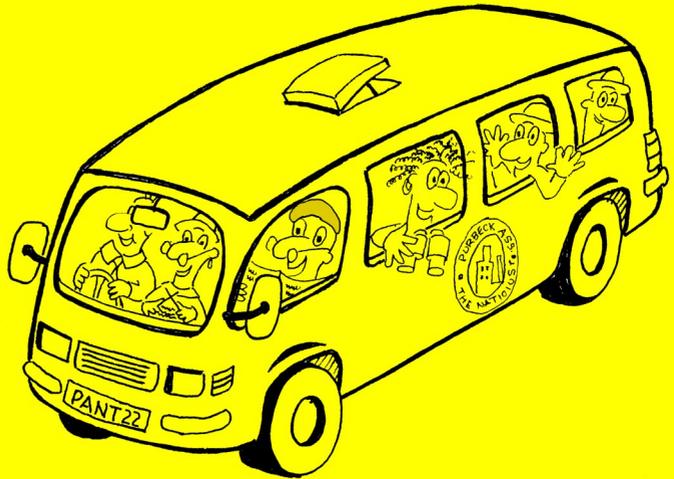




# Purbeck in Trust

Newsletter of the  
Purbeck Association of the National Trust

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**PANT is back on the road!**  
**Join us on our outings.**

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## Membership News

Welcome to the following members who have joined us during lockdown, despite our lack of activity – we're very grateful for your support (as we are for the support of all members).

Arthur Bough	Fiona Keeling	Janet White
Rita Parsons	Paul Cox	Sadie Webb
Cynthia Gosney	Raymond & Angela Jones	Janet Parkinson
Michael Brown	Tanya Gould	Mrs E Hearle

We hope you get a chance to enjoy your membership over the coming months

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It's that time again. Unless you joined after the start of this year, your membership will be due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> April. We're repeating our usual system. If you pay by Standing Order you will find an orange slip reminding you of this, and you don't need to take any further action. If you normally pay by cheque, you'll find the usual renewal notice.

Please think about paying by BACS or by Standing Order, it makes life so much easier for us especially now that Barclays have closed the Wareham and Swanage branches. If you pay by BACS transfer, then please let me know (phone or email will do) so that we know what payments to expect on our bank statements. BACS details are:

Account name: PANT Sort Code 20-68-79 Account 90830127.

If you'd like to pay by Standing Order, then contact me and I'll send you a form.

**David Cole** - Membership Secretary



## The Chairman Writes

Gosh, what a long break that was!

Here we are, trying to get started again after a long hiatus. Whilst I like to be upbeat and optimistic, I'm also conscious that the last couple of years have been very difficult for some of you. On behalf of the Committee, I express our sympathy for those who have suffered the effects of the pandemic, directly or indirectly, and our sincere condolences to those who have lost family or friends.

Since our last Newsletter some of the indefatigable people who've been organising events for you over the years have decided to retire from active service. This brings me back to a regular plea: Can you help?



It doesn't have to be a huge commitment. Perhaps you could organise a single outing each year? Jan Cole has done this successfully for several years (although she too has now retired). If you're a couple, how about doing it as a joint effort? You don't have to come to any meetings if you don't want to, but you can if you want. Either way there'll always be someone to offer help and advice.

In the rest of this Newsletter, you'll see that we have a smaller programme than in recent years. This is partly because we have fewer people to organise events, and partly because when we started planning them, the future was still uncertain. We're starting with a couple of outings and a couple of social events. Our talks are planned well ahead, and after the end of the current season will restart in September as usual. It doesn't look as though we shall resume our short breaks until 2023 at the earliest. Of course, if we have a surge of people wanting to help...

You may notice that the cost of events has gone up. We try to keep event prices reasonable, but the costs of coach hire, venue entry and hospitality have all risen considerably since 2019 when we last planned any events. We're still managing to hold our subscriptions at the same level, and we truly believe that we offer great value for money.



