

Leek Post & Times newsdesk@thepostandtimes.co.uk

Cheadle & Tean Echo belinda@timesandecho.co.uk

The Village Voice dan@myvillagevoice.co.uk

WI Life wilife@nfwf.org.uk

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

ARTS AND CRAFTS

BOB NEILL

10 Long Croft, Aston on Trent, Derby DE72 2UH
Tel: 01332 792036 email: 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
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

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bile:

WENDY IRWIN ARPS, CPAGB BPE*1 (WI Member)

10 Cavendish Way, Tean, Staffordshire ST10 4RH
Tel: 01538 723687 email: irwin.wendy@yahoo.co.uk

mobile: 07388 448950

Creative Photography using photoshop
Working towards photographic distinctions
Provides own equipment
Fee: £30 plus travel expenses of 44p per mile – travels up to 50 miles

NAOMI JACQUES (Glass creation)

6 Oldfields Crescent, Great Haywood, Stafford ST18 0RS
Tel: 0771111 869859 email: naomijacques.co.uk
Talk about practice, signature process and methods
Fused glass workshops—Lanterns £36pp Gems from £15pp
Any subject relating to her work/open to suggestions
Will bring examples of warm glass creations
Fee: £45—no travelling expenses within 10 miles of ST8 0RS. TBC if further afield
Evenings or daytime between school hours

ANALIZA JONES

53 Clopton Road, Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire CV37 6SN
Tel: 07443 565185 email: siimpp@yahoo.com
The making of handwoven bags from the Philippines
The Philippines, Culturally Quirky
Shell Craft from the Philippines
Will supply a laptop and a projector
Fee: £70 inclusive of travel – available at two weeks' notice

MATTHEW WARBURTON

28 Oakham Grove, Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire LE65 2QP
Tel: 01530 56353 email: matthew@aluminiumart.co.uk
The road to Aluminiumart, from Bugattis to Butterflies!
Fee: £80, travelling expenses 50p per mile

mobile: 07733 552888

CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS

AQUABOX (international disaster relief charity)

The Hill, Cromford, Derbyshire DE4 3QL
Mobile: 07768 58300 Email: colin.petty@equabox.org
Aquabox and its life-saving work
Works with our without projector
Fee: £50, travel expenses, 30p per mile
Willing to travel up to 50 miles for Wirksworth

Contact: Colin Petty

DFN UK

8 Hearn Court, Stafford St17 9QN
Tel: 01785 785068 Email: janet.carleton@dfn.org.uk
Bringing Freedom and Dignity to the Poor, the marginalised and outcasts of South Asia
Imagine—being freed from a life of servitude and exploitation
Multi media presentation—can provide own equipment but preferable for venue to have available
Fee; a donation, no travel expenses

Contact: Janet Carleton
mobile: 07735 747967

MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE

Hawthorn House, Dudley Road, Stourbridge DY9 8BQ
Email: Hannah.justice@midlandsairambulance.com
Talk and presentation about Midlands Air Ambulance Charity
Multi media presentation using own equipment
Fee: a donation, no travel expenses

Contact Hannah Justice
mobile: 07719 050734

REMAP—Nicholas Holberton

8 Granville Close, Duffield, Derby DE56 4FY
Mobile: 07909 512884 email: nicholas.holberton@gmail.com
Derbyshire and Burton Remap—largest charity making bespoke aids to help independence
Fee: £60 no travelling expenses

SHROPSHIRE, STAFFORDSHIRE AND CHESHIRE BLOOD BIKES

Watling Chambers, West Suite, 214 Watling St, Cannock, Staffs WS11 0BD
Tel: 01785 822963 email: talks@ssbbgroup.org.uk
Shropshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire Blood Bikes
Multi media presentation using own equipment
Fee: a donation, no travel expenses

Contact Helen Bundy
mobile: 07870 868347

COUNTRYSIDE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

MIKE TAYLOR

222 Cemetery Road, Cannock, Staffs WS11 4QF
Tel: 01543 504386 email: mitay66@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



IAN PETTIT

56 The Green, Castle Donnington, Derby DE74 2JX
Tel: 01332 853505 email: 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

FOOD

IAN ROGERSON

90 Barry Drive, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester LE9 2HJ

email: 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

KEITH FORREST—PHD, MSC, BA (Hons)

10 Sandringham Close, Baswich, Stafford ST17 0AB

Tel: 01785 604530

email: keithforrest58@hotmail.com

mobile: 07752 400345

Reiki Healing and the power of your mind

Reincarnation and past lives—real or fiction

Multi-media presentation

No fee and no travel expenses up to a distance of 20 miles from Stafford

JAN MITCHELL

51 Cedar Way, Walton on the Hill, Stafford ST17 0NB

Tel: 01785 606343

email: 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, travel expenses 45p per mile. May be able to speak at short notice.

