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Readers will recognise the Royal Albert Hall and nearby memorial. See page 13 for details of the John Rutter Concert.

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The inside cover of the Newsletter has not been reproduced as it contains the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of Committee members.

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The Chairman Writes

It was really pleasing to see so many members at the AGM in April. We had the highest turnout in recent years. We must have an AGM, but we try our best to make it as enjoyable as possible, with an informal layout, splendid refreshments, and a speaker who plays a significant role in the Trust, either locally or nationally. I'm not sure which of these three is most significant in attracting members, but I have a feeling that the baking skills of our Committee members and some spouses play a part.

Many thanks to all of you for continuing to support us and, through us, the National Trust. You do this by coming to our events, or simply continuing your membership. I'm very embarrassed personally, as circumstances have combined to stop me joining in with almost all the past year's events. It's been very frustrating as I really wanted to go on the recent outings to the Silk Mill, Exbury and the Hungerford Canal. I'll try to do better in the future.

Supporting the Trust doesn't imply blind loyalty. Laurie Clark, General Manager of The Purbeck Estate, refers to us as a 'critical friend'. Inevitably the Trust will do some things with which some members will disagree. I'm sure you can all think of a local example. This shouldn't stop us seeing the bigger picture of the fantastic job that the Trust does nationwide, and continuing our support. If you have internet access it's worth looking at the video message on our website from Mark Harold, Director for the South West, as a reminder of that big picture.

Recently we've been asked to give PANT's support to some local campaigns on what are essentially environmental/conservation issues. This is flattering as it implies that our views carry some weight. Despite our personal feelings we've had to respond that, as a committee, we don't feel able to give this support, because we have no way of knowing what our members think, and we can only find views via an AGM or EGM. We've agreed to respond to all future requests for support in the same way.

Les Wright

Membership News

Welcome to the following members who have joined since the last Newsletter was published.

Sheila Watton	Jenny & Jim Shacklady
Jan & Jon Hale	Jacky Gray
Christine & Richard Auburn	Brenda & David Chalmers
Russell & Pauline Seal	Gordon Whitfield
Pauline Pierce	Peter & Shirley Davies-Colley
Alan & Valerie Read	Debbie & Stephen Brown
Rosanne Longstaff	William & Christina Wright
Cynthia Anderson-Doble	

We hope you're enjoying your membership.

Many thanks to those who renewed their membership promptly, it makes life so much easier for us.

After a couple of recent appeals more than a quarter of members now pay by Standing Order. This really is helpful to us and saves us a lot of work. We'd love to be like some other local Supporter Groups where the majority of members pay this way. Please give it some thought. If you'd like to do this we can give you a form to send to your bank, with everything already filled in except for your own details.

David Cole - Membership Secretary



From the Newsletter Editor

Dear Member,

I hope in this newsletter you find some attractive events to participate in. Again your Events Team are trying to offer you something interesting, educational and that suits your taste. Equally, your own suggestions will be most welcome for future events.

Many readers will have seen the new medieval Mason's Lodge at the entrance to Corfe Castle. I am told such a structure was used to log in and log out supplies and deliveries. This started me thinking what or who was the castle's mason. My research leads me to believe that the mason was in fact a master mason who was a high ranking person in the castle's management. He would have been responsible for maintaining the castle in good condition with sufficient supplies and facilities. To do this he would have a workforce consisting of stone masons, carpenters, weavers and other skilled craftsmen besides clerks to do the inevitable paper, or perhaps I should say parchment work. The master mason would have been able to read and write and like his stone masons would have had a working knowledge of mathematics, particularly geometry and accountancy besides an understanding of the qualities of the wide range of materials needed for a castle. In essence his modern day equivalent is the professional engineer responsible for the efficient running of a cruise liner or the functioning of the Shard building in London.

In the last issue of our newsletter I invited readers to come and help us. We are very receptive to ideas and comments, so please do not be shy in contacting Margaret Tyrer, Les Wright or even me if there is anything you want to tell us or to help. To contact us see the inside of the Newsletter front cover.

John Haworth

Treasurer's Report

As anticipated in the last newsletter we were able to donate £4,000 from last year's results to the National Trust. This was added to our existing balance of £225 held in our donations account at the National Trust making an overall balance to be allocated to projects of £4,225. In March this year we received the project wish list from the Purbeck Estate for this coming year. The committee reviewed the projects and decided we would like to support three worthy projects to the value of £5,000. These are Purbeck stone way markers for the South West Coast Path; Poole Harbour viewing platform and new stone steps on Ballard Down. After reviewing the prospects for the coming year we agreed in April to donate a further £775 from our reserves and this allowed us to allocate the full £5,000 to these three projects.

