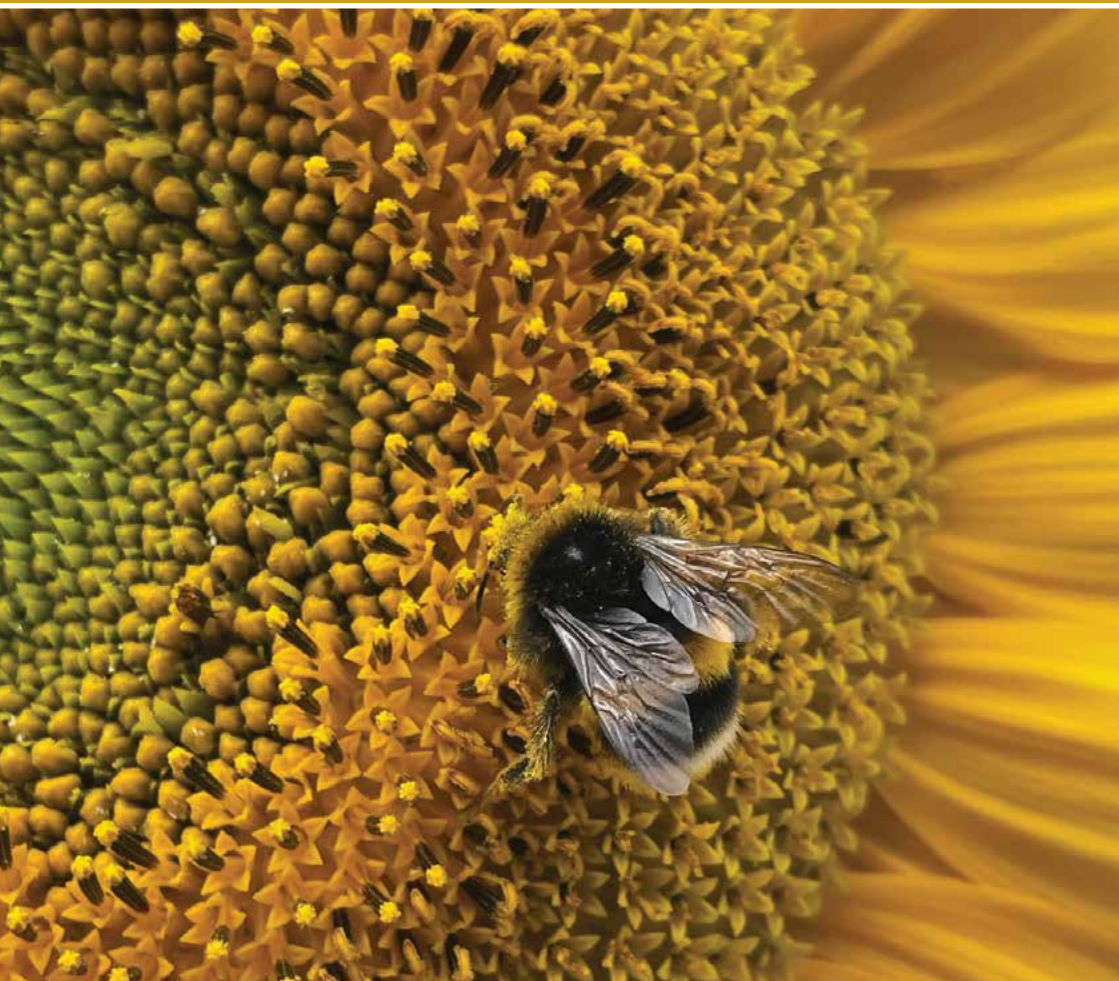


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Philip Serrell, who you might recognise from *Bargain Hunt* and *The Antiques Road Trip*, has now been an auctioneer for over 40 years.

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**ENTRIES & ENQUIRIES: THE MALVERN SALEROOM - BARNARDS GREEN ROAD
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4-5 May, 10am – 5pm

Travel back in time to 1944 in this special event that will help set the scene for our 80th anniversary commemorations, as we discover what life was like for those living during this pivotal year. FREE

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4 May – 3 November

Our FREE exhibition invites you on a nostalgic voyage back to 1944, immersing you in the atmosphere of the time.

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Join expert guides who will share real life veteran stories and explain the historical significance behind each memorial, honouring the individuals whose courage and resilience will never be forgotten.

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RECOMMENDED SPEAKERS' BROCHURE 2024/25

HELPFUL NOTES

1. Many Speakers today require booking well in advance and WIs are advised to plan their programmes at least six months ahead. When booking Speakers please check with them, fees and travelling expenses, in case they have changed since publication.
2. Remember when booking Speakers to:
 - Give subject of lecture and time allocated for them to speak
 - State - Date, Time, Day and Place of meeting
 - State approximate number expected in audience
 - Contact ALL Speakers in good time, including WIAs and County Sub-committee Members
3. Telephone bookings should **ALWAYS** be confirmed in email/writing and copies kept.
4. A ready-prepared form to Speakers is available at the back of this brochure.
5. Reminders to Speakers should be sent at least two weeks before your meeting and most Speakers appreciate clear directions to your Hall. Parking facilities for your Speaker near to the door of the Hall are also appreciated.
6. Please ensure mobile contact details are exchanged with Speaker in case of emergency / last minute changes.
7. The Federation would be pleased to have suggestions for additions to the panel of Speakers and would welcome favourable comments.
8. In the event of a WI needing to make a complaint against a speaker that is listed in the brochure, please submit complaint details to WI House whereupon the matter will be investigated. The Federation will remove a speaker if after investigation there has been three separate complaints made.
9. The Board of Trustees and Sub-committee members are pleased to attend meetings and talk about their own particular aspect of the WI. Expenses for these visits are the responsibility of the WIs.
10. **Where Speakers request a Donation to Charity in lieu of a fee, cheques MUST be made out to the Speaker and NOT the Charity. HOWEVER, should a speaker request that payment be made directly to their charity, WIs are advised to request an invoice from the charity which clearly states the name of the speaker and that payment is for the services provided.**
11. Each WI will receive a free copy of this brochure, extra copies to WI members may be available from WI House, price £1.00 each, plus postage.
12. This brochure is available for WI officers to view on SharePoint.