## FAREWELLS

With reluctance, two of our hardworking Event Organisers have decided that it's time to step back from organising things for us.

### **Cecily Carpenter**

After joining PANT in 2006, Cecily came onto the Committee as Talks Secretary in 2011. During her tenure she was responsible for around 60 talks. It's difficult to pick out highlights, but subjects have ranged widely, from family history to life on the The Royal Yacht Britannia, to ladies underwear.



The Talks Secretary's role was done by Cecily with calm, quiet efficiency. Everything was planned a long way in advance, and hardly ever went wrong. Our one problem was the day that two speakers turned up. Not Cecily's fault – one of them had never read his email or the letter that we sent him.

She never sought attention, and was happy to just sit in the audience, which made me feel guilty when people thanked me for an enjoyable afternoon. On the Committee Cecily was always the calm voice of reason and experience.

### **Joy Kingsbury**

Joy joined the Committee in 2013. Initially she organised outings, but very soon, in 2014 she organised her first holiday for us, to Kent.



These became regular features, while she continued organising day trips. Joy worked incredibly hard at the holidays, finding good accommodation and suitable attractions to visit. You were always provided with background notes on the places you were going to visit. Someone once remarked to me "Joy always has every eventuality covered."

You usually finished Joy's holidays tired, but having had a great time, and having enjoyed the company.

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Thanks to you both, Cecily and Joy, for all your hard work for PANT, and for the enjoyment you've given us over many years.

### **Les Wright**



# Purbeck Association of the National Trust

## 33rd Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the above meeting will be held in  
Carey Hall, Wareham on Thursday 21st April 2022 at 2.30pm

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
*Copies available at the meeting*
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Submission of Annual Accounts and Honorary Treasurer's Report
6. Election of an Independent Examiner of the Accounts
7. Election of Officers and Committee Members  
*David Cole, Ken Morgan, Keith Southern, Margaret Tyrer and Les Wright have all completed at least five years on the Committee and are willing to be considered for re-election for a further twelve months*
8. Any Other Business  
*Members must inform the Honorary Secretary in writing by 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 if they wish to raise any matters under Item 8 of the Agenda*

In accordance with our Constitution, the present Officers and Committee Members retire but, if eligible, may offer themselves for re-election. Using the form included with the booking forms, any Member may nominate another Member (with their prior agreement) to serve on the Committee. These forms must be received by the Honorary Secretary no later than 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022. It is hoped that all Members will give their help to maintain and strengthen the work of the Association.

At the conclusion of the AGM business we will have an afternoon tea and Gen Crisford, an Engagement Officer for the National Trust, will introduce a local partnership project, exploring the feasibility of a wild reintroduction of Eurasian Beavers to the Purbeck landscape. Her talk will cover an overview of Eurasian Beavers, the benefits and impacts of a release and the progress of the project to date, including management strategies and feedback from local communities.

**Keith Southern**, Honorary Secretary



## PLANNING YOUR VISITS

**Insurance** Please note that the third party Indemnity Insurance Policy does not cover members over the age of **90** years for Personal Accident. Members, and those over this age, participate in Association activities at their own risk.

**Cost etc.** The price of outings includes: travel by coach, driver's gratuity and entrance fee (if any) to the venue. If bringing a guest, let us know if they are a member of PANT/NT as non-members and PANT-only members pay **full admission** charge to NT properties.

**Bring your NT card with you on outings.**

**Bookings** are made on a first come, first served, basis and cannot be dealt with over the phone. Places will be offered strictly in accordance with the date the booking is **received** by the organiser. Friends or family are very welcome but if an outing is over-subscribed, 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. Let the organiser know so that the place may be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

When making your booking(s), please send your **booking form(s)** together with a separate cheque and SAE for each booking to the organiser of each event. Their address is on the inside of the front cover.

Please make **cheques** payable to **PANT**. Receipts will be issued only for holiday deposit cheques. If you are booking **more than 6 months ahead**, please do not date your cheque. It will be dated shortly before passing the cheque to the treasurer 2/3 weeks before the outing takes place.

