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The above is a spectacular feature to be seen at the Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery Laverstoke Mill Stockbridge 13th September

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

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The Chairman Writes

Hail and Farewell

Sadly our AGM in April will see us saying goodbye to another long-standing member of the Committee as Anne Barratt steps down.



Anne joined the Committee in 2000 as Talks Secretary, a job which she did for some 10 years. Since then she has been organising winter lunches in the Corfe Castle Tearooms, and the trailer rides. She has also been our Vice-Chairman for the last few years. Even more important in my view has been Anne's unseen work in creating and maintaining our excellent working relationship with staff on the Purbeck Estate. Anne has spent countless hours liaising with staff at The Estate's HQ at Currendon, ensuring that they are aware of us and appreciate our work. I can assure you that very few other Associations have such a good relationship with a property, and much of this is thanks to Anne.

As Chairman I shall miss her contributions to our meetings – in particular her dry wit, which was often directed at me. Our thanks for all her work on our behalf.

Regrettably we've also recently lost the help of Julia Haworth who had to stop organising events at the end of last year because of health problems.

As usual we've tried to arrange a varied programme for the months ahead. We hope that there's something for everyone ranging from our talks to social events and visits, and of course our annual holiday. We're always looking at the things that other Supporter Groups do, to get ideas for our activities. If you have any ideas, or if there's something that you'd particularly like us to do, then get in touch with one of us.

Les Wright - Chairman

Membership News

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

Margaret Waterland
Pauline Brassington
Peter & Lettuce Smith
Owen & Hazel Norman
Linda & Tony Coulson
Graham Barratt

Lynda Hollow
John & Julia Courtney
Tim & Susie Kew
Eileen Stephens
Gill Hayes
Maureen Day

Sadly I have to report the death of Beryl Edey. Beryl died in November aged 93. She was a founding Committee member in 1987, and was a guest of honour at our 25th anniversary lunch in September 2012. More recently Beryl was in a nursing home, but her family told us that she liked to keep in touch with our activities by reading our Newsletters. Also, Julia Haworth has left us owing to ill health. We wish her a speedy recovery.

It's membership renewal time, (unless you joined after the start of this year) and we're repeating the system we've used for the last few years. 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.

If you pay by BACS transfer then please let me know (phone or email will do) so that we know what payments to expect. Fees are currently £7.50 joint and £5.00 single.

BACS details are:

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

Please think about paying by Standing Order. It makes life so much easier for us. If you contact me I'll send you a form.

On a more general note it seems that most people who join us do so on the recommendation of friends. It's a common complaint by Supporter Groups that the Trust doesn't do enough to make members aware of our existence. If you have friends who are Trust members but don't belong to PANT please tell them about us and encourage them to join.

David Cole - Membership Secretary

From the Newsletter Editor

You will see from the above title I have passed muster and I am now your Newsletter Editor and my aim is to serve you well.

I have been a member of the PANT Events and Main Committees for just over a year now and the thing that has impressed me most is the dedication and enthusiasm of my fellow members. Their endeavours pave the way for a successful organisation, which raises much-valued funds for the National Trust by providing PANT members with a wide choice of events including popular coach holidays, day trips to interesting venues such as beautiful gardens and notable stately homes, evening social events, talks, barbecues etc.

I have been on two one-day trips, both of which I found to be well organised and enjoyable. The most notable was to the Duke of Wellington's home Stratfield Saye with its circa 1837 central heating and double-glazing. The Iron Duke really knew how to make his big house cosy.

Other day trips, that interest me, are to Whitchurch Silk Mill and Swindon. The Swindon outing is designed to suit all tastes as it will include the Steam Museum which provides historical technical, human and social histories of steam trains and its associated GWR railway. Also, you have the opportunity to visit our National Trust HQ with the option of afternoon tea there. Something for everybody, I think!

Again, this year has on offer a most interesting coach holiday to York including a visit to Castle Howard and other attractive venues. York I think is a wonderful destination.

Nevertheless, despite a wide choice of events being continually offered if you have ideas about outings or events you would like to see in our Newsletter, then please do not hesitate to get in touch and if you fancy having a go at organising an event you will be welcomed with open arms. Come along and have a go! So, please do not be shy in contacting Margaret Tyrer, Les Wright or even me. To contact us see the inside of the Newsletter front cover.

John Haworth - Newsletter Editor

Treasurer's Report

Last year we were able to donate £4,000 to the National Trust which was added to the £1,025 already in our donations account. From this fund we allocated £4,800 to various projects in the Corfe Castle area leaving £225 carried forward.

Although the numbers are still to be finalised, we shall finish the year with a larger surplus than last year.

