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The Gatehouse at Corfe Castle
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Membership News

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

Joy Winterbottom	Peter & Pat Daniell
Zoe Plowman	Sarah Bamber
Julian Ower	Angela Capp
Catherine Powell	Judy Haycraft
Joanne Neville-Jones	Jennifer & Derek Osborn
Anne le Crass	Dawn & Terry Newell
Jenny & John Walton	Nigel & June Steer
Brenda Goddard	Patricia Varney
Sylvia Dennett	Angela Keddy
Jane Keddy	John & Patricia Niemer

We hope you're enjoying your membership.

Many thanks to those who renewed their membership promptly. This has been the best year ever, in terms of how quickly we've completed the renewal process.

Those of you who pay by Standing Order will know that we bank with Barclays in Swanage. As I write we're considering the announcement of Barclays' intention to close the Swanage and Wareham branches. If there are any implications we will write to you or email you individually.

David Cole, Membership Secretary



The Chairman Writes

Once again it was great to see so many members at the AGM in April. Since we tried to make the meeting more informal we've been getting a much higher percentage turnout than all the other Dorset Supporter Groups, so we (as a committee) assume that you enjoy it. We were back in Swanage this year of course, and the idea of having the formal meeting in the main church, and then moving into the church hall for the refreshments and talk, worked very well. We're very grateful to the church authorities for being so flexible.

As well as the obvious work of organising our events, we do some other things. Four times each year the Secretary and I meet our opposite numbers from the other six Dorset groups, to swap experiences and ideas. We also meet the Regional Director and senior staff once a year to get the broader picture of what's happening with the Trust and groups. There is another annual meeting for our event organisers, where they meet their opposite numbers and exchange information about visits, talks, holidays and social events.

By going to these meetings, we hope to find out (and shamelessly copy) things that others are doing well, and perhaps even more importantly, avoid repeating their mistakes. On a smaller scale we try do this internally. We review every event that we've held. Anyone who has had any feedback, good or bad, passes it on, and we try to learn from it. That's why it's important that you let us know what you think about what we're doing – well or badly. We know we can't please everybody all the time, but we'll do our best to take account of what you tell us.

In the meantime, thank you for your support. Please keep supporting us by joining in with what we do.

Les Wright, Chairman

Opposite page: enjoying lunch in the refectory during our visit to Balliol College, Oxford in June. (Robert McLeish)

Treasurer's Report

Funds to the value of £4900 have now been allocated from our account at the National Trust. As you will remember this is for four projects. The renovation of the stone 'Rest and be Thankful' bench at Ballard Down (£2000), 6 oak benches at Corfe Castle (£1200) a Woodland play trail at Knoll beach (£1000) and Ecological recording as part of the Cyril Diver Project (£700). This means that we have £100 of the £5000 balance carried forward into this current year; what a year it is turning out to be!

With your support and the hard work of our organisers all of our events so far this year have been tremendously successful. So much so that even though we are only half way through the year the money we have managed to raise to date is not far off the total for the whole of last year. A big thank you to everyone.

Ken Morgan, Treasurer



The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew , subject of our talk in September (p23) and which we visit in November (p15)

Annual General Meeting 2018

In anticipation (or fear?) of a large attendance the 31st AGM was held in All Saints Church, Ulwell Road, Swanage on the 17th April 2018, with attendees subsequently transferring to the Church Hall for tea and cakes while listening to Nancy Grace, National Trust Archaeologist for the SW, talking about the recently finished 7 year project at Chedworth Roman Villa. The actual attendance of 55 was slightly down on the record figures of 59 and 63 in 2016 and 2017 respectively but was still a very healthy number representing 15% of PANT membership – significantly higher than most other Associations, who struggle to reach 10%.

The most significant action of the AGM was the approval, by a large majority, of a motion to modify the Constitution to relax the criteria for membership to make it possible for non-National Trust members to join as members of PANT. Such a proposal had previously failed to obtain the necessary two thirds majority at the 2014 AGM but circumstances were now different. Full details of the rationale for the current proposal were contained in an article by the Secretary in the Spring 2018 Newsletter.

The Chairman's report began with a thank you to John Haworth who had edited three issues of the Newsletter but who had regrettably stepped down due to poor health.

