



News Bulletin – July 2025

Hello Centre Members.

It seems no time at all since the June Bulletin and we have certainly had some variable weather since then. We had a successful and enjoyable visit to Tong Church last week, followed by an excellent lunch.

On Tuesday, 8th July, we have talk by Andy French, on "The Man Who Never Was" which promises to be very interesting, especially as Andy's family have a direct connection to it. On Thursday, 17th July the Trentham Barlaston Round Walk. will start at the Toby Inn, Trentham, finishing there for lunch. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

Best wishes
Margaret Winfield

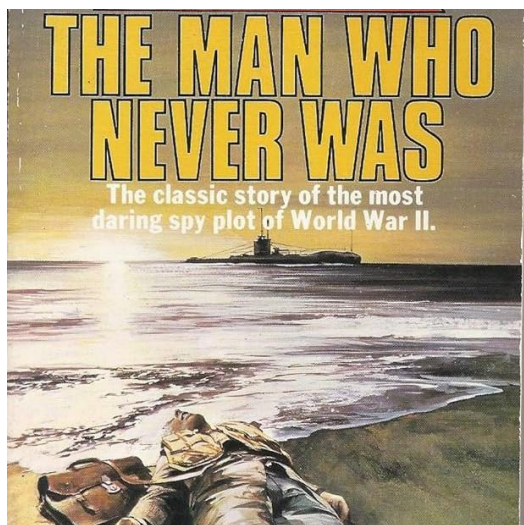
TALKS

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 or [click here](#).



The Man Who Never Was – 8th July

A Talk by Andy French



Andrew French will reveal the truth about Operation Mincemeat, the secret operation intended to deceive the Germans and allow allied troops to return to mainland Europe during WW2.

Discover the true story of this attempt to trick Nazi Germany into weakening Sicily's defences in 1943, by making them think that the invasion was going to be in Greece. They used a dead man with fake papers, bringing about the phrase "The Man Who Never Was".

However, the talk develops into a possible government cover up and conspiracy that still holds firm today.

Original documents from 1943 are used to prove what really happened, turning this piece of history into a "personal one" - it has a direct French family connection.

Diary dates :-

12th August – Staffordshire Gems by Ruth Williams

9th September – Every Night Something Awful by Dean Nixon

WALKS



Booking for walks has been updated. You will now get an immediate confirmation email, giving you the organiser's contact details. 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.

The Trentham Barlaston Round – 4.5m – Thursday 17th July



The walk will begin at The Toby Carvery, Trentham where toilets are available. Following a short walk along-side the busy A5035, we enter Hem Heath woods, which is maintained by the North Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. Leaving on a concessionary path at the south side of the wood, we pass World of Wedgwood where loos are also available. There follows a gentle climb past the fishing pools and onto St Mary's Drive, passing Barlaston Hall. A short walk along an avenue of poplars brings us to a kissing gate, from where we join the Stone Circles path and down to Wedgwood Drive. Here a short walk

alongside the road takes us to the canal towpath and back to the Toby Inn for our lunch. There are only three stiles - all in good order.

Meet : Toby Carvery, Trentham Village in good time for a 10.15 start **Sat Nav:** ST4 8BU

Lunch: 13.15, Toby Carvery. If you are joining us for lunch, there is no need to give menu choices but you need to book by Monday 14th July. Menus, including lunch time deals, are available on the Carvery website [Click here](#) to see it.

Organiser : Terry James

Diary Dates: -

Thursday August 7th – Seighford – starting at the Holly Bush Inn

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

HELP NEEDED



Midden Yard – Recruitment Days

We are still looking for volunteers to man the stand in July and could do with someone to help on the following shifts: -

Wednesday	09 July	Morning or afternoon
Thursday	10 July	Morning
Wednesday	16 July	Morning or afternoon
Thursday	24 July	Morning or afternoon
Wednesday	30 July	Morning or afternoon
Thursday	31 July	Morning or afternoon

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