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Killerton House, Devon. See page 9 for an exclusive offer to visit
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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.

Julie Forster

Mo Andrews

Berys & Tony Birdfield

Laraine & Julian Parker

Rachel & Alan James

Karen Pratley

Lizzie Brown

Nikki & Andrew Hooker

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 way 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 NT member to join us but if we visit a National Trust property, the entry fee will have to be paid.

David Cole Membership Secretary

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 and it 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.





Apologies to the Fab Four, but yes, we need help—not just anybody, so won't you please, please, help PANT.

Firstly we need someone to take over as Editor of this Newsletter. You don't have to write the whole thing—the job is cajoling the Event Organisers, the Chairman, the Membership Secretary and others into producing their stuff. It's then a matter of putting it into a consistent format, and adding pictures etc. Someone else will organise the printing once the final version is agreed.

We use Microsoft Publisher, which looks and works a lot like Word. We'll get it for you if you don't already have it. If you're tech-savvy and want to use something else, that's fine.

If you're interested and want to know more, speak to me, or to our recently retired Editor, Janet Clark on 01929 427407.

We also need help organising events – from small social events like the Beetle Drive, to larger ones like day trips. At the moment all the work is falling on a small number of people. We don't want to go the way of other groups, that have closed, or have hardly any activities, for want of a few people willing to give up some time for us. Again, if you're interested and want to know more, speak to me, or to our Events Committee Chair Jill Benwell on 01929 424321.

Finally, we'd always welcome help at the Talks. Help on the day with putting out chairs and clearing up is always welcome, but could you commit to attending three a year (in Wareham or Swanage) to help with refreshments or run the raffle? Contact me.

Les Wright Chairman

Annual General Meeting April 2024

The 35th AGM was held in Carey Hall, Wareham on the 18th April 2024. The attendance of 42 members represented 15% of current membership.

Membership numbers were slowly increasing but had still not recovered to pre-Covid levels. The important fact was that we remained able to fill the places on most of our events.

The Chairman's review of the year's events was very positive. There had been a good season of talks with a fascinating range of subjects and speakers, including a special evening with Paul Atterbury. Responses to outings had been good, with great trips to Forde Abbey, Parham House, The Weald and Downland Museum, and Winchester for the Christmas Market. On the Social Events side we had Musical Bingo, an Afternoon Tea at The Blue Pool, Skittles and Kurling. The overnight trip to Wisley and Windsor for the light show went so well that the mere mention of a similar outing this year to Bath quickly generated a high level of interest.

He paid tribute to Jean Fernley and Janet Clark, who had both recently stepped down from their committee roles. Jean had been organising trips and social events for at least 15 years; Janet had been producing the Newsletter since 2018. So far nobody had come forward to take on the role of Newsletter Editor.

The Chairman encouraged members to come forward with ideas for events and offers to help. A great example had been Angela Holland who had suggested and offered to organise a one-off event, the Poole Harbour Cruise, which proved very popular.

The accounts for the year showed a surplus of £3057, a little over £1000 more than the previous year. The Treasurer was finding it necessary to maintain a higher level of cash in the bank than previously because suppliers were increasingly asking for deposits and payments for outings much further in advance.

After agreeing to transfer a further £3000 to our National Trust donations account, bringing the total therein to £6600, we committed approximately £3000 to fund the acquisition of a sophisticated wood planer and leveller for the Purbeck Estate's team of builders, crafters and all-round handymen that support both the Corfe Castle and Countryside teams. Their previous work included the Trebuchet and the three lodges at Corfe Castle.

There was one change on the main Committee. Hilly Ryder replaced Norman Love as

the person representing the interests of the body of members. The position of Newsletter Editor would remain vacant until someone came forward to fill the role; in the meantime Janice Tait would attend main committee meetings as well as being on the Events Committee.

The day's guest speaker was Tom Clark, NT Purbeck Estate Senior Community and Volunteering Manager. He explained the Purbeck Estate's involvement as an active partner in the development of a consortium of interested parties to address the needs of nature and to connect the local community, particularly the younger generation, to their local environment.

The afternoon concluded with the customary tea and cakes provided by Committee members and their spouses.

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

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 **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. For major events, (typically holidays) cheques may need to be banked earlier than 2/3 weeks beforehand. In such cases a specific date will be quoted on the booking form.

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. If you are in doubt whether an event is going ahead, please ring the organiser. Their details are on the inside front cover.

