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The Blue Pool, Furzebrook, where we'll be having Afternoon Tea
in September - see page 13

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to the following members who have joined us since we published the last Newsletter. We hope you enjoy your membership over the coming months.

Peter Cooper

Jan Heath

Marion Page

Elizabeth O'Hanlon

Angela Holland

Robina Lawrence

Quite often at our talks we have people attending who are National Trust members but who have never heard of Supporter Groups in general, or PANT in particular. They've come because they've seen our publicity. Attendance at events and word of mouth remain the best ways of recruiting more members. So, if you enjoy belonging to PANT why not tell your friends and encourage them to join us? Remember: you 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

CHECKING THE CHEQUES

One badly written cheque can prevent or delay a whole batch being deposited. We used to be able to sort this out with the local branch, but with no branches available cheques are posted and dealt with at a remote centre. Cheques are now read by machines, so please ensure that they are written clearly without any errors, and that words and figures, especially signatures, are within the designated areas.

Ken Morgan Treasurer



THE CHAIRMAN WRITES

Is that all you've got?

As you look through our programme of events for the next few months you may notice that we're doing fewer outings and social events than we did in earlier years.

Some of this reduction is due to venues making booking more difficult (see page 19), but mostly it's because we've now reached the stage where the work of organising all our social events, outings and breaks is falling on three people. This makes our programme very vulnerable to unforeseen issues such as organisers having health or other problems.

If we don't get more offers of help, then we'll be offering even less in the next issue.

If you don't want this to happen, help us. Start by contacting Jill Benwell or me – our contact details are on the inside front cover.

Maybe you could start by organising just one trip a year.

Talking about Talks

Fortunately, our Talks Secretary, Sophia, will continue providing us with a series of interesting speakers. While she can do this alone, the talks don't run themselves on the day, and Sophia depends on a lot of help.

Jan Cole has now retired after many years of being responsible for organising refreshments at our talks (many thanks Jan). We've had offers from several people who are willing to help 'on the day' if they're there, but we really need someone who will commit to coming to each talk (six each year, plus the AGM). They need to make sure that we have supplies of tea, coffee, biscuits, and milk for each one. There will always be somebody to help with setting up, serving, and clearing away, but we need to be confident that organising the teas is going on quietly in the background, while other people do the rest of the work: getting out the chairs, setting up the projector and the sound system, taking the entrance money and running the raffle.

If nobody comes forward to do this, then **we will not be serving refreshments** when the next season of talks starts this September.

We could also use regular help with the raffle. You just need to turn up early and sell the tickets. Everything will be there, including the prizes.

If you're able to help, contact me.

Les Wright

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

The 34th AGM was held in All Saints Church, Ulwell Road, Swanage on the 18th April 2023. The attendance of 38 members was somewhat down on that of previous years but, at nearly 12% of total membership, was still a very respectable number – few Associations reach 10% at their AGMs.

In reviewing the year's events the Chairman highlighted both successes and failures. There had been a good season of talks, despite a few administrative hiccups. The responses to outings had varied; those that ran went very well (Southampton, Sherborne Castle, Arundells and Exeter Christmas Market) but we did not get enough bookings for Knightshayes or the Dorset History Centre. On the Social Events side our Beetle Drive and the Croquet Evening were full, the lunchtime quiz in January did not attract enough support, but the Spring Lunch in March saw a welcome return to high numbers. Sadly we cancelled the planned Lincolnshire Holiday because of lack of support; this was particularly frustrating because several people later said that they would have gone, but had not got round to booking despite lots of reminders.

After the demise in the last few years of some other Supporter Groups in Dorset the three remaining groups (South Dorset, Golden Cap and PANT) recently met to discuss cooperation. In the case of South Dorset we are starting to make our events available to each other's members.

PANT is now able to take contactless payments at talks. We also now have internet access to our bank account, which makes the administrative tracking of payments much easier.

The accounts for the year showed a surplus of £1957, which the Treasurer considered to be a good result in coming out of Covid. After agreeing to transfer a further £3500 to our National Trust donations account, bringing the total therein to £6100, we committed £3000 to fund the provision of seating along the lines of recliner benches, to be put along the Studland Woodland Trail walk.

There were no personnel changes on the main Committee but there was one change of role. David Cole stood down as Vice Chairman but remained as Membership Secretary. Sophia Wright took on the responsibility of Vice Chairman in addition to her roles as Talks Secretary and Purbeck Estate Liaison.

