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Membership News

Welcome to the following members who have joined us since we published the last Newsletter. We are very grateful for your support as, indeed, we are for the support of all members.

Ewan Organ	Mary Hatcher	Perry Barnes
Sylvia Roberts	Yvonne Suhr	Christine Crowther
Norma Blyth	Marion Ormerod	Richard O'Sullivan
Sue Barton	Dorothy Alder	Richard & Susan Bond
Janet & Tony Clark	Brenda O'Reilly	David & Meg Robinson
Julie Lomas-Smith	David Adcock	

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

After a lot of pressure from supporter groups like PANT, the National Trust is starting to give us more publicity. We all hope that this will help us recruit more members. Nevertheless, word of mouth remains the best way of recruiting more members. So, if you enjoy belonging to PANT why not tell your friends and encourage them to join us? Remember: they don't have to be a National Trust member to join us but if we visit a National Trust property, the entry fee will have to be paid.

David Cole - Membership Secretary



The Chairman Writes

Running PANT really is a team effort. We couldn't keep going without the help of lots of people. It's not just those whose names you see on the front and back inside covers, although all of those do tremendous amounts of invaluable work (apart from me of course – the Chairman's main job is to stand up in public and take the credit for other people's work). We have people who run the raffles and teas at our talks; people who hand-deliver the Newsletter; people who pass on printed copies of emails to members without internet access; people who circulate the posters for our talks. Many thanks to all of you.

Many thanks also to all of you loyal PANT members for sticking with us through the pandemic lockdowns, and supporting us as we've slowly got back to something like normal. It's been really gratifying to see the number of people who've come to our Talks (including our AGM), gone on our Outings, and attended our Social Events.

In the last Newsletter I made a plea for more help, and I'm pleased to say that we've now got some more people helping to organise events. As a result, you'll see that we have a really good programme of events for you over the next few months.

One highlight of our programme is Paul Atterbury as the speaker for our talk in September. Paul is a historian, author, and antiques expert, known to many people from his numerous appearances on the BBC's *Antiques Road Show. We're expecting Paul's talk to be very popular and so, for the first time, we're asking you to book in advance. This is so that we don't have to turn people away. See page 15 and the Booking Forms for more details. Paul will also be coming to us for a whole evening in May next year, at Furzebrook Village Hall, but there'll be more about that in the next Newsletter.*

I noted last time that costs had risen, but as I write this we're facing inflation rates that haven't been seen for many decades. This is making it difficult for our event organisers to plan as they have to do this so far ahead. I'm sure that with the support and understanding of members, we'll get through this difficult period and continue to thrive.

Les Wright



Annual General Meeting 2022

The 33rd AGM held in Carey Hall, Wareham on 21 April 2022, was the first for three years, i.e. since 2019. The 2020 AGM had been cancelled at the outset of the coronavirus pandemic and that for 2021 had not even been attempted. The attendance of 51 members was identical to that in 2019, no doubt enticed by the double attraction of the cakes that would be provided (by Committee members and their spouses) and the expectation of an interesting talk from the day's guest speaker.

The Chairman expressed the sentiment that it was good to be back after a very long gap but his review of the year's activities was short as not much had happened. Talks had resumed in September 2021 and it had been a good programme. Swanage had effectively been at maximum capacity a couple of times so we were looking at expanding into the main church in the future, although this would have cost implications. There had been a successful lunch at the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club; this had to be in March rather than earlier in the New Year but it went so well that we were thinking of keeping to March in future years.

As reported in the previous Newsletter, Cecily Carpenter and Joy Kingsbury had both 'retired' from their committee roles organising events; the Chairman thanked them for their years of amazing work for PANT, together with Venn Goldsack who had now ended her active involvement. He also referred to the demise of other Supporter Groups in Dorset through lack of members willing to take an active part in running events or the organisation. Thankfully PANT had gained a new member on the main Committee (Norman Love) and two new members on the Events Committee (Clare Crosland and Catherine Woods), the latter two replacing Pat Daniell and Frank Nicoll.

The Treasurer presented accounts for the last three years. The surpluses for these years were £5863, £1804 and £1029, the latter two being attributed to income from subscriptions and calendar sales with little expenditure. Current assets were healthy so the Treasurer predicted a good outcome for the coming year. From the first-year surplus we had transferred £6000 to our National Trust donations account but so far only £3000 of this had been committed to a specific project, namely towards accessibility improvements at Corfe Castle.