Thanks to the good work of our tireless organisers most of our activities have produced surpluses similar to last year. However we have benefited even more this year by a healthy return from the very successful annual holiday in Herefordshire and Shropshire. This was brilliantly organised by Joy Kingsbury and a full house of forty seven of us had a thoroughly good time.

As a result we shall be able once again to donate at least another £4,000 to the National Trust. I hope we can keep this up in 2017 and that you will all continue to support the activities that the organisers work so hard at providing.

Ken Morgan



Exbury Gardens see page 13

BORING but IMPORTANT REMINDERS

the small print!

INSURANCE

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

COST etc.

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

BOOKINGS etc.

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

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

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

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

Departure times for the relevant events: ***please be at pick-up point 5 minutes before departure time.***

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

The PANT Holiday York
Sunday 1st October- Friday 6th October 2017.
Cost £525 twin/double £605 single

This year for our holiday we are venturing up to York. The journey is further than before necessitating a stay of five nights but thus giving us more time to enjoy this wonderful city and for PANT holidaymakers to make their own choices in what they wish to explore and the opportunity to follow their own interests.

We will be staying at The Monkbar Hotel from where you can see York Minster only some minutes walk away and near to the Shambles and the heart of the city. Following a leisurely start we will visit the Cathedral on our first morning for a guided tour. Afterwards there will be time for you to wander about the Minster as you wish, have lunch and venture into the City as the rest of the afternoon is for individual exploration.

We will be visiting Beningbrough Hall NT, just seven miles from York, a really lovely property with much of interest and some wonderful views and a splendid garden where we can stretch our legs weather permitting. We hope we will also have the opportunity to view some of the glories of the Yorkshire landscape.

Castle Howard is unmissable and we will be going for the whole day midway in our holiday. It is one of Britain's finest stately homes. A magnificent historic house with wonderful landscaped gardens which may be familiar to some from the highly acclaimed television series.

Our last day in York is free for Members to plan as they wish. Information will be given to you concerning the many places of interest in York, other properties to visit and some thoughts for those interested in shopping and eating!

One of the highlights of our holiday will be on our return journey. About midway en-route to Dorset we will be stopping at Leicester to visit the Cathedral where we are able to view The Tomb and Ambulatory of Richard III and see the magnificent Redemption Windows created by Thomas Denny who has given a talk to PANT Members in the past. We can then have lunch (at **extra cost**) at the nearby Visitor Centre, which has been quite splendidly created, and see the presentation of the remarkable recovery of the remains of our once King. This visit should be a most memorable experience.

This year our holiday will be more expensive as it encompasses a six-day long trip. We are booked into our Best Western Hotel on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis as ever and the cost includes entrance fees to the Cathedrals, properties and our guided tours as well as the tips we give for all the service we receive. We will require a non-returnable deposit of **£50 pp preferably by 1st May and full payment by 1st August .**

Please do consider sharing a bedroom as single rooms will be at a premium. But do join us as it should be a wonderful holiday.

Organiser: **Joy Kingsbury.**



Castle Howard

HOLIDAYS – The Long and The Short of it.

I wrote in the last Newsletter about our ideas for having a short break. Quite a lot of members expressed an interest in the idea, so Joy Kingsbury has been pursuing it a bit further.

The first thing that we discovered is that many hotels aren't that keen on large parties making a single overnight stop, and it's difficult to get attractive rates. We've found that we can get better value from a two-night stay, particularly if one of the nights is a Sunday.

Our current idea is to try a two-night trip to Knole in Kent, visiting other properties (? National Trust) on the outward and return journeys, giving us a whole day to visit Knole, a house full of treasures that famously has 365 rooms !

We've also been thinking about the idea of having a single overnight stop in London, where hotels are more geared up to transient visitors. There are lots of places worth visiting in London, but a day trip often entails a very early start, and a single traffic incident can seriously disrupt a day's schedule.

Our idea would be an afternoon visit to one London venue, with a morning visit to another on the following day before returning home. The evening of the first day could include an optional visit to a West End show for those who were interested. We're currently in discussion with our coach company about various possibilities.

Les Wright

Day Trips

Whitchurch Silk Mill

Thursday 23rd March 2017

Cost Members £30.50

Non-Members £32.50

Depart Swanage 10am

Brighten up a cold March day by experiencing the wonderful colours and textures of silk woven in this historic old water mill on the river Test. A guided tour of the Mill will explore how this still active manufacturing establishment continues to supply silk fabrics to fashion houses, historic projects and interior designers.

We will arrive at midday for a soup and sandwich lunch (included in the price) and leave at 3 pm arriving at Swanage between 5 and 5.30pm.