SECTION 1 – GENERAL

- * denotes “Short Notice” Speaker
- ✓ denotes recommendation received
- ➔ denotes New Speaker for this year

Name and contact details	Subject(s)
<p>* Altair de Almeida Sunflower 218 Elgar Avenue Malvern WR14 2HB Tel: 07855 108777 Email: altair@wellbeingvibes.com Website: WellBeingVibes.com Fee: £70 inclusive of travel within 10 miles of Malvern; £5-10 for longer distances In person and Zoom talks given (except No5)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to have a facelift without surgery – simple techniques to enhance your face and neck 2. How to avoid cancer and stop it returning – based on 48 years in the field and cutting-edge research 3. How to release stress, learn to relax and increase stamina – Tai Chi based work 4. Acupuncture- pain relief demonstration on volunteers and talk 5. Biodanza – guided dance for fun and to bond your group more strongly 6. Tai Chi and Chi Kung– talk and gentle exercise to calm your mind and improve balance
<p>Robert Arley 5 Garnstone Drive Weobley Herefordshire HR4 8TH Tel: 07973 636024 Email: severnpx@tiscali.co.uk Website: www.robearley.com Fee: £65 + £10 - £20 travel In person talks only</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Great Exhibition of 1851: Hyde Park pivots the world’s future. 2. Producing the BBC’s ‘Antiques Roadshow’ 3. Devising the ‘M5 Sights Guide’ – exploring and explaining a holiday route 4. When Rita Hayworth met Orson Welles- horrible Hollywood heartache. 5. ‘We did our bit – WW2 veterans testimony captured on camera 6. ‘Flog It’ battles ‘Bargain Hunt’ – collectibles off and on camera 7. Producing Children’s ITV – Roland Rat to Ringo Starr. 8. Worcester’s Media Mile – one city, many cameras – the sit-down version. (More at: www.robearley.com)
<p>➔* Christine Armstrong 28 Hallow Lane Lower Broadheath Worcester WR2 6QL Tel: 07708 915345 Email: christine@christinearmstrong.co.uk Fee: £35 In person and Zoom talks given</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New - Exploring Argentina and the remote South Atlantic islands of The Falklands, South Georgia, Tristan da Cunha and St Helena. 2. Cycling the world. A 2-year bike trip post-retirement 3. By bus through Central America. 7 countries in 7 weeks. 4. Cycling in Japan. An 8-week odyssey. 5. New Zealand on a 3-month cycle tour 6. The North Sea coast from Denmark to France 7. Fort Lauderdale to Houston on 2 wheels 8. Across Europe by bike from England to Serbia

*** Mike Bottomley**

31 Sandfield Road

Churchdown

Gloucs GL3 2HD

Tel: 07833 678862

Email: bottomley@blueyonder.co.uk

Fee: £50+50ppm travel

In person talks only

1. Queen Katherine Parr – The life and loves of the last wife of Henry VIII
2. Nurse Edith Cavell – Britain's forgotten heroine
3. Rudyard Kipling – The extraordinary life and work of the author of Britain's favourite poem

*** Caroline Butcher**

Hats by CC

24 St Andrew's Street

Droitwich Spa

WR9 8DY

Tel: 01905 412162

Email: info@hatscbyc.co.uk

Website: hatscbyc.co.uk

Fee: £60 plus £5 travel over 10 mile

radius of WR9 area

In person talks only

1. History of Hats through the decades, demonstration on how to make a hat, advice on styling, design and suitability of headwear.
2. Your Optimum Life - Are you living the life you want to live? What is NLP (Neuro-linguistic programming) and how does it change your life. Caroline is a Trainer and Master Practitioner in NLP, TLT, Hypnosis and coaching.

For NLP: Your Optimum Life

Tel: 01905 773032

Website: www.youroptimumlife.co.uk

Fee: £60 plus £5 travel over 10 mile

radius of WR9 area

John Butterworth

3 Old Malthouse Court

Brewery Walk

Worcester WR1 3HY

Tel: 01905 617058 / 07955 262633

Email: john@jbutterworth.plus.com

Fee: £60 + £5 travel

Zoom and in person talks given

1. New – Trip to the Antarctica
2. New - Six of the Best Christmases
3. A Day at the Palace – The day I was presented with the MBE by the Queen.
4. Adventures in Uganda: In 2018 I visited a 9-year-old boy I sponsor in a school in a remote village.
5. Hitting The Headlines as a Newspaper Editor – The joys of being an editor and what goes on in a weekly newspaper office including Black Country Bugle
6. The Country That Was Cut Off From The Rest Of The World For 45 Years – Albania and the amazing true story of Berti Dosti, a captain in the Albanian army
7. Hotel with a Famous Guest List – A fascinating history of a hotel and the many characters who have stayed there
8. Off the Beaten Track – An overland trip to Nepal to deliver a Land Rover to a Leprosy hospital
9. The Nurse who changed Guinea – Bissau – The fascinating story of nurse Lily Gaynor
10. The Stagecoach Era – How it changed our area, the famous drivers and the pros & cons of travelling by one
11. Official visit to China as the country opened up in 1986

*** Sandy Cale**
Worcester Walks History Tour Guides
 6 Otley Close
 Worcester WR4 0BJ
 Tel: (Home) 01905 21286
 Mobile: 07890 222117
 Email: sandycal@aol.com
 Website: www.worcesterwalks.co.uk
 Fee: £50 + 35p mile travelling
 max 25 miles
 In person and Zoom talks given

1. Elegant Georgian Worcester, in costume
2. The Great Escape - Footsteps of Charles II

***Chris Champness**
 Polhawn
 Archenfield Road
 Ross on Wye
 Herefordshire HR9 5BA
 Tel: 01989 564651 / 07990 534990
 Email: fluffystuffinfo@gmail.com
 Website: www.fluffystuffuk
 Fee: £45 (plus £2 per pair of earrings/
 per brooch) + 45ppm
 In person talk only

1. Make your own Knitted earrings workshop (No knitting skills required!)
2. Make Your Own Crochet Brooch Workshop (no crochet skills required!)

***David Chatterley**
 23 Newport Close
 Walkwood, Redditch B97 5PY
 Tel: 01527 542389
 Email: davidchatterley@virgin
 media.com
 Fee: £40 (Proportion donated
 to BBC Children in Need)
 In person talks only

1. History of The Teddy Bear
2. Victorian Brass Needle cases - The story of Redditch needle makers and especially William Avery & Son who patented and manufactured novelty brass needle cases between 1830-1900.