In reviewing the year's events the Chairman highlighted the large and diverse programme of events we had run and thanked the organisers. This included the last major holiday organised by Joy Kingsbury before she would take a well-earned retirement, but she would be running our first two-night trip (in May to be based in Plymouth). The uptake for this showed that it might be a format worth repeating. A new venture had been a successful overnight trip to London in March, run by Margaret Tyrer; this also might be something we would do more of in the future to enable us to visit London venues.

The Chairman concluded his report by mentioning comments he had received from some ex-members who had moved away from Purbeck. They said that NT Groups in other areas do not run the variety of events that we do and that members in other Groups simply are not as friendly as PANT members – well done to the Events Committee and all PANT members!

The Treasurer's Report for the year showed a surplus of £5596, up £860 on the previous year mainly due to the very successful York holiday. During the financial year we had donated £5775 to the National Trust, £775 for 2017

projects (from the excess surplus last year) and £5000 for 2018 projects. From the latter we had allocated a total of £4900 to 4 projects on the Purbeck Estate: renovation of the stone 'Rest and be Thankful' bench at Ballard Down (£2000); 6 oak benches at Corfe Castle (£1200); a woodland play trail at Knoll beach (£1000) and equipment for ecological recording as part of the Cyril Diver Project (£700).

There were two changes to the membership of the Committee: Janet Clark replaced John Haworth as Newsletter Editor, and Sophia Wright was formally elected in her dual role liaising with the Purbeck Estate (a role formerly performed by Anne Barratt) and shadowing Cecily Carpenter on Talks.

Keith Southern, Secretary



Visiting Crowcombe Court, Somerset, in July (Robin Brasher)

Planning your Visit(s) - IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Insurance

Please note that the third party Indemnity Insurance Policy does not cover members over the age of 80 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 whether they are a PANT/NT member as non-members and PANT only members pay full admission charge to NT properties.

Bookings etc

If you are a NT member bring your NT card with you on outings to NT properties

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 a 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 outing to the organiser of each event. Their address is on the inside of the front cover.

Please make cheques payable to **PANT**. Please date your cheque as shown on the application form. Except in the case of holiday bookings cheques will usually be deposited shortly before the outing takes place.

Some outings are to HHA properties. HHA will no longer allow members free entry when they visit as part of a group.

CANCELLATIONS

If you need to cancel, providing it is more than 3 weeks before an outing, a full refund less £5 admin. fee will be given. After that a refund will only become due if the seats can be passed to another person. Tickets will be issued two weeks before. If an event is cancelled, you will be informed and your cheque returned.

Departure times for relevant events.

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

Swanage Ballard Stores - departure time as shown in Newsletter

Victoria Avenue Car Park + 5 mins from start

Corfe Castle Methodist Church + 15 minutes from start

Wareham Red Lion + 25 mins from start

Wareham Railway Station (bus stop on north side) + 30 mins from start



The Globe Theatre



Changing of the Guard

We'll be seeing both of these on our trip to London in March 2019 (see opposite)

HOLIDAYS

OVERNIGHT TRIP TO LONDON

Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 March 2019

Depart Swanage 8.00 am

Cost: £220.00 per person - no single supplement for 20 single rooms

Deposit: £50.00 pp required with booking form plus SAE **by 30 October**

Balance to be paid by 31 December

Due to the success of the previous trip we are again staying overnight at the Clarendon Hotel, Blackheath

Brief Outline

DAY 1

Leave Swanage - stopping at a motorway services for a coffee stop (not included) and then straight to the Globe Theatre for a one hour theatre tour.

We will stay in the area until the coach picks us up at 3.30 pm approx. This will allow the theatre-goers time to have lunch and also for you to wander around the area: Tate Modern, Millennium Bridge and the River are close by.

We will arrive at The Clarendon and book in for Bed and Breakfast.

At 4.45 pm (for theatre goers only) there will be a light buffet served before leaving at 5.45 pm for the Haymarket (extra charge of £15.00 per person).

Evening

Option a) Leave at 5.45 pm for the Haymarket for theatre goers and any other members who may wish to dine in the City. Leave Haymarket at 11.00 pm to return to Blackheath.

Option b) Walk to Blackheath Village and have a meal in one of the many Bistros and Restaurants, maybe visit the small theatre?

Option c) Have a meal at the Hotel.

DAY 2

After breakfast check out of Hotel and leave at 9.00 am with a Blue Badge Guide for a Pomp and Ceremony Tour of Whitehall. This includes seeing the Changing of the Guard, visiting the Household Cavalry Museum and Churchill's War Cabinet Rooms.