Closing date Thursday 2nd March 2017

Organiser: **Jill Benwell**



Whitchurch Silk Mill

Purbeck Association of the National Trust

30th Annual General Meeting

**Notice is hereby given that the above meeting will be held in
The Carey Hall, Mistover Road, Wareham
at 2.30 pm on Thursday 20th April 2017**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 29th AGM on 19th April 2016
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
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 6th April 2017 if they wish to raise any matters under Item 8 of the Agenda

At the conclusion of the AGM business we will have an afternoon tea and Hannah Jones, Volunteering and Community Involvement Consultant for the SW region of the National Trust, will give us a talk including information about the Trust's finances and will answer questions.

In accordance with our Constitution, the present Officers and Committee Members retire but, if eligible, may offer themselves for re-election. Using the form below, 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 6th April 2017. Since several of the existing Committee are standing down this year it is hoped that some additional Members will come forward to join the Committee as a way of helping to maintain and strengthen the work of the Association.

Keith Southern, Honorary Secretary
33 Ballard Estate, Swanage, BH19 1QZ

Nomination for Committee 2017/2018

We, the undersigned, hereby nominate the following Member/s for service on the 2017/2018 Committee. The nominee/s has/have agreed to stand.

NOMINEE (Capital Letters)	PROPOSER (Capital Letters and Signature)	SECONDER (Capital Letters and Signature)

STEAM MUSEUM & NT Headquarters, Swindon

Wednesday 26th April. The Steam Museum of the Great Western Railway & the NT Headquarters with optional afternoon tea at the Trust's HQ.

Members £30, Non-members £32

Depart 8.15am

The museum is situated in what was once the heart of the largest railway engineering complex in the world and has many stories to tell including the social impact the railways had on 19th century Britain. Swindon Railway Works opened in January 1843. At its peak it employed 12,000 people.

The Museum has facilities for wheelchairs and if a buggy or wheelchair is needed it will have to be booked well in advance. We can enjoy a meal there where they serve all types of food.

Nearby is the Headquarters of our National Trust HQ, which you may want to visit and have afternoon tea. Please indicate on booking form to visit the HQ.

Shoppers are also well catered for, as this interesting museum is next door to a large shopping mall.

Closing date Saturday 22nd April

Organiser: **Jean Fernley**



Exbury Gardens

Tuesday 9th May 2017

Cost £22.50 Members £24.50 Non-members plus £3.50 for the train.

Start 8.45am Swanage

Exbury Gardens were the inspiration of Lionel Nathan de Rothschild. It was his vision that has created one of the finest woodland gardens in the country. It is a garden for people young and old, horticulturalist or enthusiastic gardener, or just a lover of beautiful places. From botanical rarities to masses of spectacular colour, there is something for all to enjoy – a place to escape from the cares of the world.

Railway enthusiasts can enjoy a superb 12 ¼" railway running along a 1¼ mile track through the gorgeous gardens. Visitors can enjoy a relaxing 20 min journey as the train passes through the specially designed 'Summer Lane' Garden with huge swathes of colourful perennials, flowering grasses, a pool and maturing trees, all planted in a free-flowing naturalistic style. The railway skirts the top of the Rock Garden, where passengers are given a bird's eye view of the largest man-made Rock Garden in Europe. Should you wish to enjoy a ride on the train the cost is £4.50, however, should we make a group booking (for a specific time) the cost will be £3.50.

The tea rooms are located in the refurbished former Estate smithy. This modern, bright and airy facility has combined seating for approximately 140, plus a pleasant patio area with seating under parasols.

Closing Date 24th April

Organiser: **Jill Benwell**

Trip on the Hungerford Canal

Thursday 13th July

Cost: £35.00 Members

£37.50 Non-Members

Departs Swanage 9.30am.

After leaving Purbeck we will drive to Newbury where we hope to arrive about mid-day. You will have plenty of time to have lunch (not included).

We leave Newbury to arrive at Hungerford Wharf to board the "Rose" at 2.00pm.

The trip is for 2hrs.30mins and includes going through 2 locks and allows you, if you wish, to get off at the second lock and under supervision help to operate the locks!!!

A **Cream Tea** will be served on board and this is included in the cost.

We arrive back at the Wharf at approximately 4.30pm for the trip home.

Wheelchair and disabled facilities are available on the boat but please notify me that you will require this help as the Company needs this information.

Closing date Saturday 24th June

Organiser: **Margaret Tyrer**



Winchester & Bombay Sapphire Gin, Laverstoke Mill, Stockbridge

Wednesday 13th September

Cost: £37.00 Members.

£39.00 Non-members

Start 8.00am Swanage

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

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

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

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

Closing Date Monday 28th August

Organiser: **Jill Benwell**

Social Events

SUNDAY LUNCH

19th March The Greyhound , Winterborne Kingston

Meet at 12.30pm.

The Greyhound, a traditional pub nestled in the picturesque village of Winterborne Kingston in North Dorset, has been extensively refurbished in recent months and has just taken on a new chef.

