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Audley Ellerslie

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If you or someone you know would like to explore this village with a private tour to view the stunning facilities and apartments please visit **www.audleyvillages.co.uk/visitellerslie** or contact us via email at **ellersliesales@audleyvillages.co.uk** or call **01684 491002**.

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Email alexandra.craigie@nhs.net

Registered charity 1171155

RECOMMENDED SPEAKERS' BROCHURE 2026/27

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 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 £1.50 each, plus postage. This brochure will be available on SharePoint for all WI officers to view.

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SECTION 1 – GENERAL

* denotes "Short Notice" Speaker
✓ denotes recommendation received
➔ denotes New Speaker for this year

Name and contact details	Subject(s)
*** 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; £10 for longer distances In person and Zoom talks given (except Nos 2 & 6 on zoom)	1. Facelift without surgery – techniques to reverse wrinkles and enhance your face and neck 2. Cutting edge stem-cell technology. Rejuvenate your body, calm your mind, reverse pain, cheaply, without chemicals or injections. Demonstrations done on volunteers to reduce pain. 3. How to release your stress, learn to relax and increase your stamina- Tai Chi based work 4. Acupuncture: Talk on how this 5,000-year-old system works to improve your health. 5. Biodanza- guided dance for fun. No steps to learn! 6. Tai Chi and Qigong- Talk and gentle exercises to calm your mind and improve balance
*** Christine Armstrong** 28 Hallow Lane Lower Broadheath Worcester WR2 6QL Tel: 07708 915345 Email: christine@christinearmstrong.co.uk Fee: £50 including travel In person and Zoom talks given	**1. New –** Worcester to Morocco and back by train and boat- An 8-week odyssey 2. Worcester to Malta and back by train and boat. An 8-week Interrail adventure 3. Exploring Argentina and the remote South Atlantic islands of The Falklands, South Georgia, Tristan da Cunha and St Helena. 4. Cycling the world. A 2-year bike trip post-retirement 5. By bus through Central America. 7 countries in 7 weeks. 6. Cycling in Japan. An 8-week odyssey. 7. New Zealand on a 3-month cycle tour 8. Across Europe by bike from England to Serbia 9. Worcester to Morocco and back by train and boat- An 8 week odyssey
***Caroline Butcher** Hats CbyC 24 St Andrew's Street Droitwich Spa WR9 8DY Tel: 01905 412162 Email: info@hatscbyc.co.uk Website: www.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.

John Butterworth
3 Old Malthouse Court
Brewery Walk
Worcester
WR1 3HY
Tel: 07955 262633 / 01905 617058
Email: john@jbutterworth.plus.com
or
jbutterworth510@gmail.com
Fee: £65 + £5 travel
In person talks only

1. **New talk** – Turkish delights of Northern Cyprus
2. **New talk** – Editing the UK's fourth oldest newspaper
3. **New talk** – Seychelles revisited
4. **New talk** – Egypt – Three sides of the pyramid
5. **New talk** – 400 Christmases at a famous hotel
6. Trip to the Antartica
7. Six of the Best Christmases
8. A Day at the Palace – The day I was presented with the MBE by the Queen.
9. Adventures in Uganda: In 2018 I visited a 9-year-old boy I sponsor in a school in a remote village.
10. 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
11. 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
12. Hotel with a Famous Guest List – A fascinating history of a hotel and the many characters who have stayed there
13. Off the Beaten Track – An overland trip to Nepal to deliver a Land Rover to a Leprosy hospital
14. The Nurse who changed Guinea – Bissau – The fascinating story of nurse Lily Gaynor
15. The Stagecoach Era – How it changed our area, the famous drivers and the pros & cons of travelling by one
16. Official visit to China as the country opened up in 1986

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* **Sandy Cale**
Worcester Walks History Tour Guides
6 Otley Close
Worcester WR4 0BJ
Tel: (Home) 01905 21286
Mobile: 07890 222117
Email: sandycale60@gmail.com
Website: www.worcesterwalks.co.uk
Fee: £50 + 35p mile travelling
max 25 miles
In person talks

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

***Hazel Carter**
197 Mill Lane
Dorridge
Solihull
West Midlands
B93 8NU
Tel: 07710 873105
Email: hazelcarterauthor@outlook.com
Websites: https://speakernet.co.uk/speaker/2127/hazel-carter
https://lifesgoodbook.co.uk/talks-by-hazel-carter-reviews
Fee: Nil
In person talk/presentation

Talks by Hazel Carter – no fee, (donation, which will go to Hazel's charities, is welcomed)

1. **NEW TALK for 2026 -** Adventures of a Widow with One Kidney – a travel talk with a twist. Hazel is one of less than 200,000 people in the world who have crossed both the Antarctic circle and the Arctic circle and has been to some of the world's most exotic locations in between. Be prepared to go on a fabulous adventure without leaving your seat!
2. Elaine's coming out – an amusing, educational and inspirational look at donating a kidney to save a life
3. Life's good, it's the disease that's the problem – a love story about courage and determination
4. A mother in other ways – how Hazel found inspirational ways to overcome the sadness of discovering she would never have children of her own
5. Caregiving – how to avoid burnout – practical guidance for people who are caregivers

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***Chris Champness**
Polhawn
Archenfield Road
Ross on Wye
Herefordshire HR9 5BA
Tel: 07990 534990
Email: fluffystuffinfo@gmail.com
Website: www.fluffystuffuk.com
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!)
3. Make Your Own Crochet and Plaited Bracelet (No crochet skill required) Each bracelet has an additional cost of £2.50 to cover material costs.

***David Chatterley**
23 Newport Close
Walkwood
Redditch B97 5PY
Tel: 01527 542389
Email: davidchatterley@virginmedia.com
Fee: £45 (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.