***Philip Collins**
 22 Kingsmead Road
 Cheltenham
 Gloucs GL51 0AJ
 Tel: 07815 852153
 Email: pcolhead@gmail.com
 Fee: Varies + Travel at 45ppm

1. History of Punch and Judy £50 + 45ppm
2. Sudeley Castle 1000 years of History £50 + 45ppm
3. The Origins of Pantomime £50 + 45ppm
4. A History of Cheltenham through Picture Postcards £50+45ppm
5. What the Dickens (Life and works of Charles Dickens) £60 +45ppm
6. A Dickensian Christmas £70 + 45ppm
7. Fun with a G String (Ukulele workshop) £60+45ppm
8. Inventions and Inventors of Glos & Worcs £50 + 45ppm
9. The Story of the Two Ronnies £50 + 45ppm
10. Radio Days (Comedy Radio Sketches) £100+45ppm

Andrew Crabtree

12 Bridge Road
Alveley
Bridgnorth WV15 6JP
Tel: 01746 780478
Email: andrewjcrabtree48@gmail.com
Website: www.andrewcrabtree
piano.co.uk
Fee: £70 + expenses
In person talks only

1. The Story of the Piano
2. A Trip Down Memory Lane (songs from the last 70 years)
3. Songs from Broadway
4. Music from the Movies
5. Carols and Christmas Songs
6. Songs from the War Years
7. Songs from West End Shows

All presentations are with my Piano; talks 2 – 7 are with song sheets and accompanied by piano (myself) and guitar (Brian Nicholls).

→* **Meriet Duncan**

Brambles
7 Phillips Acre
Yarpole
Leominster
Herefordshire
HR6 0DA
Tel: 07808 891295
Email: meriet@mdthequeenbee.co.uk
Website: mdthequeenbee.co.uk
Fee: £75 + 44ppm travel
In person talks with demonstration

1. Creating a buzz about honeybees
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Meg Farmer

13 Westfield Road
Fernhill Heath WR3 7XE
Tel: 07909 643014
Email: meganfarmer991@yahoo.co.uk
Fee: £38 + 25p/mile travelling
In person and Zoom talks given

1. 101 Children, Experiences of a Foster Carer
 2. Beds, Bugs and Bedpans – 37 years with the NHS
 3. Where a journey of saying yes instead of no has taken me – lighthearted talk on one woman's mad life!
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Barry Faulkner

15 Slade Road
Yorkely
Lydney
GL15 4SG
Tel: 01594 369961
Email: barryfaulkner1@btopen
world.com
Amazon page link:
www.amazon.co.uk/-/e/B00ND8R600
Fee: £65 + 30ppm travel

1. Amazon Best Selling Indie Author of the DCS Palmer Detective books, (which passed 2,000,000 page reads on KU last December) Ben Nevis and the Gold Digger thrillers and true crime factual books, London Crime, UK Serial Killers & UK Killers Vols 1,2 & 3, American Killers series plus a couple of 'one offs'
2. Faulkner was born into an extended family of petty criminals in Herne Hill, South London, his father, uncle, elder brothers and cousins ran with the notorious Richardson crime gang in the 70s-90s, and at this point we must point out that although the characters he met and their escapades he witnessed form the basis for his talk he did not follow in that family tradition and pursued a career in script writing for the BBC and other TV companies and as personal writer to many comics including Bob Monkhouse, Tom O'Connor and Frankie Howard before retiring and starting a new career of crime writing. The talk is humorous and gives an insight as to the growth of organised crime from the 1930's, what really happened at Brinks Mat, Hatton Garden, the Great Train Robbery etc. and the war between the Krays and the Richardsons.

→* **Simon Freebairn J.P**

Plum Tree Cottage
Main Road
Omersley
WR9 0DP
Tel: 07843 689955
Email: simonfreebairn@gmail.com
Fee: £75 + 43ppm travel
In person talk only

1. Honey bees, my passion! - This entertaining but educational talk provides an insight into the amazing world of honey bees and their importance to our planet. We look at the bees themselves, the hives they live in, and the good and the bad of UK honey.

It's a very much hands on presentation with lots of equipment on show, including vintage smokers, a full hive, and actual frames of honey which everyone can get up close and personal with! (Between late April and late October, it may be possible to bring an observation hive where the audience can have a once in a lifetime opportunity to see a working colony of bees complete with her Royal Highness the queen, all behind the safety of a glass viewing window. Please note this is dependent on weather conditions prior to - and on the day of the presentation as the welfare of the bees is always paramount). After the talk you have the chance to view the bees, sample and purchase our gorgeous honey and see some of the other products we make using our own beeswax.

→* **Frances Fry**

24 Northwick Road
Evesham
WR11 3AN
Tel: 07595 905375
Email: t.coombs2@btinternet.com
Website: www.francesfry.com
Fee: £80 up to groups of 40 people.
Larger groups negotiable.
In person talks only

1. Music, Musicals and Me – inspiring songs and stories from a struggling West End Actress
2. Music, Musicals and Amore – Songs and stories behind some of our most popular love songs
3. Music, Musicals and a Merry Christmas – A fun and festive entertainment sharing some of our most enduring and loved Christmas songs, with a peek at some of the stories behind them.

Sandra Grayson

12 Wolverton Road
Worcester WR1 1PE
Tel: 07939 354122
Email: Sandy9292@hotmail.co.uk
Fee: £60 + 40ppm travel
In person talks only

GRAPHOLOGY (Handwriting analysis) - all talks are approx.45 mins + time for Q & A's:

1. Graphology - The Hidden Meaning of Handwriting
2. Graphology – The Devil's in the Detail
3. Fun Signs – A Hilarious Look at Marketing Mistakes and Typos

Professional Graphologist and Calligrapher, Sandra offers A CALLIGRAPHY FOR BEGINNERS MASTERCLASS. This is a 2-3 hour session consisting of easy-to-follow instructions, how to improve your handwriting and will produce impressive results during this masterclass. All session materials and equipment are included (for groups of min.5 to 50 adults). Cost for WI members is £30pp (usually £75)

Adrienne Grinyer & Ingrid Walden

From Time to Time

4 Saxon Court
Bidford – on – Avon
B50 4AB
Tel: 07817 576183
Email: info@fromtimetotime.co.uk
Website: www.fromtimetotime.co.uk
Fee: £80 + 50p per mile travel
In person talks

One hour history talks in full costume-making history fun!

