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A wild goat on The Great Orme, North Wales, where we'll be going in June

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to **Linda Hernandez, Sandra Allan and Pat Wright** who have joined us since the last Newsletter was issued. We hope you get a chance to enjoy your membership over the coming months.

We also welcome back former member **Jenny Elmes**. You may remember Jenny giving us a talk a few years ago. She spoke about her uncle, John 'Hoppy' Hopgood, who died as a 21 year-old pilot on the Dambusters raid. He is the subject of her book *M—Mother*, the call sign of his Lancaster bomber .

It's that time again. Unless you joined after the start of this year, your membership will be due for renewal on 1st April. We're repeating our normal system. 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 standard renewal notice. This year the renewal notices should be posted to Les Wright, our Chairman. This is because, as I write, I'm in the throes of trying to move house, and I can't be certain where I'll be living when this reaches you. I'd like to think that emails would still reach me even if I've moved, but things can go horribly wrong. Once our house move is complete Les will let you know my new address via one of his regular emails. If you don't have email and need to get in touch, then the best thing would be to contact Les, or any of the other Committee members, and they will get a message to me.

Please think about paying by BACS or by Standing Order – it makes life so much easier for us, especially now that Barclays have closed the Wareham and Swanage branches. If you pay by BACS transfer, then please let Les know once you've made the transfer so that we know what payments to expect on our bank statements. You can do this by phone or email. Les's contact details are on the inside back cover.

BACS details are: **Account name:** Purbeck Association of the National Trust

Sort code: 20-68-79 **Account number:** 90830127.

If you're paying us by BACS for first time, please note that you need to put in our full name. This is part of increased security measures introduced by banks. If you're paying by cheque, it's still OK to just put PANT as the payee.

If you'd like to pay by Standing Order for the first time, then contact Les and he'll send you a form.

David Cole Membership Secretary

THE CHAIRMAN WRITES

Since our last newsletter I'm pleased to say that we've been doing well on several fronts.

In general, all our events have been well-subscribed, and we've had lots of compliments and few complaints (the complete opposite of my working career, but that's another story). Our outings, talks and social events have been popular, and have all produced reasonable surpluses, to help us continue funding improvements in Purbeck. Raising money for the Trust is our main aim, but we try to keep a balance between this and keeping events affordable for all of our members. We couldn't do this without the unending hard work of the members of our committees, and I'm grateful for their support.

I've appealed for help in past newsletters, and I'm glad to say that we've had people come forward. If you come to the talks, you'll have noticed that we're serving teas once again thanks to Janice and Sophia. We've also had members volunteer to help with organising events. You'll see on page 10 that Angela Holland is organising a Boat Cruise round Poole Harbour. The others haven't been with us long enough to have events in the current programme, but we hope that you'll see their efforts in the autumn newsletter. This is good news, but of course we could always use more help, so don't be shy in coming forward.

I'm also pleased to say that (subject to the AGM) Hilly Ryder has joined the committee, to provide input. Hilly has been active in attending talks and social events and going on outings and holidays for several years, so she's able to tell us what it's like as a 'consumer'. She replaces Norman Love, who will stand down at the AGM .

Les Wright Chairman

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. This 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.

Purbeck Association of the National Trust

35th Annual General Meeting April 2024

**Notice is hereby given that the above meeting will be held in the
Carey Hall, Mistover Road, Wareham at 2.30pm
on Thursday 18 April 2024**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 34th AGM on 18th April 2023
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

*David Cole, Ken Morgan, Keith Southern, Margaret Tyrer and Les Wright
have all completed at least five terms 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 **4th April 2024** if
they wish to raise any matters under Item 8 of the Agenda*

At the conclusion of the AGM business we will serve tea and cakes and Tom Clarke, NT Purbeck Estate and Senior Volunteering Manager, will talk about the work he has been doing to connect the Trust to the local community and in particular the younger generation.

