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Worcestershire

DIRECTORY OF SPEAKERS AND WALK LEADERS 2016 - 2017



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Worcestershire Wildlife Trust

Welcome to the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust Directory of Speakers and Walk Leaders 2016 - 17

This directory was originally designed for the use of Worcestershire Wildlife Trust's Local Group committees for booking talks and walks for their programme of event but speakers listed in this version are happy for other groups and organisations to contact them as well.

All details are correct to the best of our knowledge as at March 2016. It is intended that the directory will be updated annually. If you hear of any changes or new speakers please contact the Trust enquiries@worcestershirewildlifetrust.org

Some of the speakers/leaders on the list ask only for their travel expenses and a donation to either Worcestershire Wildlife Trust or another wildlife charity. The Trust is very grateful to all the speakers/leaders who generously give up their free time to help us protect wildlife across the county.

For speakers who ask for a fee, this is indicated in the particulars provided for each person.

If you wish to contact a speaker or walk leader, please do so directly by using the contact details given. It is helpful to the speakers/leaders if you could send written confirmation of the talk/walk, what equipment you are supplying/expecting them to bring and clear directions for finding the venue. If a speaker is booked well in advance, you may also like to give them a reminder letter or phone call to confirm they are still able to attend.

Special thanks go to Trust volunteer Steve Dillworth for completing the lengthy task of updating this directory and to Chris Wright for adding the finishing touches.

PLEASE NOTE: The speakers listed in this directory are not necessarily part of Worcestershire Wildlife Trust and do not necessarily represent the views of the Trust.

The directory is available to download from www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/group-visits-talks. If you would like to receive a copy of this directory by email please contact enquiries@worcestershirewildlifetrust.org, stating the group or organisation you represent.

If you have any queries, comments or suggestions regarding the directory, please contact:

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Email: enquiries@worcestershirewildlifetrust.org Website: www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk

Imagine a Worcestershire rich in wildlife, brimming with wildflowers and abundant with birdsong. Picture our county where the sounds and sights of our natural world inspire our children. Think of a country where wildlife can move safely and freely – and we can easily access the countryside.

From restoration to re-creation, Worcestershire Wildlife Trust is working towards a county where wildlife flourishes in our countryside, towns and villages. With our local knowledge and expertise our staff and volunteers are constantly working to protect habitats and species across the county.

We care for over 70 nature reserves – woods and heaths, pools and marshes, and meadows of international importance. Working with landowners, local authorities, organisations, communities and individuals we advise how to protect and create places for our wildlife.

With support from our members we're making a difference. With your help we can achieve much more.

By joining Worcestershire Wildlife Trust you'll become part of an influential and growing conservation network of 47 Trusts and over 800,000 members across the UK.

Membership Benefits

- Enjoy over 70 nature reserves from Chance Wood in the north to Broadway Gravel Pit in the south.
- 3 magazines a year featuring local and national wildlife news
- Membership of your Local Group with talks, walks and social events
- Information on events, open days, walks, courses and volunteering opportunities
- Playing your part in securing the future of habitats and species in your local area



Wildlife Watch

Help us inspire your children and grandchildren by becoming Wildlife Watch members! Our junior club members receive a welcome pack, membership card, badge and pocket guide. With online resources, magazines, posters and competitions there's something for all ages.

Join online today or call us on 01905 754919

www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk

T denotes a talk or other indoor event, W a walk or outdoor meeting/event/trip.

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust

Talks, Guided Walks and Wildlife Activities

Talks

We have a small team of staff and volunteers who are able to give one of the following four talks about Worcestershire and the Wildlife Trust. Our talks are charged at £35 plus travel expenses at 45p per mile for talks in 2016. This will rise to £50 (including travel expenses) for talks booked in 2017.

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust – Our Work and Reserves
Worcestershire's Wildlife
Magnificent Meadows
Garden Wildlife

Guided walks

We are also able to organise guided walks for your group at a number of reserves around the county throughout the year. Walks are subject to change and new walks will be added so contact us for more information and the latest options. Guided walks cost £6 per person with a minimum charge of £60. Restrictions on numbers and parking may apply.

The Knapp and Papermill (all year round)
Lower Smite Farm (all year round)
Eades Meadow (approximately May to July)
Hollybed Farm Meadows (approximately May to July)

Wildlife Discovery

Your group can join a member of staff for a guided wildlife discovery session and try your hand at one of many popular wildlife activities. These cost £6 per person with a minimum charge of £60 for a ~1.5 hour activity. Maximum numbers and some restrictions may apply so please contact us for more information.

Pond Dipping at Lower Smite Farm (approximately March to October)
Meadow Bug Hunt at Lower Smite Farm (approximately May to July)
Small Mammal Discovery at Lower Smite Farm (all year round)
Owl Pellet Dissection (all year round)
Bird Watch at Upton Warren (all year round)

Enquiries and bookings for all our talks, walks and activities listed above should be made through Hannah Thomas, Engagement Officer, on 01905 754919 or by emailing hannah@worcestershirowildlifetrust.org.

ADLAM, Elizabeth

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When can be contacted:

Daytime

T Talks with Powerpoint or slides presentation

- Weeds - These are often thought of as plants which are growing where they are not wanted. However they tell us about the environment in which they grow and where they originate.
- The mystic sense of smell. - Although we call it one of our five senses other animals have the sense as well.
- Trees Trees Trees - The world is covered with them telling us something about where they are found and the environment in which they grow. They are unique indicators of the world around us.
- When we run out of water - All plant and animal life needs water and the basic water cycle is slowly running dry as the human population increases. Soon it will not be the lack of oil which controls life on Planet Earth but the water supply.
- The Sweetie Shop - Man's need for something sweet is as old as man himself. We moved from the common natural source of honey to an amazing range of sweets today. With this increase have come new industries and an increased need for dental services.
- Where will it all end? - The changes in the distribution of plants and animals world wide are becoming clearer. Where will they all go in the end when these climatic changes have ceased?
- Bark ... the covering on trees. - This covering is unique to every species of tree and is a vital protection. It is also a source of many products worldwide.
- North American Serengeti - demise of mega fauna at the end of the last Great Ice Age.
- The hills are alive... [Scandinavia - annual transformation of lands of high latitudes and altitudes into panoramas of brightly coloured flowers, and how the flowers survive Arctic weather].
- Chasing the seasons - [land, sea and air animal migration in Scandinavia and the Baltic].
- Large mammals in cold waters.
- Conservation and management in Polar regions.
- The nature of St Helena.
- Pyramids of energy [how all plants and animals live together by recycling energy].
- Genetic engineering - so what's new? [is this a new problem, or something that is only now coming into the public consciousness?].
- Man and his art [how we knew the plants and animals of the time].
- Garden history (two talks):
 - (i) Mediterranean basin.
 - (ii) England's evolution of the garden.

and many more! **All talks are 45 minutes in duration.**

Fee:	no charge.
Equipment required:	screen
Distance will travel:	Worcestershire or by negotiation.
Booking notice required:	minimum of two weeks.

Biographical info: a graduate and retired teacher of biological science, she is now a cruise lecturer and has travelled widely. Her particular interests lie in ecology, conservation and British wild flowers; other interests include marine biology and zoology.

ALLEN, Paul

Wyre Forest District Council, Green Street, Kidderminster,
Worcestershire DY10 1HA

Tel: 01562 732971

E-mail: paul.allen@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

When can be contacted: leave a message on answerphone.

T Talks with Powerpoint or slides presentation

Wildlife and nature reserves of the Wyre Forest district [he would much prefer to give the talk at the same time as a walk on the reserve. He prefers to talk to local groups within the WFDC area].

W Guided walks on Wyre Forest district nature reserves.

Note: the talk and walks are only available if the Ranger Service programme allows.

Fee: no charge.
Equipment required: screen or white wall.
Distance will travel: Wyre Forest district
Booking notice required: as much as possible.

Biographical info: he is a Countryside Officer for the Wyre Forest District Council.

BATEMAN, Diana – see PARSONS**BETTS, Richard and Lesley**

73 Windermere Way, Stourport on Severn, Worcs
DY13 8JR

Tel.: 01299 878840

E-mail Lesley.betts@btinternet.com

When can be contacted: daytime, use answerphone.

T Audiovisual and digital presentations (call to check which presentations are digital as these are gradually being changed)

- The living countryside [music: Vivaldi, Mozart, Delibes; duration 42 minutes].
- Portmeirion [music: Vangelis; duration 15 minutes].
- Wordsworth country [music: Schubert; duration 12 minutes].
- These are the days of our lives [music: Queen; duration 2 minutes].
- Cathedral portraits [music: Bach, Handel].
- The lost gardens of Heligan [music: Debussy; duration 14 minutes].
- Cornish cameo [music: Odyssey; duration 8 minutes].
- Autumn [music: Fauré Pavane; duration 8 minutes].
- Witley Court [music: Grieg; duration 21 minutes].
- Gardens of Cornwall [music: Beethoven; duration 30 minutes].
- Gardens and cellars of Witley Court [music: Barber, Grieg, Mahler, Brahms; duration: 30 minutes].
- How to take better photographs [duration 60 minutes].

Note: September to April only (not December), evenings only.

Fee: £40 plus 40p/mile travel expenses.
Equipment required: a large table.
Distance will travel: within a 40 mile radius of Stourport.
Booking notice required: any time.

Biographical info: they have been general photographers for over 30 years, with a keen interest in wildlife photography.

BODNAR, Dr S. 35 Post Office Road, Baddesley Ensor, Warwickshire CV9 2DD
Tel.: 07429 209549 E-mail: stefan.bodnar01@googlemail.com

When can be contacted: daytime preferably.

W Field Visits Fee: £70 plus travel expenses

- Mammals – signs and tracks.
- Bird ringing demonstrations.

T Evening Talks Fee : £45 plus travel expenses

- The peregrine falcon – ecology and protection

Distance will travel: Midlands Counties
Booking notice required: as much as possible, minimum 1 month.

Biographical info: a professional ecologist for over 30 years, he has a wide experience of all aspects of wildlife, incl. abroad. He has studied dormice for 25 years, barn owls for 30 years, is an unrestricted BTO 'A' ringer and trainer, and holds or has held most UK protected species licences. Founder of the NGO 'People for Peregrines'.

