



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 two or three 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 two, preferably three 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@sfi.org

Staffordshire Newsletter editor@staffordshirenewsletter.co.uk

Express & Star esstarservice@expressandstar.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 area Online hargreavespr@outlook.com

The Stone Gazette lol_barnes@btinternet.com

Stone & Eccleshall Gazette editorial@stonegazette.com

The Village Voice dan@myvillagevoice.co.uk

Utttoxeter Voice utttoxetervoice@hotmail.co.uk

WI Life wilife@nfwi.org.uk

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

ARTS AND CRAFTS

KATE DAWES

3 Pearls Drive, Alton, Staffordshire ST10 4DP

Tel: email: kate@katedawesstudio.com

mobile: 07814 850157

Pen Drawing for well-being—a relaxed interactive session

website: katedawestudio

Supplies laptop but requires projector/screen

Fee: £40 plus £10 costs. Travel expenses if only travelling more than 20 miles

ANALIZA JONES

53 Clopton Road, Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire CV37 6SN

mobile: 07443 565185

Tel: 01789 565075 email: siimpp@yahoo.com

Facebook: Analisa habi bags

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: £75 inclusive of travel – available at short notice



BOB NEILL

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

Tel: 01332 792036 email: bob.neill1@btinternet.com

website: www.bobneillpyrography.co.uk

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

Pyrography – 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

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

JESSICA TENNANT

29 Hillpark, Walsall, West Midlands WS9 9RD

Tel: email: jtfloraldesign.enquiries@gmail.com

mobile: 07789 642787

Flower Arranging Workshop from £25

Wreath Making Workshop from £45 website:

Seasonal Flower Workshop from £25

Provides materials

Fee: £35 for detailed demonstrations plus added cost for workshops, travel expenses 45p per mile

Travels up to 25 miles from Walsall

CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS

DFN UK

8 Hearn Court, Stafford St17 9QN

Contact: Janet Carleton

Tel: 01785 785068 Email: janet.carleton@dfn.org.uk

mobile: 07735 747967

Dignity and freedom for the Poor, the marginalised and outcasts of South Asia

Imagine—Freedom to live in dignity and hope

Multi media presentation—can provide own equipment but preferable for venue to have screen

Fee; a donation, no travel expenses

GARY FEAR

12 Parsons Drive, Gnosall, Stafford ST20 0QS

Tel: 01785 822922 email: me@garyjfear.co.uk

mobile: 07799 885781

Our aid trips to Ukraine

Multi media presentation using own equipment

Fee: £100 including travelling expenses

NEWLIFE CHARITY, HEMLOCK WAY, CANNOCK STAFFORDSHIRE WS11 7GF

Tel: 01543 462777 email: lbeardmore@newlifecharity.co.uk mobile: 07795 911823

Newlife, the Charity for Disabled Children—a virtual tour of our Charity Contact: Lucy Beardmore

How to fund raise for a local Charity

PowerPoint presentation. Provides own equipment

No fee or travelling expenses but donations welcome

SHROPSHIRE, STAFFORDSHIRE AND CHESHIRE BLOOD BIKES

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

Tel: email: talks@ssbbgroup.org.uk

mobile: 07870 868347

Shropshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire Blood Bikes

www.ssbbgroup.org.uk

Multi media presentation using own equipment

Fee: a donation, no travel expenses

COUNTRYSIDE AND THE ENVIRONMENT



RICHARD POTTER

154 Heath Street, Cannock WS12 4BT

Tel: email: richi154@hotmail.co.uk

mobile: 07956 532247

History of the earth from its creation to present and climate change

Medici, Banking and Renaissance Art

Multimedia presentation using own equipment

Fee: £50. No travelling expenses.

MIKE TAYLOR

222 Cemetery Road, Cannock, Staffs WS11 4QF

Tel: 01543 504386 email: mjtay66@yahoo.com

mobile: 07871 994959

From Little Acorns

website: mtgreenwoodcrafts.com

From our Woodland to your Home

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 Staffordshire

FOOD

IAN ROGERSON

12 Ashleigh Road, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8DA

email: ian_timeless@icloud.com

mobile: 07983 632286

Smile please - say cheese!

Turkey talk

Carvery, with or without entertainment

A Timeless Live Entertainment, with or without carvery and cheese

Fee: Talk 1 and a2 - £80.00. Talk 3, on application. no travel expenses

Will travel up to 40 miles from home



HEALTH AND WELL BEING

REBECCA CLARKE

5 Hawley Close, Walsall, West Midlands WS4 2JF

Tel: email: rebej@icloud.com

mobile: 07973 560984

Chair Yoga Classes (gentle years yoga)

Benefits of exercise in gentle years

Fee: £50, no travelling expenses

KEITH FORREST—PHD, MSC, BA (Hons)

10 Sandringham Close, Baswich, Stafford ST17 0AB

Tel: email: keithforrest58@hotmail.com

mobile: 07752 400345

How to heal yourself

Past lives and reincarnation

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—a lively boost for your mental health

Less stress/Sleeping well/health and well being—two separate talks for your wellbeing

Mind your body language—how to be more aware of your own and read other people's

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

An introduction to sign language with lots of fun and laughter!

