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Hello Centre Members,

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our talk on 14th July, due to a family bereavement, but we hope to invite Jess back to deliver her **Bravo November** talk next year. And, we look forward to seeing you at our next talk – **The English & Gardening** by **Danny Wells** on **Tuesday 11th August**.

Our next walk, is around **Norbury Junction** on **Thursday 13th August**. Cathy will be leading this walk, which starts and finishes at the Junction Inn. And, of course, you are welcome to join us for lunch afterwards.

On Wednesday 15th July, as a slight distraction from the England match, some of us visited Uttoxeter and enjoyed a very informative guided tour of this historic town, with refreshments afterwards at the Museum of Uttoxeter Life. Thanks to Ruth for organising this. Our next visit is to **Biddulph Grange Gardens**, on **Friday 18th September**, Judith has arranged a 2-hour guided tour, led by Head Gardener; Paul Walton, so be sure to book in good time to ensure your place.

Nigel Holmes

on behalf of your committee

TALKS

The English & Gardening by Danny Wells

Tuesday 11th August



Danny qualified as a history teacher and spent many years working in community development and education for local authorities, Oxfam, Save the Children Fund and other smaller community organisations.

His talks are an eclectic mix of social and cultural history, with Victorian and early 20th century British history taking precedence. Art history and gardens feature strongly as do personal places of interest-the Derbyshire Dales, Staffordshire Moorlands, the East End of London and Norway.

Other talk dates for your diary

Sleight Of Mind by Peter Turner on Tuesday 8th September

Passionate About Penguins by Danny Wells, on Tuesday 13th October

All talks start at 14:30 at Walton Village Hall. To book for a talk, please go to the Talks page on our website: ntstafford.org.uk/talks.

WALKS

Norbury – 4.5m

(with shorter walk option)



Thursday 13th August

This figure of eight walk, starts and finishes at the Junction Inn, adjacent to the Shropshire Union canal. If you want a shorter, easier walk, then you can just complete the first loop. The second loop explores a little further, but should be completed in good time for lunch at the Junction Inn.

After lunch, if anyone would like to look at the historic church on the way home, please let Cathy know, and she will try to arrange to open it for us.



Meet: in the Junction Inn car park at 09:45, ready to depart by 10:00.

Sat Nav: ST15 0RA – **W3W:** ///trendy.operating.overtones

Terrain: Mixed, as described above – boots or strong shoes recommended for the second loop.

Lunch: 13:00. Please let Cathy have your menu choices by Monday 6th August.

Organiser: Cathy Evans

For further details of all walks, and to book, please go to our website: ntstafford.org.uk/walks.

Other walk dates for your diary

Brewood – on Wednesday 23rd September.

VISITS

Biddulph Grange Gardens

A Car Visit on Friday 18th September



The gardens at Biddulph Grange were created by James and Maria Bateman in the mid-19th century. The National Trust took over the property and gardens in 1991 which became their largest restoration project. The highlight of this visit is a guided tour (lasting approximately two hours) by Head Gardener, Paul Walton, who has been at Biddulph for 30 years.

Meet: Biddulph Grange car park, Grange Road, Biddulph at 10:15, with tour commencing at 10:30. **Sat Nav:** ST8 7SD

Lunch: The Tearoom, approximately 12:30.

Price: £5 please remember to bring your NT membership card or volunteer card, otherwise you will be charged the normal admission fee (£14) on the day.

Booking Deadline: Tuesday 15th September.

Organiser: Judith Carder

To book on a visit, please go to the Visits page on our website: ntstafford.org.uk/visits

Note: All visits must be paid for in advance.



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