

Zoom Talks 2/21

Talk 1 From Crinoline Ladies to Soldering Irons - my 70 year sewing journey from iron on transfers to modern multimedia techniques, illustrated by my own work.

Talk 2 Life on the Edge - or a room with a view, and I was the view! - a solo road trip to Yellowstone Park, the plants, animals and geysers on the edge of the caldera of a super volcano and a brief visit to Wyoming's gold mining and pioneer history. (The room - ah, you'll have to book it and see!)

Talk 3 The Navajo - my solo driving adventures in the South West corner of America, and the origins, culture and life of the Native Americans I met.

Talk 4 Death Valley and the Canyon Lands - a solo road trip to Death Valley and the Grand Canyon area, including the glass Skywalk thousands of feet above the canyon floor.

Talk 5 An American Road Trip - some interesting roads mainly in Colorado, including the San Juan Skyway - one of America's most dangerous roads, the Durango to Silvertown steam railway and Native American sites.

Talk 6 From Rags to Royalty - the life of my Great Aunt Amy, who was born in the slums of Sculcoates, Hull in the late 1800s. The family moved to the slums of Holbeck in Leeds where she saw two of her brothers, one my grandfather, sent to Dr Barnardo after their mother was widowed, and then went to a London charity hospital to train as a nurse. From that background she progressed to nursing royalty in their own homes, and left me her diary on which I have built her story. There are a few of my family's skeletons in there as well - who *did* send the red roses to my grandfather's funeral ...

Of course these are free to u3a groups, except travel expenses if it's a real visit. For other groups my fees for Zoom meetings are: Fee £50 (which includes use of my Pro Zoom licence if needed)

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I'm an experienced speaker and my talks are on two completely different subjects, COMEDY and SCAMS. They are entitled

- (1) **THE JOB OF A LAUGH TIME** in which I talk about all the fun I have had writing either Radio or TV series for top comedians including Tommy Cooper, Les Dawson, Dick Emery, Frankie Howerd, Bruce Forsyth, Hylda Baker, Hattie Jacques, David Frost and Bob Monkhouse. The talk contains many humorous backstage stories.
- (2) **SCAMS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM.** This talk is based on a BBC Radio series I wrote called PROS & CONS. It ran for 60 half hour shows during which I exposed 180 different scams. Unfortunately, the series was terminated because Scotland Yard's Fraud Squad said it was developing into a virtual night school for would-be scammers.

My special fee for a zoom talk for charity groups such as yours is just £75. If you are interested, please phone or email me to check my availability. Below is a list of my current bookings

FEBRUARY

10th. HUTTON U3A
11th. WYRE U3A Thursday 2.00 pm
12TH. HARROGATE U3A Friday 11.00 am
16th. PUTNEY W.I. Tuesday 7.30 pm

MARCH

3RD. EDGBASTON U3A (SCAMS) Wednesday 2.15 pm
9TH. FURNESS U3A Tuesday 10.00 am
17th. EPPING FOREST U3A Monday 10.45 am
18th. PRESTON & DISTRICT U3A Tuesday 2.30 pm

APRIL

7th. CESTRIA U3A Wednesday 10.00 AM
27th. COBHAM PROBUS CLUB 11.00 AM Tuesday 11.00 am

MAY

26th. WORCESTER U3A Wednesday 2.00 pm

JUNE

8th. NORTH NORFOLK U3A Tuesday 10.30 am
16TH. EAST GRINSTEAD U3A Wednesday 2.00 pm

JULY

2ND. REIGATE & REDHILL U3A Friday 2.00 pm

AUGUST

4th. WELLINGBOROUGH U3A Wednesday 1.30 pm
18TH. ASH U3A Tuesday