We will leave London for Swanage 4.00 pm approx.

Please note this trip is not suitable for members who find difficulty in walking and standing for long periods of time.

Organiser, Margaret Tyrer

Closing date: 30 October

Hever Castle



Penshurst Place

We'll be visiting both of these on our trip to Kent
in May 2019 (see opposite)

KENT - TWO NIGHT TRIP

Wednesday 8 – Friday 10 May 2019

Cost Single Room: £295pp, Twin / Double Room: £235pp

Deposit £50.00 pp required with booking form plus SAE by 22 February 2019

Balance to be paid by 1 March 2019

Depart Swanage 7.30 am

In spring of next year we will be going to Kent to visit some important houses, interesting both historically and architecturally. We set off visiting firstly Hever Castle the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, rescued and re-created by the passion and money of William Waldorf Astor. Much history to ponder upon and a wonderful garden to explore. Later we will book into Donnington Manor Hotel on the outskirts of Sevenoaks on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis for our two-night stay.

The next day we will be able to make an early start to explore the wonders of Knole a historic property, "the forgotten palace of England", where during the last three years the National Trust has undertaken a huge programme of conservation. The present house dating from 1456 sits within a deer roamed parkland and is "the most utterly old of English houses". An amazing place to visit, so much to absorb and so involved with the nation's history. If, during the day anyone has a need to return to the present century, Sevenoaks is there to explore before we return to our nearby hotel.

On our final day we will visit Penshurst Place the home of one of history's most glittering figures – Sir Phillip Sidney, the "beau ideal" of Elizabethan times. A magnificent property still in the possession of the family, the present owner being Viscount De L'Isle. A wonderful collection of treasures to amaze us and gardens to enjoy.

The cost of the trip may appear high as hotel accommodation is very expensive in this part of England and we must pay admission to Hever Castle and Penshurst Place but our visits should be of great interest to PANT members.

Closing date: 22 February 2019

Organiser, Joy Kingsbury



Knole

SOUTH WALES - CARDIFF

Sunday 29 September to Friday 4 October 2019

Stay B&B at the Royal Hotel Cardiff

Cost: Twin/Double £375pp Single £470pp

Deposit £50pp required with booking form plus SAE by 31 December

Balance to be paid by 30 July 2019

Depart Swanage 8.30 am

This year we are trying something new by venturing into foreign parts when we cross the Severn Bridge into Wales. We will be staying in the centre of an exciting and historic town where you can walk to many places of interest. The hotel accommodation is on a B&B basis. There are numerous eateries nearby.

Day 1 Sunday: We leave Swanage at 8.30 am and travel to Tyntesfield with a short comfort stop en route. We should arrive in plenty of time for lunch (made with ingredients sourced from the estate). We then resume our journey, crossing over the Severn Bridge into Wales and our hotel. Once we have arrived, received our luggage and had a quick wash and brush up we will then have a buffet tea (included in the cost) at the hotel.

Day 2 Monday: After a good breakfast we leave the hotel at 9.30 am to visit the Royal Mint. We will be able to have lunch there after the tour. At 1.45 pm the coach will take us to Tredegar House, a tranquil retreat outside Newport. It has sumptuous decoration, formal gardens and sprawling countryside. There is a tea room which serves home made cakes, and where souvenirs and plants can be bought. We will return to our hotel at 5 pm.

Day 3 Tuesday: We will leave the hotel at 10 am for an optional tour of the Welsh Assembly lasting an hour from 11 am. The group will rejoin for lunch before setting off for a tour of Cardiff Castle at 2 pm.

Day 4 Wednesday: Depart at 9 am to visit one of Britain's oldest tin mines at Aberdulais and the waterfall. There is a tea room serving light lunches, a gift shop and second hand books. In the afternoon we will continue on through the delightful countryside to the Dolaucothi Gold Mines. There is an underground and an overground tour and the chance

to pan for gold! Enclosed, flat shoes are recommended for the steep slopes. There is a tea room and shop selling Welsh gold jewellery.

Day 5 Thursday: At 9.30 am we go to the quay where we board a boat for a tour of Bute Park or round the docks, depending on the weather. Once back on dry land, we can go back to the hotel and explore the town before having our farewell meal (at our own expense) at 6 pm in an Italian restaurant.