Nigel Christie
The Laurels
Suckley Road, Leigh
Worcester WR6 5LE
Tel: 07595 590154
Email: nigelbrucechristie@hotmail.com
Fee: £60 No travel expenses
In person and demonstration talks given

1. Antiques – tips on buying, selling and collecting. Examining the stories that they tell – their intrinsic and extrinsic value and history. Looking out for fakes and replicas. Basic, better, best. Interactive discovery. Quirky and unusual items presented and attendees welcome to bring along items of interest – for feedback and valuation.

Cobalt Imaging – Dr Felicity Jenkins
Cobalt Health
Linton House Clinic
Thirlestaine Lane
Cheltenham
GL53 7AS
Tel: 01242 535922
Email: fundraising@cobalthealth.co.uk
Fee: None

1. Cobalt Medical Charity: Diagnosis Research Education - A talk describing the current work and history of this innovative medical charity providing cutting edge medical imaging for clinical diagnosis and monitoring treatment, aimed primarily at the population of the Three Counties.

Cobalt also supports medical research in the fields of oncology and dementia to advance diagnosis and treatment. The charity provides free education to medical professionals.

***Marguerite Collins**
30 Redfern Avenue
Worcester
WR5 1PZ
Tel: 01905 356093
Email: collinsm9@yahoo.co.uk
Fee: £50+ £5-10 outside of Worcester
In person talks given and with PowerPoint Presentation

1. Madresfield – the True Brideshead. The local family who rose to aristocracy, gaining political power and the friendship of Kings before a deplorable scandal snatched it all away
2. Inside Worcester Crown Court - The history of Worcester Crown Court, the people within it and some shocking and bemusing trials from a former Court officer.
3. A Glimpse at Worcester's Hidden History - Something of the Worcester story unveiled through images, photos and little-known accounts from our history.
4. A Royalist Highwayman - The story of the most notorious yet courteous highwayman of 17th century and his connection to Worcester
5. Malvern Revisited Through Blue and Green Plaques: Malvern's eminent and distinguished people and buildings celebrated in its Blue and Green Plaques
6. In Pursuit of a King - A detailed account of the great and heroic escape of King Charles II from Cromwell's army after the Battle of Worcester.
7. Lost Worcester - A Virtual tour of Worcester looking at the changes to buildings and streets which have happened over the past 80 years
8. Go West Young Man! The Worcestershire family who emigrated to the Wild West frontier of Western Texas in 1850 – how they fared and what became of them.

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

1. Innsignia – A History of British Pubs and Pub Signs £60 + 45ppm
2. Sudeley Castle 1000 years of History £60 + 45ppm
3. The History of Pantomime £60 + 45ppm
4. A History of Cheltenham through Picture Postcards £60 + 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 £60 + 45ppm
9. The Story of the Two Ronnies £60 + 45ppm
10. History of Punch and Judy £60 + 45ppm

Andrew Crabtree
12 Bridge Road
Alveley
Bridgnorth WV15 6JP
Tel: 07712 389131
Email: andrewjcrabtree48@gmail.com
Website: www.andrewcrabtreepiano.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).

Maggi Davis
Sideways
Naunton
Upton upon Severn
WR8 0PY
Tel: 07963 689729
Email: maggi.davis@jda-design.co.uk
Fee: £60 +45ppm
In person and Zoom presentations/ talks and demonstrations

1. The Arts and Crafts Movement in the Cotswolds - Learn about the origins of the Arts & Craft Movement and the works they created. Find out about the Cotswold Makers.
2. Princess Sophia Duleep Singh - Sikh Suffragette - Find out about the daughter of the last Maharajah of the Sikh Empire - her links to Croome Court - her social conscience and involvement in the suffragette movement).
3. Hogarth's Prints and those he inspired. Learn about Hogarth's satirical prints including Gin Lane and Beer Street, and how they have inspired contemporary artists.
4. Postcolonial Art - African links to British Art. Learn how artists like Yinka Shonibare and Huw Locke have been inspired by Africa and the diaspora.
5. Hokusai - Japanese prints and drawing
   Explore famous works like The Great Wave and Mount Fuji as well as his lesser-known drawings.
6. Printmaking workshop (2 Hours) - Fee plus materials. Make several prints using a simple poly-printing method - Use to make greetings cards.

***Dalziel Ellis**
1 South Parade, Harbury
Warwickshire CV33 9HZ
Tel: 07712 673859
Email: ellisd1970@btinternet.com
Fee: £50 +60ppm
In person talks given

1. I'm a poet but not as you know it!

Meg Farmer
13 Westfield Road
Fernhill Heath WR3 7XE
Tel: 07909 643014
Email: meganfarmer991@yahoo.co.uk
Fee: £40 + 30p/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 – light hearted talk on one woman's mad life!

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

1. My passion for honeybees! - A one hour informative, humorous but entertaining talk on honeybees. In this presentation Simon will tell you about the value of bees to our planet, explain the various bees within the hive and highlight their very different lives, he will then surprise you by explaining the difference between a beekeeper's honey and supermarket 'honey'!
On show will be his observation hive (weather permitting), allowing you to see a working colony of bees including for many the once in a lifetime opportunity to see Her Majesty the Queen. Following the closing of the meeting various types of honey will be available for tasting and purchase as well as other bee related products including wax melts burners, beeswax and even bee hotels!