The day's guest speaker was Tracey Churcher, National Trust General Manager for the Purbeck Estate. She gave a wide-ranging and informative presentation about activities and issues on the Estate. An appropriate subtitle might have been 'The

Trials and Tribulations of being a General Manager’!

The afternoon concluded with the customary tea and cakes provided by Committee members and their spouses. Over-supply meant that doggy bags were much in evidence!

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. Here is a reminder of the exact details.

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 Secretary



TRACEY CHURCHER
GENERAL MANAGER ISLE OF PURBECK NT



Hello All

It was lovely to see so many of you in April at your AGM in Swanage and to be able to share what is going on in NT Purbeck.

As always we are busy in all sorts of areas. One that has been in the media over the last year is Middle Beach. I am pleased to say that the new café facility at the cliff top is proving to be really popular and, with the new landscaping, looks good too.



Sadly we have had to close the old slipway access to the beach as the stone gabions have finally reached their natural end and are unstable. We very quickly realised that the zig zag was not great for those wanting to reach the beach with a kayak, so have built a new beach access, behind some of the existing beach huts. It is much wider, straight and far easier underfoot so, when it is finished, I think it will prove to be very popular.

We've been busy at Weston Farm at Worth Matravers too and our new campsite is open for the month of August. It is amazing how much work goes into a simple field-based site. We have had to provide electricity and water supplies, manage waste and build bases for ten Bell Tents that we are offering alongside the traditional pitch-your-

own site. We have also created a five pitch campervan site on the old farmyard. Again, although simple, it is peaceful and has lovely distant sea views. I think it will become popular quite quickly.

With climate change putting such a strain on the castle, we are nearly through the approval process to put in place a three year work stream to consolidate the areas of concern. The mortar and vegetation growth are the two big areas of worry, but the biggest challenge is access. The act of getting scaffolding on site and erecting it safely is pretty complex. However it will give us great opportunities to be able to share different stories with the visitors, around how we care for places.

Finally I thought I would mention the July fire at Studland. We were incredibly lucky that the offshore wind blew the fire towards the beach and it was contained quickly by the Fire and Rescue Service. A relatively small area of around a hectare was burned and not too deeply.



It was an odd area for a fire to start as it is not one with great public access in an area of scrub and the source of the ignition is still unknown. It is however a timely reminder of the need not to have fires or BBQ's.

Meanwhile, I hope you are all having a fabulous summer and that the summer sun actually returns once more!

Tracey



PLANNING YOUR VISITS

Insurance (See p 5)

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 the 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 **waiting 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 or social event**, 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.

Emergency Contact

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.

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 north side) +30 mins from start



COACH TRIPS

WEALD AND DOWNLAND LIVING MUSEUM

Wednesday 11 October

Cost: Members £36

Non-members £38

Depart Swanage 9am

Depart Museum 4pm



With historic buildings, period gardens, traditional farm animals and walking trails, the Weald and Downland Living Museum truly allows you to immerse yourself in the past and experience over 1000 years of history. The 40 acre site holds more than 50 historic buildings, many of which are furnished to recreate historic domestic interiors. There are working exhibits that, through craft demonstrations, show how they would have operated hundreds of years ago: experience blacksmithing, milling, spinning, Tudor cooking and more.

Many of the buildings are sited near the entrance, as are the 2 cafés. However there are more remote buildings and woodland trails for those who like to walk. As many of you will know this is the home of BBC's Repair Shop. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to visit the barn, although I believe you might be able to obtain a glimpse of it in the distance.

If you are thinking of coming on this trip I would advise visiting the Weald and Downland Living Museum website to plan your day.

We will take a break at the motorway services.

Organiser: Jill Benwell

Closing date 16 September

WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET

Friday 1 December

Cost: Members £22

Non-members £24

Depart Swanage 9am

Depart Winchester 4pm

Following the success of PANT's trip last year to Exeter Christmas Market, this year we thought we would revisit Winchester with its historic main street, lined with shops sure to be full of Christmas inspired gifts and its many places to lunch.

Winchester Cathedral's Christmas Market is one of the best in Europe, renowned for its bustling atmosphere and stunning location in the shadow of Winchester Cathedral. Inspired by traditional German Christmas Markets, you'll be captivated by the sights, sounds and smells of the Christmas Market, with tempting seasonal treats and delightful Christmas gifts.

