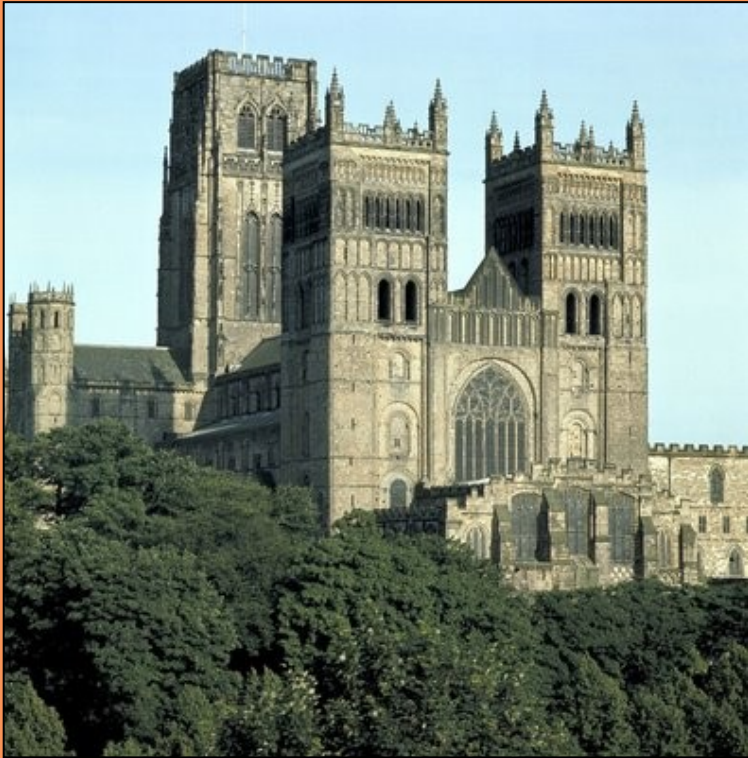




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Membership Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

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

Doreen Stacey	Nick & Eileen Cake
Ian Mortimer	Anne Laugharne
Christine Harvey-Brown	Margaret Taylor
Carol Buckley	Ruth Hill Turner
John & Jill Roff	Robert & Bridget Kenward
Janet Jones	John & Pam Fraser
Graham & Christine Baraclough	Anne Westcott
Norleen Whitehouse	Karen & Ian Duckworth
Tony Kinsella	Olive Wyatt

I know that several of you have already joined us at various events. We hope you're enjoying your membership.

Many thanks to those who members both new and old who renewed their membership promptly.

Despite all our efforts to get the National Trust to give Supporter Groups more publicity, word of mouth continues to be the way we gain most new members. If you're enjoying yourselves with us, don't forget to tell your friends.

David Cole - Membership Secretary



The Chairman Writes

May Gee

With great sadness we record the death of May Gee on 30th June. She was a great supporter of the National Trust and made an enormous contribution to our own early success.

May and her husband Stan became members of PANT(M) in its early days. In 1992 she joined the Committee, organising our talks. May became Chairman in April 1997 and served until April 2004. As Chairman she oversaw a period of growth and we reached a peak in membership numbers that I doubt we shall ever reach again. She said that the highlight of her time was attending a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.



After May stepped down from the Committee, she and Stan remained active members. They were regulars at talks and social events and went on many outings. When we re-started organising holidays they were amongst the most enthusiastic supporters.

We send our condolences to Stan and to the rest of the family on the loss of May. She will be greatly missed.

Les Wright

Books, CDs etc.



Lots of National Trust houses have now found space to sell second-hand books, CDs, videos etc.. This can be a valuable source of income for the property. The Purbeck Estate has been a bit constrained as there aren't many suitable places, but you may know that Groom's Cottage in Studland is now being used.

I've volunteered to be the conduit for any spare books etc that members might like to donate. The easiest way is for you to bring any donations along to any of our **fixed** events, such as talks and social events. **Please don't bring things along to an outing.**

As an alternative you could give donations to any of our Committee members. Please make arrangements beforehand as none of us want to come home and find a pile of things on our doorstep – especially if we happen to have been away.