The results for this year so far are encouraging. With the good news that our holiday to York is fully booked and with your continued support I hope that we can achieve financial results that are at least as good as last year.

Ken Morgan



Home of Bombay Gin (page 10)

BORING but IMPORTANT REMINDERS

the small print!

INSURANCE

Please note that the 3rd Party Indemnity Insurance Policy does not cover members over the age of 80 years for Personal Accident. Members, Volunteers and others over this age participate in Association activities at their own risk.

COST etc.

The price of outings includes the coach travel, driver's gratuity and entrance fee (if any) to the property being visited. If bringing a guest we need to know whether he or she is a NT member as non-members do need to pay the admission charge to NT properties.

BOOKINGS etc.

Your NT number is required. It can be found on your **NT membership card** which must be brought with you on outings. Bookings are made on a first-come first-served basis, and cannot be dealt with over the telephone. Places will be offered strictly in accordance with the date a booking is received by the event organiser. Friends or family are very welcome, but if an outing is oversubscribed, members take precedence. A reservation list is kept for over-subscribed outings so, if you need to cancel for any reason, please do not offer your place to anyone else, but let the organiser know so that the place may be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

CANCELLATIONS If you do need to cancel, providing it is more than 3 weeks before an outing, a full refund (less £5 administration fee) will be given. After that a refund will only become due if the seat/s can be passed to another person. Tickets will not be issued until 2 weeks before, but if an event is cancelled you will be informed and your cheque returned.

When making your bookings please send your booking form/s, together with a separate cheque and s.a.e. for each outing to the organiser of each event. Their address is on the inside of the front cover. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHEQUES PAYABLE TO **PANT**. If you are booking more than 6 months' ahead, do not date your cheque. It will be dated shortly before passing the cheques to the Treasurer 2/3 weeks before the outing takes place.

Some of the outings are to HHA and RHS properties. If you are a member of those organisations bring your membership card. You will pay full price for the outing but will be refunded the cost of the entry but *only* if you have been able to show your membership card to gain free entry.

Departure times for the relevant events: ***please be at pick-up point 5 minutes before departure time. Use pick-up point No on booking form.***

1. Swanage Ballard Stores Departure time as stated on ticket
2. Victoria Avenue Car park + 5 minutes from start
3. Corfe Castle – Methodist Church + 15 minutes from start
4. Wareham – Red Lion + 25 minutes from start
5. Wareham Railway Station + 30 minutes from start

PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATIONS

We can now contact over 80% of members by email. This is a real help keeping you up to date with what's going on.

It's been particularly useful for the forthcoming holiday to York, where Joy Kingsbury has been able to keep most people in touch with details of the holiday as everything gets finalised. The work and cost involved in doing all this by post would make a severe dent in the profit that we hope to pass to the Trust.

Our thanks to those of you who act as 'email partners', passing on printed copies of emails to members who don't have internet access. If anyone else feels that they could help with this, please get in touch with me. I hope to update our internet map of this soon, but it's a bit of a laborious task and I need to find time to do it.

In the meantime a quick plea. We're all encouraged to 'test the market' for internet suppliers, as there are some very good deals to be had. If you do change your ISP, and as a consequence your email address changes, please remember to let me know.

Finally, a thank you to the 20 or so members who will have been out on foot, on their bikes or in their cars delivering these Newsletters. This has saved us about £140 on this issue alone.

Les Wright Publicity Secretary/Web Manager



Winchester College (page 12)

The PANT Holiday. York

Sunday 1st October – Friday 6th October 2017

We will be a group of 47 members on our PANT holiday to York this year and there seems to be a good feeling of happy anticipation. We will set off from Swanage at 7.30am on Sunday 1st October on 'Lily' the 53 seater North Dorset coach with Jamie our familiar and greatly admired driver.

During our first day in York, there will be a morning guided tour of the Minister, leaving the afternoon free. Our last day in York, Thursday, will also be a free full day giving you time to explore the splendid places and sights of York, or enabling you to follow your own interests, whether these are to visit the Railway Museum, to learn more of the history of York and its' inhabitants, or to admire and visit the remarkable buildings of this wonderful city. On the coach you will be given information about some of the notable attractions of York which may help and guide you with your thoughts and plans.