*** 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 –
daytime meetings 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
1 Leysfield
Harvington
WR11 8JF
Tel: 07817 576183
Email: info@fromtimetotime.co.uk
Website: www.fromtimetotime.co.uk
Fee: £70 + 45p per mile travel
In person talks

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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. Victorian Entertainments – from posh to the poor
5. A Day in the Life of a Victorian Lady and her housekeeper
6. Christmas – Tudor, Victorian, Regency, WW2, 1920's
7. Love, Sex and Marriage – a light hearted look in the 16th to 20th centuries

*** Herefordshire and Worcestershire Magistrates Association**
James Harper
Tel: 07391 875570
Email: james.harper.jp@ejudiciary.net
Fee: Nil but a donation can be made to Worcestershire Magistrates Association

1. The Magistracy

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

*** David Jellie**
51 Fairfield Road
Bromsgrove B61 9JL
Tel: 07948 392328
Email: daviddjel@gmail.com
Website: www.downinthehedgerow.com
In person and Zoom talks given
Fee: £45 + 50ppm after 10 miles

1. A Walk in the Woods - Woodland photography and photographic tips
2. How Photography Changed the World – A brief history of photography and a subjective look at the benefits and pitfalls.

➔*Sue Johns
Wallsmead House
Holly Lane
Ombersley
WR9 0JD
Tel: 07989 863276
Email: sue@suejohns.com
Or sue@wallsmead.com
Fee and travel: Donation
In person talk

1. "Leaving Ukraine" by Sue Johns – How a Teenage Refugee Finds a Home in an English Village

This is the true story behind the book "Leaving Ukraine". 16-year-old Yurii leaves Kyiv when the Russians invade and travels alone across Europe looking for somewhere safe to stay. Fate connects him with the author and he ends up living with her in a Worcestershire village for 2.5 years. Living together is full of challenges.

***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
Local evening talks only; daytime talks – longer distance covered

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
8. Tales of Tress (Poetry Reading with partner Bob Woodroofe)
9. Writing Workshop Taster
10. 1816 – The Year without a Summer

***Analiza Jones**
53 Clopton Road
Stratford upon Avon
Warwickshire CV37 6SN
Tel: 07743 565185
Email: siimpp@yahoo.com
Website: https://www.facebook.com/p/Habi-Bags-100054404925332/
Fee: £50+ 45ppm
In person talks only

1. The Making of Hand-woven bags from the Philippines - supported by a PowerPoint presentation showing harvesting, dyeing and weaving of plant fibres.
2. Shell Craft from the Philippines - with videos showing the daring ways how the shells are harvested and products made from them.
3. Philippines Culturally Quirky - humorous talk on the lives of ordinary Filipinos which other people might find it amusing, strange or even weird!
4. Loco about Coco - (crazy about coconut) a talk and demonstration about coconut shells and products made from them.

➔Tim Kaye - Cultivating Learning and Nature
43 Crossways
Peterchurch
HR2 0TQ
Tel: 07980 863577
Email: tim@clan-cic.org
Fee: £65 + 45ppm

1. The Life of the Hedgerow
   Our most popular talk this explores the wonder of the hedgerow in the UK including its key species, interconnections, history and management.
2. Wildlife in the Garden
   An exploration of what you can discover in your own back yard. From slow-worms to springtails, dunnocks to dragonflies there is so much to find!
3. A fondness for Beetles
   Beetles make up around 25% of all known animal species and we will entertain you with a few from the UK. We will look at their ecology, diversity and life-cycles.
4. Moths – not just for the night time
   Did you know that there are more day flying moths than breeding butterfly species in the UK? Of that there are 2500 species here and we will look at a few of them.
5. Fungi the forgotten Kingdom
   Our ever-popular talk will uncover the secrets of this amazing life form. From the deadly to the edible, we will explore some of our 10,000 species!
6. Furzepigs and Moldywarps - Investigating Britain's Mammals
   We delve into the world of the mammal from the venomous shrew to the frenetic weasel discovering the mythology and biology of these amazing creatures found in the UK
7. Bees of the UK
   We barely mention the honey bee and concentrate on the UKs other bee species which number 250 and look at their amazing lifestyles
8. Bugging Out – what is a true bug?
   Most people have come across the Green Shield Bug but what other family members are there? Find out more in this enlightening talk.

➔***Brian Miller–Hall**
Follys End
Brampton Abbotts
Ross on Wye
HR9 7JD
Tel: 07810 850069
Email: millerhallb@gmail.com
Fee: £65 + 40ppm

1. The Honeybee and Bee keeping

Colin Millett
14 Hazleton Road
Marlbrook
Bromsgrove
B61 0JE
Tel: 07968 279569
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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
2. Ladies of 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
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.
5. Worcester Porcelain: My Desert Island Selection'- Colin Millett illustrates and shares with his audience the reasons behind his choices of fabulous Worcester Porcelain pieces he would take with him, if ever he was cast away on a desert island – a distinctly increasing possibility according to his wife, Frances, if he doesn't stop adding to his collection! An informative and entertaining talk guaranteed!
6. George Owen: Master Reticulator - A highly illustrated and fascinating talk about a unique, remarkable and exceptionally talented Royal Worcester craftsman. George Owen was probably the greatest ever reticulator (piercer) of porcelain the world has ever known. The beautiful images Colin uses in his PowerPoint presentation to illustrate the sheer brilliance of Owen's work will leave you spellbound. An amazing story – one you will never forget, once you see the fantastic, intricate piece he created.

***Bernard Mills**
46 St Mary's Close
Kempsey
Worcester, WR5 3JX
Tel: 01905 820195 / 07767 692957
Email: bernard_mills@sky.com
Fee: £50 inclusive of travel
In person talks only
Need a Parking Space,
some assistance

1. A Shop in a Book - The history of Kays of Worcester
2. What We Bought – a journey through the items that were sold during the 20th Century by Kays

Both talks are delivered in Person, and all the necessary equipment is provided by the speaker.