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 AN EMERGENCY. This should include some form of ID and details of an emergency contact whilst attending outings etc. See p2



City of Bath see p11

Departure Time for Outings

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 the start

The departure times for holidays will differ, as we need to allow time for loading luggage onto the coach—participants will be given exact details.



SOCIALS AND COACH TRIPS

SOCIAL

BBQ BANKES ARMS, CORFE CASTLE

Wednesday 18 September - 12.30 for 1pm

Cost: Members £15pp Non-members £17pp



We are having an early autumn barbecue at the Bankes Arms Hotel in Corfe Castle.

Burgers, hot dogs, chips and salad are included in the price. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available on the day. Drinks and desserts may be purchased at the bar in the pub.

An area will be set aside for us at the back of the garden or inside if the weather is bad.

The pub has its own small car park off Station Road, but space is limited.

Organiser: Janice Tait

Closing date 28 August



COACH TRIP

KILLERTON HOUSE - EXCLUSIVE OFFER

Tuesday 22 October

Cost: Members £25

Non-PANT Members £27

Depart: Swanage 8.30am

Depart: Killerton 4pm

Non National Trust Members will have to pay the entrance fee at Killerton



Some of you may have seen the recent BBC programme on Killerton and the restoration of the chapel's stained glass window. The NT is offering Supporter Groups the opportunity to tour the chapel at Killerton to see how the restoration is progressing, followed by a short talk. This will be a chance to peep behind the scenes.

The intention is to arrive at Killerton and allow time for visiting the house and the cafés before proceeding to the chapel in the afternoon for the tour, then back to the coach for the homeward journey.

The chapel is situated at some distance from the house; the paths are gravelled but there are some slight slopes involved in the walk.

Killerton House lies at the heart of the Killerton Estate, which was the seat of the Acland family from the late 17th century until it was given to the National Trust in 1944. The ground floor of the house is as it would have been in the 1920s–1930s. You can explore the entrance hall, music room, staircase hall, drawing room, library and dining room.

In 1978, Killerton became the home of the Paulise de Bush fashion collection. The upstairs rooms now host changing fashion exhibitions. The 2024 exhibition is 'Playing by the Rules: Childhood, Dress and Imagination', also featured in the BBC programme.

Organiser: Jill Benwell

Closing date 30 September

SOCIAL

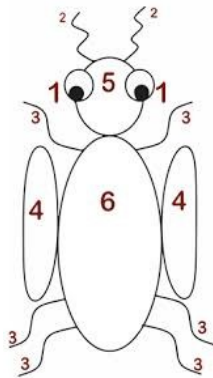
BEETLE DRIVE

NATIONAL TRUST TEA ROOM, CORFE CASTLE

Tuesday 19 November - 6.30 for 6.45pm

Cost: Members £20/15 (incl tea/coffee) Non-members £22/17

Cost is with/without dessert



A Beetle Drive has once again been included in our events programme, so come along for a social evening.

During the session we will have a simple meal, plus tea/coffee so that you can keep going throwing the dice.

If there is no cheating a small prize will be given to the winner!!!!

I look forward to seeing you again for an evening of good company, fun and food.

Please use the booking form to indicate your meal preferences together with any dietary requirement.

Organiser: Margaret Tyrer

Closing date 11 October

OVERNIGHT COACH TRIP

BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET & TYNTESFIELD

Sunday 1 - Monday 2 December

Cost: Single £210pp Double/Twin £165pp

Unusually, we contacted everyone about this after the last issue of the Newsletter. The reason for this included the need to confirm the hotel booking with an advance payment, and the fact that coaches have to be 'booked in' a long way in advance to be allowed access to the City Centre—both signs of how popular the market is.

I'm pleased to say that we're almost fully booked, but if you want to go on a waiting list in case anyone drops out, then get in touch with me.

Organiser: Margaret Tyrer



Bath Christmas Market



Tyntesfield



SOCIAL

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

Wednesday 15 January

2pm to 4pm

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 can be seen in the photo.

Organiser: Margaret Tyrer

Closing date 24 December



COACH TRIP

SHOPPING AT WEST QUAY, SOUTHAMPTON

Tuesday 25 February

Cost: Members £25

Non Members £27

Depart Swanage 9.30am

Depart Southampton 4pm

Come and enjoy a day in Southampton. No need to ask the way to Marks & Spencer's when the coach arrives. The drop off point is just outside. Apart from Marks & Spencer's, West Quay shopping centre contains around 130 shops including such major retailers as John Lewis & Partners, Zara, Schuh, Waterstone's, Hollister, Apple, and for those brave enough, IKEA.