Our visits to Beningbrough Hall NT and to Castle Howard should be hugely interesting and memorable. Weather permitting and if there is time we may be able to see some of the local Yorkshire countryside as Jamie is always amenable to exploring and varying his routes to add to the total enjoyment of our trip.

A detailed itinerary will be sent out near to the time of departure with all necessary information so let us hope for good weather to add to the success of Holiday 2017.

Organiser: **Joy Kingsbury**



Castle Howard

The PANT HOLIDAY 2018 Liverpool

Sunday 30th September - Friday 5th October 2018

Cost: Twin/Double Room £440.00 p.p. Single Room £535.00 (11 available). Departure 8.00 am. ETA to be advised.

Next year we will be visiting this vibrant and exciting City on its tenth anniversary of being awarded the City of Culture. There are many modern attractive museums and galleries to explore, together with the lively night life and music world.

Below is a brief outline of the tours and visits included in the above price.

Day 1 We will leave Swanage at 8.00am and travel to Bridgnorth for our lunch break. Then onwards to check in at the Marriott Hotel (City centre) on a B&B basis.

The first night dinner will be served in the Hotel and is included in the price.

Day 2 We have Blue Badge Guides throughout the day and we will visit the City and both famous Cathedrals, one designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott and the other by Sir Fredric Gibberd.

Day 3 We drive through the Mersey Tunnel to visit Port Sunlight Village and have a tour of the museum. We go across the road and visit the 'jewel' in the crown The Lady Lever Museum and Art Gallery.

After lunch (not included) a short drive will take us to the Botanical Gardens.

Day 4 'Ferry across the Mersey' where we will see the iconic buildings from the river. Optional evening trip to see the lights at Blackpool, which is included in the cost.

Day 5 Visit Speke Hall (NT) together with seeing the 2 Beatles homes (NT) coming back to the hotel via the Gormley statues.

Day 6 Leave Liverpool to return to Swanage stopping at Gloucester Services for lunch.

Hopefully arriving at about 7 to 7.30pm.

Holding deposit required **£50.00 per person by 30th December 2017. Final payment date to be advised.**

Important – please post date cheques to 7 days before the above dates to avoid them becoming out of date.

Organiser **Margaret Tyrer**



Liverpool Skyline & Hotel Pool

Day Trips

Winchester & Bombay Sapphire Gin, Laverstoke Mill, Stockbridge, Hampshire. Wednesday 13th September 2017.

Cost: £37.00 Members. £39.00 Non-members
Start 8.00am Swanage. ETA at Swanage 7pm

We will first stop in Winchester where you will have free time to shop, explore and lunch before going on to the Bombay Sapphire distillery at Laverstoke Mill.

The Mill is situated within a Conservation Area in rural Hampshire. The River Test flows through the site creating unique wetland habitat throughout the distillery. There has been a Mill on site in Laverstoke since at least 903 AD but the first official records show Laverstoke Mill as a corn mill marked in the Domesday Book of 1086. The Mill has been sympathetically renovated into a state-of-the-art sustainable distillery, a perfect blend of Victorian and Georgian architecture with modern glasshouses.

We will explore the Bombay Sapphire Distillery with one of the distillery hosts who will be on hand to answer any questions and guide you through the site. You'll go behind the scenes where you can see the process which makes Bombay Sapphire gin so unique, before your host leaves you to enjoy a drink suited to your personal taste profile 'on the house' in the Mill Bar.

Please note: Laverstoke Mill is a working distillery, so guests wearing open-toed shoes or high heels may be refused entry.

**Closing Date: Monday 28th August but we
have a few seats remaining.**

Organiser: **Jill Benwell**

Petworth House and Park, Hampshire

Wednesday 18th October 2017

COST: £26 Members. Non-members £28

Start 8.15am from Swanage.

Return start 4.15pm. ETA at Swanage 7pm.

Petworth House has the finest collection of art and sculpture in the care of the National Trust, including well known paintings by Turner, Van Dyke and Reynolds.

There are also servants quarters "below stairs" to view where all the sumptuous food was prepared.

Outdoors, there are acres of "Capability" Brown landscape gardens to explore with views of the South Downs National Park.