In accordance with our Constitution, the present Officers and Committee Members retire but, if eligible, may offer themselves for re-election. Using the page in the booking forms 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 4th April 2024. It is hoped that all Members will give their help to maintain and strengthen the work of the Association.

Keith Southern Honorary 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 Honorary 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 don't staple your cheques to the booking forms.

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 one week** before the closing date, 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 EMERGENCY. This should include some form of ID and details of an emergency contact whilst attending outings etc. (see page 3).

Departure Time for Relevant Events

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

Swanage **Ballard Stores – departure time as shown on the ticket**

Victoria Avenue Car Park + 5 mins from the start

Corfe Castle Methodist Church + 15 mins from the start

Wareham **Red Lion bus stop + 25 mins from the start**

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

SOCIALS AND COACH TRIPS

PANT SPRING LUNCH

12.30 for 1pm on Friday 15 March 2024

The Isle of Purbeck Golf Club

Cost: Members 2 courses £36, 3 courses £40

Non-Member £2 supplement

Once again we welcome Spring at the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club in the hope that the day is bright and sunny so that we can enjoy the views across Studland and Poole Harbour. You will be greeted with a glass of fruit cup, or if you prefer, you can purchase a glass of something more stimulating at the bar. There will be a raffle, but no table quiz! Please choose from the following dishes, if you do not have a large appetite you might like to have a starter and a dessert rather than a main course.



Menu

V = Vegetarian GF = Gluten free

Starters

- A. Teriyaki-Marinated Salmon on Pickled Cucumber (GF)
- B. Panko Crumbed Deep Fried Brie, Dressed Leaves and Cranberry Sauce
- C. Cream of Mushroom & Tarragon Soup flavoured with Truffle Oil (V) (GF)

Main Courses

- D. Slow Cooked Feather Blade of Beef with Diane Sauce*
- E. Grilled Fillet of Sea Bream with Lemon, Herb & Prawn Butter* (GF)
- F. Roast Chicken Supreme with a Tarragon Chasseur Sauce* (GF)
- G. Goats' Cheese & Red Onion Chutney Filo Parcel on Roasted Root Vegetables (V)

*These come with Seasonal Vegetables and Potatoes

Desserts

- H. Pear & Ginger Steamed Pudding topped with Roasted Pecans & Vanilla Custard (V)
- J. Mango Parfait with White Chocolate, Coconut and Lime Shard (GF) (V)
- K. Glazed Lemon Tart with Fresh Raspberries (V)

Coffee/Tea and Mints

Organiser: Jill Benwell

Closing date: 1 March

EXCLUSIVE BOAT CRUISE ROUND POOLE HARBOUR

THURSDAY 25 APRIL BOARDING AT 1.45 TO DEPART AT 2PM

COST MEMBERS £35

NON-MEMBERS £37

We've hired a cruise boat for an exclusive trip around Poole Harbour. It's easy to forget that we have one of the country's most important environments for birds right here on our doorstep, so here's your chance to visit and to learn more. The boat is small, and takes only 60 passengers, so it will be a very personal experience.

We're doing this in conjunction with local charity *Birds of Poole Harbour*. They're dedicated to educating people on the stunning variety of bird life in one of the country's most picturesque locations, helping you make the most of this truly breathtaking natural harbour. Even if you don't have a special interest in birds, the commentary on board provides an insight into the wildlife of the harbour and its fascinating history.

It will depart from Greenslade Pleasure Boats kiosk on Poole Quay at 2pm, and last about three hours. Please arrive at 1.45pm to board. Toilet facilities and light refreshments will be available on board. Every effort will be made to sail, but the final decision will remain with the boat company. Dogs aren't allowed aboard (except assistance dogs).

Parking is available in various nearby car parks, the nearest being the Quay Visitors multi-storey car park in Old Orchard. We'll try to arrange car-sharing to minimise any costs.

Bring binoculars if you have them, though there will be some on board to borrow.