Day 6 Friday: Depart at 9 am. Our half way stop will be Stourhead for lunch. Hopefully we can enjoy the trees in their beautiful autumn colours before boarding the coach for home.

Closing Date: 31 December
Organiser, Jean Fernley

COACH TRIPS

LYTES CARY NT AND MONTACUTE HOUSE NT

Wednesday 12 September

Cost: £25 Members £27 Non-Members

Plus entry fees for non-National Trust members

Depart 8.30 am Swanage Return to Swanage 6.00 pm approx.

We should arrive in comfortable time for the 10.30 am opening of Lytes Cary. This is an intimate medieval manor house with an Arts and Crafts garden divided into rooms by yew hedges and topiary - including the Twelve Apostles. There is a small tea room for coffee and a shop for gifts, garden accessories and plants.

Leaving at 12.30 pm for Montacute we will have until about 4.30 pm to have lunch, explore the gardens with the wibbly-wobbly hedges and the house which has the longest remaining Long Gallery and where the National Portrait Gallery has an exhibition of 'Elizabeth of Bohemia: the Winter Queen'. The house was also featured in the drama Wolf Hall. Wheelchairs are available but must be *booked in advance*.

Closing and cheque date: 5 September

Organiser, Jean Fernley

HISTORIC PORTSMOUTH

Wednesday 17 October

Cost including tour and lunch: Members £38.00 Non-Members £40.00

Depart Swanage 9.00 am

Depart from Portsmouth 4.30 pm

Portsmouth has a lot of history, not only about its navy and dockyard. We hope to arrive in time for a comfort stop and photo call before the courier joins us for a guided tour. We will drive up to Portsdown Hill and see the forts that Henry VIII built to protect his ships. Then down into Portchester to see the Castle. The courier will leave us at the Hard and we will have lunch at The Still and West, overlooking the harbour.

Choice of menu. Please indicate on booking form.

1. Battered fish and chips, crushed peas, tartare sauce, lemon
2. Steak and ale pie, mashed potato, spring greens, red wine gravy
3. Aubergine & tomato ragout, watercress & herb salad, kasra flatbread

Drinks and pudding at your own expense.

After lunch, the garrison church and cathedral may be visited.

Closing date: 12 September

Organiser, Jean Fernley

Portsmouth Cathedral



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS KEW

Thursday 22 November

Cost: Members £43.00 Non Members: £45.00

Plus entry fee to Ham House for non-National Trust members

Depart Swanage 9.30 am Depart from Kew 7.00 pm, so late return

Following our September talk we will be visiting the Royal Botanical Gardens.

We will be visiting Ham House (NT) in Richmond and then a few miles downstream to The Royal Botanical Gardens in Kew during the evening to see the Christmas Lights so it will be a late return. On our way there will be a 'comfort stop' and we aim to arrive at Ham House, Richmond between 12.30 pm and 1 pm in time to look round the house and to have a full meal (at our own expense) – and, later, possibly some tea as well! - to set us up for our long day and evening ahead. A selection of rooms inside the house evoke life during the reigns of Charles I and II through the paintings, furniture and textiles. The re-creation of a 17thC garden features a formal lavender garden and a large walled kitchen garden that provides produce for the cafe and shop.

The internationally-known Botanical Gardens at Kew, founded in 1840, houses 'the largest and most diverse botanical and mycological collections in the world' and has beautiful gardens filled with rare and beautiful trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers. On our entry to the Gardens at 5pm, there will be 'a million pea-lights and thousands of Laser beams in the Fire Garden and a Canopy of Lights on the Christmas Lights Trail'. The trail is level and lit - although low level at times (take a torch with you if you are anxious) - and will take just over an hour to go round. There are enticements as you walk including spiced cider, mulled wine, hot chocolate, roasted chestnuts and marshmallows

We shall leave at 7 pm for our journey back to Dorset. Please make sure you have suitable clothing for being outside during the evening!

Closing and cheque date: 25 October

Organiser, Joy Kingsbury



Tredegar House, Newport



Aberdulais Tin Mine

We'll be visiting these on our holiday to South Wales in October 2019 (see p12)

AVINGTON PARK AND WINCHESTER

Wednesday 12 December

Cost: £32.00 Members, £34.00 Non Members

Depart 8.30 am Swanage

Depart Winchester 4.30 pm

We will first make our way to Avington Park to be met with tea or coffee and cake before being given by a guided tour of the house, and perhaps visiting St. Mary's Church, situated in the grounds.