We will have a tour of the property, time to be arranged.

There are two places to eat, The Audit Room or Servant's Hall, where you can have tea/coffee. The menu includes soup and sandwich or a cream tea and light lunches.

There are ramps for wheel-chairs and you can book a wheel-chair if required. Also, being a National Trust Property toilets will be available.

IMPORTANT remember to bring your NT membership cards.

PLEASE date cheques 1 week prior to the visit, thank you

Closing Date: Monday 9th October 2017.

Organiser: **Jean Fernley**

Winchester College, Hampshire

Thursday 9th November 2017

Cost £24.50 Members £26.50 Non Members

Start Swanage at 8.30am Return start 3.30pm. ETA at Swanage is 6.30pm.

There will not be a comfort stop. There are toilets at our drop off point in Winchester bus station which is a 5 minute walk from the College.

We will arrive at the College at 11.00 for our private guided tour which will take 1 hour approximately.

The tour will concentrate on the medieval heart of the college and will include the Chamber Court which takes its name from the Scholars' and Fellows' chambers enclosing it, the 14th century Gothic Chapel with one of the earliest examples of a wooden vaulted roof, College Hall, the original Scholars dining hall and school, the 17th century redbrick schoolroom and the medieval cloisters.

After the tour you will be free to enjoy lunch in one of the many eating places and spend the afternoon browsing the various Christmas shopping opportunities and/or the many historical sights Winchester has to offer.

Closing Date: **1st November.**

Organiser: **David Cole**

John Rutter Concert, Royal Albert Hall

Wednesday 6th December 2017

Cost £38.50 Members £40.50 Non-members. Coach only
£18.50

Start 8.00am Swanage Return start 6.00pm. ETA 10pm

Forty seats have been reserved for this popular concert. They are in the choir seats behind the Orchestra and will have a fine view of the audience, conductor and instruments.

Seats will be available on the coach should anyone wish to go only to London.

We will be stopping near Heathrow at the Three Magpies for lunch (own expense) and nearer the time I will send you details of the menu so that we can pre-order your meal.

The Royal Albert Hall must be paid in full by **first week in October** so would you kindly let me have your bookings and cheques in good time.

The Concert will end about 5.30pm and with luck we could be on our coach heading back to Swanage by 6.00pm and be there between 9.00 and 10pm.

Closing Date: **Sunday 30th September**

Important – please post date cheques to 7 days before the trip to avoid them becoming out of date.

Organiser: **Margaret Tyrer**

Exeter & Exeter Cathedral

Thursday 15th February 2018

Cost £25.00 Members, £27.00 Non-members

Start 8am Swanage. Return start 4pm.

Exeter is an ancient city on the River Exe in southwest England. Dating back to the Roman era, the Exeter City Walls surround its centre and Gothic Exeter Cathedral. Exeter Castle, a Norman landmark, overlooks leafy Northernhay and Rougemont Gardens. To their west, the Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery (RAMM) displays fine art and costumes. The vaulted, medieval Underground Passages snake beneath the city.

Exeter Cathedral is one of the oldest and most beautiful Cathedrals in England. Located in the centre of the city, there has been a Cathedral on the present site for nearly one thousand years. The imposing towers of today's Cathedral date from the early 12th century. They form the majority of what remains of the Norman Cathedral which was replaced from 1270 -1340 by the beautiful Gothic building we see today with its famous West Front and elegant Nave. It is a rich resource of art, craft, symbolism and architectural detail. The building itself is a remarkable feat of engineering, design and craftsmanship. It has the longest stretch of unbroken Gothic vaulting in the world, stunning stained glass windows and an intricately carved image screen on the West Front.

We should arrive in Exeter about 11am having had a comfort stop en route. There will then be several hours in which to explore the city and lunch before gathering in the Cathedral at 2pm for a guided tour. The tour will last about an hour (depending on how many questions are asked). There should then be time for a cup of tea and a cake in the Refectory before boarding the coach for the homeward journey.

Closing date 1st February 2018.

Important – please post date cheques to 7 days before the trip to avoid them becoming out of date.

Organiser: **Jill Benwell**

Overnight Trips

London.

Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th March 2018

Start time 8am.

Cost: £175 per person - no single supplements (20 single rooms available). Closing Date 30th October 2018.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to travel up to and back to London in a day so this is a new venture where we will stop over in London at the **Clarendon Hotel**, Blackheath.