One important financial change was proposed and accepted. Instead of paying professional accountants for independent examination of the accounts each year, it

was agreed that in future this would be done by an approved individual.

The only change to the membership of the main Committee was the addition of Norman Love. With Cecily Carpenter having stepped down, the role of Talks Secretary was taken on by Sophia Wright in addition to her role as Purbeck Estate Liaison.



After a short break for tea and cakes, Gen Crisford (NT Engagement Officer for the Purbeck Estate) gave an informative presentation about Eurasian beavers, covering in detail their lifestyle, the potential benefits and impacts of introducing them to the Purbeck landscape, and the progress of the

partnership project plan for just such a release.

Keith Southern - Secretary

Insurance

The National Trust provides insurance coverage for supporter groups like PANT for activities they undertake for the benefit of the NT. It is some time since we set out the exact details, so it is timely to include them again.

1. Public Liability covers all participants, regardless of whether they are NT members, volunteers or members of the public in any activity the group undertakes. It applies whether or not the group is at a NT property. However, people can make a claim only if it is proved that PANT is legally liable.

2. **Personal Accident** cover is discretionary. It is restricted to members undertaking voluntary activity for the NT e.g.. Committee members, event organisers, newsletter deliverers. The upper age limit for this cover is 90. However, the cover applies only if loss of earnings can be demonstrated so is unlikely to be relevant for most PANT members. Any costs incurred due to an accident while on supporter group trips or activities are covered under the Public Liability section.

More details can be found in a document entitled '*Key facts regarding insurance arrangements for Supporter Groups*' which is posted on the PANT website under 'Short Breaks'.

Keith Southern

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 others 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 3 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 2 weeks beforehand. If an event is cancelled, you will be informed and your cheque returned.

Assistance

Outings may involve considerable walking and stair climbing. 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 ensure that everyone has an enjoyable outing.

Please note: the wearing of seat belts is a **legal** requirement. 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. See below.

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 don't 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 north side) +30 mins from start

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER 2023

1. An Evening with Paul Atterbury - 24 May 2023

This will be the first of our trial of evening meetings. It is proposed that the meeting will take place in Furzebrook Village Hall which has an extensive car park and indoor facilities. The meeting will begin at 7 / 7.30 and end about 9 / 9.30. The format will be chat - break - chat. The event will be ticketed and cost will include a first glass of wine or fruit juice. There will be no valuations. Paul intends his talk to be more about his life.

2. LINCOLN HOLIDAY 4 TO 8 JUNE 2023

Single Room £545pp (6 available) Twin/Double £950 (12 available)

Deposit: £100.00 per person to be paid by 30 November 2022

Final payment and cheque to be dated 28 February 2023

We've tried very hard to keep costs down. Not all meals, teas and coffees are included. This will let you choose how much or how little you spend. Belton House and Waddesdon Manor are National Trust properties. If you're not a Trust member (or you forget to bring your membership card!) you'll have to pay for entry. The booking form asks about Trust membership so that we can give these Trust properties advance notice of how many people in our group are members and how many will be paying for entry.

We will be staying at the Lincoln Hotel in the centre of the city opposite the cathedral. A buffet breakfast is included for all four mornings. There is a two-course evening meal included on the first and last evenings. On the other two evenings members will have a choice of eating in the hotel restaurant, or visiting one of several nearby restaurants and pubs.

Please be aware that this holiday involves reasonable amounts of walking which includes steps and uneven surfaces. The booking form asks you whether you use a walking aid, so that we can tailor things to suit. If the holiday is over-subscribed, we'll hold a blind draw.

On the following pages is a brief outline of what we'll do.

LINCOLN HOLIDAY 2023

Sunday 4 June

Depart Swanage at 8:30am. Light lunch at Waterperry Gardens; time for a brief look around. Arrive 6:00pm at The Lincoln Hotel. Evening meal served in private dining room.



Monday 5 June

Walk to Lincoln Cathedral - a guided tour of the ground floor is included. Lunch is available (at cost) in the Cathedral restaurant or at various nearby cafés, restaurants and pubs.

The afternoon is free to visit the adjacent Lincoln Castle. Entry is free and an exhibition and tours are available. Alternatively, you can go back to explore the cathedral in more detail or look around the local historic area.