Discover 112 chalets filled with high quality exhibits, hand-picked for their unique and exclusive products. At the heart of the Christmas Market you'll find a spectacular covered Ice Rink: the perfect winter playground!

The coach will drop us off at the bottom of the main street and collect us from the same location (although on the other side of the road) so no struggling to the car with bags and packages. There is plenty of luggage space under the coach and no tiring drive on the way home; just sit back and relax or perhaps snooze the journey away.



Organiser: Jill Benwell

Closing date 10 November

WISLEY GLOW AND WINDSOR SLEEPOVER

FRIDAY 15 TO SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER

Cost: Members £189pp Single Room £165pp Double Room

Non-member supplement £5

Depart Swanage 11am

Start the Christmas festivities early. Come with me on a trip to see the Christmas lights at Wisley followed by a visit to Windsor Royal Apartments and St George's Chapel.

Friday 15 December

- Leave Swanage at 11am in time to arrive at Wisley at 1pm so that you can wander around the gardens, arboretum and of course the Gift Shop.
- At 3pm a cream tea will be served in the Restaurant (cost included).
- 4pm entrance to the Glow trail (Christmas lights) (fee included).
- 6pm leave Wisley for the Police Federation House in Leatherhead to arrive about 6.30pm. (DB&B included).
- At 7.30pm make your way to the Restaurant for a three course meal with coffee.
- After your meal, relax in the lounge or enjoy a drink in the bar.

Saturday 16 December

- Breakfast will be served before leaving on the coach at 9.30am.
- Arrive at Windsor about 10.15am for an audio tour of the Royal Staterooms at 11am (entrance fee included).
- After the tour you are free to visit St George's Chapel - the resting place of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and/or wander around Windsor.
- Free time locally to buy a lunch etc.

Depart Windsor at 4pm for a scenic route back to Swanage. Our estimated time of arrival is 7pm.

I have reserved 14 twin/double rooms and 9 single rooms.

Organiser: Margaret Tyrer

Closing Date 5 October

SOCIALS

AFTERNOON TEA at THE BLUE POOL, FURZEBROOK

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER— Tea served at 3pm

Cost: Members Afternoon Tea £19 + £2 Non-Members

Cream Tea £12 + £2 Non-Members

Come along to The Blue Pool and join us for either a Cream Tea (scones, jam, cream and tea or coffee) or push the boat out with a full Afternoon Tea (a Cream Tea plus sandwiches and cakes). We'll try to meet all dietary requirements (see booking form). We'll have our own room in their café.

As well as a gratuity for staff and a small amount for PANT, the price includes entry to The Blue Pool which is normally £7.50. You can come early to have a walk around or stay after you've eaten; Tea will be served at 3pm and closing time is 5.30pm.

If you need a lift to get there, or can offer a lift, please indicate this on the booking form and we'll try to match people up.

Organiser: Les Wright

Closing date 10 September



SKITTLES AND LUNCH AT THE CLAY PIPE, HOLTON HEATH

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER 12 PM

Cost: Members £15

Non-Members £17

Start 12noon

Ends approx. 4pm

There will be a basket meal of chicken, sausages, scampi or vegetarian sausages. Please indicate your preference on the booking form..

Bring your friends and enjoy a few hours of fun. More luck than skill is required!

Organiser: Jean Fernley

Closing date 10 November

SCOTTISH THEMED SUPPER

CORFE CASTLE TEA ROOMS

FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2024 at 6.45pm

Cost: Members £26 (to be confirmed)

Non-Member supplement £2

Although we've fixed a date, the catering staff have been so busy that, at the time of writing we haven't had time to fix the menu and price. We'll send these out to members in an email as soon as we can. If you don't get our emails, phone Margaret Tyrer at the beginning of October for an update.

Save the date in your diary.

Organiser: Margaret Tyrer Closing date 10 January



KURLING (CURLING ON A SMOOTH FLOOR) AT FURZEBROOK VILLAGE HALL

THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2024 10.30 until 12.30

Cost: Members £10 Non-members £12 (includes tea and coffee)



Come along! Have some fun. No Experience is necessary.

Unlike traditional curling stones, these are made of heavy rubber and run on stainless steel bearings allowing the game to be played on any smooth floor as may be seen in the photo.