25 places are reserved at three tables of 5 and two oblong ones seating up to 6. Because of the size of the group we **must** select our menu choices beforehand and the Sunday Menu can be found on the Greyhound website. If you have difficulty I will be happy to send you a hard copy. It is two pages long and the second page has starters and Burgers, the other is Mains and Desserts.

Parking. Turn into the pub and there is a small car park but if you continue through you will arrive at a much bigger carpark where there is a back entrance to the premises through an attractive paved garden.

Closing date Sunday 12th March

Organiser: **Venn Goldsack** Telephone 01929 552972



Social Events continued

The next **Sunday Lunch** for this season is on **14th May** and will probably be at the **Purbeck Golf Club** so that we can enjoy the beautiful view.

For more information contact:

Organiser: **Venn Goldsack** Telephone 01929 552972

Barbecue Studland Discovery Centre

5.00pm **Friday 23rd June.**

Cost £12.95 Members £14.95 Non-Members

Our Annual **BARBECUE** will again be held at Studland Study Centre so come and join old and make new friends. Afterwards you can stroll along the beach or visit the bird hide overlooking Little Sea.

I have been assured that the chef will be cooking home-made and locally sourced beef burgers. The sausages and chicken will also be locally sourced and organic. There will be two vegetarian choices, so please tick the appropriate box to reserve your vegetarian option if required.

There will also be a choice of desserts.

A good selection of salads and soft drinks will be available.

If you want beer or wine please bring your own.

Les has been asked to produce a general table quiz – hopefully easier than previously! You do not have to participate but it is fun, helps to get you talking to new friends.

Closing date Wednesday 14th June.

Organiser **Margaret Tyrer**

Fun Croquet with Fish & Chip Supper

Wednesday 12 July at Swanage Croquet Club at Swanage Cricket Club.

Entrance to the ground is off Ulwell Road near All Saints Church.

Cost £10.00/£12.00 Non-members, including supper.

Start 5.30pm for 6pm.

The club bar will be open.

Mallets, hoops, balls etc will be provided.

If you would like a fun evening and learn something about the skill and tactics of sociable Golf Croquet please contact either:

Organiser: **Jill Benwell or John Haworth**

Future events

Sunday Lunch

17th September.

Purbeck Film Festival Show & Supper

The Orchard Tea Rooms Holme Nursery

Thursday 26th October

John Rutter Concert, Royal Albert Hall

Wednesday 6th December

For details of the above contact: **Venn Goldsack**

Talks

We meet alternate months during the winter at:

Wareham, Carey Hall, Mistover Road, BH20 4BY, which has its own Car Park, just North of Railway Station, and

Swanage, All Saints Hall, Ulwell Road, BH19 ILL. Plenty of local roads to park and on a bus route.

All meetings begin promptly 2.30pm.

After the talk we hold a raffle & serve tea & biscuits, finishing about 4pm.

£2.00 Members

£3.00 Non-Members

2017

Tues Mar 21st

Quarrying Purbeck Stone— From Normans until now

Swanage

Thurs Apr 20th

AGM with National Trust speaker Hannah Jones
(see notification form for details)

Wareham

Dates for your diary:

2017

Tues Sept 19th

Swanage

Thurs Oct 19th

Wareham

Tues Nov 21st

Swanage

2018

Thurs Jan 18th

Wareham

Tues Feb 20th

Swanage

Thurs Mar 15th

Wareham

All speakers and topics from Sept 2017 till March 2018 are to be confirmed.

Organiser **Cecily Carpenter, Talks Secretary**



Heelis, National Trust HQ. Swindon, see page 12



Leicester Cathedral for Richard III, see page 6

Each Committee meets 6 times a year



Castle Howard Yorkshire. This year's PANT holiday destination

DIARY 2017/18

March 19th	P 16	Social	Sunday Lunch
March 21st	P 19	Talk	Swanage
March 23rd	p 9	Day Trip	Whitchurch Silk Mill
April 20th	p 10	Talk	AGM Wareham
April 26th	p 12	Day Trip	Steam Museum Swindon
May 9th	P 13	Day Trip	Exbury Gardens
May 14th	P 17	Social	Sunday Lunch
June 23rd	P 17	Social	Barbecue
July 13th	P 14	Day Trip	Hungerford Canal
July TBA	P 18	Social	Fun Croquet
September 13th	P 15	Day Trip	Winchester & Stockbridge
September 17th	P 18	Social	Sunday Lunch
September 19th	P 19	Talk	Swanage
October 1st- 6th	p 6	Holiday	York
October 19th	P 19	Talk	Wareham
November 21st	P 19	Talk	Swanage
December 6th	P 18	Day Trip	Royal Albert Hall
January 18th	P 19	Talk	Wareham
February 20th	P 19	Talk	Swanage
March 15th	P 19	Talk	Wareham