Thanks in advance for any help you can give.

Sophia Wright

Annual General Meeting 2019

The 32nd AGM was held in Carey Hall, Wareham on the 18th April 2019. The proximity of the date to the Easter weekend (the day before Good Friday) slightly reduced the attendance versus the highs of previous years. Nevertheless a turnout of 51 members was very satisfactory, some no doubt lured by the established reputation of the quality of the cakes that would be provided by Committee members and their spouses!

In reviewing the year's events the Chairman drew attention to the large and diverse programme of events we had run, mostly very well supported and consequently financially successful. Amongst those he highlighted were: the first 'themed meal' at Corfe Castle Tearoom with fantastic co-operation and enthusiasm from the Tearoom staff; the visit to Kew to see their Christmas lights; the major holiday to Liverpool, radically different in style from previous holidays but a memorable destination; our first two-night trip, to Plymouth, proving that there was a demand for this format.

The Chairman concluded his report with comments demonstrating the robust health of PANT compared to other Associations in Dorset. Some were struggling to stay in existence for lack of members willing to take an active part in running events or the organisation. One group had recently only narrowly averted dissolution and another (the largest) was facing dissolution towards the end of 2019. By contrast PANT was bucking the trend, having gained Pat Daniell, Janice Tait and Frank Nicoll as event organisers during the year.

The Treasurer reported a surplus for the year of £8,529 - up more than 50% on the previous year and the largest for many years due to the success of the outings and holidays programmes. During the financial year we had donated £9,000 to the National Trust of which £7,000 had already been allocated to 4 projects on the Purbeck Estate: seating for Grange Arch and Slepe Heath (£1,000); interpretation boards for the Lime Kilns on the South Purbeck Coast (£1,000); coastal interpretation boards at Studland (£2,000); a new bull for Hartland Heath (£3,000).

There were several changes to the membership of the Committee: Jill Benwell replaced Margaret Tyrer as Chair of the Events Committee; Margaret replaced Joy Kingsbury as Holiday Organiser. Joy and Venn Goldsack stepped down from the main Committee but would continue to organise some events.

After a short break for tea and cakes, Angela Cott (National Trust General Manager for Brownsea) gave an informative presentation about her 12 year involvement with the Island. She explained the challenges of managing an island property requiring working partnerships with three other organisations, and sharing some of the plans for the future.

Keith Southern, Secretary

Insurance

The National Trust (NT) provides insurance coverage for Supporter Groups (like PANT) for activities they undertake for the benefit of NT. During the last year the several Associations in Dorset have raised a number of questions about the exact details of the coverage provided as the various documents supplied by NT appeared unclear or contradictory. These questions have now all been clarified so it is timely to set out some of the details.

There are two elements to the coverage provided:

Public Liability covers all participants (PANT officers and committee members, PANT members regardless of whether they are also NT members or registered volunteers, and guests / visitors, i.e. members of the public) in any activity the group undertakes. It applies on any group activity whether or not it is at an NT property. However people can make a claim only if it is proved that PANT is legally liable.

Personal Accident cover is discretionary and 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 has recently been increased from 80 years to 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.

Keith Southern



bet they're insured - shipping at both ends of the scale seen on our River Cruise in June. Photos by Mike Walshaw

PLANNING YOUR VISIT(S) - IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Insurance

Please see the note about insurance on page 5. The cover provided by the Trust is limited. If you wish to ensure that you have fuller cover we urge you, particularly in the case of holidays, to seek professional advice.

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.

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.

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**. Receipts will only be issued for holiday deposits.

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.

Some outings are to **HHA** properties. HHA will no longer allow you free entry when you are 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 beforehand. If an event is cancelled, you will be informed and your cheque returned.

Assistance

Outings can involve considerable walking and stair climbing so 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 make sure that everyone has an enjoyable outing.

Please note: the wearing of seat belts on coaches is now a legal requirement and is compulsory. Do please observe this as the coach operator may be subject to penalties if this is not complied with.

PLEASE BRING CONTACT DETAILS WITH YOU ABOUT WHO TO INFORM IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. This should include some form of ID and details of an emergency contact whilst attending outings etc.