**Cancellations** If you need to cancel, **providing it is more than three weeks** before an outing, a full refund less £5 administration fee will be given. After that, a refund will be due only if the seats can be passed to another person. Tickets will be issued two weeks beforehand. If an event is cancelled, you will be told and your cheque returned.

## **Assistance**

Outings may involve considerable walking and stair climbing so members with mobility difficulties should seek guidance from the organiser before booking. Group volunteers leading the visit will not be able to spend time with an individual attendee, but every effort will be made to make sure that everyone has an enjoyable outing.

**Please note:** the wearing of seat belts on coaches is now a legal requirement and is compulsory. Do please observe this as the coach operator may be subject to penalties if this is not complied with.

**PLEASE BRING CONTACT DETAILS WITH YOU ABOUT WHO TO INFORM IN CASE OF EMERGENCY** This should include some form of ID and details of an emergency contact whilst attending outings etc.

### **Emergency Contact**

The National Trust advise us that we should ask all members who attend our events, to carry some form of personal identification and details of someone who may be contacted in an emergency.

This is a wise precaution and we ask members to adopt this measure as standard practice. This is especially important if a single member is travelling or taking part.

Although we do not like to think of upsetting incidents occurring during an enjoyable day out, we must take sensible precautions.

### **Departure Time for Relevant Events**

***Please be at pick-up 5 minutes before departure time.***

**Swanage**    **Ballard Stores – departure time as shown on the ticket**  
**Victoria Avenue Car Park + 5 mins from the start**

**Corfe Castle** **Methodist Church + 15 mins from the start**

**Wareham**    **Red Lion bus stop + 25 mins from the start**  
**Railway Station (bus stop on north side) + 30 mins from the start**



## In Memorium

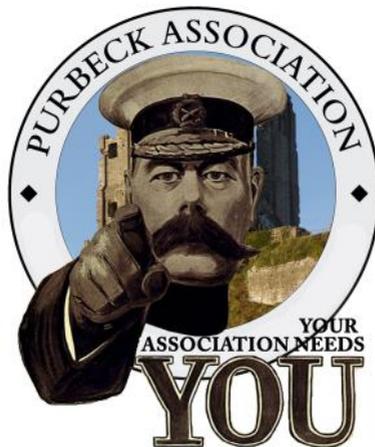
With sadness we have to tell you of the loss of some of our neighbours

- Bournemouth & Poole Association ceased to be in November 2019.
- Christchurch & New Forest Association passed away in April 2020.
- East Dorset Association left us in January 2022.

We've been fortunate in gaining some new people to help us recently, but we still need more help.

Before you pass on to the next page and start thinking about which events you'll book, please give a thought to taking an active part in running PANT. In particular we need someone with accounting experience to take over the role of Treasurer, but we also need help running our outings and social events - see what our Chairman has written on page 3.

Don't let PANT become a thing of the past.



# PANT SPRING LUNCH

12.30 pm for 1pm on Friday 25 March 2022

At Isle of Purbeck Golf Club



We are starting our programme of events this year with a Spring Lunch at the popular Isle of Purbeck Golf Club. You will be welcomed with a glass of fruit punch and we hope that the raffle will be able to take

place. As we all know, things may change between now and the end of March.

The cost of the lunch will be **£28 for two courses and £32 for three courses**. A surcharge of £2 per head will be made for non-PANT members. The selections on offer this year are:

## Starters

- A. Gratinated Crab and Prawn with Granary Bread and salad.
- B. Confit of Duck, Wild Mushroom Terrine with Dressed Leaves and Pickled Vegetables (GF) (DF)
- C. Cream of Wild and Field Mushroom Soup flavoured with Truffle Oil (V) (GF)

## Main Course

- D. Slow cooked Feather Blade of Beef with Chestnut Mushroom and Port Jus (GF) (DF)
- E. Grilled Fillet of Sea Bream with Lemon Herb and Prawn Butter (GF) \*
- F. Roasted Breast of Chicken and a Creamy Chorizo Sauce (GF) \*
- G. Baked Cannelloni filled with Spinach and Ricotta in a Butternut Squash Bechamel Sauce (V)

All main courses come with seasonal vegetables and potatoes.