1. The Why's and Wherefores of Everyday Tudor Life
2. A stitch in time – Tudor clothes and crafts
3. Let us entertain you - Tudor Pastimes
4. The Art of a Merry Marriage – how to find it and keep it!
5. Victorian Entertainments – from posh to the poor
6. A Day in the Life of a Victorian Lady and her housekeeper
7. Christmas – Tudor, Victorian, Regency, WW2, 1920's

→ **Lynne Hackles**

17 Challenger Close
Malvern
WR14 2NN
Tel: 07811 616275
Email: lynne@lynnehackles.com
Website: www.lynnehackles.com
Fee: £40 + 40ppm
In person talks

1. The £2 that changed my life
2. My experience on TV programme 'Deal or No Deal' (the original series)
3. How and why, you should write your life story/memoirs

Angela Hugman

Hillview, Mill Lane,
Malvern WR14 3QS
Tel: 01684 564334
Fee: £40.00 + 50p per mile
In person talks only

1. The Adventures of a Physiotherapist
2. Working as a Physiotherapist in the Middle East
3. Tales of the Unexpected
4. Osteoporosis
5. Stay and Keep Fit
6. Living in the Middle East
7. Prevention of Falls
8. Other Talks Available

* **Judy Hulland JP**

47 Swinton Lane
Worcester
WR2 4JP
Tel: 07701 078873
Email: judy.hulland@btinternet.com
Fee: Nil but a donation can be made to
Worcestershire Magistrates Association

1. The Magistracy

→* **David Jellie**

51 Fairfield Road
Bromsgrove
B61 9JL
Tel: 07948 392328
Email: davidjell@gmail.com
Website: www.downinthehedgerow.com
In person and Zoom talks given
Fee: £40 + 50ppm after 10 miles

1. A Walk in the Woods - Woodland photography and photographic tips

*** Alf Jenkins MBE**

The Damsons
Millbrook Way
Orleton
Ludlow
SY8 4HW
Tel: 01568 780398
Email: alfjenkins07@gmail.com
Website: alfjenkins.com
Fee: £35 + 40ppm
In person talks only

1. The history and development of the unique Titterstone Cleve Hill dialect; including a conversation in the dialect by my wife and I and a translation; plus a short fun quiz.
2. The History of my Childhood – From Wagons to Wheelie bins
3. Wartime on the Titterstone Cleve Hills
4. Interesting Stories of my Teaching Career

Johnsons Coaches

John Johnson
Liveridge Hill
Henley in Arden
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Tel: 01564 797000
Email: info@johnsonskoaches.co.uk
Website: www.johnsonskoaches.co.uk
Fee: £40 Donation to our charity
In person and Zoom talks given

1. 114 years in a family business at Johnsons Coaches – a talk accompanied by a slideshow, presented by John Johnson, 3rd generation family owner or by Mrs Wendy Moore, Sales Manager.

*** Sue Johnson**

38 Birch Avenue
Evesham WR11 1YJ
Tel: 01386 446477
Email: sue.r.johnson@outlook.com
Website: www.writers-toolkit.co.uk
Fee: £45 + £10 travel
Zoom and in person talks

1. Writing for Women's Magazines
2. Where Do Stories Come From?
3. The Writer's Notebook
4. A novel's journey
5. Poems and Stories
6. Tasting Words: Hearing Colours – Synaesthesia
7. Threads – A Life in Fabric

Ruth Lowe

25 Windsor View
Bartley Green
Birmingham
B32 4DB
Tel: 0121 608 5355
Email: lowewhiley@blueyonder.co.uk
Fee: £75 + travel at 45ppm
In person talks only

1. New - Life of a 1960s Teenager (from a book I have written)
2. Mary Quant – Part 1: her early life, career and Design Concept through the 1950s- 1970s
3. Mary Quant – Part 2: Her career, and design concept through the 1970s - 2000
4. Other Designers in the 1960s/1970s who followed Mary Quant, plus boutiques on Carnaby Street and Kings Road. General information on the music and fashion scene including artistes influences.

Colin Millett

14 Hazleton Road
Marlbrook
Bromsgrove
B61 0JE
Tel: 01527 579698 / 07968 279569
Email: colinmillett@gmail.com
Fee: £75 includes travel
In person talks only

1. WORCESTER PORCELAIN: A COLLECTOR'S TALE. An informative illustrated talk that details many interesting facts and anecdotes relating to the origins of Worcester Porcelain and important figures who worked at the factory. Talk involves a fun quiz t the end.
2. LADIES OF THE PORCELAIN': A Powerpoint /illustrated talk, full of informative and interesting facts about a number of important lady painters and modellers and the role they played in securing Royal Worcester's worldwide reputation throughout the twentieth century. Talk involves a fun quiz at end.
3. THE WONDER OF WORCESTER: A CITY HERITAGE SUCCESS STORY. A Powerpoint /illustrated talk that considers not only the origins of Worcester porcelain but the reasons why this world famous ceramic factory existed for over 250 years in the city of Worcester.
4. 'HARRY': THE LIFE AND WORK OF HARRY DAVIS (1885-1970), ROYAL WORCESTER'S GREATEST EVER PAINTER. A Powerpoint/ illustrated talk that tells the amazing story of the man destined to be Royal Worcester's greatest ever painter. An informative an interesting talk, complimented by a range of images representative of Harry's Davis's fantastic work.

* **Sheila Oxspring**

The Laurels, 8A Dark Lane
Stoke Heath,
Bromsgrove B60 3BH
Tel: 01527 837783
Mobile: 07890 092620
Email: sheilaox1@outlook.com
Website: bromsgrovehomeopath.co.uk
Fee: £60
Zoom or in person talks given

1. Homeopathy - Safe, effective treatment
2. Allergy testing and Treatment

Wendy & Roger Pepper

25 Cofton Church Lane
Cofton Hackett
Birmingham
B45 8PS
Tel: 0121 445 1585
Email: wendy_pepper@btinternet.com
Fee: Donation + travel

1. Eccentric Adventures - Living life to the full – walking, cycling, skiing and more with macular disease, the leading cause of sight loss in the UK. Wendy who is severely sight impaired calls this illustrated talk the three Es – Education, Empowerment and Entertainment. Find out about this condition, the support available from the Macular Society and be entertained by their adventures.
2. African Adventures - An illustrated talk about a five-week, 6,600k motorhome tour through South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Namibia, a challenging way of having close encounters with the flora, fauna and geography of this fascinating region, together with an update on macular conditions, latest treatments and research.
3. Turkish Delight - An illustrated talk about a motorhome tour exploring Turkey from Gallipoli, across the Dardanelles to Troy and Ephesus, down the Adriatic coast to Antalya, inland to Cappadocia, returning via Ankara and Istanbul, together with an update on macular conditions, the latest treatment and research.