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

SOPHIE SHELLEY (HOUSE OF COLOUR)

Dairy Farm Barn, Lynn Lane, Shenstone Lichfield STAFFS WS14 0DT

Tel: 01543 484384 email: sophie.shelley@houseofcolour.co.uk mobile: 07565 98012

Colour Analysis—the power of colour

www.houseofcolour.co.uk/stylist-profile/sohie-shelley

Style Analysis—finding the real, authentic YOU

Combined colour and style as above

Brings own props

Fee on application—no travel expenses within 5 mile radius of home, thereafter 45p per mile

HISTORY

MARION ARMSTRONG (WI member)

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

Tel: 01782 502568 email: marionarmstrong81@btinternet.com

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

10 inspiring women—who thought they could and did!

Multi media presentation using own equipment

Fee: £50, travelling expenses negotiated

No bookings accepted in January or February

DR MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN CBE

78 Whitehouse Drive, Lichfield, Staffordshire WS13 8FE

Tel: 01543 418063 email: michael.goldstein@btinternet.com

mobile: 07910 153587

How I discovered how my father was killed— a personal journey to discover how my father , Sgt Jack

Goldstein RAFVR was the only member of a seven man crew to be killed when his Lancaster Bomber was shot down during a final WW2 mission to Nuremberg on 16th March 1945. A story with twists, turns and surprises.

Multimedia presentation using own equipment

Fee: Nominal fee at host's discretion—donated by speaker to The National Memorial Arboretum

JESS BOYDON-JUCKES

Royal Airforce Museum, Cosford, Lysander Avenue Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 8UP

email: jess.boydon-juckles@rafmuseum.org

mobile: 07708 944753

RAF stories: sharing stories of women in aviation

RAF stories: sharing stories about famous Chinook helicopter, Bravo November website: www.rafstories.org

Multi media presentation using own equipment but will require screen or white wall for projection

Fee: no fee, no travel expenses

GRAHAME KERR

Keepers Cottage, Shifnal Manor Estate, Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 9PB

Tel: email: pellwall@hotmail.com

mobile: 07771 636493

Singapore 1930-1959: they typical life of the colonial British and the terrible times

Suffered by women and children

Own monitor and USB provided

Fee: £20

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 between £10 and £15

VANESSA MORGAN

26 Rockcliffe Close, Church Gresley, Derbyshire DE11 9FD

Tel: email: vanessa62472@hotmail.co.uk

mobile: 07746 800484

Stories Grandad Told

Local 19th Century True Murder and Crime Stories

website: vanessamorgan.yolasite.com

Lavinia, Princess or Fake

Fee: £40-£60. No travelling expenses. Willing to travel up to an hour from home

RICHARD POTTER

154 Heath Street, Cannock WS12 4BT

Tel: email: richi154@hotmail.co.uk

mobile: 07956 532247

Medici, Banking and Renaissance Art

Multimedia presentation using own equipment

Fee: £50. No travelling expenses.

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

Antarctica—A trip of a lifetime

Every night something Awful! ENSA and War time entertainment

Bah Humbug! Charles Dickens and our Christmas Traditions

Multimedia presentation using own equipment

Fee: £60.00, plus travel expenses of 50p a mile after first 20 miles; will travel up to 40 miles each way

LANGUAGE AND DRAMA



BERT FLITCROFT

79 Church Lane, Fradley, Lichfield WS13 8NJ

Tel: 01283 790571

email: bflitcroft@btinternet.com

mobile: 07583 362969

website: bertflitcroft-poetry.com

How to love poetry

Fee: £80.00 plus travel expenses of £10 Available at short notice.

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!