BRADLEY, Chris 'Abberley View', Callow Hill, Rock, Nr Kidderminster,
Worcestershire DY14 9XD

Tel.: 01299 266103 or 01299 404122

When can be contacted: evenings.

T Talks with slides

- The realm of the fallow buck [the deer of the Wyre Forest].
- The land of the longhaired fallow [the deer of Mortimer Forest].

Fees: £40 plus cost of fuel.
Equipment required: screen if available.
Distance will travel: 20 miles maximum each way.
Booking notice required: 1 month minimum.

Biographical info: has spent 50 years studying the deer of the Wyre Forest. He is a member of the Wyre Forest Society, WWT, etc.

BRIGGS, Jonathan 46 Arrowsmith Drive, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2QR

Tel : 01453 791135 / 07789 684585 E-mail: enquiries@mistletoe.org.uk
Website: www.mistletoe.org.uk / www.jonathanbriggs.co.uk

When can be contacted: any time

T Talks – mainly based on computer slide presentations

- Mistletoe-themed talks tailored to group's interests, or kept more generic.
- Mistletoe Miscellany (popular) covers a little of everything typically including: What is Mistletoe?, Mistletoes Worldwide, Traditions and Legends (Norse, Greek, Druidic, Christian, Modern), Habitats and Hosts, Parasitic biology, UK distribution, Conservation and Biodiversity value, Mistletoe Management, Mistletoe Medicines, Art Nouveau, Harvest and Trade, and Growing Your Own.

- W** • Mistletoe–themed walks in areas with mistletoe (so mainly Worcs, Herefordshire, Gloucs & Somerset) discussing biology, management, planting and species interactions with both host tree and associated birds and insects. Locations are usually orchard-based to ensure east access to mistletoe.

Walks are best timed for late February-March when mistletoe is flowering and last year's berries are ripest. Walk fees vary according to location and amount of preparation required.

Fees:	£60 - £100 for small charitable groups, depending on group, plus mileage at £0.30
Distance will travel:	maximum 120 miles round trip from GL10 2QR for small groups.
Equipment needed:	table for display materials etc.
Booking notice required:	Ideally at least 6 months. Most groups look for a date in the run up to Christmas, from late October onwards. New Year and early spring (to the end of March) fit well too – particularly for groups interested in planting mistletoe; as that is when mistletoe seeds should be planted.

Biographical info: Botanist and Industrial Archaeologist with 30 years interest and experience in Mistletoe issues alongside 20+ years working as a nature conservation advisor/promoter within British Waterways. Independent environmental consultant since 2006 working on a variety of issues including mistletoe. Mistletoe projects include conception and coordination of the 1990's National Mistletoe Survey (BSBI and Plantlife), mistletoe conservation work across Greater London, mistletoe marketing and promotion nationally, mistletoe-dependent insects and mistletoe management in neglected orchards.

BROOKES, Martin Vale Wildlife Hospital & Rehabilitation Centre, Station Road, Beckford, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire GL20 7AN

Tel.:01386 882288 E-mail: martin@valewildlife.org.uk
 Website: www.valewildlife.org.uk

When can be contacted: Friday to Tuesday incl, 8 am to 5 pm.

- T** Talk + Powerpoint presentation
- Work of Vale Wildlife Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre
 - [Duration 50 to 60 min plus questions]

Fee:	£50. Travel charge of 45p/ mile on any mileage over 30 in total.
Equipment required:	small table for laptop and projector.
Distance will travel:	40 miles.
Booking notice required:	at least 1 month.

Course: VWH also offers a hedgehog first aid and rehabilitation course (in association with the BHPS) on site at Beckford. For more details e-mail caroline@valewildlife.org.uk

BROWN, David Jackson's Lawn, Charlecote, nr Warwick CV35 9EW

Tel.: 01789 840295 E-mail: davidcgbrown@yahoo.co.uk

When can be contacted: most days/evenings.

T Talks with slides:

- Butterflies
- Moths

[All aspects of the above – survival methods including camouflage and warning colours, habitats, ecology of each species and local and national aspects of each species.]

W Walks/outdoor meetings:

- Butterfly/day-flying moths walks.
- Moth trapping/sugaring.
- Moth identification workshops and fieldwork [moth traps and equipment supplied].

Fees: £60 per hour incl. travel.
Equipment required: screen.
Distance will travel: any distance.
Booking notice required: 2 weeks in winter months but generally plans a year in advance

Biographical info: former school teacher with 36 years' experience lecturing on lepidoptera for Birmingham and Warwick Universities plus field work. 20 years experience in conducting residential courses for the Adult Residential Colleges Association and Field Studies Council as well as at various universities and centres all over Great Britain. He is the Moth Conservation Officer for Warwickshire and has been the County Moth Recorder since 1971. Author of *The Larger Moths of Warwickshire* and a regular contributor to entomological journals *Atropos* and *The Entomologist's Record*.

BURTON-PYE, David 29 Conway Road, Perton, Wolverhampton, Staffs WV6 7RQ

Tel.: 01902 743950 / 07791 058351 E-mail: deebeepee@sky.com

When can be contacted: after 6 pm.

T Talks with slides:

- Great gardens 1, 2, 3 & 4 (4 talks)
- Magic of the mountains [the Lake District].
- Dolomites delight [walking and climbing].
- Joy of pics [photography].
- Magnificent Mont Blanc [Western Europe's highest peak].

Fee: £50 plus travel expenses of 45p/mile.
Equipment required: fixed screen in venue preferred. Blackout of venue necessary **
Distance will travel: up to 30 miles radius from home
Booking notice required: none; will stand in at short notice if available.

****Bookings only taken for October to mid-April unless venue has complete blackout facilities.**

Biographical info: a keen photographer for 30 years, he is now in his 16th year of talks, many as repeat visits or via personal recommendations.

BUTLER, Ian

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Website: ianbutlerphotography.co.uk

When can be contacted: anytime – phone and leave message or e-mail.

T Digital presentation – approx 90mins

- Walking the Malvern Hills in search of Wildlife
- Sun, Sea and Sandpipers
- Improving your Wildlife Photography
- The Jewels and hidden Gems of Costa Rica

Fee: £90 plus 30p per mile return mileage from WV14 7BN

Equipment required: stand/table for projector, projector screen.

Booking notice: as much as possible:

Biographical info: Ian enjoys sharing his passion and enthusiasm on natural history and photography through visual presentations. Talks last for approximately 90mins, although the duration can be altered to cater for your needs. Ian can talk to any size group and adapt the talk for all levels of interest and expertise.

BUTLER, Roger

Hancocks Yard, Market Square, Kineton, Warwickshire
CV35 0LP

Tel.: 01926 641301

E-mail: roger522@btinternet.com

When can be contacted: most days & evenings or by e-mail.

T Talks with slides:

- A week on St Kilda - Scotland's unique World Heritage Site [history, landscape and wildlife incl.60,000 pairs of gannets as well as images of other Hebridean islands].
- Penguins and puyas [journeys in South America, looking at wildlife, landscapes and people, incl. forests, volcanoes and coastlines]
- The monarchs of Mexico [travels in Mexico in search of the amazing monarch butterfly colonies. Millions of monarchs overwinter high in the Sierra Madre mountains in dense forests. The talk also includes jungle, wetlands and canyon lands]
- Treasure Islands: a journey to some of the lesser known Hebridean islands, such as Colonsay, Canna, Muck and Ulva, with dramatic landscapes, fascinating wildlife and interesting history.
- In the footsteps of the Dalai Lama : on foot through the mountains of Mimichal Pradesh in north west India.
- In Patagonia [wildest Chile and Patagonia, incl. penquins , glaciers and the Torres del Paine National Park].
- In the high Himalayas [mountains, wildlife and people of the Annapurna region of Nepal. Spectacular landscapes and history].
- Through wildest Russia - two journeys in the Caucasus mountains and in the Pamir mountains in Tadjikistan. Spectacular forests and landscapes.]
- The magic of Morocco - two journeys in the wild Atlas Mountains and on the edge of the Sahara].
- Canal history and heritage [landscapes and heritage of our 2000 mile canal network in England, Wales and Scotland].

Other talks available – please ask for details

Fees: £70 plus travel negotiable, depending on distance).

Equipment required: none.

Booking notice required: none, can stand in at short notice.

Biographical info: Experienced speaker who gives illustrated talks throughout the UK to a wide range of groups and societies. Environmental consultant, writer and photographer – interested in all aspects of wildlife and natural history. Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society.

CHURCH, Terry 6, Wharfedale Close, Wall Heath, Kingswinford, West Midlands DY6 9AZ

Tel.: 01384 292170 E-mail: terrychurch@btclick.com
07974 428261

When can be contacted: any time.

T Talks: [note: not illustrated, i.e. no slides].

- "You couldn't make it up" – a light hearted look at World events.
- Growing up in a village in the Black Country [in the 1950s/1960s].
- 1942 - a vintage year [a look at how life has changed in the last 65 years]
- Radio and television in the 50's and 60's.

Fee: £40 plus travel expenses of 15p per mile.
Equipment required: none.
Distance will travel: 40 miles.
Booking notice required: none; will stand in at short notice, even same day.

Biographical info: has published four books on life in the village of Wall Heath. He is a humorous and entertaining speaker and has many years' experience of talking to a wide range of organizations; having given over 130 talks in Worcestershire, Staffordshire and the West Midlands.

CLEMENT, Patrick 28, Haswell Road, Halesowen, West Midlands, B63 1DA

Tel.: 0121 501 1105 E-mail: patrick.clement1@btinternet.com

When can be contacted: any time.

T Talks are all illustrated with own photographs projected with top quality equipment.. The talks are suitable for a broad range of audiences and are constructed to be a pleasing blend of information, entertainment and humour.

Available for daytime or evening talks **November** to **March** inclusive within 40 mile radius of Halesowen.

- "NATURE & CONSERVATION - THE WORK OF A WILDLIFE GROUP": Based on the practical nature conservation work of the Halesowen Wildlife Group but liberally illustrated with own wildlife photographs covering many subjects including badgers and foxes, nestboxes with resident Tawny Owls and Kestrels, hedge laying, pollarding and pond creation with associated aquatic life.
- "WILDLIFE GARDEN FOR ALL SEASONS": All about wildlife gardening, from pond construction to creating mini wildflower meadows. Discussing methods of attracting as much wildlife as possible to feed and breed in your garden. Again illustrated with own wildlife photographs and largely based on own one acre wildlife garden.
- "MAGIC OF MOTHS": An illustrated talk about British Moths covering techniques for finding, attracting and identifying some of our 2,500 species. Don't dismiss moths as boring, they are a colourful and fascinating group of insects and you really don't have to be a lepidopterist to enjoy this talk!

