

North Yorkshire West Federation WI - Speakers List - updated 24th April 2025																		
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BAKING	Mike Armstrong				Y							Y		Y		bakery11@hotmail.co.uk	£100	Up to 75mins travelling time from Keighley. fee includes travel costs. 75 minute demonstration and recipes sent via email before meeting. Require 2 large tables and an oven Does different themes Christmas, Afternoon Treats etc. Please ask. Includes 6 bakes and fun fact history.
BACKSTAGE AND BEYOND	Zoe Phillips											Y		Y		bydeckleandhyde@gmail.com	£65	Plus travel at 45ppm. Will travel 50-60 mins from Wetherby. Requires internet access projector and screen with sound Working for 12 years at the Royal Opera House looking after their Armoury needs. Including gun safety and making all accoutrements. Her clients now include the Royal armouries, opera North and Hamilton the Musical. She shares her skills and tutors at Henshaw's art and crafts centre working with adults with additional needs.
BEHIND THE MORTUARY DOOR	Will Adams											Y		Y		shelaghgarside516@gmail.com	£120 including transport and expenses	Covers North Yorkshire & North East but will travel further. No equipment or min/max numbers. Will is a Trade Embalmer and travels to a number of different Funeral Homes in the Yorkshire area. He has been in the Funeral Business for over 30 years caring for over 25000 of peoples loved ones who have passed away and is an expert in his field.Will gives is a short history of embalming, how and why he became an Embalmer. An insight into what happens to loved ones when they pass away is explained with respect and caring and why they may be embalmed. Will takes questions during his talk and answers the difficult questions people would like to know and are sometimes unsure of asking at the time a funeral is arranged. The talk can last for around 2 hours dependant on how many questions are asked and is given with professional and expert knowledge but with touches of humour.
CHOICE OF THREE: 1. SCALPEL TO SPADE. 2. NATURE FOR GOOD HEALTH. 3. ENCOURAGING NATURE INTO YOUR GARDEN	Helen Neave							Y				Y		Y		helen@makeitwild.co.uk	£60	Talk 1. This recalls a drastic career change; the others are self explanatory. Helen requires a table and a slide projector and a suitable wall, or screen. Area covered includes, Harrogate, Northallerton, York, Richmond and Darlington. There may be travel charges.
LIFE OF A TV/FILM EXTRA	David Grant											y		Y		davidh.grant@icloud.com	£50	Plus 25ppm travel. David will travel 70 miles radius of Northallerton He would welcome any questions he currently covers All Creatures Great and Small Choral, Victorian Gentleman Jack, Crown, Peaky Blinders etc. He will show you shots of screened filming . About 1 hour.

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MAD ENGLISH WOMAN ETC.	Ginny Davis											y		Y	Y	ginnydavis2860@gmail.com	£100	per group £200 for groups. Ginny lives in Warwickshire so it will be predominantly via zoom but you can ask if she will consider face to face. A former criminal barrister and actress,. Ginny has 4 talks to choose from. 1.To the fringe and beyond, comedic plays, court and the Edinburgh Fringe. 2.From Pillory to the Prison Cell short history of criminal punishment. 3.What Lies beneath the surface High court judges, kc's and actors and a death in a canal. 4.Mad English Woman, Three Dogs and the midday sun. The history of man's relationship with dogs and the tale with a twist, of a British tourist's effort to rehome three barrel dogs from Crete
MY CANAL MANIA	Geoff Lambert											Y			Y	geoff.lambert2@ntlworld.com	£50	A visual jaunt through the canals of Britain from someone has walked every canal, 2400 miles. How he did it and the beauty of it. ZOOM ONLY A retired gentleman who is now partway through the coast of England.
MY STORY -THE CREATION OF A CHARITY IN KENYA												Y	Y			ashley.peatfield@outlook.com	£55	Follow Ashley's journey to a remote island in Kenya facing armed gunmen to save sick the lives of children, provide thousands of meals each week to malnourished children and see youngsters from mud huts attend University.
NORTH POLE EXPEDITION	Misba Khan											Y			Y	kmisba@yahoo.co.uk	£50	
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED	Jacquie Warner											Y	Y			jacquie.warner@btinternet.com	Donation	Will come and explain everything they do which includes developing activities to support those on a waiting list.