At about 1.30 pm we will return to the coach to go on to Winchester, there either to have a late lunch or visit the Christmas market before again boarding the coach at 4.30 pm to make our return journey.

Avington Park is a privately owned stately home set in its own parkland, bordering the River Itchen. First mentioned in the 10th Century Avington originally belonged to the Cathedral of Winchester until King Henry VIII granted the estate to Edmund Clerke, who built the banqueting hall, now the Orangery. In the mid C17th, Avington was owned by George Brydges, Groom of the Bedchamber to Charles II. He enlarged the house to accommodate the King and Nell Gwynne. The 3rd Duke of Chandos, a cousin, inherited the property and made many improvements, adding the leaded statues, fountain, redecorating and gilding the state rooms, as well as laying out the gardens and parkland, planting avenues and vistas.

St Mary's Church is in the grounds
"One of the most nearly perfect and most unaltered examples of a country Georgian Church"

Closing Date: 23 November

Organiser, Jill Benwell

Avington Park



BROOKLANDS, WEYBRIDGE

Tuesday 12 February

Cost: Members £32.00 Non Members: £34.00

Optional Concorde Experience £5.00

Depart Swanage 8.00 am

Depart 4.30 pm

Brooklands, the world's first purpose-built motor racing circuit, was constructed by local landowner Hugh Locke King in 1906 on his estate at Weybridge in Surrey. The first official race was held on the 6th July 1907. It also became a major centre for aircraft design, construction and flight testing for most of the 20th century. From A V Roe's first trials in 1907, through many decades of manufacture, no other place in Britain, possibly even in the world, has seen such achievements. In 1911 the world's first Flight Ticket Office was built in what soon became known as the Brooklands Flying Village. It was immortalised in the 1960's film 'Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines' which was based around The Daily Mail Circuit of Britain Air Race held at Brooklands in 1911.

Brooklands Museum is a large open air museum with many period buildings and exhibits, some with stepped access. All exhibits are wheelchair accessible. However, there is no wheelchair access on board the aeroplanes all of which (including Concorde) have steps. The Concorde Simulator is fully accessible with ramped access.

We will have a 20 minute introduction to Brooklands on arrival, and everyone will be given a trail guide so that you can explore the parts of the site that interest you most. Food is available throughout the day at the Sunbeam Café.

Organiser, Jill Benwell

Closing date: 25 January



BICTON PARK BOTANICAL GARDENS

Wednesday 24 April

Cost: Members £26.50 Non Members £28.50

Depart Swanage 8.30 am Depart Bicton 4.00 pm

Bicton Park, set in the picturesque Otter Valley near the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site of East Devon, is one of Britain's most beautiful historic gardens. With a blend of 18th-century tranquillity and modern facilities, it offers enjoyment for people of all ages throughout the four seasons. The park is designed to provide all-year interest. Bicton's centrepiece is the formal Italian Garden, with its fountains, lake, flowerbeds and ornamental trees. Some of the world's rarest conifers form a dramatic landscape in the Pinetum. Other special areas include the American Garden, Stream Garden, Mediterranean Garden and Rose Garden. The Italian Garden was laid out in c1735. Many features were added in the 19th century by Lord John and Lady Louisa Rolle. The gardens were opened to the public by Lord Clinton in 1963.

A 25-minute trip on the Bicton Woodland Railway gives visitors, especially the less able, an ideal way of viewing the parkland. The train can accommodate wheelchairs. The cost of the train ride is included in the price.

The historic Palm House and other 19th-century glasshouses appeal to plant-lovers, while the Countryside Museum features traction engines among hundreds of other exhibits. The quaint Shell House contains an international collection of seashells. The park is wheelchair friendly, with smooth paths in the main garden areas and easy access to the train and toilets, however, there are some steps and slopes.

Lunches, teas and light refreshments are served in the Orangery Restaurant.

Closing date: 8 April

Organiser, Jill Benwell

The Palm House at Bicton



SOCIALS

SUNDAY LUNCHEES - Good Food, Good Company.

These are on the 3rd Sunday of alternate months.