- "MOTHS AND BUTTERFLIES": A variation of talk above aimed at gardeners, concentrating on moths and butterflies attracted to the flowers, shrubs, fruit trees and vegetables we grow.

[Note: 60 minute or 90 minute versions of each talk are offered.]

Fees: £45 although travel expenses may be added depending on location. Distance will travel: 40 mile radius of Halesowen.

Booking notice required: none.

Biographical info: has had a lifelong passion for natural history, nature conservation and nature photography. Now concentrating on moths.

CONWAY, Wendy EFIAP/Gold, P.P.S.A. The Oaks, Parkend Walk, Coalway, Gloucestershire GL16 7JR

Tel: 01594 832956 E-mail: wendy@terry-wall.com
Website: www.terry-wall.com

When can be contacted: 10 am to 8 pm.

T Talks with slides or digitally projected images

- Endless Skies- The Outer Hebrides
- Bird's eye view of Lesvos [birds, flowers and people].
- Still waiting for the light ! [UK wildlife, flowers and fungi].
- Two legged, four legged, furry and feathered [wildlife in Yellowstone and Florida, USA].
- Salud, dinero y amor [Texas and Arizona: birds, mammals and landscapes].
- Walk on the wildside [on safari in Kenya].
- Mizaru, Iwazaru, Kikazaru – Japanese wildlife!

Fee: £60, plus petrol expenses.
Equipment required: screen and tables for display of cards and prints for sale.
Distance will travel: Up to 100 miles return, further by arrangement;
Booking notice required: any – can also stand in at short notice.

Biographical info: award-winning freelance wildlife photographer. Gives travelogue-style talks encompassing wildlife, flowers, landscapes and people, both UK and overseas.

COOK, Neil Hanbury Hall, Droitwich, Worcestershire, WR9 7EA

Tel.: 01527 821014 E-mail: neil.cook@nationaltrust.org.uk

When can be contacted: 8 am to 4 pm.

T Talk with power point slides

- The re-creation of the gardens at Hanbury Hall [takes a journey through the re-creation of the gardens from 1993 to today].

Fee: £40 including travel.
Equipment required: Small table to put laptop & computer on. Screen if possible but can bring own if not.
Distance will travel: 40 miles
Booking notice required: three months.

Biographical info: Head Gardener at Hanbury Hall (National Trust) since 1988.

CRAWLEY, Derek

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E-mail: derekcrawley@btinternet.com

Website: staffordshiremammalgroup.org

When can be contacted: any time.

T Talks with slides or digital presentation:

- Mammals of Staffordshire.
- Talks on individual mammal species – to be discussed

W Walks:

- Mammal tracks, trails, signs

Fees: generally, a donation to Staffordshire Mammal Group.

Equipment required: none.

Distance will travel: any.

Booking notice required: any.

Biographical info: Chairman of Staffordshire Mammal Group, mammal recorder.
-----**CSERVENKA, Ken**

19 Overhill Road, Stratton, Cirencester, Gloucs GL7 2LG

Tel : 01285 656480

E-mail : ken.cservenkaky.com

T Talk with slides

- Wildlife of Exmoor – a general wildlife talk about Exmoor wildlife with strong emphasis on the herd of the wild Red Deer
- Collecting Butterflies with a camera – a talk featuring slides of most of the butterfly species found in the British Isles
- An Australian Wildlife Adventure – a holiday of a lifetime including photography of as much wildlife as possible. Travelling via Singapore, Port Douglas followed by the red centre including Ayers Rock, Kings Canyon and Alice Springs. Then on to Sydney including the Blue Mountains and finally the area around Melbourne before returning home via Hong Kong. Wildlife contents mostly consists of the birds with a few Kangaroo, reptiles and plants.

Fee: £40 plus approx fuel cost for return journey from home to the venue.

Equipment required: Larger screen if possible (own screen only measures 50x50)

Biographical info: A keen amateur naturalist. Enthusiastic about wildlife and conservation issues from about 6 years old when first watched a Small White Butterfly emerge from its chrysalis. Butterflies have been a specialist interest for many years, but also has a keen fascination for the Red Deer herd on Exmoor. Since moving to the Cotswolds in 1971 has become a more general naturalist with birdwatching and moth trapping being brought to the fore. Photography has also played a big part from early days when given his first camera - a Kodak Brownie 44A taking 12 exposures on 127 format film!

CURTIS, Jason

14 Oak Leaf Rise, Far Forest, Worcestershire, DY149AE

Tel.: 078014 38814

Email Jason@jasoncurtis1.wanadoo.co.uk

Website: www.wildaboutwildlife.co.uk

T Audiovisual Presentations

- The Art and Craft of Nature Photography
- Nature's images – wide range of images depicting wildlife.

Duration of each of above 90mins (including Q and A)

Fee: £50 plus mileage at 40 pence per mile
Equipment required: Small Table & Screen. (Projector not essential but ideal if one can be supplied.)
Booking notice required: 1 month minimum.
Distance will travel: Worcestershire (unless otherwise negotiated).

Biographical info: Jason Curtis is a part-time freelance wildlife and nature photographer located on the Worcestershire and Shropshire border he specialises in British Flora and Fauna. Having always had an interest in the natural world he took up photography over 16 years ago and during this time has built up a varied portfolio of images.

Jason has been a member of the WWT for a number of years and is currently planning 3 photography workshops for the trust.

**DAVIS, Adrian,
MIBOL, MSc, MIEEM**

Wildoutdoors Ltd, Birnam Guest House, 4 Murthly Tce,
Birnam, Perthshire PH8 0BG

Tel 07761 673231

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Website: www.wildoutdoors.info

When can be contacted: most times

T Talks

- Mammals- Scottish Wildcats, pine martens, otters, red squirrels & badgers.
- Peatlands and upland habitats – both Scottish and elsewhere.
- Nepal

Fee: no charge for talks but small contribution towards accommodation and travel costs welcome. (often does a UK tour giving talks during the winter.)

Biographical info : Adrian is an ecologist and wildlife expert, having worked as a wildlife guide and leader for many years all over Scotland. He has over 20yrs experience in the environmental field, in which time he has worked as an ecological consultant and Area Officer with Scottish Natural Heritage, Scotland's governing body on nature & landscapes. In last few years completed a three year study on Scottish wildcats, published by SNH in 2010. Currently undertaking further research as part of the Wildcat Haven project. Active member of the Scottish Wildlife Trust; giving talks on Scottish wildlife and plants including pine martens.

Travelled extensively and able to offer talks on the wildlife of a number of foreign countries, including Nepal where he has spent 3 weeks each November for the past few years.

**DAVIS, Mrs. Celia,
BSc. (Agric) NDB**

The Pines, Hodgetts Lane, Berkswell, Coventry CV7 7DG

Tel.: 01676 533252

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When can be contacted:

Most times.

T Talks with digital presentation:

- Bees and beekeeping [introduction to beekeeping showing the relationship between beekeeping and the life of the honeybee].
- Bees, plants and the environment [interactions between bees and flowering plants, and the importance of these to the environment as a whole].
- Insects in the garden [some of the insects that live in the garden, their life-cycles and ecology. (Note - includes very few butterflies, moths or bees)].
- The sex life of plants [the structure and function of flowers in close-up].
- The wild bees and wasps [the natural history of the wild solitary and social bees and wasps].
- The world of butterflies and moths [an introduction to some of our native butterflies and moths, and their natural history].

Fee:

£40 plus travel expenses (open to discussion)

Equipment required:

Screen plus table for projector & laptop.

Distance will travel:

about 40 miles.

Booking notice required:

as much as possible.

Biographical info: formerly a biology teacher, she has had a life-long interest in insects. Has been a beekeeper for 30 years and has written 2 books on the biology and behaviour of the honey bee. Honorary Life Vice-President, formerly Secretary, of Warwickshire Beekeepers.

DRAPER, Brian MBE

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often difficult but use answer phone.

T Talks with slides

- The River Teme [from source to Severn].
- The River Severn part I [from source to Bridgnorth].
- The River Severn part II [from Bridgnorth to the sea].
- The Severn Way.
- The River Wye part I [source to Hereford].
- The River Wye part II [Hereford to Chepstow].
- What is a river?
- The hidden wildlife of a city.
- A naturalist's view of Scotland
- The Warwickshire Avon [from the battlefields of Naseby to Tewkesbury].
- Ironbridge and Coalbrookdale [historical sites].
- Where to watch wildlife along the River Severn.
- The Countryside of Sir Edward Elgar
- Water over my Wellies - The story of working on a river for 40 odd years (non illustrated).

[Note: September to March only; no talks from beginning of April to end of August]

- W** • Also guided coach tours along the rivers listed above, as well as Elgar Country, Cotswold Villages and the Vale of Evesham, Herefordshire's Black and White Villages, Salt and Silk: a tour of south Cheshire. The villages & towns of Wiltshire/Gloucestershire border.

Fee: £50 including travel if local. Outside Worcestershire £50 + travel expenses to be agreed.
 Equipment required: screen if possible.
 Distance will travel: unlimited.
 Booking notice required: at least 12 to 18 months.

Biographical info: he worked for almost 40 years on flood defence, land drainage and river conservation, during which time he gave many lectures on rivers and was the official schools lecturer for the Upper Severn Area of the National Rivers Authority. On his retirement in 1996 he became a full time lecturer and courier. A keen naturalist, walker and photographer, he was awarded an MBE for his work in furthering the conservation of rivers. He has lived all his life in the Teme Valley.

DRURY, Howard D.H.E (Hons) 8 Bagnell Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham B13 0SJ

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 Website: www.thedrurys.com

- T** Large screen PowerPoint & digital video presentations
- The wildlife garden –Planning and Maintaining
 - Gardening by the moon
 - Why Trees?
 - Plants for free
 - Organic or Not?
 - Berried Treasures
 - Growing Fruit in the 21st Century
 - Any Colour but Green
 - A Gardeners Question Time
 - Gardening as we get older
 - Encouraging birds into the garden
 - Great Garden Quiz (lighthearted)–no real gardening knowledge needed

Over 100 fascinating and intriguing subjects all on www.thedrurys.com

Fees: £70 for up to 75 people, larger groups slightly more. (Plus expenses)
 Equipment required: Close suitable parking. A 13 Amp socket!
 Booking notice: as much as possible but able to help at short notice if free.