Brief Outline

Day 1. Coach from Swanage via Guildford (refreshments not included) then to Westminster Pier where we catch the Ferry and sail to Greenwich passing well known landmarks.

Two hours approx of free time to look round the village, the market, Queen House, the Fan Museum or even go and see the painted ceiling in the Royal Naval College.

Coach to Hotel and check in for B & B. Three course evening meal is available for £16.00.

Evening. Option 1. Walk into Blackheath village - about 5/10 mins. With a variety of eating places, also a small theatre.

Option 2. Take the coach to Covent Garden Area and either enjoy the various restaurants or go to the theatre.

The coach will depart at 10.45pm to return back to Blackheath

Day 2. Checkout of Hotel and leave at 9.30am and with a Blue Badge Guide visit the Inner and Middle Temple, Temple Church, Royal Courts of Justice. After a single course lunch with a hot drink (included) take a short walk to Lincoln's Inn where our coach will pick us up at 3.30pm to return to Swanage.

Closing Date: 30th October

Organiser: **Margaret Tyrer**

Deposit required with booking form of £50.00 per person plus SAE.
Please date cheques accordingly.

Plymouth, Devon

Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th May 2018

Cost twin or Double £195.00 pp. Single £235.00.

Closing Date 1st October 2018.

Start time and ETA to be advised.

We are taking our first two night short holiday in the West Country next year. There are a number of places worth visiting, but which are too far away for a Swanage based day trip. When we looked we realised that single night stays are expensive for a group, and two night stays offer much better value.

We will be staying two nights in Plymouth at The Duke of Cornwall, a Best Western Hotel, on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis and will travel with North Dorset in 'Lily' their 53 seater coach. Visits include Saltram NT on our first day, a lovely house that stands high above the River Plym giving magnificent views across the estuary and the rolling landscaped parkland. There will be much for us to enjoy in the wonderful contents and decoration with time to explore the grounds, have lunch and maybe tea, before travelling on to Plymouth. May offers us longer lighter evenings so we should have the opportunity to explore our surroundings and see some of the delights of this historic town.

The following day we will take the Torpoint ferry to visit Anthony (NT) a small delightful house with a glorious garden still owned and lived in by the same family after hundreds of years. Then if the weather is kind we visit Mount Edgcumbe with a tour of the interesting house ending our outing with cream tea in the Orangery. Nothing however is yet set in stone!!

On Wednesday we return home visiting Cotehele (NT) enroute. This is a lovely place "where time has stood still", one of the favourite National Trust properties amongst Members.

Starting our day from nearby Plymouth we will have lots of time to glory in the house and grounds, wander through the Valley

Gardens to Cotehele Quay and perhaps, for the energetic, even a further walk alongside the Morden stream to Cotehele Mill. We should arrive back in Swanage by 7.00pm.

We are limited in the number of single rooms we are able to book at the hotel therefore all single applications will remain unopened until the closing date. These applications will then be taken at random 'out of the hat'.

Please write SINGLE on your envelope when making your application. There is no need to enclose a stamped and addressed envelope with applications for this short holiday.

A non-returnable deposit of £30.00 pp. is requested by 1st December.

Closing date for final payment is 1st April 2018. Please date your cheque seven days beforehand.

Organiser: **Joy Kingsbury**

Future Events

What else is in the pipeline

Bennetts Water Gardens, Dorset.

June 2018 (Date to be advised)

A very popular venue situated in an 8-acre garden in Chickerell, near Weymouth, It holds national and international collections of water lilies which flower from late May through to September.

Organiser: **Jill Benwell**

Annual General Meeting

After the record attendance of 59 members at the 2016 AGM in Swanage, the Committee were unsure what to expect at the 30th AGM held in Carey Hall, Wareham on the 20th April 2017. However the message had clearly got around about the excellent quality of the cakes that would be provided by Committee members and their spouses (for which the grateful thanks of the meeting were duly expressed by the Chairman) as a new record of 63 members showed up. This represented nearly 18% of PANT membership – other Associations struggle to reach 10% at their AGMs.

The Chairman's report began with a special 'thank you' to Anne Barratt, unfortunately not present, who was stepping down after many years on the Committee. From 2000 to 2010 she had been Talks Secretary. Subsequently she had organised the Trailer Rides and the Winter Lunches in Corfe Castle Tearooms. For the last few years she had been Vice Chair. Her most important work had been behind the scenes, establishing and maintaining a great working relationship with the Purbeck Estate NT staff at Currendon, from whom the co-operation PANT gets is the envy of most other Supporter Groups.