Tuesday 6 June

Coach to the International Bomber Command Memorial. A tour is included. Visit the memorial garden and indoor exhibition. Tea and coffee are available (at cost) in the restaurant.

Leave for Belton house (National Trust). There is free flow around the house and gardens and good refreshment facilities are available. Return to Lincoln for 5:30 - 6:00pm.

Wednesday 7 June

Leave at 9:30am for Grimsthorpe Castle - unique because all four wings were built over several centuries. Choice of house tour or garden tour. Coffee/tea available on arrival and light lunches available (at cost).



The Coach leaves for Melton Mowbray at 12:45 to arrive at 1:30pm in main square. At 2:30pm we have a talk at Miss B's tea rooms on the making of the famous pies and the history of Melton Mowbray. Afternoon cream tea will be served at 3:00pm.

We leave for Lincoln at 4:30pm. A two-course evening meal will be served in the private dining room.



Thursday 8 June

Leave at 8:45am to arrive at Waddesdon Manor (National Trust) around 12:00. Light lunches are available (at cost).

Depart at 2:00pm for Wareham. Estimated arrival time 5:00pm, subject to traffic on the 126 mile journey!

Organiser: Margaret Tyrer Closing date 30 November 2022 LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD Where would you like to go next?

Do let us know if you have any ideas about visits you would like to make.



COACH TRIPS AND SOCIALS

SEPTEMBER

ARUNDELLS - SALISBURY

Tuesday 27 September

Cost Members £35Non-members £37 (incl entry to house and garden)Depart Swanage 9amDepart Salisbury 4.30pm



The house of Arundells was the former home of Sir Edward Heath. Originally a medieval canonry, the first occupant was the Archdeacon of Dorset who lived there from 1291 until 1316.. The peaceful garden is 2 acres with lawns, and mature trees. It includes a sculpture by G E Wade and the bar of Morning Cloud III.

There will be three tours lasting 90 minutes, starting at 12, 1.30 and 3pm. This gives you plenty of time to visit other interesting places in Salisbury. There are plenty of places to eat including the Cathedral Refectory.

Organiser: Jean Fernley

Closing date 6 September



OCTOBER

KNIGHTSHAYES (NT) NR TIVERTON, DEVON Tuesday 11 October

Cost Members: £32.00 Depart Swanage 8.30am Non-members £34.00 Depart Knightshayes 4pm

There will be a stop for coffee at the Ivy Café @ Grove Nurseries, Bridport. Cost included in the trip.

Victorian Knightshayes was designed by William Burges, a brilliant but eccentric architect whose opulent designs have inspired extreme opinions even among the family who commissioned him. It is a rare example of a Gothic Revival Country House, with Stable Block and Entrance Lodge.



The 200 year old building has a rich and varied history. It was built by Sir John Heathcote Amory, grandson of the creator of the mechanised bobbin lace making machine and owner of the lace making factory in Tiverton. Discover why a tiny portrait of Rembrandt was subject to TV programme Britain's Lost Masterpieces.

Knightshayes has one of the finest gardens in the South West. It is home to one of the finest botanical collections in the country, with Champion Trees. Explore hidden gardens and pathways; discover far reaching views over the Devon countryside.

NB. There is a gentle 5 -10 minutes walk down to the house. Wheelchairs available on prior request. Level access / terrain.

Organiser: Clare Crosland

Closing date 20 September

NOVEMBER SKITTLES AND LUNCH AT THE CLAY PIPE, HOLTON HEATH Tuesday 22 November

Cost Members £13 Start 12 pm until 4 / 5pm Non-members £15

There will be a basket meal of chicken, sausages, prawns. or a vegetarian option. Come and have fun and show your skills. I am expert at going between the skittles! We will be able to play a few sets before stopping for lunch. Please state your food preference on the booking form.

Organiser: Jean Fernley

Closing date 16 November

DECEMBER

TUESDAY 6 DECEMBERChristmas Market - ExeterCost Members £20Non Members £22Depart Swanage 9amLeave Exeter 4pm

Join us on a trip to Exeter Christmas Market. The market has been running for eight years. It's the biggest Christmas market in Devon, and is recognised as one of the best in the UK. It's on Exeter Cathedral Green, the jewel in the crown of the city centre - a prime location for shoppers on the doorstep of the main shopping district, with the stunning backdrop of the majestic medieval cathedral.