➔***Freddy Naftel**
30 Tithe Court
Middle Littleton
Evesham
WR11 8LR
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Email: freddysmith97@gmail.com
Fee: £70 + £15/20 travel

1. **Great Film Music-Hollywood and Beyond** [Stirring and haunting soundtracks with stills. Music by Korngold, Rozsa, Bernstein, Vangelis, Ortolani and many more].
2. **A Musical World Tour** – Nationalistic music that takes you form Britain to France, Germany to Hungary, Sweden to Finland, Spain to Australia. Colourful music and photos without having to travel on an aeroplane!
3. **Landscapes in Music** – Scenic grandeur of some of the world's most fascinating landscapes. The Canadian Rockies, Arctic Tundras and Icelandic Volcanoes all brought to life in picturesque music.
4. **Best of British** – A journey through some of the most beautiful scenery that Britain has to offer, enhanced by the music of two of Britain's greatest composers, Malcolm Arnold and Ralph Vaughan Williams. A surprise awaits every so often!
5. **Gustav Holst and The Planets** – Exploring the genesis of Holst's enduring masterpiece through his own life and music, his interest in astronomy and astrology plus a look at the mythology behind the appropriately-named Roman and Greek Gods. The music is brought to life with appropriate images to enhance the colour and drama.
6. **Winter Wonderland/Festive Delights** – Suitable for the pre-Christmas and New Year celebrations, a delightful concoction of music from "Frozen", "The Nutcracker", a couple of Sleigh Rides, the thrill of a Slalom trail and Norwegian Trolls.
7. **Great Film Music 2 - The 1960s to 1980s** – Familiar and unfamiliar soundtracks from the likes of John Barry(James Bond), Jerry Goldsmith(Man from Uncle/ Planet of the Apes), Ennio Morricone (The Mission, The Good, The Bad and The Ugly), John Williams and many more. Film stills again enhance the power and sweep of the music.
8. **Carnival of the Animals and Other Fantastic Creatures** – What music do you think would best illustrate certain animals, both small and large? Saint-Saens' fun work is one such piece, but can you name any others? Ever heard music suitable for whales or bats?
9. **Music from Shakespeare - Film and Theatre Productions** - Henry V and Richard III [Olivier-music by William Walton]
   As You Like It [music by Walton]
   Romeo and Juliet [Ballet music by Prokofev]
   Midsummer Night's Dream [incidental music by Mendelssohn + a 20th production with music by Korngold]
   Julius Caesar [radio play with music by John Ireland]
   Falstaff [a symphonic study by Edward Elgar]

All of the above talks/presentations come replete with amusing anecdotes and observations within a generally light-hearted approach. My overall intention is to entertain the audience.

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Email: kateoakley135@btinternet.com
Website: www.planting4hopeuganda
Fee: Donation to the charity and travel
In person presentation given

1. Planting for Hope Uganda – Enabling the bush village of Kititi, Uganda, to work towards self- sufficiency and sustainable development. To educate the children in the village to secondary level standard.

***Sheila Oxspring**
The Laurels
8A Dark Lane, Stoke Heath
Bromsgrove B60 3BH
Tel: 01527 837783
Email: sheilaox1@outlook.com
Website: bromsgrovehomeopath.co.uk
Fee: £70 includes travel
Zoom or in person talks given

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

➔**Suki Pantal**
1 Gospel Place
Ranelagh Road
Malvern
WR14 1BT
Tel: 07761 971516
Email: suki@sukipantal.com
Fee: £45 per demonstration plus 45ppm travel
Cookery demo has an additional £2 pp for perishables
Talk with demonstration

1. Regional Flavours: North & South India – Two Dishes
   Discover the best of India in one demo. Suki will cook one classic North Indian curry and one vibrant South Indian side dish, showing how spices define regional tastes. Learn simple tricks for balancing flavours, prepping ingredients efficiently, and using everyday spices. Perfect for cooks keen to explore authentic dishes without fuss or overwhelm
2. Airfried Chicken: Crispy, Healthy, Delicious
   Transform your chicken with airfryer magic! Suki demonstrates easy recipes from her cookbook, showing how to achieve crispiness and flavour with less oil.
   Get spice breakdowns, timing hacks, and portion tips. Learn how simple spice mixes can elevate any meal, making home-cooked chicken quick, healthy, and full of authentic Indian taste.
3. Chicken Masala Essentials
   Focus on one classic chicken masala recipe from Suki's cookbook and unlock its secrets. Suki demonstrates spice breakdowns, cooking tips, and hacks for tender, juicy results. Perfect for anyone wanting to master a single, impressive dish with minimal fuss, while learning techniques that can be adapted to other Indian recipes.
4. Easy Weeknight Meals
   A single theme demo on Indian cooking for busy schedules. Suki shares one versatile dish and demonstrates shortcuts, spice hacks, and plating tips. Attendees leave with inspiration for quick, balanced meals that are authentic, flavourful, and manageable on a weeknight timetable.
5. Simple Spiced Vegetables
   Transform everyday vegetables into vibrant Indian dishes. Suki shows how spices elevate taste without overwhelming the cook. Tips include spice layering, cooking hacks, and balancing heat. A hands-on demo that proves Indian cooking can be quick, flavourful, and approachable, perfect for busy weeknights or easy entertaining.
6. Regional India Spotlight: South India
   Dive into the flavours of South India with Suki. One signature dish showcases the use of fresh spices and coconut for authentic taste. Learn how to measure, combine, and cook spices effectively, plus hacks for speeding up prep. Attendees leave with confidence to explore regional cooking without feeling intimidated.

   Ingredients, perishables and spices for the cookery demonstration will be charged £2 per person extra. We will have a food tasting post demo and the quantity of the dish will cater for the audience.