## Desserts

- H. Pear and Walnut Crumble with Custard \*(V)
- I. Chocolate, Lime and Chilli Tart \*(V)
- J. Coconut Panna Cotta, with Fresh Fruit\* (V) (GF) (DF)

## Coffee and mints

\*These dishes could be made DF (Dairy Free) See booking form.

**Organiser: Jill Benwell**

**Closing date: Monday 8 March**

## APRIL

### SHOPPING IN SOUTHAMPTON AT WEST QUAY

**Tuesday 26 April**

Cost Members £17.50

Non Members £19.50

Depart Swanage 9am

Depart Southampton 4pm

Come and enjoy a day of shopping at Southampton's premier shopping complex without the worry of driving and parking. The coach will have ample space for all your purchases, and there are numerous places to enjoy a coffee break or a relaxing lunch.

West Quay is a large area of retail and leisure space which contains around 130 shops, including major retailers such as John Lewis and Partners, Marks and Spencer, Zara, Schuh, Waterstone's, Hollister Co., Apple and, for those brave enough to venture in, IKEA.



Outside the shopping centre there is the Southampton City Art Gallery. It has one of the best art collections in the South outside London. Entry is free.

Also nearby are: The Tudor House and Garden and the Medieval Merchant's House.

**Organiser: Jill Benwell**

**Closing date: Wednesday 30 March**

## JUNE

### SHERBORNE CASTLE

**Friday 17 June**

Cost Members £33

Depart Swanage 8.30am

Non Members £35

Depart Sherborne 4pm



We will be travelling with North Dorset Coaches to arrive in time for coffee (included in the cost of the trip) at Sherborne Castle. We will be divided into two groups for a time-slotted guided tour of this historic home originally built by Sir Walter Raleigh and greatly extended by the Digby Family who have remained the owners since 1617.

There is much for us to enjoy in the splendour of the interiors variously created over the centuries. These include treasures that have been collected in paintings, furniture and porcelain and the magnificent vistas of the surrounding parklands.

Capability Brown landscaped the gardens and created the 50 acre lake so, weather permitting, we can wander through the lovely grounds and explore the Orangery, Boat House and Pier as well as the many places of interest that make Sherborne Castle such a splendid place for us to visit. There is a Tea Room that serves light lunches and delicious afternoon tea, should you wish, before we leave at 4.00pm.

**Organiser: Jill Benwell**

**Closing date: Friday 6 May**

# JULY

## BEETLE DRIVE

**Thursday 14 July 6.30 for 6.45pm**

**National Trust Tea Rooms Corfe**

Cost Members £13

Non Members £15

Numbers restricted, book early!

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 light meal and a hot drink - to keep up your strength for throwing the dice!

We can't give details of the meal at this stage because, at the time of writing, the Tea Rooms are closed for works, but there will be a vegetarian option included.

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

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



**Organiser: Margaret Tyrer**

**Closing date: Thursday 30 June**

## AUGUST

### **FUN CROQUET & FISH AND CHIP SUPPER**

**Tuesday 16 August 5.30 for 6pm**

**Swanage Croquet Club at Swanage Cricket Club grounds**

Cost Members £15    Non Members £17

Numbers restricted, book early!

Equipment will be provided and we hope to be able to open the bar.

Another year – another chance to play Golf Croquet. After very successful evenings in previous years we once again offer the opportunity to learn something about the skill and tactics of Golf Croquet, a game that can be enjoyed on many levels. We will go ahead unless the sky opens and the ground becomes waterlogged, in which case we'll have some light-hearted games in the pavilion.

