



Staffordshire Centre



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News Bulletin – November 2025

Hello Centre Members.

There are still some twin and double rooms left on our 2026 Holiday to Scarborough. Prices start at only £495 per person so now is the time to book an early spring break for next year.

Our final walk of the 2025 is our annual Christmas get together at the Rag at Rawnsley, preceded by a short stroll around Castle Ring. Slightly later time this year and a choice of a two course or four course lunch from the Rag Christmas Fayre menu.

We also have a final visit being arranged by our friends at Shugborough for a guided tour to see the progress being made as part of the 10-year Shaping Shugborough Project.

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](#).



Famous Folk Of Staffordshire - 11th November

A Talk by Kath Reynolds



This is a talk by the always entertaining Kath Reynolds. The talks Kath presents are a reflection of her interest in people and in social history – usually within living memory. She is a collector and sharer of stories. This will be about some famous sons and daughters of Staffordshire.

James Brindley was the subject of a previous talk a few years ago. Some, such as Robert Peel, the former Prime Minister and founder of the British police force, you may have heard of but won't be sure of the Staffordshire connection. Others,

John Currie perhaps? You might think you've heard of – but he wasn't a skater.

Still more – Mary Blagg, Fanny Deakin, for example, may be a complete mystery to you. Come along and listen to Kath reveal all.

Diary dates :-

9th December – Idioms and Expressions by Steve Williams

13th January – The Art Of Origami by Edward Holmes

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.

Christmas At The Rag – 3 miles – Thursday 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. Slightly later than normal, we have been asked by the restaurant, to be back by 12.45 to be seated, and ready to eat by 13.15.

Start: 11.00. The Rag car Park.

Sat Nav: WS12 0QD.

Organiser: Phil Grainger/Sue Willis

Booking deadline: Friday 28th November. This year we are again using the full Rag Christmas Fayre lunch menu. There is a difference this year in that you have the option of choosing to have two courses – for £28 – or four courses for £38.

Please note that the two course option does **not** include coffee and mince pies.

To book for the Rag, go to the walks page or [click here](#) Any trouble with the booking form – just ring 07940 596730.

Diary Dates: -

Our 2026 walks programme should start in March. Watch this space and the website to see when details become available.

Stop Press – Shaping Shugborough Visit



A Car Visit on Wednesday 10th December

Our friends at Shugborough are arranging for us to have a special guided tour at Shugborough, offering an opportunity to see the progress being made as part of the 10-year Shaping Shugborough Project. Full details will be available in the November Newsletter – out on November 9th and will shortly be available on the website. This will be for members and their guests only and numbers will be restricted.



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