Biographical info : Horticultural broadcaster, speaker, lecturer, writer, advisor, consultant. 12 years presenting TV programmes. Runs gardening clubs. Leads garden holidays worldwide.

FARMER, Gary

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E-mail: garyla@outlook.com

When can be contacted: any time, use answer phone.

T Talks with slides

- India – on the trail of the tiger.
- Ecuador and Galapagos – rainforest, mountains and magical islands.
- Uganda – from sunbirds to silverbacks.
- Bugs and weevils
- Also, a variety of talks about Worcestershire wildlife, ranging from grasshoppers and other bugs, to general wildlife topics.

Fee: £40 plus travel expenses.

Equipment required: screen if available

Distance will travel: around 20 miles.

Booking notice required: 3 months, but can sometimes be available at short notice.

Biographical info: a volunteer for WWT and Worcestershire Recorders for many years.

FISHER, Graham, MBE

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When can be contacted: any time.

T Talks with slides and/or Powerpoint presentation:

- Various waterway-related talks.
- Various talks on the Stourbridge glass industry, to include:
- Jewels on the cut [an examination of the glass industry and other industries along the Stourbridge canal],
- The history of the Portland Vase,
- An overview of the new glass museum that replaces Broadfield House .

W Walks

- Guided/assisted walks/tours in a variety of waterside locations – to be negotiated.

Fee: around £100 (negotiable), travel up to 20 miles included

Equipment required: large screen and digital projector if available.

Distance will travel: within a 50 mile radius of Hay-on-Wye

Booking notice required: any time.

Biographical info : Graham Fisher is a writer and presenter. A devoted Black Country man, he is now located on the Welsh borders although he frequently returns to the area to pursue his passions as a waterways specialist with an interest in glass. He sits on the West Midlands Waterways Partnership and is a Trustee of both the British Glass Foundation and Chance Glass Heritage Trust. He is a former jury member for the International Festival of Glass Biennale.

He was invested for services to inland waterways in 2001 and in 2005 was voted by his peers as Waterways Personality of the Year, assuming the mantle from previous recipients that include John Craven OBE, David Suchet CBE and Timothy West CBE. His 'Jewels' trilogy of books comprising *Jewels on the Cut* (2010) *The 2012 Portland Vase Project* (2012) and *Whiskers on Kittens* is a unique examination of glass and inland waterways. Graham is 'the voice of the Black Country' in the podcast section of the West Midlands history site www.historywm.com

FORREST, Gordon

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Website: www.worcestershirewildlifetalks.co.uk

When can be contacted: day and evening.

T Talks with slides

- Photographic highlights of favourite WWT reserves.
- The wildlife of Chaddesley Woods.
- Upton Warren - Worcestershire's premier bird reserve.
- Badgers and their photography.
- Randan Meadows- Life among the anthills.(in and around the anthill meadows)
- The Nature of "set- aside "the benefits to local farm wildlife.

Note: the following 3 talks are shorter, each lasting about 40 minutes.

- Kingfishers
- Woodpeckers
- Worcestershire's reptiles

Also: he can show wide variety of RSPB colour/sound films - list obtainable from above address

W Walks

- Guided walk looking at the wildlife of Chaddesley Woods.
- Guided walk around Longmore Farm, Chaddesley Corbett.

Fees: free to WWT local groups. Others £40, negotiable for smaller groups. Travel expenses to be added.

Equipment required: large table.

Distance will travel: anywhere.

Booking notice required: none. Will do indoor meeting stand-ins if available

NOTE : Will consider all forms of charity fund raising

Biographical info: works in the building trade. He has had a lifelong interest in nature/wildlife photography, and has written several books on Worcestershire wildlife, which include the photographs, experiences and general views of a wildlife photographer.

GREEN, Terry

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E-mail: terryjgreen@btinternet.com

When can be contacted: any time – use answer phone.

T Talks with slides

- Hedgehogs [general lifestyle and biology; helping hedgehogs - ways we can make their lives easier and longer].
- Other hedgehog related topics or talks of specific interest can be given if there is a computer and digital projector available

Fee: donation to British Hedgehog Preservation Society plus travel expenses at 45p/mile.

Equipment required: Screen

Distance will travel: Anything considered at stated mileage rate

Booking notice required: 1 month minimum preferred

Biographical info: Retired animal care and wildlife lecturer at Pershore College. Was a hedgehog rescuer. Education volunteer with Worcestershire Wildlife Trust

GROVE, Ashley

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When can be contacted

Any time

T Digital presentation via Keynote (Mac equivalent of Powerpoint)

- Great British Birds
- Shetland to Scilly- birds of the British Isles
- A Beginners Guide to Birdwatching
- Lammergeiers of the Spanish Pyrenees
- Jewels of the Gambia

Fee:

£80 + 25p per mile from B47 postcode.

Equipment required :

a screen, projector stand/table, extension lead and a table for sales items.

Booking notice:

as much as possible (check his website for existing bookings)

Biographical info: Midlands based full time professional wildlife photographer and runs his own company, Experience Nature Ltd, leading tours for wildlife watchers and photographers. He has been busy on the lecture circuit since 2006, entertaining wildlife groups, U3A's and camera clubs etc, with his stunning portfolio of images taken in the UK and further afield. He is officially recommended by the RSPB and the Royal Horticultural Society and has visited and revisited well over 100 groups throughout the British Isles. Ashley's lectures are always well received, not only because of the quality of his photography, but for his engaging and informative deliver and amusing anecdotes. His infectious passion for all things wildlife clearly comes across in each talk, offering something for the novice and expert alike.

GULLIVER, Simon

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When can be contacted:

any time, but most likely to get me on the land line during the evening. Leave a message if no answer or use the email address.

T Talks including Powerpoint presentation

- Around the World in 80 Plants: Tales of foreign travel, trains and plants familiar and bizarre.
- Chinese Wilson - Birmingham's Plant Hunter: His adventures in China and other places at the turn of the 20th century and the plants he introduced to our gardens.
- The Oasis of Delight - Birmingham Botanical Gardens: The story of Birmingham Botanical Gardens, opened in 1832 and still an independent educational charity.
- The Secret Life of Trees: How trees work and how wonderful they are.
- Colour Through the Seasons: How to get 365 days of beauty out of your garden.
- Pruning Trees & Shrubs: How to prune for beauty, flower, fruit and health.
- Wildlife in the Garden: How to create a beautiful wildlife friendly plot.
- Roses
- The making of our Midland Landscape
- Talks on Specific Plant Groups: Easy Care, Acid Lovers etc.

Also, is there any other topic that you may like him to talk on? Just let him know!!

Fee: £75 plus 45p per mile travel time and expenses.
Distance will travel: will travel any distance in Midlands.
Equipment required: a screen and a normal height table somewhere towards the front of the room. He brings his own projector
Booking notice required: as much as possible.

Biography: Simon is now Gardens Consultant for the National Trust North-West Region, responsible for all gardens and parks from the south Cheshire to the Scottish border. With a degree in Amenity Horticulture from Pershore College, Simon worked at the Royal Horticultural Society garden at Wisley for two years, looking after the National Plant Collections Scheme. After studying for a Masters degree in Plant Botany at Edinburgh Botanical Gardens, he went on to spend ten years at Birmingham Botanical Gardens, eventually becoming the Plant Collections Manager there. Simon has a particular interest in garden history, plant hunters, trees and the flora of New Zealand and Australia.

HALES, Mrs. Gillian The Paddocks, The Common, Chelmarsh, Salop WV16 6BG

Tel.: 01746 86127

When can be contacted: early morning or after 3 pm most days.

T Talks with slides

- Native owls [brings 6 to 10 live owls].

Fee: approx. £55 depending on distance.
Equipment required: side tables about 3 trestle tables. Separate room needed to hide owls away
Distance will travel: within 50- 60 mile radius
Booking notice required: 3 months

Biographical info: she has kept owls for 22 years.

HARRIGAN, Jan, MBE (Mrs) Walk Mills Farm, Wychbold, Nr Droitwich, Worcs WR9 0DH

Tel.: 07786 434793

Website: www.wychboldswanrescue.co.uk

When can be contacted: daytime.

T Talks with slides

- Concern For Swans [what they do. Brings small items to sell, e.g. badges, cards, pens]

Fee: £45 incl. travel.
Equipment required: just a darkened room.
Distance will travel: anywhere in Worcestershire.
Booking notice required: any time, depending on availability.

Biographical info: has been involved in swan rescue for more than 30 years and has given many talks about her experiences.

HAWKES, H.W. (Mr)

3 Elgar Drive, Kempsey, Worcestershire WR5 3PU

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When can be contacted: any time – use answer phone.

T Talks with slides

- The Florida Everglades
- American wildlife refuges
- American flora and fauna

(He is usually on holiday late April, early May and September)

Fee: donation to St Richards Hospice

Equipment required: none

Distance will travel: 30 miles radius of Worcester.

Booking notice required: 1 month minimum

Biographical info: retired civil servant (scientific) with photography as his hobby. Talks are based on four years spent in the USA and many subsequent visits.

JOHNSON, Peter

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Tel: 01543 270509

When can be contacted: any time, use answer phone.

T Talks with slides

- Talks on travel with a wildlife bias on Africa, India and Nepal, St Kilda, Ecuador and the Galapagos, Peru, Costa Rica etc.
- Local butterflies and moths.

Fees: £40 plus travel expenses.

Equipment required: none.

Distance will travel: up to approx. 50 miles.

Booking notice required: any.

Biographical info: a retired college lecturer and a member of the RSPB, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, Cannock Chase Task Force and Butterfly Conservation. He has an interest in wildlife photography.

JONES, Eric H. (Dr)

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When can be contacted: normally weekday mornings and evenings before 9 pm.

T Talks with Powerpoint presentations

- Croome past and present [the history of Croome Park; the parts played by the 6th Earl of Coventry and 'Capability' Brown; the restoration of Park and Court by the National Trust].