Apart from the shopping Southampton can offer Southampton City Art Gallery which houses one of the best collections in the country, covering work from the Renaissance to the present day. And it's free!

Nearby there is also the Titanic Exhibition located in Sea City and the Tudor House.

Organiser: Jill Benwell

Closing date 11 February



WARWICKSHIRE HOLIDAY 2025

Provisional plans - some things may change as we finalise details

Monday 9 - Friday 13 June 2025 - four nights/five days

Cost: Single Room £575pp (8 available) Twin/Double £475pp (12 available). Supplement for non-PANT members £10

Closing Date/Deposit: £100 per person to be paid by 17 November

Final payment will be required by 16 February

Brief Details

Accommodation

We will stay at Studley Castle (a Warner Leisure Hotel), an impressive castle in the Warwickshire countryside. Hotel facilities include a pool, a fitness centre, a sauna, a spa and a cinema room. You can try a whole host of activities, or just enjoy the grounds. Indoors there are various lounges where you can have afternoon tea, play board games, or simply sit quietly and read.



Monday 9 June

Leave Swanage (time to be confirmed) with the usual pickups. We'll have a coffee stop in Warminster (cost included). Lunch will be at Batsford Arboretum with a chance to look round the gardens. There is a fee for garden entry. We should arrive at Studley Castle around 5pm.

Tuesday 10 June



Leave at 9.30am for the National Trust's Packwood House. Described as "A house to dream of, a garden to dream in", it's a fascinating 20th-century evocation of domestic Tudor architecture. It contains a fine collection of 16th-century textiles and furniture, and the gardens have renowned herbaceous borders and a famous

collection of yews. Non-Trust members must pay for entry. Depart at 2.30pm .

Wednesday 11 June

Leave at 9.30am for a day in Stratford-upon-Avon. This has numerous attractions, ranging from all things Shakespearean to a delightful Butterfly Farm. You can also enjoy a river cruise, or simply stroll along the river banks. Depart at 4.30pm



Thursday 12 June



Leave at 9.30am to go to the National Trust's Baddesley Clinton, a secluded, intimate estate with a moated Tudor House, set in the heart of the Forest of Arden with 500 years of fascinating and unexpected stories. Non-Trust members will have to pay for entry. Depart at 3pm.

Friday 13 June

Leave at 10am for return travel to Swanage. We'll stop at Gloucester Services for coffee and shopping, and have one more comfort stop on the journey back to Swanage.

The cost covers travel, 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 Packwood House and Baddesley Clinton is free for National Trust members, but non-members will have to pay the entrance fees. Refreshments en route and at the places we visit will be at your own expense (with the exception of the coffee stop at Warminster on the outward journey).

Warner's are offering cancellation insurance cover for the holiday at £30pp. Details of the offer will be given to members who book.

Organiser: Margaret Tyrer

Closing date 17 November



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 usually finishing at about 4pm.

SPEAKERS for 2024/25

SWANAGE TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER Bonny Sartin, storyteller and songman and member of the Yetties for half a century, Bonny will bring us 'Up in Arms' about the songs of soldiers, sailors and airmen at the sharp end of conflict. They wrote, adapted and sang songs that suited their situation; poking fun and ridiculing authority as they passed the time or tried to forget their woes, seeking distraction from hunger, fear, boredom, drink ... The songs are a mixture of funny, poignant and sarcastic, and the servicemen's wit shines through whether from the era of the Redcoat or from WWII.

WAREHAM THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER Paul Stickler will sharpen our detective skills with The Chess Club Conspiracy. An ex-detective himself, he will take us through the evidence and known facts of the case of the murder of Julia Wallace, the arrest of her husband and the subsequent trials. He was tried and convicted but then acquitted on appeal. Was that the right verdict? We must choose ...

SWANAGE TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER Karen Brown will be giving us an insight into the fascinating world of Metal Detecting. She is involved with both the Weymouth & Portland Metal Detecting Club and the Wareham & District Archaeology and Local History Group. Karen has been working recently with a team 'uncovering' more *History Beneath our Feet* and she will bring some locally discovered artefacts with her for us to see, hear about and to handle.

WAREHAM THURSDAY 16 JANUARY Amy Brennan of Heirlooms Jewellery with her talk, From Cows to Carats ... Amy's talk takes us through her journey from an auctioneer to an established and respected jeweller in Wareham. It's an amusing and unusual story! She will bring various examples of jewellery from different centuries, countries and containing different stones and metals to illustrate values and costs associated with each.