→* **Helen Plumb**

27 North Street
Winchcombe
Gloucestershire
GL54 5PS
Tel: 07732 835704
Email: helen.plumb@gmail.com
Website: www.just-gems.co.uk
Fee: £50 plus 40ppm
In person and Zoom talks given

1. Glorious Coloured Gemstones - At the end of this talk your members will know more about coloured gems than their average local jeweller! There are 90 gemstone varieties some far more valuable than the traditionally 'precious' stones, ruby, sapphire, diamond and emerald. Helen will bring a selection of rough and loose gemstones to handle. Members are welcome to bring gems for identification."
2. Opals – truth, lies and mystery – opal is a magnificent gemstone, its formation a mystery until recent times. Frequently maligned as unlucky in the UK, opal is highly prized as a bringer of love and happiness in the far east. TV's Outback Opal Hunters has raised awareness of amazing opal and the challenges faced by those mining it. With Helen's samples to handle, her lifetime of knowledge and enthusiasm for opals to share, your members will soon be captivated by opals too!
3. Diamonds – illusion or investment the world of diamonds is undergoing a hiatus with a tidal wave of manmade, lab grown diamonds hitting the diamond market. Learn about how diamonds are formed, mined, fashioned and what the effect of the synthetic diamond production is having on the natural diamond market. There will be samples to handle of course.
4. British Gemstones – are many and varied but few British jewellers can name more than one or two. Come and learn about Whitby Jet, Derbyshire Blue John, Scottish agates and river pearls, to name but a few of the dozen or so wonderful British gemstones and ornamental minerals that are highly prized by collectors around the world. Helen will bring examples of all the gems that she talks about.

Peter Preece

5 Orchard Way, Studley
Warwickshire B80 7NZ
Tel: 01527 853444
Email: peterprece777@btinternet.com
Website: peterprece.net
Fee: £35 + cost of petrol used only
In person talks only

Talk Titles are as follows:

1. Every Picture tells a story – Part 1 and 2
2. Hide and Seek – Part and 2
3. Lock Down – Part 1 and 2

All 6 digital presentations are one hour long on natural history photography

Roger Pugh (Sylvesta the Jester)

27 Church Lane
Bromyard HR7 4DZ
Tel: 01885 483425 / 07779 694615
Email: pugh@live.co.uk
Website: roger-pugh.co.uk
Fee: £50 + 40ppm
In person talks only

1. Life and Times of a Jester – A talk on how I became a professional Jester and master of medieval banquets; talk is peppered with humorous entertainment.

Avril Pulley

13 Dinchall Road
Spetchley Road
Worcester WR5 2ND
Tel: 01905 359284
Email: thepulleys@hotmail.co.uk
Fee: £45 + 50p per mile
In person talks only

1. A demonstration of handmade flowers for all occasions in airdrying paste by an ex Royal Worcester Maker - Please note daytime only for winter demonstrations.

Jill Salmons (Nicklin)

Lower Vinesend Farm, Vinesend Lane
Cradley, Nr Malvern
Herefordshire WR13 5NH
Tel: 07943 627696
Email: jillsalmons777@gmail.com
Fee: £60 + 40p a mile for travel
In person talks only

1. Costumes and Cultures of the Maya of Central America
 2. Costumes and Culture of Southwest China (brings costumes and hats)
 3. Costumes and Cultures of Peru (brings costumes and hats)
 4. Costumes and culture of West Africa (brings costumes)
 5. Carnival around the world (brings costumes and masks)
 6. First Nation art from NW Coast America
 7. Maori art and culture
 8. Body art around the world
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Graham Sutherland

123 Spring Pool
Warwick CV34 4UP
Tel: 01926 495894 / 07801 962981
Email: graham.g.sutherland@
btopenworld.com
Website: www.talksandwalks.co.uk
Fee: Zoom (£50), others from
£70+travel (£5-10)
Zoom and in person talks given

1. Law and Order (various)
 2. Memories of Yesteryear (various)
 3. Supernatural– Crime – Twistin’ the Stories
 4. The Warwick Series
 5. Have Bell will Travel-experiences of a Town Crier
 6. Women at Work
 7. Feisty Females
 8. Wicked Women
- Many various talks – please refer to his website for full list
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→* Penny Thompson

3 Eardiston House
Eardiston
WR15 8JH
Tel: 07855 964267
Email: info@hibiscuseremonies.co.uk
Website: www.hibiscuseremonies.co.uk
Fee: £65 + travel if over 30 miles
In person talks given

1. Hatching, Matching and Dispatching

Nick Wilkes

27 Doppler Road
Malvern
Worcestershire
WR14 3SX
Tel: 07971 535071
Email: nick@malvernbard.ink
or
nrwilkes@mac.com
Fee: £75 no travel

1. Nick trained at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School and has worked extensively in the theatre over the past two decades. He has appeared in over eighty productions both in the UK and overseas in classical and contemporary drama, musical, pantomime and weekly rep, working alongside names as diverse as Charlton Heston and Simon Callow through to Keith Harris and Orville the Duck and was in the UK tour of Blood Brothers.
2. A published playwright, Nick was the first Writer in Residence at Malvern Theatres since George Bernard Shaw in the 1930's and has written thirty-two new plays to date. All of these have been produced through Nick's own theatre company Malvernbard and have played in many venues around the country, from small studio theatres and larger theatres to the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford upon Avon.

Conversational, informal and informative, an entertaining talk for anyone interested in life onstage and off!