Organiser: Margaret Tyrer

Closing date 2 February

TALKS

Held alternately at:

Wareham Carey Hall, Mistover Road, BH20 4BY which has its own carpark. Leave the station roundabout on Bere Road, turn immediately left off 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, BH19 1LL. Some parking is available plus plenty of local roads to use if needed. It's also on the Number 50 bus route.

Time: 2.30pm. Halls are open from 2pm. After the Talk we hold a raffle and serve tea and biscuits (but see page 3) usually finishing at about 4pm.

SPEAKERS for 2023 / 24

Thursday 21 September (Wareham) George Cubie CB *The Changing Times in the Houses of Parliament.* George was a Clerk in the House of Commons from 1966 – 2005. As one of the permanent staff he worked for/with the committees of the House giving procedural advice to MPs and the Speaker about business in the Chamber. He says that things may well have been less turbulent when he was working than in the last few years, but were rarely dull!



Tuesday 17 October (Swanage) David Stocks: is a supporter and volunteer for the NT including at Mottisfont. In 2018 he gave us a fascinating talk about Beatrix Potter and in 2023 he will return to the Lakes with ***Lifting the Veil on Lakeland Authors.*** He tells of six authors, some more famous than others, and will be sharing secrets of their lives not generally known.

Thursday 16 November (Wareham) Rosemary Legrand: a great traveller and lover of flowers from all over the world will bring some sunshine to our November as she introduces ***'Lyrical La Mortella'***. We will be transported to some beautiful gardens in Pompeii, to Capri and Ischia and to Sir William Walton's idyllic property with its exotic garden created by his wife, Suzanna.



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Tuesday 16 January (Swanage) Author **Philip Browne** makes a return trip to PANT. Last time he recounted the story of the East Indiaman wrecked on the rocks at Seacombe in 1876. This time, in the story of ***The Final Voyage of the Halsewell***, he will explore the reasons for, and the impact of, the disaster on Captain Richard Peirce and his family, his crew, the quarrymen and on the general public who heard or read of the tragedy. His photographs include personal items found among the wreck. History brought alive!



Thursday 15 February (Wareham) Eminent historian **Dr Philip Mansell**, who was brought up in Kimmeridge but now shares his time between Dorset and London, will give a talk entitled ***Versailles and the English - from Louis XIV to Victoria***. He has written acclaimed histories of great cities and French kings, including the award winning book *King of the World*. Philip will have books available to buy.



Tuesday 19 March (Swanage) : Adrian Fisher MBE (and NT life member!) has been designing mazes since 1976. He has built them for several NT gardens amongst others. In 2020 he received an MBE for services to International Trade and the Creative Industries. His talk will be entitled ***Creative Problem Solving or The Playful Garden***, a fascinating exploration of why mazes are created and how they are used.



LOOKING AHEAD



Once again we are planning to hold our Spring Lunch at the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club. The cost and menu of choices will be in our spring edition of the Newsletter, but do please put the date in your 2024 diary. It is a very enjoyable occasion and, if the weather is kind, the view is spectacular. **Jill Benwell**

Look Out For in 24/25

Spring Lunch

Holiday at Warner's Hotel, N Wales - June (see p18)

Arundel Castle, tulips

AGM 2024 Thursday 18 April in Wareham

Mid week Lunches

Beetle Drive

Talks about:

- * an aspect of Paris by Brian Freeland
- * The Chess Club Murder by Paul Stickler
- * History Beneath your Feet by Karen Brown

Don't forget to let us have your ideas for places to visit.



NORTH WALES HOLIDAY 2024

Provisional plans - some things may change as we finalise details

Monday 10 - Friday 14 June 2024 - four nights/five days

Cost: Single Room £595pp (8 available) Twin/Double £495pp (12 available). Supplement for non-PANT members £10

Closing Date/Deposit: £100 per person to be paid by 15 November

Final payment will be required by 16 February

Brief Details

Accommodation

We will stay at Bodelwyddan (pronounced bod-el-with-an), a Warner Leisure Hotel. This is a Grade II listed Victorian building near the North Wales coast, not far from Snowdonia. It's set within the grounds of a romantic castle, but with all the amenities of a modern hotel, including a superb range of leisure facilities, numerous daily activities, and nightly live entertainment. The hotel has had a £6m renovation and is rated AA 4*.

