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News Bulletin – November 2024

Hello Centre Members.

Lots of things to book for this month! The deadline for booking our Yorkshire Wonders Holiday in 2025 is the 22nd November and our annual get together at Christmas at The Rag has a booking deadline of the 27th. This is a great way to meet up with other Centre members, so make sure you come along, even if you don't fancy the optional stroll beforehand. Details of both events are in this bulletin.

On top of that, we have a bumper edition of the Newsletter coming out this month and the membership renewal form is likely to send the postage cost over the limit for 2nd class post so, if you normally receive a paper copy of the bulletin, you will have a copy of the membership renewal form as well. If you have access to the internet renewal is online via the Join Us page – full details of how to do so are in the newsletter.

Best wishes

Margaret Winfield

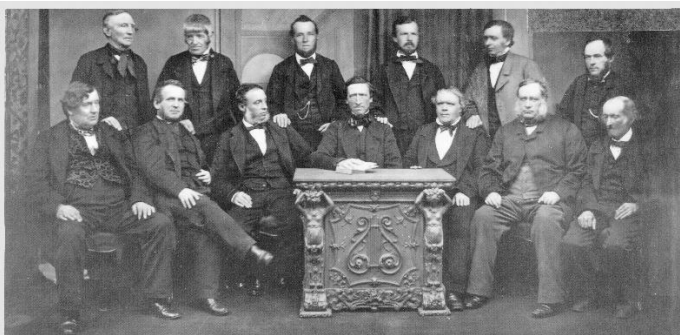
TALKS

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](#).
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History With Dividends – 12th 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:

10th 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 or [click here](#).

Christmas at The Rag - 3m – Wednesday 4th December



Our traditional Christmas stroll around Castle Ring, followed by Christmas lunch at the Rag is an excellent way to meet up with fellow members. The optional walk 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.

HOLIDAY 2025



Our holiday for 2025 is organised by Regent Travel. Note that **all** bookings, communications and payments should be made **direct** to Regent Travel Ltd.

Yorkshire Wonders – May 19th 2025



A five day, 4 night holiday, staying in the 4 star Wetherby Bridge hotel. Itinerary includes visits to Haddon Hall, York (with a guided tour of the Minster), The Hepworth Wakefield Gallery, Nostell Priory, Studley Royal Park & Fountains Abbey and Wentworth Woodhouse.

Price: £644 per person, (£170 supplement for sole occupancy of a double room)

Booking Deadline: 22nd November

For full details and to download the booking form, go to our Events page, scroll down to the bottom and click on the coach. Or, just [click here](#).



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