

HOW TO SURVIVE IN STAFFORDSHIRE

Charles Wood

Charles Wood is fervent about Staffordshire. With gentle humour, he celebrates the odd, the unusual, the historic, and the peculiarities of modern life – from dialect to deer-horn dancing – that make this county such a deeply satisfying place to live in and to visit.

Full of fascinating people – like the Wedgwoods and the Peels – the book is rich in folk-tale and fantasy, football and food (including the many different local and national staples that hail from the county, including Staffordshire oatcakes, Staffordshire cheese, Burton beer, Marmite and Branston pickle).

Funny and poignant, this is a book of snippets and pointers for the long-suffering local, the goggle-eyed visitor, the furrow-browed historian, or merely the inquisitive, intrigued at *How to Survive in Staffordshire*.

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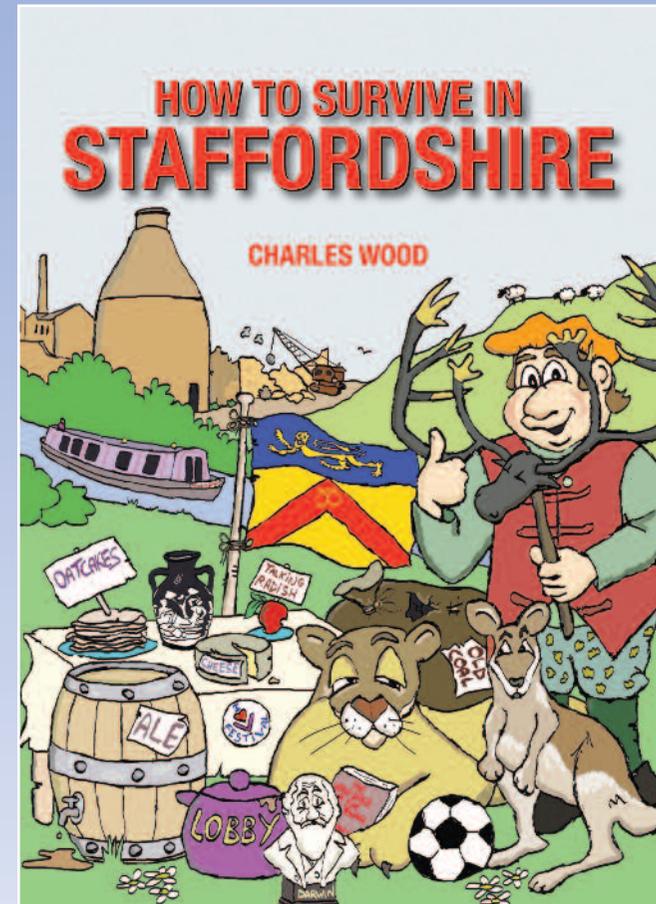


Charles Wood gave up the legal profession and the stress of work in Libya and Hong Kong yearning for the artistic life. For the past twenty-five years he has just about managed to avoid wearing a tie to work. Writing and illustrating since 2007 he has also found time to be an award-winning documentary filmmaker, an occasional broadcaster on BBC local radio, and a part-time college lecturer. He admits to an enjoyment of poddling through the lighter side of life's rich tapestry, relieved that he has never been bankrupt. He currently lives in Melbourne, Australia. *How to Survive in Staffordshire* is his tenth book.

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