Organiser: Angela Holland

Closing date 15 March

AFTERNOON TEA AT THE BLUE POOL, FURZEBROOK

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY AT 3PM

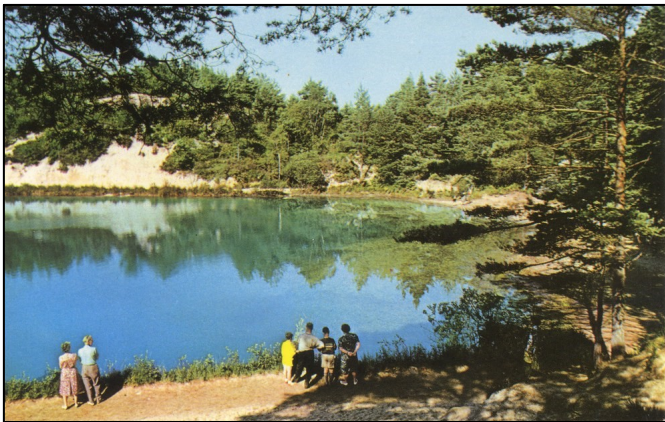
MEMBER COST: AFTERNOON TEA £19, CREAM TEA £12

NON-MEMBER SUPPLEMENT £2

We're making a return visit to The Blue Pool. This time we're going in May, when the rhododendrons should be at their best.

Come along and join us for either a Cream Tea (Scones, jam, cream and tea/coffee) or push the boat out with a full Afternoon Tea (a Cream Tea plus sandwiches and cakes). We'll try to meet all dietary requirements (see booking form).

We'll have our own room in their café. As well as a gratuity for staff and a small amount to PANT, the price includes entry to The Blue Pool, which is normally £7.50. You can come early to have a walk around, or stay after you've eaten (closing time is expected to be 5.30pm)



Organiser: Les Wright

Closing date: 24 April

HOLIDAYS

NORTH WALES Monday 10 to Friday 14 June

Five days / four nights - Cost: one twin room remaining @ £990

Accommodation

We will stay at Bodelwyddan, a Warner Leisure Hotel in a Grade II listed Victorian building near the North Wales coast, and Snowdonia. It's set within the grounds of a romantic castle, but with all the amenities of a modern hotel, including a superb range of leisure facilities, numerous daily activities, and nightly live entertainment.

Hotel facilities include a pool, a gym and a spa. You can try archery, rifle shooting, croquet, and bowls, or just enjoy walks in the extensive grounds. There are various lounges where you can have afternoon tea, play board games, or simply sit and read.

Itinerary

Monday 10 June

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

Tuesday 11 June

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

Wednesday 12 June

Travel to Caernarfon. Time there for sightseeing and lunch. Leave at 1.30 for Beddgelert, then return to hotel passing Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon) and Betws-y-Coed.

Thursday 13 June

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

Friday 14 June

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

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

Contact Margaret Tyrer to book

BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET AND TYNTESFIELD

Sleepover Sunday 1 / Monday 2 December 2024

Following the success of the overnight trip to Wisley and Windsor in 2023 we've decided to have an overnight stay in Bath on Sunday 1 December.

The coach will leave Swanage at 9.00am and will have the usual pick-ups on its way to Wareham. The trip will be to Bath for the Christmas market, which is always popular. The hotel will be in the vicinity of Bath.

On the following day, Monday 2 December, the coach will take us to Tyntesfield for an estate tour. Free flow in the house, which should also be 'dressed' for Christmas. There are several places in the grounds where refreshments are available. The coach will leave Tyntesfield for the return journey at 4.00pm.

I have tentatively reserved 10 single, 10 double and 5 twin bedrooms for this trip.

The cost has not been finalised but will be in the region of Single £215pp, Double/Twin £170pp. The cost includes dinner, bed and breakfast in the hotel, and as usual all gratuities for the hotel and coach are included. Entry to Tyntesfield is free for National Trust members but non-members will have to pay the entrance fee (currently £17). Refreshments en route and at the places we visit will be at your own expense.