We meet at the bar at 12.30 pm. Food and drink is at our own expense, and we hope you will make a donation to the National Trust. We have collecting boxes at all our talks and social events and are trying to raise enough to buy a wooden seat for Corfe Castle

16 September at the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club. Here the orders are taken table by table and served in the same way.

18 November The Italian Kitchen, on the Quay in Wareham with lovely views across the meadows from upstairs. They want me to order in advance so please look at their menu at
www.theitaliankitchendorset.com
and fill in the application form accordingly.

17 March 2019 Athelhampton for their very good Sunday carvery. We will all have the carvery which has an excellent choice of meats and vegetables.

19 May 2019 The Kings Arms, Stoborough. It is helpful for them to have our choices in advance. Please take a look on:
www.thekingsarms-stoborough.co.uk
and fill in the application form accordingly. Give me a ring if you do not use email I will have the menu and can go through it with you.

Booking forms are only needed for November and May. For September and March simply phone me to book

Closing dates are the Tuesday before the Sunday.

Organiser, Venn Goldsack

THEMED MEAL
at Corfe Castle Tea Rooms
Thursday 11 October at 6.45 pm

A Touch of Tartan



Cost: Members £24 Non Members £26

We will be transforming the Corfe Castle Tea Rooms for a Caledonian-themed evening with a Scottish menu, a bagpiper and a very special raffle for a bottle of Glenrothes Speyside single malt; come and join us for venison with neeps'n'tatties, cheeses from J Mellis, Cheesemongers of St Andrews, and Cranacken (an oaty, creamy raspberry confection) all served up by Jean and her team at the Tea-Rooms.

Before we eat we will have welcome drinks and canapés in the garden and hear the bagpipes played by Campbell de Burgh among the floodlit ruins of Corfe Castle. Add a little autumn mist and we'll have a magical evening.

Tartan about your person welcome but optional!

Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available to buy. Feel free to bring your own wine, beer etc.

Closing date and cheque date: 28 September

Organiser, Venn Goldsack

PANT NEW YEAR LUNCH

NEW YEAR LUNCH Friday 11 January 2019

Cost: £28.00 Members £30.00 Non Members



12.15 for 1 pm at the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club

Once again we are at this popular venue with panoramic views across the heath land to Poole Harbour.

The luncheon consists of 3 courses, with tea or coffee and a chocolate to follow, together with a non alcoholic fruit punch on arrival.

Please mark your choice on the application form by using the letter beside each dish on the menu. Also, please indicate if you wish to be seated with anyone in particular.

Positively the last day to apply Friday 28 December. Please post date cheques to this date.

Organiser, Jill Benwell

New Year Luncheon Menu

Starters

- A** Garlic Creamed Field and Wild Mushrooms, Toasted Ciabatta (V)
- B** Sweet Chilli Marinated King Prawns, Asian Style Salad
- C** Broccoli and Stilton Soup (V)

Mains

- D** Grilled Fillet of Sea Bass with Sun Dried Tomato and Basil Butter
- E** Slow Cooked Local Venison Steak, Thyme, Baby Onions & Smoked Bacon
- F** Roast Breast of Chicken, Pork and Herb Stuffing and Crispy Pancetta
- G** Puff Pastry Case, Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables & Olives, Basil Puree (V)

Desserts

- H** Sticky Toffee Pudding with Toffee Sauce and Ice Cream (V)
- I** Glazed Lemon Tart with Fresh Raspberries
- J** Baileys Cheesecake

TALKS

Time 2.30 pm Members £2.00 Non-members £3.00

VENUES

Carey Hall, Mistover Road, BH20 4BY which has its own car park just north of Wareham Rail Station.

Swanage, All Saints Hall, Ulwell Road BH19 1LL. Some parking plus plenty of local roads to park and on a bus route (number 50).

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

20 September, Wareham *Elizabeth Hedley - Kew, Not Just a Pretty Garden.*
Purbeck born and raised, Elizabeth has been a guide at The Royal Botanic Gardens for 25 years. She has a wealth of knowledge and stories about the plants and their histories. So, her talk will be a posy of colours and textures about planters and planting, rare specimens and the different seasons from an insider's perspective. We then visit Kew in November (p15).