*** David Withey**

71 Charles Way
Malvern
WR14 2NB
Tel: 01684 563322
Email: dave.withey17@yahoo.co.uk
Website: www.comedy4amdram.com
Fee: £25
Talks in person only

1. The Lighter Side of Local Government – Humorous anecdotes
 2. Work is a Four-Letter Word – Funny stories from all types of work
 3. **New Talk for 2023** - Mostly Quotes and Anecdotes - Consisting of various quotations, many of them humorous, but also mixed in will be some profound and thought-provoking quotes.
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*** David Wornham**

20 The Parklands
Droitwich
WR9 7DG
Tel: 01905 775840
Email: flexicase@gmail.com
Website: see opposite
Fee: £60+45ppm
Talks in person only

1. River Salwarpe - from Lickey Hills to River Severn
2. Advanced Driving for enjoyment of all
3. Tuneful Tubes? – Demonstrated Musical Wind Instrument History
4. The Restoration of the Droitwich Canals and Volunteering with the Canal and River Trust

For more information visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/507975041497393>

SECTION 2 - SPEAKERS FROM CHARITIES & OTHER ORGANISATIONS

For the latest information and possible change of contact details, visit the charity's website

Name and contact details	Subject(s)
ACORNS CHILDRENS HOSPICE TRUST Acorns Children's Hospice Fundraising Office 350 Bath Road Worcester WR5 3EZ Tel 01905 761220 https://www.acorns.org.uk/contact-us/ Email: ThreeCounties.Admin@acorns.org.uk	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The history and work of Acorns2. Fundraising3. Volunteering
* ACTION FOR CHILDREN: Tel: 0300 123 2112 (open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday) Email: ask.us@actionforchildren.org.uk Fee: Donation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Work of AFC2. Fund Raising for AFC3. Methodist links with AFC
AGE UK Art Shrimpton Tel: 03301647015 Email: art@ageukwmh.org	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Art is the Digital Inclusion coordinator for Age UK Worcester and Malvern Hills. We mentor older people (over 55s) in our area who feel excluded from the online world. We use volunteer tutors to deliver free support through individual sessions at our Worcester and Malvern offices or group sessions in community spaces. By helping clients to do online shopping, watch their favourite films, join in family videocalls, fill in online forms or simply understand the technology, we can help them to lead richer lives and combat loneliness. We have the capacity to take on more clients and at the same time are looking for more volunteer tutors.
BRITISH RED CROSS Bradbury Court, Berkeley Business Park Wainwright Road Worcester WR4 9GY Tel: 01905 450400 Website: www.redcross.org.uk	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Red Cross & First Aid Awareness - see website for more details
CANAL AND RIVER TRUST See David Wornham details for contact information or to volunteer: Dafydd Jones, CRT Volunteer Leader: Dafydd.Jones@canalrivertrust.org.uk	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Restoration of the Droitwich Canals and Volunteering with the Canal and River Trust.

CANCER RESEARCH UK:

Switchboard: 020 7242 0200

Website: www.cancerresearchuk.org

Fee: Donation

1. Stop Smoking
2. Maintaining a healthy body weight
3. Looking after No1
4. Be sun smart

CAVELL NURSES TRUST

Tel: 01527 595999

www.cavellnursestrust.org

Fee: Donation

1. Being here for nurses: The work of Cavell Nurses' Trust

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Claire McMinn - Community

Relationship Manager

Email: claire.mcminn@childrensociety.org.uk

society.org.uk

Tel: 07756 269616

1. We are a national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect. We support them through their most serious life challenges, and we campaign tirelessly for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who need hope most. We've been doing this for 140 years and we won't stop until we've built a society where hope is alive in every child.

COUNTY AIR AMBULANCE

Mr Mark Wilkins

County Air Ambulance Trust

Orchard House

Selkirk Gardens

Cheltenham GL52 5LX

Tel: 01242 239784

Email: markwilkins999@aol.com

Fee: Donation

1. The County Air Ambulance Trust

ACTION DEAFNESS

Email: enquiries@actiondeafness.org.uk

Web: www.actiondeafness.org.uk

Office Opening Hours:

Mon Thurs 9:00am 5:00pm

Fri 9:00am 4:30pm

1. Deaf Awareness Training

DOGS FOR GOOD (Formerly known as Dogs for the Disabled)

Fundraising Department

The Frances Hay Centre

Blacklocks Hill

Banbury

OX17 2BS

Tel: 01295 759824

Email: events@dogsgood.org

Website: www.dogsgood.org

1. The talks goes through our work in training assistance dogs to help adults and children with physical disabilities to enable them lead more independent lives. And children with Autism to keep them safe and calm in overstimulating environments. Our Community Dogs work with adults with autism, learning difficulties and dementia, using animal assisted interventions to help improve independence, wellbeing and skills.

DOGS TRUST

Website: www.dogstrust.org.uk
Email: info@dogstrust.org.uk
Fee: Donation

1. Dogs Trust

FAIRTRADE

Elaine Barbour
10 Valley View
Bewdley
DY12 2JX
Tel: 01299 400617
Email: barboursbewdley@btopenworld.com

1. Elaine was a voluntary rep for Traidcraft for nearly 34 years. Her illustrated talk 'Not just Fairtrade bananas!' shows the impact of Fairtrade, especially through Traidcraft, on the lives of producers throughout the "third" world and the latest developments in Fairtrade.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION

Dr Jean Emberlin
Guide Dogs for the Blind Volunteer
Telephone number: 07584 288493
or 01886 880816
Email: jean.emberlin@btinternet.com
Website: www.guidedogs.org.uk
Fee: Normal speaker fee that the WI branch would pay / Donation

1. There are over 20,945 new registrations of sight lost in England and Wales per year, that is 57 new registrations per day. Many of these people will never leave home alone and will have a marked reduction in quality of life. The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association charity aims to transform the lives of adults and children living with visual impairment. Our trained speakers give informative and very entertaining talks on how the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association works to fulfil this ambition. The talks focus on how the world famous Guide Dogs are trained and how they completely change the lives of their owners. The Guide dogs not only give their owners the freedom to go where they want to independently and to be active, but also, they provide companionship, give confidence and have even saved the lives of the owners. The talks also cover other aspects of the charity's work such as supporting children with visual impairment. The speakers draw on their personal experiences and typically will include a Guide dog owner accompanied by their wonderful dog and a Guide Dog Puppy raiser with their puppy.
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GOODWILL & GROWTH FOR AFRICA

Olivia Van Rensburg
PO BOX 6751
Stratford upon Avon
Tel: 01789 414088
Email: olivia@gaga-uk.org
Fee: £75 to be donated to GAGA charity
+40p /mile travel

1. Goodwill & Growth for Africa is a UK-registered charity which supports orphans, vulnerable children and impoverished communities. Trustees Claire and Charlie will talk on their own first hand experiences of working in South Africa with children, families and communities, as well as about the work of GAGA there. The trustees, if requested, can talk in more detail on projects which specifically support children.

HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE

Merleen Watson with her hearing dog Zyla

2 The Court

Back Lane

Broadway

WR12 7BF

Tel: 07966 518502 (text or video call)

Email: lunarc.mw@gmail.com*

*Preferred means of contact

Fee: Donation to the charity

1. Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - how these amazing dogs assist their recipients, usually including a small demonstration.
2. One in Five - issues of hearing loss, hearing aids and practical tips on how to support a hearing-impaired person.
3. Your hearing journey – issues relating to audiology, the challenges of hearing loss and the help available.

Merleen is a member of Access Advisory Group at Gloucester Hospitals NHS Trust, Member of the Public, Patient Forum and at Worcester Acute Hospitals NHS Trust; Hearing Link Peer Support volunteer and volunteer speaker for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and winner of Rotary Community Spirit Award 2024

→ HEDGEHOG CHARITY

Prickles and Paws

Emma Brown

Email: talks@pricklesandpaws.org

Tel: 07926 576164

Fee: Donation

Zoom/Teams only; Wifi required

The talk lasts about 30-45 minutes, with time for questions at the end. It includes a tour of the rescue, allowing groups to see “behind the scenes”; a unique peek as we are a closed site to members of the public. I also talk about the hedgehog, it's importance and why this much loved mammal is vulnerable to extinction.

We also look around the wildlife garden to talk about features to encourage wildlife.

I recommend May-September as we usually have hoglets on site during these times!

KEMP HOSPICE

Website: kemphospice.org.uk

Tel: 01562 756066

Email: fundraising@kemphospice.org.uk

Fee: Donation is appreciated

1. Life in all its fullness – the work of Kemp Hospice
2. Family Support

LEUKAEMIA CARE

Community Fundraising Officer

Office line: 01905 755977

Website: www.leukaemiacare.org.uk

1. The charity and the work that we do

MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE:

Marie Curie Cancer Care

Website: www.mariecurie.org.uk

Fee: Donation

1. Work of Marie Curie

MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY

Jo Bailey

Hawthorne House

Dudley Road

Stourbridge DY9 8BQ

Tel: Charity Headquarters

0800 840 2040

Email: charley.burke@

midlandsairambulance.com

or call 07849 845618

Website: www.midlandsair

ambulance.co.uk

Fee: Donation

1. Midlands Air Ambulance

NATIONAL TRUST:

Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk

For local sites of interest

NATIONAL FARMERS UNION:

Emma Hamer

NFU County Adviser Worcestershire

Secretary to the West Midlands

Combinable Crops Board

Mob: 07469 084691

Email: Emma.Hamer@nfu.org.uk

1. Why Farming Matters and other related topics

NEW COLLEGE WORCESTER

(formerly RNIB)

Kevin Hateley

Fundraising Manager

New College Worcester

Whittington Road

Worcester WR5 2JX

01905 761015

Email: khateley@ncw.co.uk

Website: www.ncw.co.uk

Fee: £40

1. Educating Blind & vision Impaired young People
2. A history of New College Worcester – The national, residential special school for young people aged 11-19, who are blind or vision impaired. (A hands on and practical presentation, which is always very popular).

***OROMIA SUPPORT GROUP:**

Trevor Trueman

Tel: 01684 573722

Email: osg@talktalk.net

Fee: Donation (within 50 miles)

1. Ethiopia – Human Rights situation for the unsung 40 million Oromo people
2. Refugees and Asylum-Seekers
3. Human Rights in Ethiopia

POLICE

Mr Mike Digger
West Mercia Traffic Management Advisor
West Mercia Safer Roads Partnership
PO Box 446
Worcester
WR2 4YR
Tel: Switchboard 01905 331258
Radius: Worcestershire and
South Warwickshire

1. Female Driver - Personal Safety (talk with slides)

He does not work Mondays. His talks take 1 hour 15mins and prefers groups of over 20, with no fee but will take donations to charity that he nominates on the evening

PRIMROSE HOSPICE

Emma Williams
Fundraising Manager
St Godwalds Road
Bromsgrove
B60 3BW
Tel: 01527 889796
Email: emma@primrosehospice.org
Website: www.primrosehospice.org
Fee: Donation

1. General talk about the work of Primrose Hospice including patient care, volunteering and fundraising. A short 10 minute film about the Primrose Hospice is available to view.

***ST RICHARD'S HOSPICE:**

St Richard's Hospice
Wildwood Drive, Worcester
WR5 2QT
Tel: 01905 763963
Email: appeals@strichards.org.uk
Fee: Donation

1. General talk about the work of the hospice including patient care, volunteering and fundraising.
2. Your speaker will be selected from a panel of SRH personnel covering a range of specialties according to your requirements.

SIGHT CONCERN

David Roberts
8 Keble Close, Worcester WR4 9QE
Tel: 01905 27631 - there is a call guardian device on this system
Mobile: 07842 366989
email: daveandsue1949@icloud
Website: www.sightconcern.co.uk
Fee: Donation

1. Our visually impaired speakers, some of whom have guide dogs, are able to deliver a very personal account of their experience of sight loss, what challenges they've had to face and obstacles they've overcome. Their talks are inspirational, engaging and interactive.
2. They are also able to talk and demonstrate equipment/gadgets which help them in daily life.

SPRINGFIELD MIND

Telephone: 01789 298615
General: enquiries@swwmind.org.uk
Website: www.springfieldmind.org.uk

Our mission is to promote mental wellbeing and to prevent mental health problems. We provide early intervention services including Mental Health First Aid courses for employers and Active Monitoring alongside GP surgeries. Our 4 hubs - Evesham, Stratford, Leamington & Warwick - offer free one to one support, walk-in sessions, community outreach and workshops.

Tess Thompson
Community Fundraising Manager
Support Dogs - for autism, for
epilepsy, for disability
Tel: 0114 261 7800
website: www.supportdogs.org.uk
Fee: Donation £40

Did you know? 1 in every 4 support dogs only exist thanks to gifts left to our charity in wills

Talk on the specialist assistance dogs who transform the lives of those affected by autism, epilepsy and disability. Our dogs support children and adults affected by autism, epilepsy and disability to lead more independent and active lives. From keeping children safe, to alerting their owners prior to an oncoming seizure, from raising the alarm in emergencies to helping with a huge range of day to day tasks, our support dogs transform the lives of their families.