In reviewing the year's events the Chairman highlighted another enjoyable holiday (this time to Hereford), and visits to Furleigh Estate vineyard, Stratfield Saye and the John Rutter concert at the Royal Albert Hall. Social events had proved more difficult. Although the Film Supper was again popular, the Fish & Chips Quiz and the Trailer Rides were cancelled due to lack of support and NT catering staff had let us down at the Barbecue. There had been a year of interesting talks; the last two in Swanage had been 'standing room only' but he expressed the wish to see more people at the Wareham ones.

The Treasurer reported a surplus for the year of £4736 compared to £4161 in the previous year. From the surplus we had transferred a further £4000 to the fund from which we make donations to the National Trust. Together with the £225 existing at the start of the year and an additional transfer of £775 from reserves we had allocated total of £5000 for 3

projects on the Purbeck Estate: Purbeck stone way-markers for the South West Coast Path (£2000); a Poole Harbour viewing platform (£2000); new stone steps on Ballard Down (£1000). He expressed the hope that the healthy state of the PANT bank balance and reserves would allow this level of donation to be sustained in future years.

With the departure of Anne Barratt, David Cole was elected as Vice Chairman in addition to his role as Membership Secretary. The only other change to the membership of the Committee was the formalisation of the handover of the Newsletter Editor position from Venn Goldsack to John Haworth.

After a short break for tea and cakes Hannah Jones (Volunteering and Community Involvement Consultant for the SW region of the National Trust) gave an informative presentation about the Trust's activities across the whole of the SW region.



Social Events

Film Show & Supper Thursday 26th October

Cost £ 16.00 Members Non Members £18.00

6pm prompt at the Orchard Tea Room, Holme for Gardens. Do not come too early or late. Room is open to general public at 6.30pm for the Purbeck Film Festival. Chosen film is the 1951 wonderful classic: **African Queen.**

Special Supper Menu (served before open to public)

- Apple & Pork Casserole with herby dumplings, or
- vegetarian Cauliflower Cheese.
- For sweet: A choice of Purbeck Ice Cream.
- Coffee and other drinks can be purchased.

Closing date 19th October.

Organiser: **Venn Goldsack**

New Year Lunch Friday 12th January 2018

Cost £26.00 Members £28.00 Non Members

12.30 for 1pm Isle of Purbeck Golf Club

This is the way to start 2018 with a delicious lunch overlooking stunning views of Poole Harbour and Godlingston Heath.

The luncheon consists of three courses (and no turkey on the menu). It includes tea, coffee and chocolates plus a free glass of wine or juice on arrival.

The menu is on p 21. Please mark your choices by using the letter beside each dish on the application form. Also, please also indicate who you would prefer to sit with.

Closing Date 30th December. Please post date cheques to this date.

Organiser: **Margaret Tyrer**

New Year Lunch Menu

Starters

- A** Poached Salmon, Horseradish Potato Terrine with Lemon Crème Fraîche.
- B** Black Pepper Pastrami, Home Pickled Vegetables and Dressed Leaves.
- C** Cream of Carrot, Cumin and Coriander Soup (V).

Main Courses

- D** Roast Leg of Lamb with Redcurrant and Mint Sauce.
- E** Fillet of Hake, Roasted Leeks and Rarebit Glaze.
- F** Roasted Breast of Chicken, Pork and Herb Stuffing and Crispy Pancetta.
- G** Broccoli & Stilton Tart, Balsamic Reduction & Sun Blushed Tomato Mash (V).

Sweets

- H** Chocolate and Amaretto Tart (V).
- J** Gin and Marmalade Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard.
- K** Lemongrass infused Crème Brûlée and Sable Biscuit.
Coffee & Mints.



New Year's Lunch Venue

Social Events continued

BEETLE DRIVE -

N.T. TEA ROOMS - CORFE CASTLE

FRIDAY 16th March 2018

6.30 for 6.45pm

Cost £10.00 Members £12.00 Non Members

By popular demand this 'game' has once again been included in our programme of events.

During the evening's activity you will be served with a baked potato with either a chilli or cheese filling and a hot drink - to keep up your strength for throwing the dice!