16 October, Swanage *Ilay Cooper – Puffins and their Kin in Purbeck.*
Ilay talks about the puffins that, in his boyhood, were widespread along our coast, and how, as teenagers, he and his friends looked after oiled puffins and other auks. He is a photographer, art historian, traveller, expert on SE Asia and a writer of observant and erudite books on local and exotic subjects eg *Purbeck Revealed, The Square and Compass, The Painted Towns of Shekhawati*. He has documented buildings, mural paintings and monuments for the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage.

15 November, Wareham *Richard Wirdnam - Reminiscences of a Dancing Man.*

Richard has an immense knowledge of literature and music. Thomas Hardy played a fiddle in his family band so for this talk Richard has combined his love of the tunes collected locally with his love of literature. He will be illustrating the use of and links between the folk tunes referred to in Thomas Hardy's literary works.

15 January 2019, Swanage *Harriet Still - Journeys to Justice.*

Harriet will speak about the opportunities and aims for the new arts venue The Shire Hall in Dorchester. Formerly the Old Law Court – the place where Thomas Hardy was a Magistrate, the Tolpuddle Martyrs were sentenced to seven years' transportation and murderess Martha Brown condemned to hang. This beautiful building is now a hub for performances and exhibitions charting the fights for justice by generations of Dorset folk.



21 February 2019, Wareham *Sylvia McClintock Wright — Stories and Skeletons from the Family Tree.*

Sylvia will tell some fascinating tales of her ancestors - characters from the Mansell family of Smedmore, Kimmeridge and her McClintock antecedents including Sir Leopold McClintock who, in 1858, ventured into the uncharted waters round the North West passage to find explorer Lord Franklin.

19 March, 2019 Swanage *Roger Martin - An Actor's life for me!*

Roger, an actor of stage and screen for over 40 years, will tell us of his life as a 'jobbing' actor and spill some of the secrets and superstitions from behind the stage door and on the film set.

18 April 2019, Wareham *AGM*—full details in next Newsletter

Cecily Carpenter, Talks Secretary

Data Protection

New data protection regulations (GDPR) came into force on May 25th this year so existing members need to be informed about how PANT uses their personal data.

Details relating to membership (name, address, telephone number, email address, NT membership number if appropriate) are stored electronically but are deleted / destroyed when no longer needed. The computer on which the data is held is regularly maintained so that it has the latest software and security software installed; the database is password protected and regularly backed up to another location to protect the data against loss or unauthorised disclosure.

The information is used solely for purposes associated with running the Association, namely:

- Administration of the membership renewal process each year.

- Distribution of the Newsletter.

- Contacting members who have booked for events organised by the Association.

- Regularly informing members of the activities of the Association. This is done via email for those members who have provided an email address – this is encouraged as it is the most efficient means of reaching members quickly. Such communications are sent as 'blind copies' so that email addresses remain unseen by other recipients.

The full database of membership data is held only by the Publicity Secretary; selected data is shared with other members of the PANT committee as and when necessary. The data is not made available to any outside bodies.

Individuals have the right to know, and have corrected, the information that is held about them. They also have the right to request that their email address is not used for the purposes described above; however this will mean that they will not be informed of many of the Association's activities.

For any queries please contact the Secretary or Membership Secretary - contact details are on the inside of the front cover of this Newsletter.

Keith Southern, Secretary

DIARY 2018/19

2018

September 12 th	p13	Visit	Lytes Cary & Montacute
September 16 th	p20	Social	Sunday Lunch
September 20 th	p23	Talk	Wareham
Sep 30 th to Oct 5 th	-	Holiday	Liverpool (fully booked)
October 11 th	p21	Social	Scottish themed meal
October 16 th	p23	Talk	Swanage
October 17 th	p14	Visit	Historic Portsmouth
November 15 th	p23	Talk	Wareham
November 18 th	p20	Social	Sunday Lunch
November 22 nd	p15	Visit	Kew Gardens – Christmas Lights
December 12 th	p17	Visit	Avington House & Winchester

2019

January 11 th	p22	Social	New Year Lunch
January 15 th	p24	Talk	Swanage
February 12 th	p18	Visit	Brooklands
February 21 st	p24	Talk	Wareham
March 13 th - 14 th	p9	Overnight trip	London
March 17 th	p20	Social	Sunday Lunch
March 19 th	p24	Talk	Swanage
April 18 th	p24	AGM	Wareham
April 24 th	p19	Visit	Bicton Gardens
May 8 th - 10 th	p11	Two-night trip	Kent
May 19 th	p20	Social	Sunday Lunch