Diane Porterfield Bourne
48 Santa Maria Way
Stourport on Severn.
DY13 9RX
Tel:07825 925493
Email: enquiries@bourne2care.co.uk
Fee: £60 + 45ppm
In person talks only

1. What is the Menopause, Signs and Symptoms, How our bodies change during the Menopause. I'll explain what the menopause is, our female hormones, common and uncommon symptoms- both physical and psychological and how you can help to improve your symptoms.
2. HRT, types, doses and how it improves health and reduces symptoms of menopause. I'll explain what HRT is, the story of HRT prescribing and where we are today. The role of HRT, benefits, risks, side effects and how to get the correct dose for you. Case Studies based on HRT, symptoms and health.
3. Mental Health, Menopause and MOJO. I'll explain about hormones and how they impact your emotional wellbeing. Understanding your triggers, what you can do to improve your mental health during Mid life. What is your MOJO or am I just getting old? Coping strategies and discussions based on my personal and clinical experiences.
4. Neurodivergence and Menopause; What's the Link? Evidence and my clinical experiences. I'll discuss evidence, facts, dispel myths and explain about the link I have seen in clinical practice that affects menopausal women.
5. Relationships and libido; How this changes during the menopause and how we can navigate this. I'll explain how the menopause impacts our desire, our relationships and how vaginal symptoms impact libido and vaginal health. Knowing what products/medications may help and why.
6. Health living/lifestyle and understanding it's importance of during mid life and beyond. Understanding the importance of healthy lifestyles; including weight management, alcohol, fitness and improving mental health and wellbeing. I'll discuss research and why certain health advice has changed.
7. How to talk to healthcare professionals about your health. I help many women understand their health and equip them to talk to other health care professionals. Based on 36 years of nursing and 20 years as a nurse practitioner assessing and managing health. Many ladies tell me during the menopause they don't feel listened to or prescribed the right medication. I empower women to get control and ensure you can explain yourself clearly.

Peter & Margaret Preece
5 Orchard Way, Studley
Warwickshire B80 7NZ
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Email: peterpreece777@btinternet.com
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Fee: £45 + cost of petrol used only
In person talks only

1. Every Picture tells a story – Part 1 and 2
2. Hide and Seek – Part 1 and 2
3. Lock Down – Part 1 and 2
   All 6 digital presentations are one hour long on natural history photography

Avril Pulley
13 Dinchall Road
Spetchley Road
Worcester WR5 2ND
Tel: 07773 400958
Email: a.pulley13@hotmail.com
Fee: £45 + 50p per mile
In person talks only

1. A demonstration of handmade flowers
2. 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
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Fee: £60 + 40p a mile for travel
In person talks only

1. NEW TALKS 1-4: Masquerades, fattening rooms and medicine men – a unique, personal experience in W Africa
2. The Art of the Silk Road
3. Life and Art in Medieval England
4. The Wonderful Ballet Russe – How this ballet influenced art, music and fashion. (This talk is about the Russian Ballet that took Europe by storm in the early 20th century with music by Stravinsky etc and artwork by Picasso, Moro etc, costumes by Bakst)
5. Costumes and Cultures of the Maya of Central America
6. Costumes and Culture of Southwest China (brings costumes and hats)
7. Costumes and Cultures of Peru (brings costumes and hats)
8. Carnival around the world (brings costumes and masks)
9. First Nation art from NW Coast America
10. Body art around the world

***Tracey Silvermore (based in Evesham)**
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Holborn
London
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Email: tracey.silvermore@healthandhope.org
Website: www.healthandhope.org
Fee: Donation
Talk and slides

1. This enlightening and informative talk will introduce attendees to Health & Hope, our history supporting the people of Myanmar since 2009, and our programmes as we work in partnership with local communities to deliver vital healthcare, education, humanitarian relief, and livelihoods supporting refugees and the displaced. The brutal military coup of 2021 has plunged the country into deep crisis; our work supports and gives hope to those who have lost everything.

➔***Clare Smout**
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Fee: £55 + 17ppm

1. The Women Behind Shakespeare's Success - Behind every successful man there stands a woman – or several. This talk explores the surprisingly dramatic lives of Shakespeare's mother and sisters, wife and daughters; how they shaped his ideas of womanhood, influenced his work and supported his career. It concludes by examining the very different impact and experiences of two figures from his life in London.
2. The Women of Shakespeare's Family - A variant of Talk 1, offered in response to the film "Hamnet". This focuses less on how the women of Shakespeare's family influenced him and more on the historical detail of their lives, in particular that of his wife, Anne/Agnes Hathaway. (To make time for this, it excludes the women from London.)
3. The Twelve Months of the Year, in Art and Popular Culture- Starting with some 'fun facts' (Why is February so short? How did the months get their names? Why are there 12 months, not 13?), this talk then explores depictions of the months in art, from the 14th century through Bruegel and William Morris to the WI's very own "calendar girls". It ends by considering equivalent modern landmarks shaping the year.
4. The Art of Portraiture in Elizabethan England - This talk examines a full range of Elizabethan portraits, from highly symbolic public paintings of the queen to fashionable intimate 'miniatures' which could be held in the palm of your hand – ideal for sending as love gifts. The second half concentrates on images of parents and children, before ending with the weirdest and most unique portraits of the period.
5. Fashion, Fabric and Theatrical Clothing in Shakespeare's England - Initial 'fun facts' explore how laws restricted the colours and fabrics which different members of society were allowed to wear, why black was the most expensive colour and why people 'stored' their money in clothes rather than cash. It then traces the development of fashions onstage and off and the incredible embroidered fabrics worn by the queen and her court.