SWANAGE TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY Pam White will be known to many of you as the National Trust's resident expert on Corfe Castle. Now retired, Pam will talk to us about Studland and its role in World War II - the effects of which remain with us today.

WAREHAM THURSDAY 20 MARCH Brent Shore is a well-established local writer and speaker. He has written novels based in Manchester, France and in Dorset. He will explain where his ideas come from and how they are shaped into a narrative. His Talk will last about 45 minutes and be followed by a Q & A when he will be happy to answer questions about the style, plots, historical/political references and publishing process. Brent will bring a selection of his books with him for perusal and sale.

SWANAGE TUESDAY 22 APRIL AGM As usual, our brief formal AGM will be followed by a talk from a member of staff from the National Trust. Full details will be in the Spring Newsletter.

2025 will continue in September with Talks about Dorset's Workhouses, the Mining Museum at Norden, the Shekhawati's Murals and the Indian National Trust, and more.

Do join us; we hope you will enjoy the variety. Please feel free to encourage friends to come to our talks. Everyone is most welcome.

Sophia Wright, Talks Organiser.



Bonnie Sartin, who'll be talking to us in September

LOOKING AHEAD

The details and booking forms will be in the next Newsletter, but make room in your diary now.

SPRING LUNCH 21 MARCH. We'll be back at The Isle of Purbeck Golf Club for this popular annual event. Good food, good company and great views.

NOVEMBER 2025. A two night visit, going back to Police Federation House, Leatherhead. This is tentative at the moment, but we're looking at a possible visit to some film studios, and/or a house/garden.

Keeping in Touch—Mobile phones

If you have one, please give us a mobile phone number when booking for an event. If you don't appear, we can contact you so that we know whether or not to wait for you. 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.



DONATIONS

We reported at the AGM (see page 4) that we'd agreed to fund the acquisition by the Trust of some sophisticated woodworking equipment. It will be used by the Thursday Volunteer Crew. This is a group of Volunteers who use their skills to carry out (mainly) woodworking projects on the estate. They built the Trebuchet, which many of you may have seen in action at Corfe Castle. The machine will give a huge boost to their productivity, and to the range of jobs that they can tackle.

This is what they have bought. The picture is from the manufacturer's website. We'll get a picture of their one as soon as it's up and working.



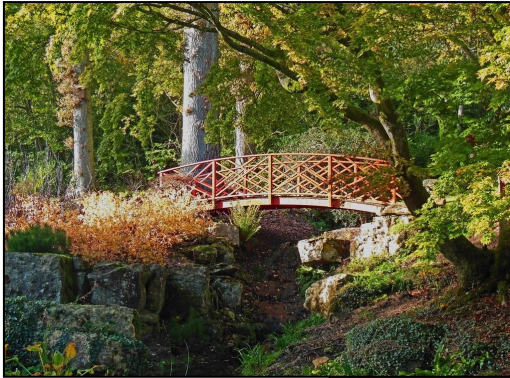
James Gould (Operations Manager at Corfe Castle) writes:

Please pass on my gratitude again for the amazing donation that PANT made. I have seen the Thursday Volunteer crew who are extremely happy with their new equipment. There is just one last piece to turn up, which is on back order, and then they will have everything that they asked for.

I saw Bern, Tony, Dave and David recently, and they were like children on Xmas day! We have lots of work schemes planned for them, and with the new equipment purchased this will make their lives a lot easier – so again a massive thank you to PANT for your donation.



Some pictures of Batsford Arboretum, our lunch stop on the way to our holiday in Warwickshire (see page 14)



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DIARY DATES 2024/25

September 17 th	p16	Talk	Swanage
September 18 th	p8	Social	Barbecue
October 17 th	p16	Talk	Wareham
October 22 nd	p9	Visit	Killerton House
November 19 th	p16	Talk	Swanage
November 19 th	p10	Social	Beetle Drive
December 1 st /2 nd	p11	Sleepover	Bath & Tyntesfield
January 16 th	p17	Talk	Wareham
January 15 th	p12	Social	Kurling
February 18 th	p17	Talk	Swanage
February 25 th	p13	Visit	Southampton
March 20 th	p17	Talk	Wareham
March 21 st	p18	Social	Spring Lunch*
April 22 nd	p17	AGM	Swanage*
June 9 th - 13 th	p14	Holiday	Studley Castle

*Full details will be in Spring 2025 Newsletter