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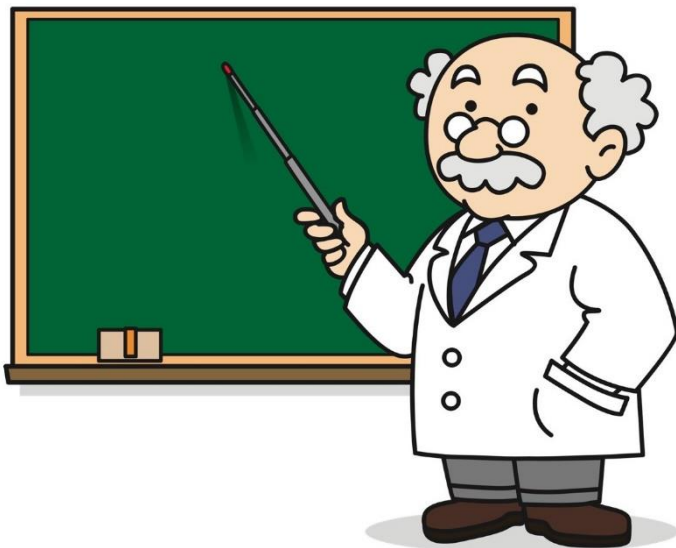
Hello Centre Members.

After we had an excellent Fish and Chip Cruise from Parkgate Lock to Action Trussell in July, with sun all the way, our next trip is the coach visit to the Richard III Visitor Centre and Leicester Cathedral in September. This visit is now definitely going ahead and we will be taking bookings until mid-September. We also need volunteers to man the display stand at Shugborough in September and October. If you think you can help, contact John Willis on 07940 596730 or by email – john@john-willis.co.uk.

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](#).



Tales From the Classroom - 10th September 2024

A Talk by John Hibbs

John takes us on an amusing stroll through a life in education, from student to teacher, to school inspector.

Educated in Winchester, London and Cambridge – *"all the right places but perhaps the wrong institutions"*, John leads us through a trail of education mishaps and learning that may strike you as familiar when you look back at your own schooling.

Hear about the two compliments he received in

his 30 plus years in education. Learn what a school inspector, this one anyway, looks for during a school visit.

Sometimes thought provoking, always amusing, join us for an insight into a world we all lived through and probably never noticed.

Diary Dates:

8th October – Our Fifties House – Joanne Massey

12th November – History with Dividends – Ned Williams

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](#).

Fulford & Moddershall - 5.1m - Thursday 12th September



Our starting and endpoint for this walk is the Black Lake Inn, where there is plenty of parking. They don't open until midday, but a toilet will be available. We begin by crossing the Hilderstone Road, then turn right and follow the road, which descends gently into Fulford Dale. Just after the crossroads we take a footpath to the picturesque village of Fulford, where we can pause a while at the village green, before heading towards

Crossgate. We then take another footpath through Stallington Heath, cross the Hilderstone Road and descend through Idlerocks to Moddershall. Here you can get a reviving coffee at the Rook House Café, before returning for lunch via Moddershall Oaks.

This is a moderate walk, with a few stiles and the descent through Idlerocks is via a narrow path, which follows a stream bed, so boots/strong shoes are essential (and a stick or poles, may be helpful, if you use them).

Meet: in the Black Lake Inn car park at 9:30, ready to depart by 9:45 **Sat Nav:** ST3 7NT –

Lunch: 13:00-13.30 (approx.) Black Lake Inn – Please let me have your menu choices by Tuesday 10th

Organiser: Nigel Holmes

VISITS

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



Richard III Visitor Centre

A Coach Visit on Wednesday 18th September



Leicester Cathedral reopened after an extensive 2 year restoration in November 2023. King Richard III was re-buried in the Cathedral in 2015 and we will have a 30 minute "Richard III" tour with a guide, and then time to explore the Cathedral at our own pace. The King Richard III Visitor Centre, just opposite, was built over the site of the Grey Friars Priory, where King Richard's remains were buried 500 years ago, following the Battle of Bosworth. The Centre houses, amongst other things, a Dynasty exhibition, which tells the story of his rise to power and also a new exhibition entitled Murder, Mystery and Mayhem. It is suggested that we will need at least an hour and a half in the Centre. We will need to divide into two groups and there will be plenty of time for coffee, lunch etc.

Prices: Members and non-members of the Centre £32.00 00



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