SHOUT IT OUT FROM THE ROOFTOPS -A TERMINAL CANCER HEALING!	Lizzie Emery											Y	Y			clemery@btinternet.com	No fee	Lizzie talks about her recovery from 'terminal' pancreatic cancer. She has written a book to help other cancer or serious illness sufferers, their families, friends and medical careers. She will travel 1hours drive from Richmond N Yorks.
SURVIVOR OF A TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY	Rob Duckworth											Y	Y			robduckworthuk@aol.com	£200	Rob covers North and West Yorkshire, no min/max people.
THE CURSE OF THE STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING	Malcolm Warne											Y	Y			malcolm.warne@btinternet.com	£50	Based in the Darlington area and covers N. Yorks His talk covers his recollections and anecdotes about 25 years writing dining out reviews for The Darlington and Stockton Times and The Northern Echo.
THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS RIGHT	Janet Wright											Y	Y			wrightjanet@hotmail.co.uk	£55	Will travel within a 30 mile radius of Ripon. Travel expenses art WI rates anywhere outside Ripon. Requires a screen. Follow Janet's light-hearted story after she changed her career in teaching to hotel management. She trained the staff but NOT the customers!

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TOY TOWN TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE	John Stirling											Y		Y		johnsterling3@outlook.com	£75	John tells how he and Judi Dench built the Actor's Donkey Sanctuary 30 years ago. John was the first child chosen by Enid Blyton to play the part of Noddy in the West End. Hence, the reference to Toytown. After many TV shows, 12 plays and 3 movies John gave up acting aged 17. He then went into directing producing such shows as The Royal Variety and Coronation Street. He has covered many things including the Royal Donkeys and Morecombe and Wise and has many funny tales to tell. He is well known in the WI and has presented to 517 WI's so far. His journey started with Mrs Kearns at Alma House. John will travel anywhere so there will be petrol added to his fee. He is looking forward to meeting you all.
WEDDING IN ISTANBUL	Sally Mabey											Y			Y	sally.maybe@ntlworld.com	£30	ZOOM ONLY Contact for further info.
WOMEN AND EMPOWERMENT PRE MID LIFE AND POST MIDLIFE	Lisa Moore											Y		Y		moorelife10@yahoo.com	£150 to speak, offers books to sell - % back to the organiser	Covers North West mainly but will travel. Fee includes expenses and costs - if over 15 miles there is a charge of mileage. Lisa can speak to an audience of 35-40. Lisa has written a book of spoken word poetry covering many areas of women's lives - it is about embracing changes eg menopause/ageing/caring/grieving/love & loss.
A VARIETY OF WORKSHOPS	Rachel Hutton		y											y		rayepoole@yahoo.co.uk	£200+	
FINE ART, MIXED MEDIA AND TEXTILES	Ailish Henderson		y												Y	flounderingfish@googlemail.com	£95	How to take you individual stories and use them creatively. A book has just been issued.
HAWLEY'S AUCTIONEERS	Caroline Hawley		Y											Y		info@hawley's.info	£250	Several talks covering a wide range of subjects and takes of TV.A screen is helpful but can bring one if needed. No area limit so 45p p er mile for fuel on top of cost.
HAWLEY'S AUCTIONEERS	Caroline Hawley		Y											Y		info@hawley's.info		Caroline has been around salerooms since childhood. She was trained in London in drama but prefers to concentrate on antiques. Learning on the job and studying everything she could, she opened her first shop at 20 years old. She travels around antique fairs and also teaches as well as being a TV expert on antiques.
MAKING LAVENDER WANDS	Fergus Corrigan		y											Y		fergus.corrigan@northernlavender.co.uk	Free	No charge for talks. Situated between Thirsk and Ripon Will be open for visits 2025 and have a café etc. by then
MY LIFE AS AN ILLUSTRATOR	Allison Gardiner		y												Y	alison@alisongardiner.co.uk	£30	Email speaker for info.

