

# Staffordshire Centre



*see more, explore more, discover – together*

## News Bulletin – October 2024

*Hello Centre Members.*

By now, you will have received details of the proposed holiday to Yorkshire in 2025. With a small committee, (new members always welcome!) we are unable to make all the arrangements ourselves as in previous years, and, after research, have decided to book through Regent travel, who have been very accommodating. Before making this provisional booking, the committee took into consideration the comments made following this year's holiday to Kendal.

A number of members have already said they are interested and I hope that more will do so. The Centre has offered an annual holiday to its members for many years now, and it would be a great pity if 2024 was to be the last one. I am very much aware of the increased cost – it is surely a sign of the times we live in.

On a cheerful note, we had a successful visit to Leicester last week – and the sun shone for us!

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](http://ntstafford.org.uk) or [click here](#).



### Our Fifties House – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

#### A Talk by Joanne Massey



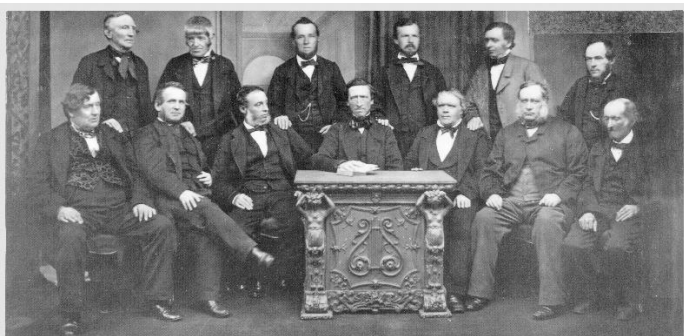
Joanne and Kevin often get people ask them about their vintage lifestyle. They love everything about the 1950s. The music, the cars, clothes, design and they have made their home a place to escape to from the modern world.

Ever thought what it would be like to DE-modernise a house? Well, that is exactly what they had to do when they moved into their present home. Joanne's new talk is about the decor and style of the 1950s and how they achieved their time warp home.

They try to utilise everything from the era from their tea sets to their Prestcold fridge. Using photographs, Joanne takes you through how they achieved the look in their home and what it's like to live in the past.

# History With Dividends – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## A Talk by Ned Williams



The Co-operative Movement traces its history back to the 1840s, and most towns all over Britain were eventually served by a local co-operative society. Societies set about retailing - to meet a huge variety of needs, and rewarded customers with a "Dividend" - a sum of money returned to the customer in proportion to how much he or she had spent.

But societies wanted to be more than just retailers and this talk covers the variety of activities provided by Co-operative Societies.

Ned originally hailed from Essex but moved to the Black country at the age of eighteen. His many interests include railways, cinemas and theatres, film-making, the fairground and the circus, Black Country history and shops and other buildings. As well as giving talks, he has written a number of books on all of these subjects.

### Diary Dates:

**10<sup>th</sup> December** – Mervyn's Christmas Box – Mervyn Edwards

## 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](http://ntstafford.org.uk) or [click here](#).

## Christmas at The Rag - 3m – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December



Our traditional (optional) Christmas stroll around Castle Ring, starting at The Rag, has some steady climbs, but no stiles. It begins with an uphill stretch along a quiet lane, before turning off into a wooded area. We then connect with the "Heart of England Way", and follow this to Castle Ring to see the far-reaching views over the Staffordshire countryside. Please wear suitable footwear as it will almost certainly be muddy. Timing is important. We have been asked by the restaurant, to be back by 12.00 to be seated, and ready to eat by 12.30 for our annual Christmas get

together for walkers old and new. If you have access to the internet, the easiest way to book is to use the Book the Rag form on the website - <https://ntstafford.org.uk/book-the-rag/>  
*If you are only going to the lunch, please ensure that you are at The Rag by 12.00, ready to sit down at 12.30.*

**Start:** 10.30. Car Park of The Rag. **Sat Nav:** WS12 0QD.

**Organiser:** Sue Willis (Walk :Dave Brass)

**Booking Deadline:** Tuesday 27th November.

Please note: To book this walk and lunch at The Rag, only use the Book The Rag button.



**Website:**

<https://ntstafford.org.uk>



**Email:**

[info.ntstafford@gmail.com](mailto:info.ntstafford@gmail.com)



**Phone:**

01785 247411