Fees: donation to the National Trust of not less than £45, plus travel expenses of 30p/mile.

Equipment required: screen and lectern

Distance will travel: up to 20 miles from home.

Booking notice required: preferable but not essential - 3 months

Biographical info: former Head of English and Drama, and then Director of the International Office, University of Worcester. Member of the National Trust. Vice President, Friends of Croome, member Campaign for National Parks and the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England.

KING, Christine Pervin Cottage, Caynham, Nr. Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 3BP

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T Talk:

- Flower Pressing- A Gardener's Hobby (including papermaking for mounting flowers)

Fee: £40 plus expenses
Equipment required: Table
Distance: Will travel 40-50miles.
Booking notice required: as much as possible

Biographical information: Recently retired primary school teacher, over 20 years experience of subject.

LANE, Mike

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T Talks with digital images

- A Lane in a Midlands Forest
- A Digital Lane
- A Digital Lane Returns
- A Lane in Brazil
- A Lane around the UK

Fees: negotiable
Distance will travel: anywhere
Booking notice required: none. Will do indoor meeting stand-ins if available.

Biographical information: A full time wildlife photographer specialising in birds and mammals. Although he gets to travel to foreign lands a great deal, his main love is British wildlife. Mike gets far more satisfaction photographing humble wrens and chaffinches than exotic parrots in distant rain forests.

LAWRENCE, Bob

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T Talks - PowerPoint presentations:

- “Behind the Scenes” at West Midland Safari Park.
- Careers talk for those interested in wildlife related matters.
- “My Deer” 40yrs of looking after/managing deer

Fee: £100 all inclusive for presentations within 30 miles of Bewdley

Equipment required: screen or access to a light-coloured wall. Projector is useful but not essential.

Booking notice: as much as possible.

Biographical info: Director of Wildlife at West Midland Safari Park since its inception in 1973. Recipient of a Royal Television Society Award, a national NIACE award, a university chancellor’s award for outstanding achievement and a first in BSc (Hons) Zoo Biology. Bob’s work has involved widespread travel working on conservation projects at home and abroad, working with internationally recognised veterinary teams and working with many conservation bodies. He has been appointed by the Secretary of State as a zoo inspector and also inspects zoos all over Europe. Has also undertaken conservation grazing around the county with Natural England and Worcestershire Wildlife Trust for almost 20years – as well as being a deer farmer himself!

LEACH, Michael (Dr)

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When can be contacted: any time.

T Talks with slides

- In the blink of an eye [photographs capturing high-speed action, revealing aspects of animal’s lives that are invisible without the use of his unique and highly specialised technology].
- Snow monkeys [the story of Michael’s time with a group of macaques in the Japanese Alps. Includes their survival techniques such as immersing themselves in hot pools.]
- Madagascar’s ghosts [explores lemur behaviour and their unique habitat].
- Who’s afraid of the big bad wolf [timber wolves in the Great Northern Forest – their complex social world, subtle behaviour and powerful family bonds. Talk unravels murky and misleading legend from fact.]
- In the steps of the ice bear [explores the life of the giant polar bears that roam the Arctic wilderness, the seals on which they depend and their turbulent relationships with humans, as well as their ancestors, the myths that surround them and their specialisation for the uncompromising environment of the North].
- Men of the forest [orang-utans in Borneo and Sumatra; Michael followed these solitary animals into the challenging igapo forest when researching his book, and tells the story of one of the world’s most elusive primates and of our hunger for the palm oil that threatens their world].
- It’s a funny way to make a living - part 1 [humorous introduction to, and basics of, wildlife photography. Not technical. Highs and lows of the job, how to photograph timid animals, tricks of the trade].
- It’s a funny way to make a living – part 2 [further confessions of a wildlife photographer, featuring advice on how to make a wild cat more menacing, working with hen harriers on a Scottish mountain, photographing in underground dens and building a motorway in your garden shed].

- Enchanted islands [the story of the Galapagos Islands].
- Beneath the dark canopy [using his experiences in Indonesia, the Amazon Basin, West Africa and Central America, Michael explains how a tropical rainforest works and shows some of the highly specialised animals that have evolved to live in this fragile and intricate environment].
- The children's eternal forest [Bosque Eterno de los Ninos, one of the largest wildlife reserves in Central America and home to howler monkeys, sloths, sabre-winged hummingbirds and yet undiscovered species, was saved by children around the world. The story of the forest and its salvation.]
- The natural history of Christmas [explains the origin in natural history of our Christmas customs].
- Faces in the mirror [after living with gorillas, orang-utans, bonobos and chimpanzees in the wild, Michael explores some of the apes' behaviour and the dangers that may destroy them].
- Poles apart [the Arctic and Antarctic – Michael reveals the fragile domains of polar bears, king penguins, snowy owls, elephant seals and reindeer from both ends of the earth].
- China's silver cat bears [the story of the discovery of the giant pandas in the remote bamboo forests of China's Sichuan province, and looks at their life and future].
- The complete owl [covers all resident British owls in folklore and fact, with details on hunting techniques etc. Includes high-speed photographs of owls in flight.]
- Owls of the world [Michael's adventures while working around the globe with some of the 133 species of owl].
- Animals behaving badly [surprising animal behaviour, including drunken monkeys, psychotic magpies, phobic ostriches and delinquent coots].
- In the midst of gorillas [living high in the forest with the mountain gorillas in Rwanda].

Fee: by negotiation.
 Equipment required: large screen if possible.
 Distance will travel: anywhere.
 Booking notice required: none.

Biographical info: full-time wildlife photographer/author since 1977 and now one of Europe's top professionals. He has travelled to some of the wildest and most remote places on Earth. His photographs have been used in more than 800 books, appearing in over 60 countries. He has filmed TV documentaries for both the BBC and Independent Television. He is a frequent broadcaster and widely published author. Michael has written 24 books, translated into 11 languages, on subjects ranging from big cats and owls to great apes and bears. His illustrated articles have been used in a long list of magazines including Country Life, the Observer, Geographical and Amateur Photographer. His photographs have been used in every major wildlife and environmental magazine in Europe and the USA.

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T Talk with Powerpoint presentation

- Through birds' eyes [an introduction to the vision and other sensory systems that guide the behaviour of birds; the overall message is that birds and humans share the planet but live in different worlds].

Fee: no charge, but travel expenses appreciated.
 Equipment required: digital projector, projector stand, screen.

Distance will travel: all of Worcestershire.
Booking notice required: 3 months .

Biographical info: Chair of the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. Wide interests in Conservation. Emeritus Professor of Avian Sensory Science at the University of Birmingham. Has conducted research on a wide range of bird species including owls, flamingos, oilbirds, cormorants, albatrosses, skimmers, vultures, puffins and eagles. Recent research on why birds collide with power wires and wind turbines. Recent research on why diving birds are prone to being caught in gill nets.

MILDREN, Alan British Marine Wildlife Conservation. Marine Vision Studios

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When can be contacted: any time

Marine Vision Studios are a small environmental company looking to provide conservation in the seas around the British Isles.

T Talks with PowerPoint presentation with short films to highlight the plight of some of the animals in UK waters. They are based on the work of the Marine Conservation Society started over 25 years ago to protect and conserve the seas around Britain. The talks are normally given in 45mins or 90mins lengths but can be adapted to suit your needs.

- Conservation of our Beautiful Marine Life
- Marine Conservation Work in the UK
- The Story of a Liberty Ship the James Eagan Layn
- Heaven on Lundy (Lundy Island)
- The Mummings of Winterbourn Down
- Beautiful Marine Life in our waters

Fee: Approx £50 plus length of travel.

Biographical info : Alan has worked in British Marine Conservation and giving talks for over 35 years. His work involves producing film and media products for conservation bodies. This was done on a part time basis for a number of years before becoming full time.

MORRIS, Rosemary and YATES, Bas The Heathers, 10 Windmill Lane, Inkberrow, Worcs, WR7 4HG

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When can be contacted: any time.

T Talks with digital presentation

- Where Eagles Fly - Lewis and Harris with a trip to St Kilda, we will be returning this year to Harris this year to Harris and Benbecula and the Uists.
- Awaken to Africa- A trip to Africa (in their winter) a trip to the Hazaba Tribe of only 50 people, The Masai and all the lovely birds and animals that can be found here in Tanzania.
- Wild Shetlands - a look at the Wildlife and Heritage of the most Northerly Scottish Isles.
- A year in the Life of Two Photographers – A comprehensive look at Wildlife a lot of Birds, some scenery, flowers etc – mostly England and the British Isles.
- Home and Away in Britain - a NEW year in the life of sprinkled with a few old favourites

Fee: £50 up to 10 miles, but never more than £60.
Equipment required: none.
Distance will travel: mainly Worcestershire.
Booking notice: anytime. Will stand in at short notice if possible.

Biographical info: Bas and Rosie are cousins. Bas has worked on the land and in the countryside for over 60 years. Rosie has lived in the countryside all her life and has a passion for photography. Both are members of Cookhill and Studley Camera Club. They would like to pass on their passion for wildlife and travel.

MOULE, Reg Hillcrest, 10 Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton, Worcs,
WR10 2AP

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When can be contacted: phone or e mail.

- T** More than 20 talks available including:
- Fruit in Small Gardens
 - Growing Wall Shrubs and Climbers
 - Organic Gardening
 - Gardening with Grasses

Phone, e-mail or send sae for full list of talks.

Fee: £85+25p a mile over 30 miles.
Equipment required: none
Distance will travel: 50 miles
Booking notice: as much as possible

Biographical information: Family background in Horticulture. Trained at Pershore College. Nursery/Garden Centre Manager. Gardening speaker for over 30 years. Award-winning gardening broadcaster with BBC Local Radio.

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West Midlands DY7 5BD

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When can be contacted: anytime, please leave message if not answered

- T** Talks with slides
- The Work of the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust (see page 4)
 - A Beginner Bird Watching in Britain (2 x 45 mins)
 - A Beginner's Guide to Bird Watching (1hr)
 - Bird Watching in Britain (1hr)
 - A Beginner Bird Watching in Spain (2 x 45 min sections)
 - My Wild Year – a photographic diary of a year observing the natural world (any length from 30 mins to 2x45 min sections)
 - Others in development - please ask.