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PATCHWORK	Liza Jones	y													Y	info@abucon.co.uk	£60	Minimum donation for East Anglian Air Ambulance. A talk with a whole suitcase full of patchwork examples. The talks are zoom only. Can include technical workshop
THE HISTORY OF BUTTONS	Michelle Horton	Y				Y							Y			michellehorton@live.com	£40-£55	Michelle is a WI member and only travels the local Harrogate area; she will travel slightly further if asked. The cost depends on the size of the group attending. She will step in at the last minute for local WI's if needed. She delivers 2 talks; Part 1 is the history of buttons up until the 19th century and she brings many historical buttons to show how they have evolved.. Part 2 brings it up to the present date also with many exhibits. A very unusual and interesting story.
WHAT INSPIRES ART?	Kevin Byron	y											Y			kcbyron2@gmail.com	Travel expenses	Presentation exploring the creative process, creative ideas and how the awareness of creative patterns can enhance our own creativity. Secondly capturing from over 100 artists, sculptors and photographers for inspiration. Has had me any endorsements as being a really interesting subject.
WILLOW WEAVING	Christine Burdin	y											Y			christineburdin@art-room.co.uk	£75	A talk on Willow weaving. If an item is made the cost is £15-£20 per person plus travel expenses. All equipment is provided. You can do some weaving if desired.
A BIT OF A BREAK	Paula Hunt		Y										Y			paula@abitofabreak.com	No fee	A charity set up by a lady who passed away from ovarian cancer at age 50. It sources and gifts holidays to families living with terminal illness. They share the joys of some incredible holidays organised from 2016. Based in Ilkley and cover a 50 mile radius to give talks. Require screen and projector.
CREATIVE FABRIC UPCYLCING	Glynis Learmonth		Y										Y			glynislearmonth@yahoo.co.uk	£30+trav	*UNAVAILABLE UNTIL NOVEMBER 2024*
HARROGATE FAIR TRADE SHOP	Diane Maguire		y										Y			outreach@harrogatefairtrade.org.uk	Donation + travel for 2	Range of fairtrade topics linked to products available in their shop. Including climate change and the environment AV link and Wi-Fi if possible and will present from 8 to 80
HERRIOT HOSPICE HOMECARE. JUST B AND ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE,	Lucy Turner		Y										Y			Lucy.Turner@heriothh.org.uk	Donation	A talk from Lucy about care at all three of these institutions. She covers all of N Yorks. Screen required for this presentation.
HOMELESSNESS - HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT	Marian Farrar		Y										Y			marian@hhphostel.org	£50 single donation per session. Travel 45p per mile if outside Harrogate	Interactive workshop for 12 people and over, suggest a minimum of 10. This talk would require a screen and projector and attendees to sit at tables of 4-6 people. If you have a smart monitor a HDMI lead can be provided if notified. The talk aims to increase understanding of homelessness and how you can support as a volunteer or fundraiser.

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JENNYRUTH WORKSHOPS	Nicky Newell			y										Y		CEO@jennyruth.co.uk	see notes	The production of wooden items by adults with learning disabilities. They will travel within a 25 mile radius of Ripon. No fee for talks but £10 per head for a Painting workshop I'm sure a donation for talks would be welcome. Jennyruth's workers gain confidence independence and life skills. Making a range of hand made and bespoke goods. And training in numeracy, literacy, computers etc.
LEPROSY MISSION GB	Kit Owen-Smith - Community Partnerships Manager, NE England			Y										Y		Kitos@lm.org.uk	£70 transport & expenses extra	A talk for at least 10 people. A laptop, projector, screen and speakers can be provided. Aim is to bring leprosy to the attention of the public - it is still a significant disease across the world - and dispel some myths. People are invited to become part of the mission.
MARTIN HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE	Rebecca Taylor			y										Y		getinvolved@martinhouse.org.uk	Donation	Based in Boston Spa Martin House cares for children with life limiting conditions and support families.. The talk will focus on enhancing quality of life and the creation of memory making moments. Screen & projector beneficial but not necessary.
MEDICAL DETECTION DOGS		Y		y														See Animals tab
OSCAR'S BRAIN TUMOUR	Rachel James			y										Y		rachel@oscarspbtc.org		Set up after the death of Oscar Hughes the charity gives support and care for children with brain tumours and their families.
SASH, SAFE AND SOUND HOMES	Aimee Harding			y										Y	Y	fundraising@sash-uk.org.uk	Donation	SASH works to prevent homelessness for people aged 16-25. Using Homes of Hosts providing a stable home environment. Combined with support and education.