A combination of high quality exhibitors and a unique location have made this event an integral part of the city centre festive celebrations and Christmas shopping experience. The Cathedral Green has twinkling lanes of festive chalets inspired by German Christmas markets. It attracts an estimated 600,000 visitors a year. It features a selection of crafts, fresh food and a bustling atmosphere helped by delicious food stalls and Bavarian-style bars.

We will leave Swanage at 9am and go straight to Exeter, arriving about 11.30 in time for a late coffee or an early lunch. We will depart from Exeter, hopefully loaded with purchases, at 4pm.

Organiser: Jill Benwell

Closing date 12 November

NEW YEAR 2023 JANUARY

LUNCHTIME QUIZ

Friday 20 January 12pm

Guide HQ, Bell Street, Swanage

Cost members £13.00

Non members £15.00

We are starting the New Year with a social event, a quiz held in the Headquarters of Guiding in Swanage, the old chapel in Bell Street opposite the Globe Public House.

A light lunch of lasagne and salad is included in the price. Tea or coffee will be provided, but feel free to bring your own alcohol or soft drinks Numbers will be limited by the size of the venue, so book early. No need to book as a team, we will make sure everyone can take part.

Organiser: Jill Benwell

Closing Date: 6 January 2023

FEBRUARY

DORSET HISTORY CENTRE, DORCHESTER

Tuesday 28 February

Cost Members £30 Non-members £32

Depart Swanage 9am

Our visit to Dorset History Centre (formerly the Record Office) will include free time in Dorchester, shopping, eating or visiting the recently refurbished Museum (not included in price).

We will be split into two groups for morning or afternoon sessions and will look at how documents are received, conserved and used. The Dorset History Centre has over 1,000 years of Dorset records in 8 miles of moveable shelving, and their extensive collection includes the archives of Poole Pottery, Thomas Hardy and the Bankes Family.

There will be some walking involved, from the History Centre to the town centre.

Organiser: Janice Tait Closing Date: 7 February

TALKS 2022 / 2023

Time: 2.30£3 Members£4 Non-Members

The entry charge for our talks has not changed for over a decade. In the last couple of years we've faced rising costs for the hire of halls and for our speakers (with a grateful acknowledgement to those who have either made no charge, or have just charged travelling expenses). We've finally had to reflect this and increase the entry fee. Our Talks are still cheaper than those of most other Supporter Groups.

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 Road 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 & serve tea and biscuits, usually finishing at about 4pm.

Tuesday 20 September (Swanage) - Paul Atterbury on Arts & Craft Houses and



Gardens. Paul is best known for his recent appearances on BBC's *Antiques Roadshow*. Before that he had spent 40 years giving over 2,000 lectures to universities, museums, galleries and other institutions all over the world. He is well respected and his knowledge much admired so we know this event will be a popular one. Therefore, for this event only, we will issue tickets for entry to the All Saints Church, a bigger space right next to the hall we usually use, so please book as soon as you can to secure your place at this Talk.

Obviously a popular speaker such as Paul commands a higher fee than our normal speakers, and we're having to increase the entry fee for this one talk to $\pounds 5$ (non-members $\pounds 6$).

Please note - Paul asks that you don't bring items along for him to value.

There will also be '**An Evening with Paul Atterbury**' on Wednesday 24th May 2023. See the note on page 8.

Thursday 20th October (Wareham) A Cavalcade of Costume. Jean Longley from the Blandford Fashion Museum will tell us of its beginnings, 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 that she will bring with her for us to see.



Tuesday 15th 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, currently, the duo Humstrum. He plays several instruments with great energy and skill – Hammer Dulcimer, Hurdy Gurdy, Guitar and Piano - collecting his repertoire from Europe and beyond. His art work was exhibited during the 2022 Dorset Arts Weeks.



Thursday 19th January (Wareham). Unlocking the Bankes Archive is an opportunity to hear from Archivist, *Luke Dady*, about the project, the continuing work of preserving and conserving articles and some of the discoveries made along the way. This Talk will be linked to a visit in February to the Dorset History Centre (Dorset Records Office) to see the work to care for and catalogue the archive donated for posterity. Details are to be found on Page 14.