***David Withey**
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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. Mostly Quotes and Anecdotes - Consisting of various quotations, many of them humorous, but also mixed in will be some profound and thought-provoking quotes.

➔**JO Worthy-Jones**
Haven 4 Wildlife
2 Brick Walk
Honeybourne
WR11 7PX
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Fee: £80 + 5-10 travel

1. Secret Life of Trees Part 1 - an insight into how and why trees grow and live like they do including how they keep themselves upright, how they breathe and how they make use of the resources available to them.
2. Secret Life of Trees Part 2 A deeper dive into the internal workings of trees and how they communicate with each other. Follows on from Part 1, but can be presented without having seen it first.
3. Bumblebees in Spring - learn about the life of a Queen Bumblebee as she emerges after her winter hibernation, the challenges she faces and how important our gardens are for the next generations' survival.
4. Solitary Bees - find out about the bees that most people overlook, their lifecycle and nesting habits. Includes a video of a solitary bee provisioning cells for her newly laid eggs.
5. Gardening with Wildlife in Mind - 7 Top Tips showing how and why gardening with wildlife in mind can support our native wildlife such as birds, pollinators and amphibians.
6. The Importance of Water in our Gardens - water is vital for life, and the wildlife visiting our gardens needs a regular supply too. We'll look at the different ways water is used and how gardeners can make sure they are helping wildlife, particularly as we face longer periods of drought or deluge.
7. Plants for Pollinators - different pollinators need different types of plants. This talk will cover the different needs and give lots of information on the types of plants to have in a garden that will support our wildlife.
8. Plants for a Changing World - with the seasons changing and there being more periods of drought and deluge, choosing the right plants for your garden is more important than ever.

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 350 Bath Road Worcester WR5 3EZ Tel: 01905 767676 Email: supporter.services@acorns.org.uk For WIs with a postcode of DY10-14, GL10-12, GL14-20, HR1-9, WR2, WR5, WR6, WR8, WR9, WR13-15 PLEASE CONTACT Jayne Charles on jayne.charles@acorns.org.uk And for WIs with a postcode area of B96-B98, CV31-37, CV47, GL1-GL9, GL50-GL56, WR1, WR3, WR4, WR7, WR10-12 please contact Rowan on rowan.grigg@acorns.org.uk https://www.acorns.org.uk/contact-us/	1. The history and work of Acorns 2. Fundraising 3. Volunteering
***ACTION FOR CHILDREN:** Tel: 0300 123 2112 (open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday) Email: ask.us@actionforchildren.org.uk Fee: Donation	1. Work of AFC 2. Fund Raising for AFC 3. Methodist links with AFC
AGE UK David Hooper Tel: 0330 164 7015 Email: art@ageukwmh.org	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	1. Red Cross & First Aid Awareness - see website for more details

CANAL AND RIVER TRUST

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

CFR – HEREFORD & WORCESTER FIRST RESPONDERS
Email: sue.watkins2016@gmail.com
Website: http://www.hwcfr.org.uk/home
Fee: Donation
In person and Zoom talks given

1. Providing trained volunteers to attend medical emergencies as directed by the West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust.
   How the Scheme works and the functions we carry out
2. Awareness sessions can also be arranged.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
Claire McMinn - Community Relationship Manager
Email: claire.mcminn@childrenssociety.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 (Formally known as Dogs for the Disabled)
Fundraising Department
The Frances Hay Centre
Blacklocks Hill, Banbury OX17 2BS
Tel: 01295 759824
Email: events@dogsforgood.org
Website: www.dogsforgood.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

FCN – Farming Community Network
Sam Evans
Tel: 07799 663838
Email: sam@fcn.org.uk
Website: fcn.org.uk

1. A voluntary organisation and charity that aims to improve the health and wellbeing of people in farming and 'walk with' people at times of difficulty and change. FCN has recently launched a new UK-wide partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support, which aims to help to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of cancer and improve the support available to people living with cancer in farming communities and rural areas.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION
Dr Jean Emberlin
Guide Dogs for the Blind Volunteer
Tel: 07584 288493
Email: jean.emberlin@btinternet.com
Website: www.guidedogs.org.uk
Fee: Normal speaker fee that the WI branch would pay / Donation
In person talks given

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.

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 WITH HEARING LINK SERVICES

Merleen Watson MBE with her hearing dog Zyla
2 The Court, Back Lane
Broadway WR12 7BF
Tel: 07966 518502 (text)
Email: lunarc.mw@gmail.com*
*Preferred means of contact
Fee: Donation to the charity + 35ppm

1. 'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People' - how our amazing dogs transform the lives of their recipients, including an introduction to the work and support available from Hearing Link Services. This usually includes a small demonstration from Zyla.
2. 'One in Four' General information about hearing loss and its impact.
3. 'Your hearing journey '– issues relating to audiology, the challenges of hearing loss and the help available.

Helpful Hours topics, written and delivered by people with hearing loss – who have experienced life with hearing loss at first hand, with all the challenges! Lots of useful tips, information about technology and useful apps,
a) 'How to get the most from your audiology appointment' – How to prepare and what to expect.
b) 'Managing your Healthcare with hearing loss' – how to prepare for healthcare services delivered by the NHS, including GPs, Hospitals, pharmacies, and opticians.
c) Your homelife, your hearing' - useful tips on explaining hearing loss to family and friends, with communication guidelines.
d) 'Out and About with Hearing Loss' – Support for starting or continuing hobbies, classes that you once enjoyed, or would like to try.