TRADESCANTS	Lesley Newnam			Y						Y				Y		l.newnam45@gmail.com		An extraordinary story of a humble father and son who were skilled at gardening, planting and collecting and searching the known world for curiosities. They served the highest in the land in the 16th and 17th centuries and amassed a private collection which became the basis for the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. Lesley is from Wetherby and has several other talks. Please email her for information.
YORKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE	Clare Deacon			Y										Y		C.Deacon@yaa.org.uk	Donation	YAA is a life saving charity flying 2 helicopters to around 5 incidents daily which costs £19,000 per day.
AFTERNOON TEA ETIQUETTE BARONESS BOLSOVER	Linda Jane Holmes				y									Y	Y	LindaJaneHolmes@hotmail.co.uk	£90+Travel	The do's and don'ts of afternoon tea etiquette. Bring along a napkin, teaspoon, cup, and saucer and learn the afternoon tea experience in the reign of Queen Victoria

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DAYTONES BARBERSHOP HARMONY CLUB	Joe Dod				y									Y		jl.dod@btinternet.com	£160	4 part male close harmony in the Barbershop style. Harrogate, Wetherby, York, Knaresborough area. 15 to 25 members will come to sing. They would prefer audience of 40 or more and encourage you to join in. Includes demonstrations and lasts 60 mins.
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR	Graham Taylor				Y									Y		gptaylorbooks@gmail.com	no fee, will sell books to cover travel	I am a New York Times best selling author who has written 20 books and 2 films, is a regular guest on TV and radio and wrote a column for the Yorkshire Post for 15 years. He would love to talk to your groups about my time when I served as a police officer and a priest at the same time in rural Yorkshire. It is a sort of James Herriot meets father Brown set in Heartbeat country. I can talk about creative writing and how to do it and how to get published. He also talk about his time when he was a copper and a vicar at the same time. He can include a true ghost story if needed. My most recent book just out is Pig in the Pulpit. There is no minimum number of people required
ORIGINAL POETRY ABOUT TAN HILL/DEMISE OF STEAM/INDUSTRY IN THE NORTH	Peter Richardson				Y									Y		rantin2014@gmail.com	fee negotiable depending on event	No specific equipment required unless over 100 people. Original poetry
POETRY & MUSIC	James Baravore				Y									Y		jimfarrell300@gmail.com	£50 + 45p per mile, selling books	PA required for larger rooms. He is a poet, musician and singer. His book of Poems, prose and song, “Second Generation” relates to being the son of Irish immigrants. The talk contains narrative, poetry, tunes (penny whistle) and ‘a capella’ verse.The subject matter varies from comical to tragic. Subjects covered; displacement, isolation, loss of direction, life and death, social equality, success and failure, sadness and happiness. Is happy to take questions. Website james-baravore.com
RYTHMIC RHYMING ENTERTAINMENT	Mike Smith				y									Y		mikesmith@mypostoffice.co.uk	£1 pp min £40	Mike will travel up to 60 miles from Howden East Yorkshire; but ask & he might go further. There will be transport costs on top of the fee.

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TALKS BY HOWARD SLATER	Howard Slater				y										Y	howardslater@rocketmail.com	£75	Howard has 18 talks to choose from Charlie Chaplin, Bob Hope, East End of London, Audrey Hepburn, Glen Miller, Sammy Davis Jr, History of Rock and Roll, Frank Sinatra, History of Photography and early cinema films, Christmas with the Rat Pack, Richard Rogers, The good old days, Andre Rieu, Neil Diamond, Antiques The Real Deal, Old Musicals, lucrative stolen inventions. Recommend contact to discuss
ALL STEPS FIRST DANCE LTD	Kiri Cullen						Y						Y			info@allstepsfirstdance.co.uk	1hr - £190, 1.5 hrs £260	Yorkshire covered. Has provided dance classes to a few of the WI groups across the country as a team building/get together/celebration, regular or one off. Classes are run by qualified, insured and DBS checked teachers and we can offer a range of styles and levels of abilities. Chosen styles include Bollywood, Salsa and ABBA themed. Discount if more than one class is booked/scheduled.