Pam Sutton
TROOP AID
Unit 21 Radway Road
Shirley
Solihull
B90 4NR
Tel: 0121 711 7215
Email: pam@troopaid.info
Fee: donation

1. Troop Aid
2. Supporting Injured Troops

**WORCESTERSHIRE FORUM AGAINST
DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL
VIOLENCE**

ACS, Worcestershire County Council
E2 Pavilion, County Hall
Spetchley Road, Worcester WR5 2NP
Tel: 01905 822357
Website: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/

1. Stop Violence against Women

WORCESTERSHIRE JOINT CLINIC
Secretary: Kay Bolton
Email: kay.bolton@spirehealthcare.com
Tel: 01905 362284
Mr M Shihid FRCS
Email: shahidm99@icloud.com
Website: www.wjointclinic.co.uk
Free of Charge

1. Minimise the Risk of Joint Problems! Keep Fit and Active - Worcester Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon specialising in lower limb primary and revision arthroplasty, along with a physiotherapist will give a talk on keeping fit and active, minimising the risk of joint problems. They will go through specific exercises on how to keep supple etc.

WORCESTERSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

Mr Andrew Harris

Lower Smite Farm

Smite Hill

Hindlip, Worcester WR3 8SZ

Tel: 01905 754919

Fee: Donation to the Trust or VSO

Website: www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk

1. Worcestershire Wildlife Trust
2. Woodland Management
3. Heathland Conservation
North of County related Talks

Please note that due to availability of staff coverage, appointments can only be made up to three months in advance.

**WEST MERCIA RAPE & SEXUAL
ABUSE SUPPORT CENTRE**

Po Box 240

Worcester

WR1 2LF

Tel: 01905 611655

Email: office@wmrsasc.org.uk

1. Awareness of sexual abuse
2. Awareness of rape
3. Awareness of self harm/ Injury
4. Awareness of child sexual exploitation

SECTION 3 - WELFARE & OTHER ORGANISATIONS

ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SERVICE:
14 Castle House, Castle Street,
Worcester WR1 3ZB

Tel: 0300 303 8200
Website: www.swanswell.org / www.talktofrank.com

BARNARDO'S:
Brooklands, Great Cornbow,
Halesowen, West Midlands, B63 3AB

Tel: 0121 550 5271
Website: www.barnardos.org.uk

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU:
Bromsgrove & Redditch - 50-52
Birmingham Rd, Bromsgrove, B61 0DD

Tel: 0344 411 1303
Website: www.citizensadvice.org.uk

**The free phone advice number is 0808 278 7891
Monday to Friday 10am - 4am
General email: info@wyreforestcab.org.uk

Droitwich - Victoria Square, Droitwich
WR9 8DQ

Evesham - 13 Port St, Evesham
WR11 3LD

Engagement Officer - Debbie Dale
Wyre Forest Citizen Advice (address as above).
My working days are Mon, Tues, Wed
Tel: 01562 60194

Halesowen - 11-15 Queensway,
Halesowen B63 4AZ

Stourbridge – 69 Market St,
Stourbridge DY8 1AQ

We are looking to visit local WI's in the Wyre Forest area to talk about what Citizen Advice does and raise awareness of our campaign for Smart Meters so that we can give residents information they need.

** **Wyre Forest** – 21-23 New Road,
Kidderminster DY10 1AF

Worcester - The old glove factory,
13a Lowesmoor, Worcester WR1 2RS

CITIZENS ADVICE WITNESS SERVICE

Bev Carty – 07738 329320
Email: Beverley.carty@citizensadvice.org.uk

DEPARTMENT FOR WORK & PENSIONS:
Vine House, Farrier Street, Worcester
WR1 3EL

**DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT
FOOD & RURAL AFFAIRS**

Tel: 01905 355355
Website: [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/
departement-for-environment-food-rural-affairs](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/departement-for-environment-food-rural-affairs)

RELATE WORCESTERSHIRE:
19 Castle Street, Worcester WR1 3AD

Tel: 01905 28051
Website: www.relate.org.uk

SALVATION ARMY:
The Trinity, Worcester WR1 2PN

Tel: 01905 28774
Website: www.salvationarmy.org.uk

SAMARITANS:
9 Sansome Place, Worcester WR1 1UA

Tel: 08457 909090 or 01905 21121
Website: www.samaritans.org

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

Tel: 08700 104950
Website: www.sja.org.uk

WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL
Worcestershire Hub Customer Service
Centre, The Hive, Sawmill Walk,
The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3PB

Tel: 01905 722233
Emergency out of hours: 01562 733178
Website: www.worcester.gov.uk

W.R.V.S:
Worcestershire Royal Hospital,
Charles Hastings Way, Worcester,
Worcestershire WR5 1DD

Tel: 0845 608 0122
Website: www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

**WORCESTERSHIRE
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:**
58 Wilden Lane, Stourport on Severn

Tel: 01299 823333
Website: www.bereavementsupportworcestershire.org.uk

SECTION 4 – SPEAKERS FROM WFWI SUB – COMMITTEES

CRAFT COLLECTION

C/o Creative Activities Sub-committee

There are now well over a hundred beautiful items in our Craft Loan Collection which have been given or lent to the WI over the years. They range from the oldest, a beautiful late 19th Century silk evening bag, to expert examples of modern crafts with all decades in between, from tatting to wood turning and from smocking to metal work. Among the most interesting are those which illustrate the early history of the WI's teaching role, and include garments made to show different finishing skills and techniques, as well as saleable items of the time such as exquisite gloves.

A member of the Creative Activity Committee will be happy to bring a selection of the Collection to your WI and to talk about what we know of the pieces. With some we have a full history, or at least know the origin and where possible, will bring examples related to your WI. Otherwise we hope you will enjoy seeing and hearing about these, literally, state of the art, varied examples of WI craft skills.

The only fees are £10 to help with the costs of keeping and conserving the collection, and a payment of travelling expenses to the presenter.

For further information or to book the Collection contact Trudi at WI House on events@wfedwi.org.uk

PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Happy to give talks on subjects relating to Public Affairs including NFWI Resolution mandates and updates on ongoing resolutions and campaigns.

LEISURE & ARTS – Happy to give help and advice to any members wishing to start a choir or a drama group; due to limited numbers, performances at WI meetings are very limited and will be addressed on an individual basis.

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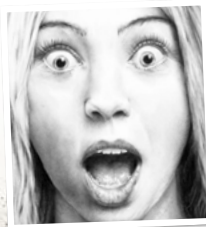
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