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News Bulletin – January 2025

Hello Centre Members.

A very Happy New Year to you all. Christmas already seems a long time ago even though I am still eating leftovers!

Don't forget that it's time to renew your membership of the Centre if you haven't already done so and it's even easier to renew now if you have access to the internet. Just go to the Join Us page on the website or just [click here](#).

Although our Yorkshire Wonders holiday for 2025 didn't go ahead as planned, we have arranged to join up with Stafford Arts Society who have a holiday arranged in Cambridge in the same week and a number of our members chose to join this instead of taking the refund.

We hope to see you at the next meeting and look forward to an interesting afternoon with Edward Holmes.

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](#).
live in the past.



Crafting With Digital Cutters - 14th January 2025

A Talk by Edward Holmes

Find out what exactly a digital cutter is, what they are capable of, and learn how they can be incorporated into your crafting projects



From making greetings cards, to t-shirts, 3D papercrafts to Spirographs. In this talk, Edward will show you the different types of things that can be made using a digital cutter, with a live demonstration and, you'll be able to create a favour box

(using a pre-cut and scored blank).

He'll discuss the pros and cons of using a digital cutter and, whilst some may consider it 'cheating', it's just a modern tool, that allows you to create things that wouldn't otherwise be possible.

So come to this talk, and see if one of these machines could help to take your crafting to the next level!

Medical Detection Dogs – 11th February 2025

A Talk by Aimee Atherton



Learn how Medical Detection Dogs trains dogs to detect the odour of human disease, with the aim of developing faster, more efficient and less invasive diagnostics, that lead to better patient outcomes. They are at the forefront of the research into the fight against cancer and other life-threatening diseases, including Parkinson's disease and bacterial infections. Their Bio Detection Dogs are trained to find the odour of those diseases in samples such as urine, breath and sweat and the work has the potential to benefit millions.

They already apply what they know about the science of canine olfaction to benefit people by training Medical Alert Assistance Dogs to detect minute changes in an individual's personal odour triggered by their disease and alert them to an impending medical event, helping them manage complex, life-threatening medical conditions and improving their quality of life. From the moment the dogs come to them as puppies, they enjoy highest standards of care. They have a strict no kennel policy and all the dogs live in the homes of staff or fantastic local volunteers where they are loved and cared for as part of the family.

Trot on Regardless – 11th March 2025

A Talk by Stefan Wild



2023 marked the hundredth anniversary of the Mounted Section being created in Birmingham. What happened to the police horses? Where did they come from? What did they do? Perhaps more importantly, where have they gone? To find out more,

come to this talk and join the ride with Stefan Wild through the brief history of police horses patrolling West Midland streets.

From Victorian ceremonial duties, to shocking scenes of 1980's football violence, Stef tells the story of how a department evolved from a regimented, military style, male bastion, to a modern-day operational, inclusive unit. Brought to life through pictures, colourful characters, both equine and human, join us for a light hearted talk, using handed down tales, and personal anecdotes.

Stef served with West Midlands Police between 1972 and 2005, working proudly, as a mounted officer from 1979 until 1991. During retirement he has written several short stories for police and historical publications, before publishing 'Longest Way Up Shortest Way Down', a five-star rated book about his time with the horses which will be on sale after the talk.

The picture shows the Mounted Section in 1999 just before being disbanded.

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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.



Watch out for details of our walks for 2025 on the Walks page on our website, ntstafford.org.uk or [click here](#)