Departure times for relevant events.
Please be at pick-up 5 minutes before departure time.

Swanage Ballard Stores - departure time as shown on the ticket

Swanage 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



Members and guests enjoy listening to the Wareham Whalers at the BBQ in June 2019

Six-night / Seven-day HOLIDAY 2020

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM

Sunday 17 - Saturday 23 May 2020

Cost: Single Room £550pp (8 available) Twin / Double £475pp

Deposit: £50.00 per person to be paid by 30 November 2019

Final payment and cheque to be dated 28 February 2020

Depart Swanage 8.00 am Sunday 17 May

Brief Details of Holiday

Accommodation

We will be based at Jurys Inn, Gateshead which has excellent views over the River Tyne and is only a three minute walk from the Millennium Bridge and two minutes from the bus stop travelling into Newcastle (about 10 minute journey). It has a restaurant and bar overlooking the river. There are restaurants along the riverside and more 'over the water' in Newcastle.

Day 1 Sunday 17 May

Depart Swanage 8.00 am and travel to Jurys Inn with two comfort stops on the way and break for lunch. We hope to arrive between 6.30 - 7.00 pm and a hot buffet will be ready for our arrival.

Day 2 Monday 18 May Durham.

Guided tour of Durham Cathedral at 11.30 am. Rest of the day free to explore more of the cathedral, castle and city. Depart 4.30 pm.

Day 3 Tuesday 19 May Beamish - Living Museum of the North.

Leave at 9.30 am first stopping to view the Angel of the North then on to Beamish. Visit the various attractions on a variety of omnibuses, electric trams and period cars.



There is also a steam train to enjoy. See a nineteenth century dentist surgery, old drapers shops, pit village etc.. Depart 4.30 pm.

Day 4 Wednesday 20 May Cragside - National Trust property

Leave at 9.30 am to visit the first house in the world to be electrified by hydro-electric power. This quirky Victorian mansion with all modern comforts evolved into an Arts and Crafts masterpiece. The garden has the largest rock garden in Europe with woodland and formal areas. (See handbook for more details). Depart 4.30 pm. **Bring NT card.**

Day 5 Thursday 21 May Hadrian's Wall.

Leave at 9.30 am to arrive at 10.30 am at the **Roman Army Museum**. There will be a video relating to the Roman Army in Britain. Free flow around the museum looking at the artefacts relating to the army. We leave at 12.00 noon for **Vindolanda** the Roman town which is an active excavation site. Restaurant and café facilities available.

At 2.00 pm there will be an introductory talk and then free flow around this extensive and fabulous museum where intricate gold jewellery is one of the delights, as seen on TV. (Stout footwear recommended) Depart 4.30 pm.



Day 6 Friday 22 May Free day

This gives you the opportunity to explore Newcastle's museums, art galleries etc. or go on a river cruise. For shop-a-holics there is the Metro Centre!! However, for the more adventurous **Lindisfarne** is possible in a day by public transport, taxi and mini-bus. The times would be dependent on the tides. I would be happy to assist anyone who wishes to go.

Day 7 Saturday 23 May Home

Leave at 8.00 am and make our way southward with two comfort stops and a luncheon break we hope to arrive at our first stop in Wareham at about 7.00 pm.

Organiser: Margaret Tyrer

Closing date: 30th November 2019

COACH TRIPS

WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET

Wednesday 4 December 2019

Cost: Members £14.00

Non members £16.00

Depart Swanage 9.00 am

Depart Winchester 4.00 pm

Come and start your Christmas celebrations at the Christmas Market in Winchester. Browse amongst the stalls, visit the shops, or spend some quiet time in contemplation in the Cathedral. If you want to indulge in a shopping spree or immerse yourself in history, Winchester will fulfil your wishes.

We will leave Swanage at 9.00 am, arriving in Winchester in time for coffee. The day is free for you to go where you like. The coach will collect us from the dropping-off point at the bottom of the main shopping street at 4.00 pm – so not too far to carry your purchases!