Tuesday 21st February. (Swanage) Women of the Raj. *Brian Freeland* is a playwright, author and a speaker. He has a long theatre career that has involved work with the RSC, National Theatre, Scottish Opera, Sadler's Wells, and Joan Littlewood's Theatre Workshop among others, and he has travelled around the world on tours or residencies in 43 different countries. He gives Talks and Presentations that reflect his wide and various experiences and he has written several books on subjects that complement them. The **Women of the Raj** have perhaps been overlooked until now ...

Thursday 16th March (Wareham) We will hear about the history and the operation of the HM Coastguard from Senior Coastal Operating Officer Rob Sansom. He will explain some of the choices made to keep our coastline a safe place for us all, the coastguard teams who work 'on the front line' and those who support them. When he's not dealing with situations at sea, Rob is providing light and sound to the Dorchester Drama group productions!

April 18th 2023 34th AGM Swanage. Full details will be in the Spring Newsletter, but keep the date free. As usual we'll keep the formal AGM as short as possible, and then we'll have delicious tea and cakes, and an interesting speaker.



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SPRING LUNCH 24 MARCH 2023

A date for your diary.

We have arranged our annual lunch once again at the ever popular Isle of Purbeck Golf Club with its wonderful views over the heathland and Poole Harbour. More details, including menu selections and prices will be included in our New Year Newsletter, together with the booking form, but for now, just a note to keep the date free.

Organiser: Jill Benwell

CHEQUES AND BALANCES

We've had difficulties paying in a few cheques recently. A problem is that one badly written cheque can prevent or delay a whole batch being deposited. Please ensure that your cheques are clearly written without any errors and you must keep to the designated areas especially with signatures. If not, your cheque is likely to be returned and I am slightly concerned that if we get too many of these the bank will start to charge us.

Ken Morgan Treasurer



THANKS FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST

James Gould, Visitor Operations and Experience Manager at Corfe Castle writes:

I just wanted to take a quick moment before the craziness of the summer holidays and thousands of visitors descend upon us, to send PANT a big thank you for the very kind donation of £3,000 you gave Corfe Castle.

Some of the funds you donated were used for two amazing benches that are taking pride of place in our newly built accessible Mason's Lodge (picture below) within the grounds of the castle itself. The Lodge was initially started by one of the volunteering groups back in 2019 but due to COVID wasn't completed until earlier this year. This lodge was designed to be open fronted so that visitors with mobility issues would have a nice shaded place in the castle to sit and enjoy the views. The two benches went in shortly after it was completed and get used every single day!

The rest of the money you donated went towards four picnic benches; two of these are located next to Castle View and the other two are located near the river down by West Mill. Again, both locations are being used on a daily basis and give the visitors a great opportunity to sit, eat and enjoy time with their families. This couldn't have happened without your kind support. Please would you be so kind as to pass this message onto PANT members and give them my greatest gratitude!

With many thanks,

James



2023 CALENDAR

Once again we're producing our own calendar. For 2023, well-known photographer Andrew Child has kindly donated some stunning photographs of The Isle of Purbeck.



Click on either picture to see the full calendar

The calendar is A4 size, professionally printed on heavyweight gloss paper and is bound for wall-hanging. The price of £7.50 includes postage. They make an excellent Christmas gift, and we'll even post them directly to friends and family for you at the time of your choosing, if you give us the details. That could save you lots of time searching for presents.

There is an order form with the booking forms that accompany this Newsletter. Please order early to allow us time for printing and posting.



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DIARY DATES 2022/23

September 20 th	p15	Talk	Swanage
September 27 th	p11	Visit	Arundells
October 11 th	p12	Visit	Knightshayes (NT)
October 20 th	p16	Talk	Wareham
November 15 th	p16	Talk	Swanage
November 22 nd	p13	Social	Skittles
December 6 th	p13	Visit	Exeter Christmas Market
January 19 th	p17	Talk	Wareham
January 20 th	p14	Social	Lunchtime quiz
February 21 st	p17	Talk	Swanage
February 28 th	p14	Visit	Dorset History Centre
March 16 th	p17	Talk	Wareham
March 24 th	p18	Social	Spring Lunch
April 18 st	p17	AGM	Swanage
May 24 th	p8	Social	An Evening with Paul Atterbury
June 4 th - 8 th	p9	Holiday	Lincolnshire