DANCING FOR WELL-BEING	Jackie Norton						y						Y			Jackie.Norton@dancing for wellbeing.org	£50 donation	£40 Donation for small groups. Movement to music that could be done seated or standing. Covering Harrogate, Knaresborough, Ripon, Nidderdale, Boroughbridge area. Best with people & chairs in a semi circle. This would be a 45-60 minute taster session You will be given details of 12 week groups running in your area that you can join.
CHOCOLATIER	Jane Napper				y										Y	simplychocolatewhitstable@gmail.com	£45	60 min zoom talk and demo of chocolate work
EAST MEETS WEST	Perveen Ahmad				y										Y	perveen.ahmad786@googlemail.com	£35	Talk regarding S Asian culture and food suggest contact
SAFFRON	Liza Jones				y										Y	Info@abucon.co.uk	£60	minimum donation for East Anglian Air Ambulance The most expensive spice, held in high esteem by royalty aristocracy, from Ancient Egypt to Modern times
SAVVY SHOPPING	Liza Jones				y										Y	info@abucon.co.uk	£60	Minimum Donation for East Anglia Air Ambulance unearthing the marketeers ways of getting us to part with our hard earned money. Why is thick bubble bath no better than thin, what is brand stretch etc.
3. MENSTRUATION	Liza Jones									y					Y	info@abucon.co.uk	£60	Minimum donation for East Anglian Air Ambulance 3. A frank talk through the ages & brining it up to date
4. THE PAINTED FACE	Liza Jones									y					Y	info@abucon.co.uk	£60	Minimum donation to the East Anglian Air Ambulance 4. Hope in a jar. From ancient Egypt to modern day.
5. ORANGES AND LEMONS	Liza Jones									y					Y	info@abucon.co.uk	£60	Minimum donation for East Anglian Air Ambulance 5. Citrus fruit are far more than just food. How Paris was saved by lemonade & much more.
1. KNICKERS	Liza Jones									y					Y	info@abucon.co.uk	£60	Minimum donation for East Anglian Air Ambulance. These talks are zoom only 1. The History of underwear. With examples . Most popular and entertaining.

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1. THE GREAT THORPE RAILWAY DISASTER	Phyllida Scrivens								y			Y	phyllida.scrivrens@icloud.com	£60	For a 1 hour ZOOM ONLY Biographer, writer and Public Speaker Phyllida gives an interesting exploration of this railway disaster near Norwich. The court of enquiry and the people with a story to tell. One of four Talks available.			
1. THE WOODLAND TRUST & HACKFALL 2. THE WOODLAND TRUST AT SNAIZEHOLME 3. THE WOODLAND TRUST IN GENERAL TERMS	David Mason							y			Y		hackfalltalks@btinternet.com	Donation	Min £50 to the woodlands Trust, David will cover the whole of the North Yorkshire West Area. David is a volunteer for the Woodlands Trust and lives near Hackfall. He has been delivering his talks to encourage awareness for over 10 years. https://petermathers.weebly.com			
2. BEHIND THE BATHROOM DOOR	Liza Jones								y			Y	info@abucon.co.uk	£60	Minimum Donation for East Anglian Air Ambulance these talks are zoom only 2. A look at how we've kept clean..or not; plus the possible demise of the modern toilet.			
2. WHEN THE MEDICS CAME TO NORWICH	Phyllida Scrivens								y			Y	phyllida.scrivrens@icloud.com	£60	Prequel to the railway disaster, explained by the attendance at a grand dinner with notable guests and their tales.			
20th CENTURY HISTORY and the BBC	Colin Philpott								Y		Y	Y	colinmphilpott@yahoo.co.uk	£75 +travel	Colin gives several talks via Zoom or in person about WW2 and other historical facts during his time with the BBC. He covers all of the Federation area at 50p per mile; places within half hour travel of his home are not charged mileage. Requires a screen and projector with HDMI lead. Website: www.colinphilpottmedia.co.uk			
3.LADY LORD MAYORS OF NORWICH 1923-2017	Phyllida Scrivens								y			Y	phyllida.scrivrens@icloud.com	£60	A group biography of 17 Lady Lord Mayors. Their tales.			
4. ESCAPING HITLER	Phyllida Scrivens								y			Y	phyllida.scrivrens@icloud.com	£60	A Jewish boys quest. Joe Stirling. Who became Sheriff of Norwich.			