Timings can be adapted for different groups

Fees Free to WWT local groups. Others £40, negotiable for smaller groups. Travel expenses included up to 20 miles
Equipment required: Projector screen (or white wall!) & table for projector / laptop
Booking notice: Happy to be called at short notice and 'emergency' situations!

Biographical info: Retired secondary school teacher, has been involved with Worcestershire Wildlife Trust for 30 years in a variety of roles, and is currently a Trustee with a special interest in communications. A birdwatcher for many years but still considers himself a bit of a beginner! Talks are generally light-hearted and aimed at non-specialist audiences. Happy to discuss adapting talks for different groups.

PANNETT, David Merton, Shepherds Lane, Bicton, Shropshire SY3 8BT

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When can be contacted: most times

T Talks with slides/overhead projection

- Various aspects of the Severn Valley (especially geomorphology and medieval fish weirs)
- Our Ice age landscape
- Evolution of plants, illustrated by our gardens (brings real specimens)
- Hedgerows in the landscape

W Walk:

- Geology/ landscape in various parts of the Severn Valley : around the Highley/Bridgnorth area and above Shrewsbury.

Fees (walks and talks): £40 plus travel expenses
Equipment required: none
Distance will travel (talks): Shropshire & adjacent areas north of Worcester.
Booking notice required: can be short

Biographical information: a Birmingham historical geographer, he worked at Preston Montford Field Centre and was a tutor in the Birmingham University Extramural Department for many years. He is currently a member of the Management Committee of both the Shropshire Geological Society and the Shropshire Archaeological Society. He has a special interest in "cross-subject studies" in the context of landscape history.

PARSONS, Diana (nee Bateman) Baytree Cottage, Uphampton, Ombersley, Worcs WR9 0JS

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When can be contacted: use answerphone.

T Talks:

- Fungus talks [Autumn only, with displays of fresh wild fungi].

W Walks:

- Fungus forays [Autumn. Records are collected of specimens found].

Fees: Talks: £50 plus travel expenses
Walks: Negotiable
Equipment required: tables for displaying fungi
Distance will travel: 20 miles.
Booking notice required: 6 to 12 months.

Biographical info: has been studying mycology for 18 years. Leader of Worcestershire Fungi Group. Has made TV and radio appearances.

PEACE, Alan

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When can be contacted: any time.

T Talks with slides:

- “John O’Groats to Lands End – Bike-v- Bus”. The story of a challenge between a pensioner using a bus pass & two young fit cyclists to see who could do the journey quickest.
- The barn owl - its plight and future.
- Himley Hall - past, present and future.
- Across the roof of Africa – dare to dream.
- The Alps and Mongolia
- Never work with children or animals (by the man who has done both and survived!)
- Assault on Aconcagua: 23,000 feet = £23,000, share the adventure.

Fee: £40–100, depending on group size & distance travelled.
Donated to Cancer Research UK.

Equipment required: large screen welcomed.

Distance will travel: all areas.

Biographical info: ex printer, youth leader and professional climbing instructor. He has climbed in Mongolia, Argentina, Italy, Russia, Morocco and Tanzania as well as in the UK. Chairman of the Board of Trustees of an international conservation charity. Was for ten years a volunteer lorry driver with the German Red Cross, delivering humanitarian aid in Eastern Europe. Recently retired after 27 years as Senior Warden of the Himley Park Hall Estate, Nr Dudley.

PEARSON, Michael John

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When can be contacted: any time.

T Talks with or without presentation (based on his published books):

- Foul Deeds and Suspicious Deaths Around the Black Country (he hasn’t used material from this book, but is happy to)
- Tracing Your Black Country Ancestors - a local history/family history book - the talk gives people an overview on certain areas of genealogy with a Black Country bias
- The Little Book of the Black Country - lots of 'odd' facts about the region - the most light-hearted of his talks
- The Black Country in the Great War - what was life like during the 1914-1918 war; how did it start and end; what was life like in the region; what about the ramifications of the infamous Zeppelin raid of 31 January 1916?
- The Black Country iron and steel industry.

Fee: £35 plus travel expenses (negotiable - but around 15-20p per mile).

Equipment required: screen and projector

Distance will travel: no limit

Booking notice required: none - can stand in at short notice, even same day.

Biographical info: Recently retired after 30 years as police officer in the West Midlands force, retiring at rank of Inspector. Sits as a Lay Member on Employment Tribunals and about to start work on a new book project.. He edits ‘*The Blackcountryman*’, the magazine of the Black Country Society (a high-quality quarterly magazine, published since 1967). He has spoken in London and

also at 'Who Do You Think You Are - Live' in Birmingham in 2015. Appeared on Midlands Today, fighting the corner for the Black Country in the 'Greater Birmingham' debate. Also took part in a film documentary on a quirky Black Country character and has been on Radio WM many times, including Carl Chinn's shows. His presentations include humour rather than comedy.

PICKERING, Pollyanna

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E-mail: annalouise@talk.talk.net

Website: www.pollyannapickering.co.uk

When can be contacted: office hours.

T Talks with slides:

- A brush with wildlife [a light-hearted look at Pollyanna's life and work in the Peak District].
- A safari of Britain [a follow-up to the above talk, incl. journeys through the British Isles sketching and studying birds and mammals].
- On top of the world [an expedition into the high Arctic in search of polar bears].
- Giant pandas and sleeping dragons [a journey into a remote area in the Tibetan borderlands to paint and to work with sick pandas].
- An Indian summer [a journey to sketch tigers in remote reserves in southern India].
- The eye of the tiger [her travels into the foothills of the Himalayas in northern India to sketch Bengal tigers].
- Temple of the jaguar king [her travels through the rain forests in Belize to paint the jaguar].
- The company of wolves [a journey through Transylvania to paint wolves and other wildlife].
- The land of the snow tiger [searching for Amur tigers in Siberia].
- The land of the thunder dragon [an expedition to paint wildlife in the Himalayan country of Bhutan].

Fees: £150 plus travel expenses.

Equipment required: tables.

Distance will travel: any.

Booking notice required: up to 2 years depending on availability.

Biographical info: she is acclaimed as one of Europe's foremost wildlife artists and has won many awards for her work in both art and conservation. She is a patron of The Wildlife Art Society International, as well as several other national charities including Raptor Rescue, The Badger Trust, Naturewatch and the African/Asian Conservation Trust. Her charitable foundation raises funds for international conservation and wildlife rescue.

RYTON ORGANIC GARDENS

Organic Enterprises Ltd, Garden Organic Ryton,
Wolston Lane, Coventry CV8 3LG

Tel 024 7630 8211

E-mail: enquiry@gardenorganic.org.uk

Website: www.gardenorganic.org.uk

W Group walks:

- Many individual gardens in 8 acres of landscaped grounds, including wildflower meadow biodynamic garden, composting display, Vegetable Kingdom. On site café.

Open seven days a week, guided tours available (charge), group concessions.

Gardens: Accessible for wheelchairs. Wheelchair hire available.

Bookings: tel 024 7630 8211 or email bookings@gardenorganic.co.uk

SALISBURY, RachelSpring Cottage, Crumpton Hill, Storridge, Malvern,
Worcestershire WR13 5HE

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When can be contacted: any time.

T Talks with slides:

- The plant hunters.
- Plant propagation [practical demonstration].
- The conservation garden.
- What's in a name? [scientific naming of plants, their meanings and background stories].
- Plants of the month.
- Plants for hot spots.
- The contained garden [available as illustrated lecture or practical demonstration].
- Ranunculaceae.
- Garden plants: heritage and conservation.
- History of the glasshouse.
- The cottage garden.

[Will also organise quiz nights]

Fee: £75 plus travel expenses.

Equipment required: none.

Distance will travel: up to 50 miles further distances negotiable.

Booking notice required: normally up to 18 months but will stand in at short notice.

Biographical info: graduated in horticulture at University of Nottingham, has previously lectured at Birmingham University in the Continuing Studies Department. She is currently taming her own large garden and tending an allotment.

SAUNDERS, M.A. (Miss)

26 Beverley Gardens, Woodmancote, Gloucs GL52 9QD

Tel.: 01242 672805 (ex-directory)

When can be contacted: most evenings, especially between 7 pm and 10.30 pm.

T Talks with slides:

- Drama of deserts [what are deserts and how life can survive in them].
- Ways of water and waterways [landscape formation and variety of human usage].
- Two faces of Patagonia [ecological (and historical) contrasts east and west of the Andes].
- Arctic Norway (ie the "Green Arctic")
- Walking Across Britain – and back.
- Three Islands – a comparison (Harris, Newfoundland & Greenland)
- Talking Turkey – **NEW**
- Iceland – Land of Ice and Fire – **NEW**
- Kashmir and Ladakh - **NEW**

Other talks available - ask for details

[Note that at present, evening engagements preferably undertaken only during summer months (April to October).]

Fee: donation of £30 to £40 to a charity, depending on the size of the audience

Equipment required: projector stand, extension lead; screen and slide projector if possible.

Distance will travel: within 75 minutes from Cheltenham.
Booking notice required: 3 – 12 months.

Biographical info: teacher and lecturer with a special interest in ecology and environmental physiology. Widely travelled, and has an additional interest in geology and history.

SHIRLEY, Peter 72 Dagger Lane, West Bromwich, West Midlands B71 4BS

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When can be contacted: any time.

T Talks with slides/digital presentations:

- Plant galls [biology, ecology and folklore].
- Wildlife of South Africa [incl. Kruger].
- Wildlife of Florida (inc. the Everglades).
- What should live where? Nature Conservation in the 21st Century.
- Wildlife and nature in towns and cities.

Fees: £35 plus travel expenses.
Equipment required: laptop and digital projector.
Distance will travel: Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire.
Booking notice required: 6 weeks.

Biographical info: he has worked for the Wildlife Trusts for 20 years, focusing on urban wildlife. He is an author and broadcaster on nature conservation, is a founder member of the British Plant Gall Society, and is joint author of the Field Studies Council AIDGAP keys to British plant galls. Chair of the Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country, Trustee of Landlife/ The National Wildflower Centre.

SLATER, Mike 149 Norton Leys, Rugby, Warwickshire CV22 5RS

Tel.: 01788 335881 E-mail: michael.slater50@ntlworld.com
Website: Butterfly Conservation, Warwickshire Branch

When can be contacted: e-mail anytime; evenings before 9 pm.