Merleen is passionate about supporting and informing people about managing their hearing loss. As a Peer Support Volunteer with Hearing Link, she works closely with those seeking help and advice on hearing loss for themselves or a loved one. She is part of the team that creates and delivers regular 'Helpful Hours' webinars, which are free to access online or that Merleen can deliver in person to a group. Merleen works closely with Sensory Matters, Worcester and Wychavon Sensory Support team to promote best practices, supporting people with hearing loss and signposting the range of support available, both nationally and locally. Merleen works closely with the Access Advisory Group in Gloucester Hospitals NHS Trust, where she is works with staff, focusing on communication and raising awareness of hearing impairment. She is often involved in ward reviews and is passionate about promoting best practice in supporting patients, staff, and volunteers. Merleen is a volunteer speaker for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, having delivered over 400 talks to more than 15,000 people since 2011.

Merleen was awarded an M.B.E. in the King's Birthday Honours List, 2025. The citation reads 'For services to the Deaf and Hearing-Impaired Community in Worcestershire', in practice, Merleen travels far beyond the county boundary! She also received a Rotary Community Spirit Award in 2024, ten years after being presented with the Hearing Dogs Volunteer of the Year Award by HRH The Princess Anne, Royal Patron of the charity, who also awarded Meleen with the M.B.E., during Deaf Awareness Week 2026 – a real coincidence!.

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
Email: adam.evans@leukaemiacare.org.uk
Website: www.leukaemiacare.org.uk

1. What is Leukaemia
2. Blood cancer awareness
3. Signs and symptoms of blood cancer
4. Practical and emotional support available
5. Treatment side effects
6. Leukaemia Care's Worcester Royal Hospital Hub.
7. Blood cancer support groups
8. Patient stories

MACULAR SOCIETY
Wendy & Roger Pepper
25 Cofton Church Lane
Cofton Hackett
Birmingham B45 8PS
Tel: 0121 445 1585
Email: wendy_pepper@btinternet.com
Website: www.macularsociety.org
Fee: Donation + travel
In person talks given

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.

MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE:
Marie Curie Cancer Care
Website: www.mariecurie.org.uk
Fee: Donation

1. Work of Marie Curie

MENTOR LINK
The Forum
Anchor Drive, Worcester Road
Stourport on Severn DY13 9BZ
Tel: 01299 822336
Mobile: 07855 940141
Email: andrea.maddocks@mentorlink.org.uk
Website: www.mentorlink.org.uk
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1. Children's Charity providing a dedicated mentoring service for children facing social/emotional and mental health difficulties in schools.

MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY
Airbase Avenue, Neachley
Shifnal TF11 8UR
Tel: 0800 840 2040
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diane.thomson@midlansairambulance.com
Tel: 07787 148110
Nationally:
Email: info@midlandsairambulance.com
or call 07849 845618.
Website: www.midlandsairambulance.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 Midlands Combinable Crops Board
Mob: 07469 084691
Email: emma.hamer@nfu.org.uk

1. Why Farming Matters and other related topics
2. Pests and Diseases have known and loved
3. Hedges

***OROMIA SUPPORT GROUP:**
Dr Trevor Trueman
Tel: 07852 448337
Email: osg@talktalk.net
Website: oromiasupport.org
Fee: Donation (within 50 miles)
In person and virtual talks given

1. Ethiopia – Human Rights situation for the unsung 40 million Oromo people about whom little is known despite their being the most numerous people in Ethiopia (40-45 million out of 120 million).
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

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

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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

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
Hannah Beech
Wellbeing Activities Coordinator
Sight Concern Worcestershire
The Bradbury Centre
2 Sansome Walk
Worcester WR1 1LH
Tel: 01905 723245
Mobile: 07435 950797
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.

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

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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
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Pam Sutton
TROOP AID
Unit 21 Radway Road
Shirley, Solihull B90 4NR
Tel: 01217 117215
Email: pam@troopaid.info
Fee: donation

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2. Supporting Injured Troops

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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 givwe a talk on keeping fit and active, minimising the risdk of joint problems. They will go through specific exercises on how to keep supple etc.

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Mr Andrew Harris or other Member
Lower Smite Farm, Smite Hill
Hindlip, Worcester WR3 8SZ
Tel: 01905 754919
Email: enquiries@worcestershirewildlifetrust.org
Website: www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk
Fee: Donation to the Trust or VSO

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.

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Worcester WR1 2LF
Tel: 01905 611655
Email: office@wmrsasc.org.uk

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www.talktofrank.com

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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

Droitwich - Victoria Square,
Droitwich WR9 8DQ

Evesham - 13 Port St,
Evesham WR11 3LD

Halesowen - 11-15 Queensway,
Halesowen B63 4AZ

Stourbridge – 69 Market St,
Stourbridge DY8 1AQ

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

Worcester - The Old Glove Factory,
13a Lowesmoor, Worcester WR1 2RS

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

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

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.

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/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs

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RELATE WORCESTERSHIRE:
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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: 01905 116123
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

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C/o Creative Activities Sub-committee
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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 their own choir or 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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Date: .....

Dear .....

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.....

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Yours sincerely

..... **Programme Secretary**

SPEAKER TO RETURN TO WI

REPLY FORM

NAME	
ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE / EMAIL	
SUBJECT	
DETAILS OF INTEREST	
FEE / EXPENSES	
DATE OF TALK	
EQUIPMENT NEEDED	
OTHER REQUIREMENTS	

To be handed to Treasurer on arrival

Date: .....

Speaker / Fee: .....

Received (Signature): .....

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After exploring our wonderful garden, why not enjoy afternoon tea or lunch in our large Tearoom? We have mouthwatering cakes and scones to choose from, as well as hot meals, and a great selection of teas and coffees.