Website: www.churchill-lookalike.co.uk

An entertaining tribute to the life of George Formby

Website: www.georgeformbytribute.co.uk

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

Website: www.tommycoopertributeact.co.uk

In-house microphone beneficial

Fee: On application plus travelling expenses (suitable for group meetings)

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

Into the Shadows – a history of Britain's first supergroup

Out of the Shadows – an expansion and further development of some of the themes from 'Into the Shadows'

Gentle Instrumental— an appreciation of music and the role that it plays in our lives

All three talks covered are illustrated by live performances of some of the most popular guitar instrumentals ever written

Multi media presentation and provides own equipment which is safety checked

Fee: negotiable based on £2.00 per head and 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 life story of George Formby in word and song

Songs from the 1950s and 1960s

Popular songs with a festival flavour at Christmas

Fee: negotiable, travel expenses included

NEVILLE COOPER

115 Stanley Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 0HR

Tel:

email: neville.cooper@btinternet.com

mobile: 07968 279675

Discovering South American Music on Clarinet, Percussion and Guitar

website: latitude.uk.com

Fee: £85 plus £15 travelling expenses. 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 151983

Life in the 50s, 60s and 70s with live music

The History of folk music in England

Being on The Antiques Roadshow

Will bring all his own equipment

Fee: £65.00, travelling expenses included—will travel 30 mile radius from Leek

INN RINGERS (ROWENA DAWSON)

367 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke on Trent, Staffs ST3 7LJ

Tel: 01782 392621

email: rodaws@yahoo.co.uk

mobile: 07816 545713

Bells and Banter—6 ringers with 12 handbells, chat/audience participation

website: theinnringers.co.uk

The Inn Ringers full concert—12 ringers with 116 handbells

Need area 22 x 12' to perform Both sessions 1 hour

Fees: B&B £45 Full Concert £75 plus expenses of 35p per mile per car for bookings more than 15 miles radius of Tittensor

DAVID PAYNE

46 Home Farm Park, Lee Green Lane, Church Minshull, Nantwich, Cheshire CW3 6ED

Tel: email: David.f.payne58@gmail.com

They don't write them like this anymore. Look back at the songs of our youth and the memories

Fee: £50, travelling expensed £15, south of Stoke and Newcastle

STEVE AND JULIE WIGLEY

1(d) Carlisle Avenue, Littleover, Derby DE23 3ET

Tel: 01332 726217 email: sandjw.music937@gmail.com mobile: 07596 997454

The Songs and Stories—Julie Wigley, award winning songwriter

Garden Birds and the Big Garden Birdwatch

Multimedia presentation

Fee: £50, available at short notice

PERSONAL HISTORY AND EXPERIENCES**CHRISTOPHER BOULT**

32 Kingston Avenue, Stafford ST16 3RX

Tel: 01785 252597 email: staffordauthor@gmail.com mobile: 07531 851904

The experience of writing, marketing and publishing 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 752314 email: clarkem14@yahoo.co.uk mobile: 07736 254121

Are you Averill? – a talk about my search for my birth parents website: margaretclarkdotcom.wordpress.com

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

RICHARD COBOURNE

Catbrook Cottage, Catbrook, Monmouthshire NP16 6NQ

Tel: 01600 860149 email: Richard@cobourne.com mobile: 07860 747488

Write from What you Know—a life in showbiz

website: www.cobourne.com

Multimedia presentation. Provides own laptop/projector

No fee or travelling expenses

SUSAN M FLINT

76a, Claremont Road, Tamworth, Staffs B79 8EW

Tel: 01827 51896 email: sueflint13@hotmail.com mobile: 07980 650038

The Journey to Publication

website: <https://sueflintfs.blogspot.com>

Fee: £50 plus travel expenses of 45p per mile

No winter evenings. Days or evenings locally up to 10 miles. Daytime only up to 20 miles

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

Not more than 25 miles from Leek in afternoons but summer evenings preferred

STEVE WILLIAMS

The Old Cart Shed, Draycott Road, Totmonslow, Staffordshire ST10 4JJ

Tel: email: Stevewilliamsocs@gmail.com mobile: 07885 758937

Putting wet stuff on the red stuff!

2000 years of British History in 45 minutes

Charles Lightowler, Titanic Survivor

Projector provided and white wall or screen required

Fee: £50, travelling expenses 20p per mile

TRAVEL AND INTERNATIONAL TOPICS

RODNEY PAUL

Highland House, 19 Jacks Lane, Marchington ST14 8LW

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

mobile: 07984 976164

Antarctic Adventures of Sir Ernest Shackleton

Captain Scott and the race to the South Pole

Further talks relating to the Antarctic

Multi-media presentation. Provides projector but not screen

Fee: A £60 plus travelling expenses of 45p per mile. Willing to travel any distance and available at short notice

IAN PETTIT

56 The Green, Castle Donnington, Derby DE74 2JX

Tel: 01332 853505 email: ianpettit77@gmail.com

mobile: 07908 338592

My Hobby Photography—a reason to travel and more!

Website: ianpettitphotography.co.uk

On my Doorstep

Travel Talks—Australia, New Zealand, Canada, India, Britain

Multi media presentation using own equipment

Fee: £45.00, plus travel expenses of 45p a mile over 30 miles

Available at short notice

