

# Spellbound Talks

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### Welcome!

Welcome to the fourth issue of this occasional newsletter. Teachers work tirelessly throughout the year to boost their students confidence, motivate and inspire them. Sometimes it's great just to be able to invite a visiting speaker to provide that extra inspiration for you!

Spellbound speakers give first hand accounts of history, geography, citizenship, personal development, the global dimension and sustainability and help to bring the curriculum to life. And all at very reasonable prices!

#### Spellbound Talks Website

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### Recent Speaker Activities!

#### In Front of the Cameras ...

Benedict Allen is back from filming his latest TV series 'Unbreakable'. This groundbreaking series, which pushed a tough team to their physical limits contrasted with his more genteel recent BBC 4 series 'Travellers Century' – a look at some of the greatest travel writers of our time. [Read more about Benedict Allen...](#)

#### And Behind ...!

Adventurer John Pilkington is getting ready to embark on his next epic trip. Starting this April, he will make a journey through the heart of the so-called 'Axis of Evil', from Beirut, and venturing by foot, rail, bus, horse, camel (indeed any means possible) through Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan, before the final hurdle – beating the first snows of winter to cross a high mountain pass into Pakistan. John will be available for talks from October '09 onwards, and his new talk, based on this latest trip, will be ready from 1st December '09. Book now to avoid disappointment! [Read more about John Pilkington...](#)

#### Good luck...!

to polar explorer Ann Daniels, as she makes final preparations for her high profile 'Arctic Survey' expedition – working with scientists to measure the thickness of the North Pole Ice Cap to determine how much longer it will exist. Ann will be back in June, and ready to talk about her amazing experiences from September '09. [Read](#)

[more about Ann Daniels...](#)

## Catch a Speaker in your Area ...

The following speakers already have bookings in the following areas. If you would like to book them and share travel expenses, therefore saving significantly on costs, please contact [Alison at Spellbound Talks...](#)

**Mountaineer Stephen Venables**, (usually based in the West of England) is available to give talks in East Anglia on 7/8/12/13<sup>th</sup> October '09 or in the Yorkshire area on 8/9<sup>th</sup> October '09. [Read more about Stephen Venables ...](#)

**Travel Writer, Mountaineer and Adventurer Paul Deegan**, (usually based in the US) has a few available dates left in the UK for his 'Can you Climb Everest Workshop' and other motivational and inspirational talks. Book him now for 7,8,9 or 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009. [Read more about Paul Deegan ...](#)

**Book David Edward's** Montserrat or Grand Canyon talk during the week of 23<sup>rd</sup> November '09 when he will be down in the South East (David is normally based in Dumfries). [Read more about David Edwards ...](#)

## New Speakers for 2009

### **Alastair Humphreys - Round the World Cyclist**

'Round the World by Bike' is Alastair's inspiring, funny, challenging talk about his 4-year, 46,000 mile odyssey. It provides a spectacular, original case study of self-motivation, setting small targets to achieve outrageous goals, the rewards of risk, the power of communication and trust, the magnificence of our world, and a call to arms that nothing is achieved without being bold enough to begin it. In short, an honest, funny, thought provoking talk about lessons learnt from the road! Alastair has had fantastic reviews wherever he has spoken, and I am delighted to be working with him. Catch him before the end of October '09 – when he disappears off on his next expedition. [Read more about Alastair Humphreys ...](#)

### **Martin Pailthorpe – TV Producer and Director**

Martin specialises in remote and hostile environments, filming both the people who live there, and those who struggle to adapt. He has thrown Ray Mears out of a Hercules into the bitter cold of a Norwegian winter, hunted Chris Ryan through the jungles of Honduras, and dropped Bear Grylls through the foot thick ice of an Austrian lake. His talk is high octane, informative and fun! [Read more about Martin Pailthorpe ...](#)

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