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF 1. A TV LICENSE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. 2 .METROPOLITAN POLICE STATION OFFICER.	Mike Long								Y		Y		familylong61@gmail.com	£85	Covers 20 mile radius of a Bedale. Light-hearted presentation of either subject. May need a microphone if a large room or group. Mini quiz with TV license talk. Lasts 50 mins with 10 mins for questions.			

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A WALK ROUND FOUNTAINS ABBEY, A WALK ROUND STUDLEY ROYAL 18C WATER GARDENS, A WALK ROUND STUDLEY ROYAL DEER PARK.	Mike Bevington							y						Y		thebevsm29c17@btinternet.com	see notes	A choice of three. Mike prefers daytime during the winter months. 10 -15 miles radius of Harrogate Why, when and how was Fountains Abbey established. Water Gardens Includes the history of the Aislabie family who designed the gardens and the Vyners who owned the estate. The Deer Park includes St Mary's church, deer park Glacial Valley , Ice Houses etc.
CHOICE OF 2 TALKS- TULIPS & NOT SO FAMOUS WOMEN GARDENERS	Geraldine Primarolo							y						Y		garaldinesgardens@yahoo.co.uk	see notes	Tulips history, development cultivation & work and contribution of some not so famous women gardeners. Willing to travel anywhere please contact for one off fee as it will include travel. Geraldine has 35 years of experience and still advises on 11 gardens in North Wales. A digital projector and screen or wall is needed.
CO-OP ESTATE PLANNING	Jane Hudson												Y	Y		jane.hudson@coop.co.uk	FREE	Entertaining and informative talk of approx. 45mins Titled Tax Care & ToyBoys covering protecting your home and savings, Inheritance Tax. Re-marriage and blended families &Lasting Powers of Attorney. More than 10 people They cover quite a large area contact for more info.
CYBER CRIME ETC	NYP Crime unit										Y			Y		cybercrimeunit@northyorkshire.police.uk	FREE	A wall, screen or large TV would be required for them to project their images. They provide advice on how to stay safe online i.e.from being hacked or infected with viruses. Either by presentation or a cyber escape room activity.
ESTATE PLANNING	Jane Mumford												Y	Y		jane.mumford1@btopenworld.com	Free	Provides a free talk on later life planning between 30 minutes to 1 hour as required, to middle aged/retired groups of people on Legal and Financial Issues for the Retired. I have attached Testimonials from other groups I have spoken to. This is an extremely important talk for your members to attend, as it will eventually affect every member. Includes wills, trusts, Care Act 2005, Power of Attorney.

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GARDENING	Kitty Chew								Y					Y		kittychewgardens@gmail.com	£30-£50 plus materials & travel	She covers any gardening topic, within reason! She is RHS trained (Harlow Carr) gardener for 6 years now, 2 of which were spent at Harlow Carr, and 4 of which have been running her own gardening business in North Yorkshire. Subjects - plant options for seasons and styles of garden, how to do container displays, how to choose plants for the right spot, how to identify plants, how to propagate plants, how to prune, and talk about the garden restorations she has done too. Kitty has a Fine Art degree from the University of Oxford, and won a gold medal at BBC Gardeners World Live for her designs. Harrogate, Skipton & surrounding areas. Has handouts, no technical equipment needed, no minimum numbers.
GARDENS (NOT GARDENING)	Peter Mathers								y					Y		peter.mathers.speaker@gmail.com	Variable	Peter will travel anywhere. He is based in the York area and fee and travel costs will be negotiated There will be different prices for different group sizes; preferably between 10 and 80. Best to speak direct for more info. You can see what he does at https://petermathers.weebly.com
GOLDEN AGE MYSTERY AND HISTORICAL CRIME FICTION	Tom Mead									Y				Y		tomtommead@aol.co.uk	£75+£20	Tom Mead covers the Golden Age Mystery era (Agatha Christie etc) and is a historical crime writer with several awards to his name. He also has been nominated for best crime writer by The Telegraph. He's willing to travel anywhere and will be also selling his signed books post talk.