T Talks with Powerpoint presentation:

- British butterflies.
- Woodland butterflies.
- Grassland butterflies.
- Brownfield butterflies.
- Specialised butterfly talks.

W Walks/outdoor meetings:

- Butterfly walks in Warwickshire or nearby in Worcestershire
- Butterfly identification and monitoring.
- Habitat creation.

Fees (talks and walks): £50 plus travel expenses
Equipment required: screen or white wall.
Distance will travel: 50 miles, negotiable
Booking notice required: 2 to 3 weeks

Biographical info: Conservation Officer for Butterfly Conservation, Warwickshire Branch; Reserve Manager for Ryton Wood, Ryton Wood Meadow.

SMART, Trevor

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Website: www.ravenshillwood.org.uk

When can be contacted: all weekend and after 6 pm on weekdays.

T Talks with Powerpoint presentation:

- Ravenshill Woodland Reserve.

W Walks:

- Guided walks around Ravenshill Woodland Reserve.
- Beekeeping: an observation hive will be used for demonstration purposes (summer only).

Fee: £30 plus travel expenses.

Equipment required: screen.

Distance will travel: 30 miles.

Booking notice required: 8 weeks preferred.

Biographical info: lifetime bird watcher, manager and owner of Ravenshill Woodland Reserve.

STURDY, Ray FRGS

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Website: phototravels.co.uk

When can be contacted: any time.

T Talks with slides:

- Peru, the land of the Incas – To Lima and onto Lake Titicaca, then a high Andes trek to the lost city of Machu Picchu].
- China – an intriguing mixture of traditional and modern life. It has stunning scenery, vast rivers, bustling cities, many ornate royal palaces, and at Xian, the amazing Terracotta Warriors
- Travels in Tibet – a journey from Lhasa to Nepal through a land on the roof of the world.
- I.K. Brunel - a Victorian Genius – Isambard Kingdom Brunel worked on a massive scale with steamships, railways, docks, tunnels and bridges. These works changed our day of life and many are still in use today.
- Malvern's Memories and Marvels -, the famous water cure and celebrities of The Spa Town in the Hills.
- Africa – From Summit to Sea – To Tanzania to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro then a scenic visit to South Africa and Cape Town.
- Worcestershire Remembered - looking back at our Victorian way of life. Were they 'The Good Old Days'?
- Witley Court, The Rise and fall of a Victorian Palace – The changing fortunes of a spectacular country mansion and its wealthy owners. Today the house grounds, the vast gardens and a superb working fountain are open to visitors.

[Note: the talks last for 1 hour and are followed by any questions. There is usually a collection for the NSPCC]. A list containing more talks is available from Ray Sturdy.

W Walks/outdoor meetings:

- Hill walking, wildlife/fauna.
- Digital/film photography.
- Local towns/woods.
- Industrial and local history.

Fees: £45 donation to Cancer Research UK plus travel expenses to venues outside Worcestershire..
Equipment required: darkened room & glass of water.
Distance will travel: 50 miles radius.
Booking notice required: 1 week.

Biographical info: he is an expedition organiser, a youth leader and a keen photographer.

TANN-WATSON, Lynne, Mrs 49 Moira Road, Donisthorpe, Leicestershire DE12 7QD

Tel.: 01530 272835

E-mail: lynne@witchesgarden.co.uk

When can be contacted: most times.

T Talks:

- An introduction to herbs [herbs, their history, folklore, culinary and medicinal uses].
- Wild herbs [uses of wild plants and 'weeds'].
- History of food in England.

* **Workshop:**

- Making herbal preparations [one or two hours].

W Walks:

- Guided walks, talking about the history, folklore and uses of the plants growing along the way.

Fees (walks and talks): £35 plus mileage (negotiable)
Equipment required: two or three large tables for plants and displaying books for sale.
Distance will travel: 2 hours radius from home.
Booking notice required: as early as possible but will stand in at short notice if available.

Biographical info: Lynne runs a small herbarium. She has been growing and using herbs for 40 years, and has given talks on herbs for over 10 years. She brings books to sell.

TAYLOR, Paul 24 Forge Road, Shustoke, Coleshill, Birmingham B46 2AU

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Website: www.naturalworldexperience.com

When can be contacted: any time

T Talk (illustrated):

- The world of minibeasts [hands-on experience with exotic creatures from around the world]. (Suitable for children)

W Walks/outdoor meetings:

- Bug hunts.
- Pond dipping. (Suitable for children)

Fees: £40 per session plus travel expenses.
Equipment required: none.
Distance will travel: most areas.
Booking notice required: none.

Biographical info: he has been keeping exotic insects for many years and runs his own business providing family-oriented environmental activities and education. He works all over the country taking his Minibeast Roadshow into schools and also attends fetes, shows and many other venues with his displays.

TIDESWELL, David

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When can be contacted: any time.

T Talks with slides:

- Garden Birds: Autumn and Winter
- Garden Birds: Spring and Summer
- Blue tit – raising a family.
- Our friendly garden robin – the natural and non-natural history of our robin redbreast.

Fee: £60 plus 40p a mile.
 Equipment required: a table for displaying books and bird feeders for sale.
 Distance will travel: 60-70 mile radius.
 Booking notice required: a few days, if available.

Biographical info: bird enthusiast, 'robin man' on BBC's *SpringWatch*, BBC local radio contributor.

TILT, John

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When can be contacted: after 6 pm or on mobile.

T Talks with Powerpoint presentations:

- Grafton Wood History & Natural History.
- Appreciating British Birds.
- Conservation of the Brown Hairstreak Butterfly
- Butterflies - Transect recording.
- Butterflies – Worcestershire/Woodland Meadows
- Searching for British orchids.
- Wildlife & Butterflies of Scotland.

[Can vary the content and length of each talk depending on local group requirements]

W Walks:

- Grafton Wood - Birds, Flowers & Butterflies.

[Willing to lead guided walks elsewhere]

Fees: £40, travel expenses included
 Equipment required: table for display board & table for laptop computer.
 Distance will travel: all areas.
 Booking notice required: 4 weeks, but can fill in at short notice if available

Biographical info: member of WWT since 1981. Has carried out BTO bird surveys for over 20 years. Was previously a member of Hornhill & Trench Wood management committees - now the Voluntary Reserve Manager of Grafton Wood.

Also a member of Butterfly Conservation - currently the Chairman of the West Midlands Branch and Transect Co-ordinator for the West Midlands. He has been involved with the Ancient Tree Register since the beginning having written the database for the project. John is also a member of Worcestershire Biological Record Centre.

TURNER, Joe

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Website: www.joeturnerphotography.co.uk

T Powerpoint/Slideshows: Joe is more than happy to present both.

- "Hunters of the night, captured during the day" - A talk on the amazing Barn Owl & Short-Eared Owls Joe has spent many hours photographing in many varied weather conditions over the past year. He will talk to you about the challenging aspects of this project he faced along the way, the setup he used, along with tips and hints for you to be able to find and photograph Owls local to you!
- "Sea Life, Sea City" - This talk is based and on & around Joe's favourite gallery "Sea Life" and the amazing sight that happens every year on the cliff face at Bempton and Islands like Skomer & the Farnes, bringing thousands and thousands of puffins, gannets, guillemots and more to the areas making 'cities' of Wildlife. This talk focuses on these birds and how to create that different shot that no-one else looks for, no matter what kit you have!
- "First till last" - Using the best of the light to capture the greatest images. This is a talk designed to show you how to get the best images possible using the right light early morning at dawn and in the amazing light at dusk.
- "Sometimes you don't have to go beyond your own doorstep" - A talk on the amazing wildlife you can find on your doorstep, even if you live in a built-up urban area or out in the countryside. A talk about how animals have adapted to these locations, how people have affected their habits and how to find wildlife within miles of your own home.
- "Canary Islands, hidden wildlife" - The Canary Islands are home to some vast open desert and volcanic spaces, and also rare and indigenous wildlife like the houbara bustard and cream-coloured courser. How to photograph and find these amazing birds and tips to get the shot with other varied species like spectacled warblers, stone curlew and other rare birds across the Islands.

[For more details of these and other talks available please contact Joe Turner]

Fees: £95-£200 depending on size of the group / location / length of talk/presentation.

Equipment required: Screen, small table.

Distance will travel: Nationwide, subject to travel expenses over 60 miles.

Joe gives talks and presentations to groups, and also does photography workshops for both individuals and groups.

UMPELBY, Roger, B.Sc., M.Phil. The Cottage, Elmley Road, Ashton-under-Hill, Worcs WR11 7SW

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When can be contacted:

normally any time.

T All talks are extensively illustrated with digital images

- Friends and foes in the garden.
- Bugs: the good, the bad and the ugly.
- All bugs bright and beautiful.
- Butterflies in Britain
- Beneficial creatures in the garden
- Bredon Hill through the year: a nature-lover's view
- A close-up view of the Cotswold countryside (mainly macro-photography)
- Life in the local undergrowth (mainly macro-photography)
- The wonder of local wild flowers (mainly macro-photography)

[A number of other talks are offered, these are mainly garden or travel related]

Fee: £10 to Wildlife Trusts, £60 minimum for other clubs and societies. Also travel expenses of 35p/mile plus any car park, toll charges etc

Equipment required: none.

Distance will travel: any distance, accommodation will be required if over 100 miles each way.

Available: anytime normally.

Biographical info: a professional applied entomologist and horticulturalist with many years' experience of consultancy and research with government and industry. Part time advisor for RHS and occasional lecturer at Pershore College. A passionate plant and nature lover who enjoys sharing his love and respect for the natural world with anyone prepared to listen.

VALE WILDLIFE RESCUE – see BROOKES, Martin

WALKDEN, Peter 40 Alborn Crescent, Kings Norton, Birmingham B38 8NG

Tel.: 07879 665775 E-mail: info@peterwalkden.co.uk

When can be contacted: any time

- T** Talks making use of a Powerpoint-type presentation, with images and clips where applicable
- "Wildlife Photography" - Learning some of the tricks and techniques needed to improve your images. Equipment, fieldcraft, camera settings, wildlife welfare and post-processing tips.
 - "Magical Mull, Eagle Island" - Covering the wonderful array of wildlife that can be seen on the Isle Of Mull, and how to photograph it. Focusing on the key species that can be found on the island, such as otters and birds of prey.
- [Talks can last 60-90 minutes]

Fee: £80 per talk + travel expenses at 40p a mile.