Organiser: Jill Benwell

Closing date 12 November 2019



Christmas Market Scene

FLEET AIR ARM MUSEUM, YEOVILTON



Thursday March 26 2020

Cost: Members £32

Non Members £34

Depart Swanage 9.00 am

Depart Yeovilton 4.00 pm

The Museum tells the story of the men, women, aircraft and ships who have served with the Fleet Air Arm - the flying arm of the Royal Navy since the early twentieth century.

This renowned collection includes many unique and significant aircraft and a multitude of fascinating personal stories of endeavour and bravery. From the early box kites and seaplanes flown by heroic pioneers, to the remarkable Harrier Jump Jet and modern day helicopters, they have the largest collection of naval aircraft on display in Europe.

In addition, they are proud custodians of Concorde 002, the British prototype of the world's only supersonic commercial aircraft, one of the world's greatest engineering achievements and an iconic symbol of post-war design and glamorous air travel.

On arrival we will be met and given a brief introductory talk about the museum history and its collection.

There is a café on site where hot or cold meals, sandwiches etc. can be obtained at your own expense.

Organiser: Frank Nicoll

Closing date: 6 March 2020



IRISH THEMED MEAL - CORFE CASTLE

Thursday 10 October at 6.45 pm

National Trust Tea Rooms Corfe Castle

Cost: Members £26 Non Members £28

Céad Mile Fáilte



As last year, the evening will begin with a drink and canapés in the garden whilst listening to one, or even two, pipers playing Traditional Irish Airs in the shadows of the castle ruins.

Jean and her team will then invite us to take our seats inside and we will be served a three course meal (a vegetarian option will be available).

Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be available to buy but you can bring your own wine or Guinness!

The raffle this year is a bottle of

BLACK BUSH

TRIPLE DISTILLED IRISH WHISKEY - 40% vol.

Bring a wrap for the first part of the evening, think 'Shamrock' as the theme and perhaps incorporate some green into your outfit.

Organiser: Venn Goldsack

Closing date: 30 September

SOCIALS

SUNDAY LUNCHES

Good Food, Good Company.

These are held 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.

To book, simply contact me no later than the Sunday before the lunch. When contacting me please ensure that I have your phone number and **your email address** (if you have one). Apart from the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club, the venues like to know our menu choices a few days in advance. If I can contact you by email, I will send the menu to you. If you are not on email, I will contact you by phone.

15 September **The Kings Arms, Stoborough.** BH20 5AB

17 November **The Isle of Purbeck Golf Club** BH19 3AB

15 March **The Italian Kitchen, Wareham** BH20 4LP

I am looking forward to meeting you all.

Organiser: Venn Goldsack

Tel: 01929 552972

Closing dates are the Sunday before the lunch

NB In January we have the New Year lunch - details on p 15



SKITTLES AT THE CLAY PIPE, SANDFORD

Tuesday 26 November at 7 pm

Cost: Members £5

Non-members £6

Enjoy a fun evening with us. Bookings will be taken on a first come first serve basis as numbers of players will be limited to 20 so that you are not kept waiting too long for your turn(s).

Food will be readily available from the bar all evening at your expense and there is always a good choice from their extensive menu.

Organiser: Frank Nicoll

Closing date: 15 November



FISH & CHIP LUNCH & QUIZ

Wednesday 26 February 12.15 for 12.30

Stoborough Village Hall

Cost: Members £12.00

Non-members £14.00

Come and join us for a little light hearted quizzing at Stoborough Village Hall. Teams will consist of 6 players, but don't worry if you can't make up a team. Come on your own or with a group of friends; we will find a place for everyone.

The cost includes fish and chips and either tea or coffee. Please choose from cod and chips, haddock (grilled or fried) and chips, or scampi and chips. If you wish to bring a bottle, please feel free to do so.

Organiser: Jill Benwell

Closing date: 1 February 2020



NEW YEAR LUNCH - FRIDAY 10 JANUARY 2020

ISLE OF PURBECK GOLF CLUB

12.30pm for 1pm

Cost: Members £29.00

Non Members £31.00

By popular demand we are once again at IoPGC with its panoramic views across the heathland to Poole Harbour.