There will be a table quiz (optional) to complete in the pavilion after you've finished playing.



**Organiser: Jill Benwell**

**Closing date: Tuesday 2 August.**

## TALKS

**Time: 2.30pm. Arrive early.**

### VENUES

**Wareham. Carey Hall, Mistover Road, BH20 4BY** which has its own car park. Leave the station roundabout on Bere Road, turn immediately left onto Carey Road. Mistover Road is, after about 200 yds, the first road on the right. The entrance to the Hall is between houses about 70 yds up on the right hand side.

**Swanage. All Saints Hall, Ulwell Rd. BH19 1LL.** Some parking is available plus plenty of local roads to use if needed. It's also on the number 50 bus route.

After the Talk we hold a raffle and serve tea & biscuits\* usually finishing at about 4pm.

### SPEAKERS

**Thursday 17 February (Wareham) The Natural Beauty of Dorset**, featuring the work of well-known wildlife photographer **Colin Varndell**. The presentation will be based on the book ***The Natural Beauty of Dorset by Colin and Susy Varndell*** with photos of the county geology and landscapes and wildlife. Colin is an award-winning Wildlife Photographer whose work appears in over 40 books including The Encyclopaedia of British Birds, The Great Trees of Dorset, Living Britain, Wild Mammals of Britain. He also won the 2008 Garden Photographer of the Year with a picture that was exhibited at Kew Gardens and Laycock Abbey. Many of his images are used by the nature groups and charities and are reproduced regularly in national publications, most often in the Dorset and Dorset Life magazines.

**Tuesday 15 March (Swanage) A Talk on The Work of the Family Justice System** by **His Honour Richard Bond**. Richard Bond is very much a Purbeck man having been brought up at Creech and now living with his family at Church Knowle but his work has taken him further afield. He was called to the Bar in 1988 and worked for the Coleridge, then Citadel, Chambers. The Lord Chief Justice assigned him to the Midland Circuit in 2013 and he was appointed to the Circuit Bench in 2016. About 600 judges sit in the Crown Court and county courts dealing with some of the most delicate and complicated of cases.

**Thursday 21 April (Wareham) AGM** This will take the usual form of being initially the PANT business. Then tea and cake\* will be available and there will be a talk by **Gen Chrisford** of the National Trust about the project to introduce beavers in Studland.

**Tuesday 20 September (Swanage)** To be confirmed - further details will be in the Autumn Newsletter

**Thursday 20 October (Wareham) The Blandford Fashion Museum.** **Jean Longley** from the Museum will tell us of its beginnings and how donations are catalogued and the collections cared for by a group of experts and volunteers. It is a small museum in an elegant Georgian town house in the centre of Blandford Forum dedicated to the preservation and exhibition of clothes worn through the ages. Jean will talk about some exotic, surprising or unusual items she has brought with her for us to see.

**Tuesday 15 November (Swanage) Merry-making Music for Midwinter**, a journey through tunes and songs that have cheered up dark evenings for many a year. **Damian Clarke** is a Dorset-based artist and musician. He has been part of successful musical line-up including the very popular Pressgang and, most recently, Humstrum. He plays several instruments with great energy and skill – Hammer Dulcimer, Hurdy Gurdy, Nyckleharpa, Guitar and Piano - collecting his repertoire from Europe and beyond. He has an exhibition of art poised for exhibition during the 2022 Arts Weeks in Dorchester.

\* While Covid problems remain, we may not serve refreshments in some instances, in order to maintain social distancing.

**Sophia Wright, Talks Secretary**







# DIARY 2022

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March 15 <sup>th</sup>	p14	Talk	Swanage
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	p9	Social	Spring Lunch
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April 26 <sup>th</sup>	p10	Visit	Southampton
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	p11	Visit	Sherborne Castle
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	p12	Social	Beetle Drive
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	p13	Social	Croquet + Fish & Chip supper
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	p15	Talk	Swanage
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	p15	Talk	Wareham
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	p15	Talk	Swanage