Equipment required: Table, power supply, screen and projector (compatible with a Windows laptop)

Distance will travel: Circa 50 miles around Birmingham (flexible).

Biographical info: Pete is a freelance photographer who specialises in the wildlife of the UK. Having travelled extensively across the UK, he has built up a varied gallery of much of its wildlife. Favourite locations include Worcestershire, Norfolk, Powys and the Highlands and the West Coast of Scotland, where he can indulge in his passion for birds of prey.

WALL, Terry EFIAP Platinum. PPSA. MPAGB, ARPS

The Oaks, Parkend Walk, Coalway, Gloucestershire GL16 7JR

Tel.: 01594 832956 E-mail: wildimages@terry-wall.com
 Website: www.terry-wall.com

When can be contacted: 10 am to 8 pm.

- T** Talks with digitally projected images:
- Year in the life of a Wall [wildlife and landscape of Lesvos, Galapagos Islands, White Sands and Bosque del Apache reserves in New Mexico].
 - Wall on the wildside [birds and mammals in Florida, UK, Tanzania].
 - A Wall around Bulgaria and Hungary
 - Digital Africa [wildlife, especially big cats, in Samburu, Lake Nakuru, Lake Naivasha and the Masai Mara].
 - A Wall at the end of the world – Japan! Snow monkeys! Sea-eagles!
 - A Wall around California: wildlife and landscapes.

- A View from a Wall: USA National Parks : Yellowstone, Grand Tetons et al – stunning autumn wildlife amidst the geyser basins.
- A Wall around my Garden : current UK wildlife touring around accessible places – just like Autumn Watch!

[Talks are travelogue style and are suitable for all ages.]

Fee: £60, plus petrol expenses
 Equipment required: screen and tables for display and sale of prints and cards.
 Distance will travel: up to 100 miles return; further by arrangement.
 Booking notice required: any – may be available for stand-ins at short notice.

Biographical info: full time professional wildlife photographer. International award winner many times over.

WALTON, Derek 234, Loxley Road, Stratford upon Avon, Warks CV37 7DU

Tel.: 01789 550244 E-mail: derek.walton@ntworld.com

When can be contacted: any time.

T Talks with slides:

- Birds and water [general birds plus other subjects associated with water].
- Wild about a garden [wildlife and horticultural interest in and around his garden].

Fee: around £40, plus travel.
 Equipment required: none.
 Distance will travel: all counties adjacent to Warwickshire.

Biographical info: he is an Associate of the Royal Photographical Society and a member of its Nature Group. Has been photographing wildlife, specialising in birds, for 15 years at home and abroad.

WILKES, Mike F.R.P.S. 43 Feckenham Road, Headless Cross, Redditch, Worcs B97 5AS

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When can be contacted: any time.

T Digital talks:

- British Wildlife here & there (covering Midlands & Scotland)
- Action in Nature
- The Gambia
- Wildlife of the cloud forest and Galapagos islands
- Tanzania
- Tanzania revisited.

T Talks with slides:

- British birds from autumn to spring [England, Wales and Scotland].
- Spring in Spain
- Lesbos [a birder's dream island].
- Fabulous Florida
- Birds of southern Texas [water birds, desert birds and garden birds along the Texas coast].
- Kenya.
- Zimbabwe safari.

Fee: £30 to £35 depending on distance, travel included.
 Equipment required: none.

Distance will travel: no limit.
Booking notice required: any time; may be available for stand-ins at short notice.
Biographical info: wildlife photographer and speaker for the last 30 years, professionally for the past 10.
Organises and accompanies wildlife photography groups to Tanzania and the Galapagos Islands.

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When can be contacted: evenings and weekends if by telephone.

T Talks with digital presentation:

- Creatures of the Twilight: vampires, dragons & flying mice – a look at the strange world of nocturnal species of the UK.
- The amphibians and reptiles of the UK.
- A natural history of the Midlands canals.
- Space Invaders of the waterways - a look at the invasive species along our waterways.
- Small, personal nature reserves – how to save nature in our own back gardens.
- Water mammals
- The pond.
- The warty newt : Black Country dragons.

W Walks:

- Amphibians
- Reptiles
- Bats

Fees (walks and talks): £45 incl. travel expenses.
Equipment required: projector table and screen.
Distance will travel: 30 miles: north Worcestershire/south Staffordshire.
Booking notice required: 1 month minimum, preferably 6 months

Biographical info: he has been a herpetologist for over 20 years and an ecologist for British Waterways for over 5 years. He holds a species licence for great-crested newts, white-clawed crayfish, floating water plantain, natterjack toads, badgers and water voles.

WILLIAMS, Alan and Sylvia Greenlands, Miry Lane, Foston, Derby DE65 5PW

Tel.: 01283 813541 / 07899 953734
Website: www.teanvalleymeadow.co.uk

When can be contacted: day and evening.

T Talks and DVD films:

- Living with barn owls in the wild [the film was made by the speakers on their private nature reserve Tean Valley Meadow]
- Living with nature [the planning, creation and natural development of Alan and Sylvia's 11 acre private nature reserve, including the many species of wildlife, flora and fauna that make it the rich place it is today].

[Each talk takes 15-20 min, followed by a 50 min film, then a question and answer session]

Fee: £50 (used to support wild barn owls in the Midlands area), plus travel expenses at 45p per mile
Equipment required: display tables and a darkened room

Distance will travel: to be agreed.
Booking notice required: any

Biographical info: following retirement, Alan and Sylvia purchased 11 acres of land and created a nature reserve suitable as a barn owl habitat, which led to the establishment of barn owls on the site. The reserve and barn owl activity were featured on BBC Midlands Today *Spring and Autumn Watch* in 2007. Since 2005, 33 wild barn owl chicks have been reared and fledged on their reserve. The nature reserve, Tean Valley Meadow, and Alan and Sylvia were featured on Countryfile on Sunday 21st February 2016.

WILLOWS HEDGEHOG RESCUE, Bromsgrove

Tel.: 07518 354408 E-mail: contact@willowshedgehogrescue.co.uk
Website: www.willowshedgehogrescue.co.uk

When can be contacted: by e-mail including as much information as possible.

T Talks:

- Hedgehog ecology and rescue. Talks subject matter also include general ecological issues pertaining to change in land management and urbanisation and resulting wildlife declines.

Fee: £35 for 60-90 minute talk. (other by arrangement). Any further collections gratefully received but not required. All proceeds go to the Rescue.

Equipment required: Displays are used in talks but no requirement for projectors, etc.

Booking notice required: Please give as much notice as possible due to work and rescue commitments.

Biographical info: Co-founder of Willows Hedgehog Rescue; a busy rescue centre based in Worcestershire. Previously 22 years in local and national publishing and for the last 8 years Ranger for Park Services delivering practical conservation and environmental education to all ages. Also a vocal proponent in various media of individuals making changes to better our natural world.

WINNALL, Rosemary (Mrs)

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When can be contacted: evenings

T Talks with digital presentations:

- Life in the Wild Wood !..... some interesting examples of the special wildlife of the Wyre Forest, the importance of discovering what is there, and of keeping records.
- A Garden for Wildlife..... how to make a garden more attractive to wildlife.
- Hidden Places, Secret Lives..... a look at some of the creatures that live close to us but that we don't see very often, perhaps because they come out at night, are so small or they live where we can't see them.
- Butterfly Magic.... The diversity of our local butterflies, some of their interesting life histories, and how to study them.
- Introduction to Insectsa brief look at the different groups of insects, where to find them and how to record them.
- Borneo Experiencewildlife in Borneo-rainforest, coral islands, orangutans.
- Nature in Focushints about capturing wildlife images using digital cameras.

Fee: £40-£60 incl. travel, depending on the size of the group and the distance to travel.

Equipment required: none

Distance will travel: 40 miles.
Booking notice required: as much as possible.

Biographical info: has lived and worked in the Wyre Forest for over 30 years. She is a general naturalist with an interest in biological recording and wildlife photography.

WREN, Graham, A.R.P.S. The Kiln House, Great Doward, Whitchurch, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6DU

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When can be contacted: any time (answer phone); also by e-mail.

T Talks with slides:

- 40 years on the Farne Islands.
- St Kilda [the people, their way of life and their dependence on birds].
- Arctic summer [the Varanger peninsular and the forests of northern Finland].
- Forty-five years 'in the field'.
- Nestboxes – Blue Tits to Barn Owls (over 40yrs experience)
- Britain's breeding seabirds.
- Baltic summer [visits to Gotland in the Baltic, incl. wildflowers and waders].
- Bird nesting habitats –past, present and future.
- Breeding birds of northern Britain [from the Highlands to the Sutherland flows and beyond to some of the islands of the north].
- Breeding birds of southern England [breeding habitats and nests with reference to changes in the countryside over the last thirty years].
- Birds and seals of the Farne Islands.
- Our changing countryside [changes in land use and farming practices and their effect on wildlife through the latter half of the 20th century]
- Thirty years of farming and wildlife in Lincolnshire.
- The countryside in the 1960s.
- The best of Britain [introduction to some mammals, butterflies and moths, a fledgling cuckoo, and general country themes].
- Have camera, will travel [features a wide variety of subjects and places, in Britain and abroad – landscape, rural life and activities].
- Uluru and beyond [two months travelling in Australia].
- A Kiwi experience [a two month tour of New Zealand – landscape and wildlife].
- The Emerald Isle [concentrates on the west coast of Eire, landscape and flora].
- A Scottish affair [40 years of exploration - mainland and islands].

Fee: £50 to £60 plus travel expenses.
Equipment required: none
Distance will travel: any area
Booking notice required: any – available at short notice.

Biographical info: wildlife photographer/lecturer and tour guide. A lifelong student of natural history, he has worked in practical agriculture since 1959 and has a special interest in changes in bird nesting habitats and effects on their breeding populations. He has been a warden on the Farne Islands and a volunteer warden on RSPB reserves, and has travelled to many places in the world photographing birds. His slides have been deposited with Oxford Scientific Films since 1978 and some have been published in books, journals, magazines, videos and on electronic media. He has lectured on ornithology throughout the UK for the past 44 years.

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