Hotel facilities include a pool, a gym and a spa. You can try archery, rifle shooting,



croquet, and bowls, or just enjoy walks in the extensive grounds. Indoors there are various lounges where you can have afternoon tea, play board games, or simply sit quietly and read.

Monday 10 June

Leave Swanage at 9am, with the usual pickups, to travel to Bodelwyddan with various stops, probably including Gloucester Services.

Tuesday 11 June

Morning free to enjoy facilities. Leave hotel to go to the National Trust's world-famous Bodnant Gardens (£15 entry for non-NT members). Leave at 5pm to return to hotel.

Wednesday 12 June

Travel to Caernarfon with coffee stop en route. Time in Caernarfon for sightseeing and lunch. Leave at 1.30 for the picturesque town of Beddgelert, then return to hotel passing Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon) and Betws-y-Coed.

Thursday 13 June

Leave hotel at 9.30 for morning and lunch in Llandudno. Return via scenic route, including St Asaph, Britain's second smallest city, to be back at hotel mid-afternoon.

Friday 14 June

Leave around 9.30 for return travel to Swanage with various stops, probably including Gloucester Services again.

The cost covers travel, and breakfast (at 8.30am) and dinner (at 6.30pm) at the hotel. Gratuities for the coach driver and the hotel staff are also included. Entry to Bodnant is free for National Trust members but non-members will have to pay the entrance fee (currently £15). Refreshments en route and at the places we visit will be at your own expense.

Holiday Booking Problems – some background

We thought we'd share some of the problems that we face when trying to arrange this and other holidays. These can also occur when we try to book other events.

We're usually looking at holidays anything up to a year ahead. We need a long 'lead time' to allow for the printing and distribution of the Newsletter and booking forms, and to give members enough notice. If we gave minimal notice, for example a holiday in May advertised in the April Newsletter, the chances are that many people would already have commitments.

Even before a holiday can go into the Newsletter it takes quite a long time to fix an itinerary, making arrangements with hotels, coach companies and venues.

In the current financial climate, many hotels now ask for a non-refundable deposit to hold rooms on a provisional booking. In addition, their prices are only held for a short time. This gives us real problems. For next June's planned holiday in North Wales we had to pay a non-refundable deposit of several hundred pounds in July to reserve the hotel rooms and a similar deposit to reserve a coach. The coach deposit is refundable if we cancel up to a month beforehand. Cancellation charges for the hotel are on a sliding scale. You could lose 60% or more of the room charge if you cancel less than four weeks beforehand. **We can't apply our standard cancellation policy to this holiday**, so you may wish to take out travel insurance if you don't already have it.

To minimise any possible loss to PANT, we're urging you to book as soon as possible.

Keeping in Touch



When you start filling in the booking forms for events, you'll notice that we've started to ask you for a mobile phone number.

In the past we've always asked you for a phone number and a landline has been fine. We've done it in case we need to contact you when we get your booking. This might be because we have a query, or we need to let you know about a change to the arrangements.

Giving us a mobile phone number can help us in many circumstances. If you're not at a pickup point for example, and we phone your land line and get no answer, we don't know whether you're on your way, or whether a problem has arisen and you're not coming. If we can contact you on a mobile phone, we'll know whether to wait for you. Similarly, at the end of an outing it has been known for people to lose track of time and not be back at the coach or pickup point. Having a mobile number will let us remind you that you need to rejoin us.

We won't keep your number. The organiser will have the booking forms on the day, and then destroy them after the event is over.

I hope you can co-operate in this – it promises to make life easier for event organisers and to help events run smoothly.



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DIARY DATES 2023/24

September 21 st	p15	Talk	Wareham
September 27 th	p13	Social	Afternoon Tea
October 11 th	p10	Visit	Weald & Downland Museum
October 17 th	p15	Talk	Swanage
November 16 th	p15	Talk	Wareham
November 17 th	p13	Social	Skittles
December 1 st	p11	Visit	Winchester Christmas Market
December 15 th /16 th	p12	Sleepover	Wisley and Windsor
January 16 th	p16	Talk	Swanage
January 26 th	p14	Social	Scottish Themed Supper
February 15 th	p16	Talk	Wareham
February 22 nd	p14	Social	Kurling
March 15 th	p17	Social*	Spring Lunch
March 19 th	p16	Talk	Swanage
April 18 th	p17	AGM*	Wareham
June 10 th -14 th	p18	Holiday	North Wales

*Full details will be in Spring 2024 Newsletter