A prize will be given to the winner assuming no cheating was involved!!!!!!

I look forward to seeing you for an evening of fun.

Closing date 2nd March - please post-date your cheque to this date.

Organiser: **Margaret Tyrer**

Sunday Lunches: Good Food, Good Company.

We meet at the bar at 12.30, get our drinks and select our choices from the menu to eat at 1pm.

- **17th September Isle of Purbeck Golf Club.**

Suggested future events to be confirmed:

- **12th November At Athelhampton for carvery.**
- **11th March at the Kings Arms, Stoborough.**
- **13th May at the East Dorset Golf Club.**

Food and drink is of course at our own expense, however we hope you will make a donation to NT funds to buy a wooden seat.

Organiser: **VennGoldsack**

Venn has to confirm numbers early in the week before we meet

Talks

Members £2.00 Non-Members £3.00 Time 2.30pm

Venues:

Wareham: Carey Hall, Mistover Road BH20 4BY, just north of the railway station. Own car park at BH20 4BY

Swanage: All Saints Church Hall, Ulwell Road, (on bus route) Plenty of local roads to park in. BH19 1LL

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Tues September 19th

Swanage

A Tudor Merchant's Town House - Pam White of the National Trust talks about discoveries made during recent work on Uvedales in Corfe Castle. This building had a chequered history, becoming home to 13 families in its 14 rooms during the 18th century. It's now restored to some of its former glory

Thurs October 19th

Wareham

I Know Who I Am - I Think - David Gynes gives an introduction to genealogy and family history, covering the fun and frustrations of finding out who our ancestors were.

Tues November 21st

Swanage

Studland Beach - Behind the Scenes - Stewart Rainbird of The National Trust talks about the challenges of looking after one of the best and most popular beaches in the country.

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Thurs January 18th

Wareham

Fairtrade in Ghana - Judith Holmes talks about her visit to Ghana to see the effects of the Fairtrade movement on local farmers and producers.

Tues February 20th

Swanage

The Swanage Lifeboat Station Project - Capt Neil Hardy MBE talks about the new Shannon Class lifeboat at Swanage and the construction of the new lifeboat station.

Thurs March 15th

Wareham

The Swanage & Purbeck Sculpture Trail - Purbeck is built on stone and has a long history of quarrying and shipping it. When they were paving London Burt and Mowlem brought many interesting stoneworks to the area. Carlota Barrow tells how The Sculpture Trail leads us through time

Tues April 17th AGM full details in next Newsletter **Swanage**

Talks: Could you help?

Although I'm not quite ready to stop yet, there will come a time when I'll need to step down. If you enjoy our talks or other activities, why not 'shadow' me over the next year. While this year's talks take place I'll be planning the 2018/19 season.

Running the talk on the day is usually the simplest part of the process. Usually there are lots of people there to help. The other parts of the job are booking the halls (a long time in advance) and then matching the speakers to the available dates.

If you follow my work for a few months you could get an idea of whether you'd like to take on this role at some stage in the future. Call me on 427300 if you're interested.

Kind regards. **Cecily Carpenter**



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September 13th	P 10	Day Trip	Winchester & Stockbridge
September 17th	P 22	Social	Sunday Lunch
September 19th	P 23	Talk	Swanage
October 1st - 6th	P 7	Holiday	York
October 18th	P 11	Day Trip	Petworth House & Park
October 19th	P 23	Talk	Wareham
October 26th	P 20	Film Supper	Holme for Gardens
November 9th	P 12	Day Trip	Winchester College
November 12th	P.22	Social	Sunday Lunch
November 21st	P 23	Talk	Swanage
December 6th	P 13	Day Trip	Royal Albert Hall

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January 12th	P 20	Social	New Year Lunch
January 18th	P 23	Talk	Wareham
February 15th	P 14	Day Trip	Exeter
February 20th	P 23	Talk	Swanage
March 7th—8th	P 15	Overnight Trip	London
March 11th	P 22	Social	Sunday Lunch
March 15th	P 23	Talk	Wareham
March 16th	P 22	Social	Beetle Drive
April 17th	P 23	Talk	AGM Swanage
May 13th	P 22	Social	Sunday Lunch
May 14th—16th	P 16	Short Break	Plymouth
June (date tba)	P 17	Day Trip	Bennetts Water Garden
Sept 30th-Oct 5th	P 8	Holiday	Liverpool