

Staffordshire Centre



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News Bulletin – July 2024

Hello Centre Members.

Well, it looks as if summer has finally arrived and we hope it will continue at least until our Fish and Chip Cruise on the 12th. I know John has reminded you all that we still need volunteers to man our Centre Display in the Midden Yard at Shugborough during July. It's a pleasant way to spend a morning or afternoon, talking to and meeting people from all over the country and promoting the aims and objectives of our Centre and indeed others further away. The cafe is just a stone's throw away too! John reports that we signed up two new members last week. which is good news.

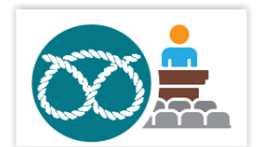
We do hope you will join us for either the walk on the 3rd, the talk on the 9th or indeed both!

Best wishes

Margaret Winfield

TALKS

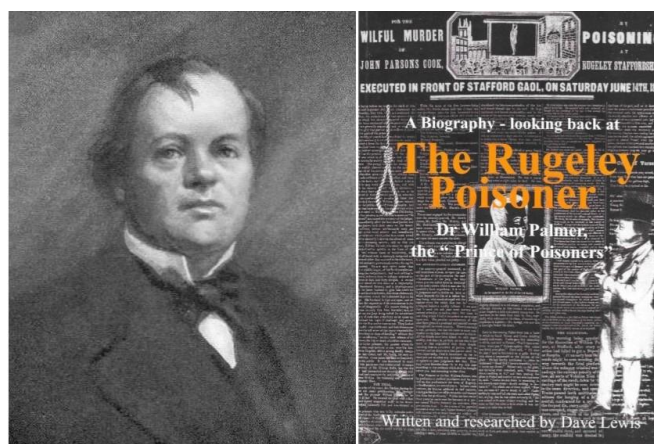
All talks start at 2:30 pm at Walton Village Hall. To book for a talk, go to the Talks page on our website, ntstafford.org.uk or [click here](#).



The Rugeley Poisoner - 9th July 2024

A Talk by Dave Lewis

Dave Lewis, author of 'The Rugeley Poisoner', explores the life of Dr. William Palmer whose effigy stood in Madame Tussaud's Chamber of Horrors, London, for 127 years.



In 1855 Palmer, a country doctor and owner of 17 race horses, at the age of just 31, was hanged in front of Stafford Prison before a crowd of over 30,000 people.

He had been found guilty of murdering friend and racegoer John Parsons Cook. The press, however, labelled him as a serial killer. Explore most of the suspicious deaths, 'The Rugeley Tragedies'. Not so

much a 'who dun it' but a 'did he do it?'

Diary Dates:

13th August – The History of Telecommunications – Nigel Holmes

10th September – Tales From The Classroom

WALKS

Please remember that you join our walks at your own risk and are responsible for your own safety. Leaders will indicate the difficulty of the walk so walkers can make an informed choice on whether or not to join in. Appropriate clothing and footwear should be worn.



To book for any walk, go to the Walks page on our website, ntstafford.org.uk or [click here](#).

Around Rudyard Lake – 4.5m - Wednesday 3rd July



We begin at Hotel Rudyard where there is plenty of parking. We can take a gentle pace to manage the few gentle inclines that we will encounter as we take roads and paths to circumnavigate the lake. There is only one "step-over" stile, but plenty of points of interest along the way, including Cliffe Park Hall, views across the Roaches and the Carlos Trower sculpture.

In the woodland there are some exposed tree roots and there maybe patches of mud in places to avoid. Walking boots are recommended.

Start: 10.30. Hotel Rudyard, Lake Road, Rudyard, Leek. **Sat Nav:** ST13 8RN. The toilets will be open for the start.

Lunch: Hotel Rudyard - Please arrive early enough to order your lunch before the walk. If you intend joining the walkers for lunch, please arrange to be at the Hotel by 1 o'clock.

Organisers: Hilary Maggs and John Hibbs

VISITS

To book for any visit go to the Visits page on our website, ntstafford.org.uk or [click here](#)



Fish & Chip Canal Cruise – Friday 12th July

Although we have confirmed firm numbers with the operator' we can still accept bookings from members, which will be subject to availability

Tea and coffee is included in the price and the Georgie Kate is fully licensed so there will be an opportunity to order other drinks and/or desserts on board. Car parking is available at Parkgate Lock.

All visits must be paid for in advance.

Meet: 11.45 at Parkgate Lock, Teddesley Road for a 12.00 start. **Sat Nav** ST19 5RH

Price: £25.00 per head

Organiser: Margaret Winfield



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