HAMPTON COURT PALACE	Sara Slater									Y					Y	sara.m.slater@btinternet.com	£70-£100	Contact via email to choose from several topics about the history of Hampton Court Palace. Fee £70 if under 70 participants.Website: www.the history guides.com/guides/
HEDGEHOG RESCUE	Jacqui Morrell	y												Y		morrelljac@aol.com	£40	Talks on Hedgehog Rescue.
HEDGEHOG RESCUE	Paula Baker	y													Y	suffolkprickleshedgehogrescue@gmail.com	£50	Choice of 4 Talks. (1) Saving Hedgehogs-the work of the rescue, problems faced by hedgehogs and how to help. (2) Gardening for Hedghogs- how to make your garden more Hedgehog friendly. (3) History of Hedgehogs- the history of Hedgehogs and the different species. (4) Hogging in Hedgerows - the importance of a Hedgerow for Hedgehogs and other wildlife.
LEGACY FORTRESS FOR GENERATIONS BY SILVERTIME LEGAL	Catherine												Y	Y		cath@silvertimelegal.co.uk	FREE	Wills, Trusts, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Managing Care Fees and sideways Disinheritance. Will provide a Speaker any where it is required.

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TITLE	CONTACT	Animals	Arts & Crafts	Charities	Cooking	Entertainment	Fashion	Fitness Dancing	Gardens, History & IT & Cyber	Life	Wills, Trusts, FACE TO FACE	ZOOM	EMAIL	COST	NOTES			
NORTH POLE EXPEDITION	Misba Khan											Y	kmisba@yahoo.co.uk	£50	Talk lasts 30-40 mins. Ordinary mum and grandmother who worked for the NHS were recruited online for people with no experience to ski in the North Pole. Their training led by polar explorer Felicity Aston enabled them to become the first Muslim women to take this journey.			
PLANTS GARDENS AND TOUR GUIDING	Sarah Hopps							Y			Y		sarahhopps17@gmail.com	£90+trav	Sarah ran her own nursery and has presented on BBC radio. She also hosts luxury coach tours and has appeared on stage at the Harrogate flower show. She will travel up to 120 miles from her base in Thirsk.			
PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF WILLS & ESTATE PLANNING	Marcos Kallou									Y	Y		marcoskallou@priorknowledge.co.uk	FREE	The Importance of having a trust in your will. Marcos will travel anywhere west of the A1 The office is based in Skipton			
RIGBY & PELLER	Donna Rose					y					Y		donna.rose@rigbyandpeller.com	FREE	The Heritage of Rigby & Peller Luxury Lingerie boutique Body Confidence and are you in the correct Bra? Donna covers local to Harrogate. They can hold events with fizz and nibbles between 6pm and 8pm at their boutique in Harrogate. But are also willing to come to you.			
SWAN RESCUE	Dan Sidley	y									Y		info@ysrh.org.uk	Donation	Talks on the rescue, treatment, rehabilitation and release of injured Swans and wild animals across Yorkshire and the North. Require a blank wall or screen.			
THE ART OF MILLINERY	Sherry Richardson					y					Y		sherry@hatsbysherry.co.uk	£80	Plus 50ppm subject to fluctuation. Covers Yorkshire and some Northern parts of Derbyshire Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. Maximum of 60 people. Contact directly to discuss if more. Requires 2 tables & a standing mirror; please advise if not possible.			
THE DOG IN MY MEDICINE CABINET	Geoff Lambert	y										Y	geoff.lambert2@ntworld.com	£50	How medical dogs support people with health conditions and how they detect disease. An active retired Gentleman who raises funds for Medical Detection dogs.			
WOMEN IN WARFARE	Lesley Newnam							Y			Y		l.newnam45@gmail.com		Women play some unexpected roles. Home Sweet Home- the way we have lived.			
YORKSHIRE EDIBLE FLOWERS	Martin Lamb							Y			Y		martin@yorkshireedibleflowers.com	£80+£40	Edible flowers are grown and sold to professional bakers. He will travel an hour's distance between Doncaster and Selby. The fee includes tasting and is offered from April to October. Mileage is not included. Talks can also be given subsequently about growing flowers and running a sustainable business. Two tables will be needed.			
											Y		jacque.warner@btinternet.com		It is the biggest cancer killer in people under 40. A chance to learn signs and symptoms. Requires a screen for PowerPoint.			