If you're interested please let me know by email or landline (details on inside cover).

Once I have sufficient interest I can finalise reservations for coaches and hotel rooms so that full details and booking forms can be included in the autumn newsletter.



WILTON HOUSE

Thursday 4 July

Cost: Members £38

Non Members £40

Depart Swanage 9am

Depart Wilton House 4pm

Wilton House is an English country house at Wilton near Salisbury in Wiltshire, which has been the country seat of the Earls of Pembroke for over 400 years. It was built on the site of the medieval Wilton Abbey. Following the dissolution of the monasteries, Henry VIII presented Wilton Abbey and its attached estates to William Herbert, 1st Earl of Pembroke.

The present Grade I listed house is the result of rebuilding after a 1647 fire, although a small section of the house built for William Herbert survives; alterations were made in the early 19th and early 20th centuries. The house stands in gardens and a park which are also Grade I listed. While still a family home, the house and grounds are open to visitors during the summer months.

Wilton House contains one of the finest art collections in Europe and offers a fascinating insight into British history. The 21 acres of landscaped parkland, including four formal gardens, run down to the River Nadder. The house and grounds have been used multiple times in television productions and films.

Lunches, afternoon teas, freshly made cakes and coffee, will be on offer in the café. The visit will be free flow due to the restrictions placed on the numbers in group tours.



Organiser: Jill Benwell

Closing date: Friday 1 June

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

Swanage. Tuesday 19 March 2024 Adrian Fisher MBE (and NT Life Member!) has been designing mazes since 1976. He has built them for several NT gardens among his various commissions. In 2020 he received an MBE for his services to International Trade and the Creative Industries. Adrian's Talk about Mazes & Follies will be a fascinating exploration of why mazes are created and how they are used.

Wareham Thursday 18 April 2024 AGM and NT speaker (see details under AGM on page 4)

Swanage. Tuesday 17 September 2024 Brian Freeland is a playwright, author and speaker. He has had a long theatre career with the RSC, National Scottish Opera, Sadler's Wells and Joan Littlewood's Theatre Workshop among others. He has travelled extensively on tours and residencies so his Talks and books reflect his wide and various experiences. His Talk for us in 2023 was such a success that we thought we should invite him back PDQ! This time he will give us his fascinating Talk on Bohemian Literary Paris.

Later in the Autumn we shall hear from **Paul Stickler** (October) who will sharpen our detective skills and **Karen Brown** who will be giving us an insight into the fascinating world of Metal Detecting!

We hope you will enjoy the variety of Talks.

Sophia Wright Talks Secretary

Looking ahead

These are a few things that we're thinking about for the future.

Visits

Oakham Treasures Museum, near Bristol.

The Fleet Air Arm Museum.

Socials

A Beetle Drive in Corfe Castle Tearoom in November 2024

A barbecue at The Scott Arms in September 2024.

Short Breaks

An overnight trip to Bath Christmas Market in December 2024, including a visit to Tyntesfield - see page 13.

in June 2025 we might have another try at a five day / four night holiday to Lincoln. We tried this in June 2023, but just fell short of the required numbers, so we think it might be worth looking at it again.

Keeping in Touch



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.



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DIARY 2024

March 15 th	p8	Social	Spring Lunch
March 19 th	p15	Talk	Swanage
April 25 th	p10	Visit	Poole Harbour Boat Cruise
April 18 th	p4	AGM	Wareham
May 15 th	p11	Social	Blue Pool Afternoon Tea
June 10 th —14 th	p12	Holiday	North Wales
July 4 th	p14	Visit	Wilton House
September 17 th	p15	Talk	Swanage

Full details of the following events will be in the next Newsletter

September tbc	Social	Barbecue
October 17 th	Talk	Wareham
November 19 th	Talk	Swanage
November tbc	Social	Beetle Drive
December 1 st /2 nd	Overnight trip	Bath Christmas Market