

**Until the initial lockdown I had delivered over 800 talks and am a WI approved speaker.**

If you think your members would like to participate – it would provide a stimulating session amid the isolation – do let me know. I provide a 45/50 minute talk + time for questions for an inclusive fee of £69 (negotiable for smaller groups). The group just need to invite their members (and me!) to the Zoom chat / Google meeting and I take it from there on the day.

**A POLICEMAN'S LOT CAN BE A QUITE AN INTERESTING ONE!** Neil spent 30 years as a police officer. He started “on the beat” in the exotic holiday resort of Bognor Regis in the 1970s. You may be amazed whom he met on his first night shift at 3am. Changes in police equipment and why not to be squirted with pepper spray. Where not to try and escape the traffic cops and a novel use for a policeman's helmet. Together with a theme tune musical quiz to get those grey cells working!

**GONGOOZLING OR BEGINNERS; LIFE ON THE CANALS** After 30 years as a police officer, Neil thought this sounded just the tonic for retirement; relaxing, stress free and with the chance to grow his beard and hair. This is a light hearted journey around some of the 2000 miles of navigable waterways in a 58 foot canal narrow boat, with just a small dose of history, lots of humour, a rather wet puppy and only one broken arm...so far!

**CALIFORNIA DREAMING** This illustrated talk with music is about a road trip across western USA with some difficulties along the way! Some fascinating facts about Golden Gate bridge, San Francisco and more. “Get your kicks on Route 66”. The Grand Canyon; a true marvel of the world. The Pony Express (you will never see a recruitment poster like it again!)

**A SMALL SLICE OF THE BIG APPLE** New York City. This talk looks at some true, some quirky and some downright unusual aspects of the “city that never sleeps”. You will hear about the woman who jumped off the 86th floor of the Empire State building (yes, it has a happy ending) and why a young Bob Hope arrived in NYC wearing three shirts at the age of four! It combines facts, music and humour.

**STORIES FROM THE CLINK** Which country has a quarter of all the world's prisoners? The real escape from Alcatraz...and one that didn't quite make it. Did George Best ever play for the prison football team? All this and more from a former police officer who visited many UK prisons and met many colourful characters..... their stories might well surprise you. Let Neil guide you in (and luckily, out) of a few well-known prisons.

(Almost) **DEATH IN PARADISE;** The Caribbean, the real pirates and rum. Working in Trinidad and a spot of Reggae music thrown in. The fictional island of St Marie and the unluckiest police chief in the Caribbean.

**COME FLY WITH ME:** an odd thing happened today at the airport; strange goings on behind the scenes at Gatwick, the world's second busiest single runway airport; including the stowaway to freedom and a very expensive sleepover! Not to mention when is a bomb not a bomb?

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