GLYNIS MYLES

The Bungalow, 31 Beech Tree Lane, Cannock, Staffs WS11 1AZ

Tel: 01543 327433

email: 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

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

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

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

PETE KENDAL

44 Moatbrook Avenue, Codsall, Wolverhampton WV8 1DH

Tel: 01902 844006 email: pete@thememoryarchive.co.uk

The importance of recording your oral family

Will bring own audio equipment. Requires projector or large television

Fee: None Travel expenses 45ppm

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

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

PAUL WILKINS

22 Wychbold Crescent, Birmingham B33 9SY

Tel: 0121 256 0387 email: paulwilkinsbarmouth@gmail.com

mobile: 07510 039630

An introduction to tracing your family tree

The Canary Girls

The Life and Times of Florence Nightingale

Multimedia but can still provide talk without equipment

Fee: £35.00 plus travelling expenses of £10.00

LANGUAGE AND DRAMA**SYLVIA BODEN (WI member)**

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

Tel: 01630 653416 email: 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: bflitcroft@btinternet.com mobile: 07583 362969

Poems for a generation – a selection of poems in which you will recognise yourself and your own life

Fee: £60.00 plus travel expenses of £10 Available at short notice.

PAT HALL

22 Thornley Place, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 11PQ

Tel: 01335 346848 email: patghall3@gmail.com

'Life can be funny' (comedy, jokes, anecdotes and poems)

Provides own speakers, microphone and amplifier

Fee: £60, travelling expenses to be negotiated

DEREK HERBERT

7 Colliery Green Close, Little Neston, Neston, Cheshire CH64 0UF

Tel: 0151 336 8345 email: derekherbert789@btinternet.com mobile: 07947 573369

The Life and Times of Winston Churchill with a twist!

An entertaining tribute to the life of George Formby

The life story/tribute to Tommy Cooper—Just like that!

Requires access to power sockets and made need microphone and stand

Fee: from £300 including travelling expenses (suitable for group meetings)

AILEEN WELCH

Tel: 01785 244637 email: zuliekha@hotmail.co.uk mobile: 07804 798527

Belly dance performance and talk on the history of belly dance

Fee: £50.00 travel expenses included

Provides own CD player. No other equipment required other than space to dance

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 mobile: 07791 673312

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

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

NEVILLE COOPER (LOS AMIGOS TRIO)

115 Stanley Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 0HR

Tel: 01455 631989 email: neville.cooper@btinternet.com mobile: 07968 279675

Discovering South American Music

A history of life, the Universe and everything in words and music

Fee: £80 plus £10 related to distance. Available all year and willing to travel all times of day

BILL DUROSE

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

Tel: 01782 504340 email: william.durose@ntlworld.com mobile: 07970

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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 mobile: 07721 079625

The George Formby story – the life, career and times of one of Britain's most famous stars told in music, ukelele 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 website: chrisboultauthor.co.uk
Tel: 01785 252597 email: staffordauthor@gmail.com mobile: 07531 851904
The experience of writing your own books
Fee: £60.00, 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 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 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

SUE WILKINS CHILDREN'S AUTHOR – SUE WARD

The Burrows, Warren Carr, Matlock DE14 2LN
Tel: 01629 732180 email: info@suewilkins.co.uk mobile: 07760 189351
How I became an author
No equipment required
Fee: £40 plus travel expenses of 20p per mile

STEVE WILLIAMS

The Old Cart Shed, Draycott Road, Totmonslow, Staffordshire ST10 4JJ
Tel: 01538 421723 email: Stevewilliamsocs@gmail.com mobile: 07885 758937
Putting wet stuff on the red stuff—A fireman's tale!
English proverbs—where do they originate?
A battlefield guide—what a job!
Projector provided but no screen
Fee: £50, travelling expenses 20p per mile

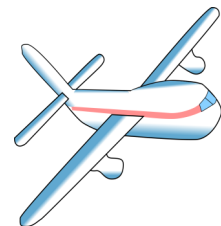
TRAVEL AND INTERNATIONAL TOPICS

ROB CROSS

37 Thorn Close, Rugeley, Staffs WS15 1TA
Tel: 01889 577721 email: 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



RODNEY PAUL

Highland House, 19 Jacks Lane, Marchington ST14 8LW

Tel: 01283 820397 email: Rodney.paul@btinternet.com

mobile: 07984 976164

The Coldest Place on Earth—the Antarctic

The adventures of Sirt Ernest Shackleton

South Georgia—one of the remotest islands on earth

Multi-media presentation. Provides projector but not screen

Fee: A£50 plus travelling expenses of 45p per mile. Willing to travel any distance and available at short notice