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

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

Last day to apply – Friday 27 December 2019

Organiser: Jill Benwell

New Year Lunch Menu

Starters

- A Sweet Chilli Marinated King Prawns, Asian Style Salad (GF)
- B Warm Confit of Duck with Orange and Walnut Salad (GF)
- C Cream of Wild & Field Mushroom soup flavoured with Truffle Oil (V) (GF)

Mains

- D Baked Herb & Spring Onion Crusted Fillet of Cod with a Lemon & Roasted Red Pepper Dressing
- E Broccoli & Stilton Tart with a Balsamic Reduction (V)
- F Boeuf Bourguignon, Bacon Lardons & Roasted Baby Onions (GF)
- G Roasted Breast of Chicken and a Creamy Chorizo Sauce

Desserts

- H Apple & Cinnamon Crumble with Custard (V)
- I Raspberry Panna Cotta, Clotted Cream and Fresh Berries (GF)
- J Glazed Lemon Tart with Fresh Raspberries

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. Leave the station roundabout on Bere Road, turn immediately left onto Carey Road. Mistover Road is, after about 200 yards, the first road on the right. The entrance to the hall is between houses about 70 yards on the right hand side.

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.

17 September, Swanage. Philip Browne - *A Freezing Horror, the wreck of the Halsewell.* Philip will speak of one of the most dramatic shipwreck disasters on the English (Dorset) coast involving gallantry, sacrifice, a family tragedy and local heroes.

17 October, Wareham. Martin Stephen - *The National Trust & Mr Hardy's Legacy.* Martin will be talking about how the Trust tries to bring Thomas Hardy and his story to life through their stewardship of his homes at Max Gate and Hardy's Cottage.

19 November, Swanage. Tim Laycock *Songs and Stories of Old Dorset* Songs, stories (perhaps with a seasonal twist), dialect poetry and music of old Dorset. Fascinating facts and anecdotes.

16 January, Wareham. David Beardsley - *The Bankes' Archive.* David is a Kingston Lacy guide who will talk about the Bankes' Archive that includes several colourful characters - like the Exiled Collector and one heir, a John Bankes who became mired in controversy and who didn't become the owner ...

18 February, Swanage. Paul Stickler - *Body Overboard.* Paul, a retired detective, will guide us through a famous, or infamous, murder where we must come to our conclusions as to who is innocent and who is not!

19 March, Wareham. Jane Ferentzi-Shepherd - *From Barbados to Dorset: the Drax Family.* A trawl through the history of a colourful local family eg James who pioneered sugar production and amassed wealth in Barbados and Sir Reginald who counted Ian Fleming among his friends.

21 April, Swanage AGM and talk - full details in next Newsletter

In autumn 2020 we will hear tales of Dorset Smugglers, Beatrix Potter, conservationist and creator of Peter Rabbit, and Wassailing in story and song.

Do join us.

Cecily Carpenter, Talks Secretary

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DIARY DATES 2019 / 2020

September 11 th	*	Visit	Powderham Castle
September 15 th	p13	Social	Sunday lunch
September 17 th	p16	Talk	Swanage
October 10 th	p12	Social	Themed Meal
October 17 th	p16	Talk	Wareham
November 17 th	p13	Social	Sunday lunch
November 19 th	p16	Talk	Swanage
November 26 th	p14	Social	Skittles
December 4 th	p10	Visit	Winchester
January 10 th	p15	Social	New Year Lunch
January 16 th	p16	Talk	Wareham
February 18 th	p16	Talk	Swanage
February 26 th	p14	Social	Lunchtime Quiz
March 15 th	p13	Social	Sunday Lunch
March 19 th	p16	Talk	Wareham
March 26 th	p11	Visit	Fleet Air Arm Museum
April 21 st	p16	AGM	Swanage
May 17 th - 23 rd	p8	Holiday	Northumberland and Durham

**Details in March 2019 edition - contact Jan & David Cole*

Visits Proposed for April onwards (details in March 2020 edition)

Sherborne Castle

Avebury

Fishbourne Roman Palace