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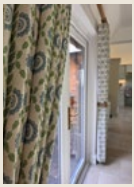

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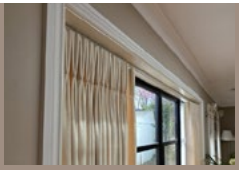

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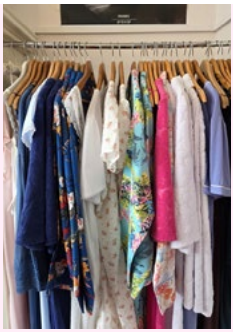

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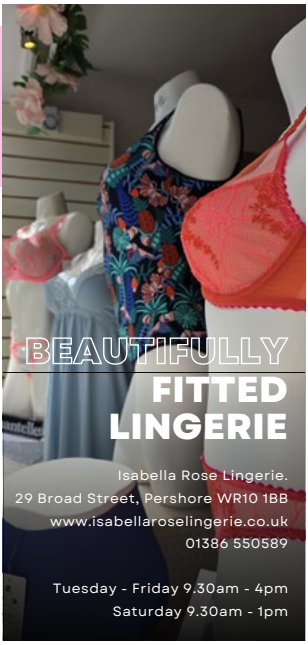

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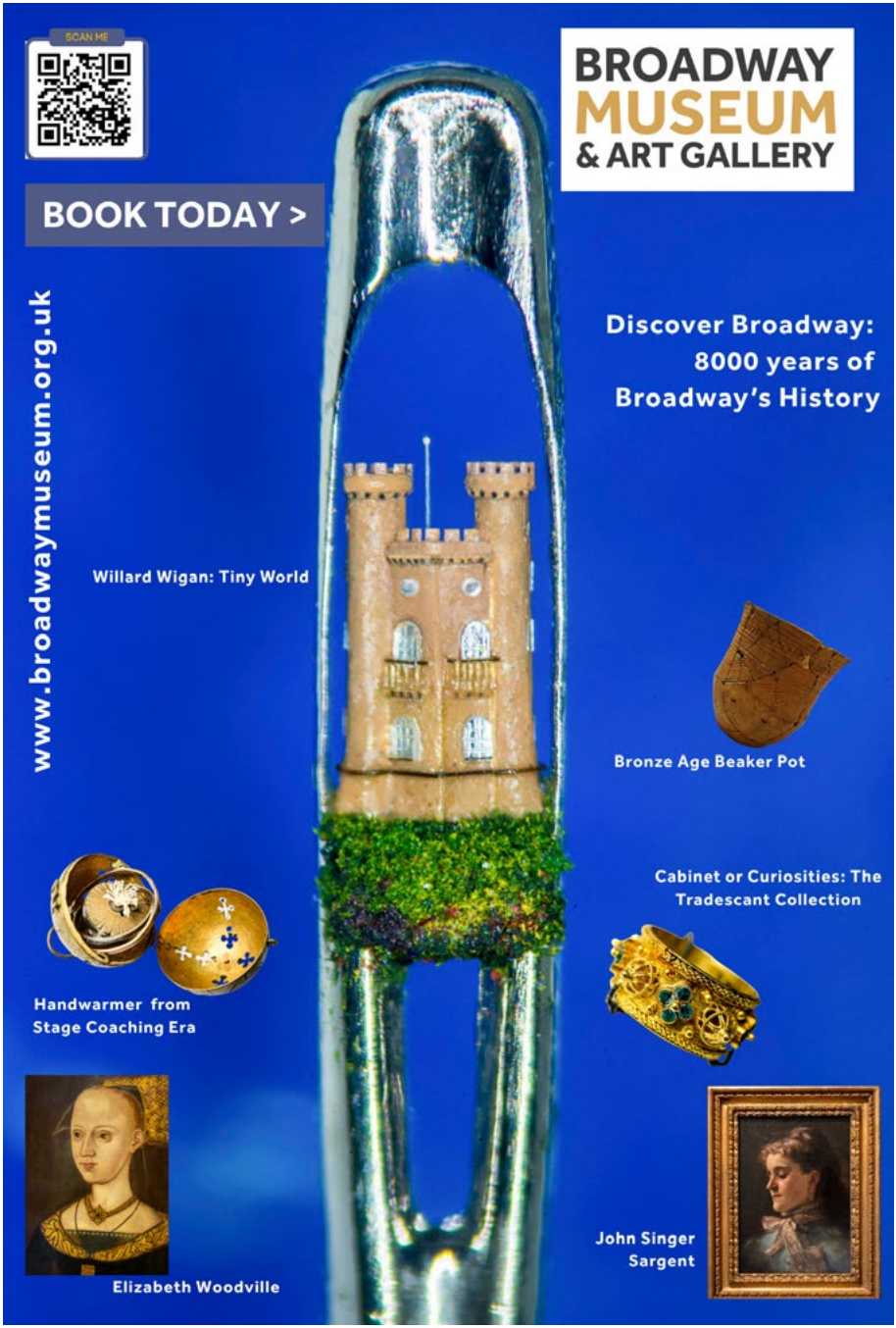
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Willard Wigan: Tiny World Opens 10 July 2026

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Willard Wigan: Tiny World offers visitors a rare opportunity to encounter these remarkable creations up close and to discover the story behind the artist's unique vision, resilience, and imagination.

The exhibition will feature:

- Microscopic sculptures invisible to the human eye without magnification
- Rare and iconic works from across Wigan's career
- Insight into the artist's extraordinary creative process
- Talks and appearances by Willard Wigan throughout the exhibition period

Dr Willard Wigan MBE will personally introduce visitors to his miniature universe through a series of talks and special appearances during the exhibition's run from 10 July 2026 until 9 July 2027.

Exhibition: Willard Wigan: Tiny World
Opening Date: 10 July 2026
Exhibition Dates: 10 July 2026 – 9 July 2027
Artist Appearances & Talks: Throughout the exhibition run
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