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FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

Greetings to established members and a warm welcome to those who have recently joined.

First of all a big thank you to Dick Coggins for his fine leadership over the last four years and especially his swan song, the organisation of the much appreciated tour of Northumberland in May of this year. We saw many interesting places as a friendly and sociable group.

Annie and I have been working on the plans for the 2017 tour to Yorkshire, and we hope you may be tempted join in. Details are available later in this newsletter.

It is nice to have appreciation of what we do. In the NT Annual Report Dame Helen Ghosh, Director General of the National Trust, expressed gratitude to Associations such as ours for acting as fundraisers and cheerleaders.

Angela Jones, the Manager of the Tenby Tudor Merchant's House, is delighted with the illustrated cushions and has asked me to thank all the PNTA for the donation. She hopes that members may go and see them.

Ranger Matt Thompson kindly brought along the newly decorated trailer to the evening walk at Southwood, so that we could see the eye catching appeal of the scenic wrap, which we funded last year.

Thanks to Tim Sims-Williams for the contrasting summer day trips. We

appreciated the leisurely exploration of Llanerchaeron, and there were plenty of takers for the Swansea trip with its 'high rise' lunch, followed by the boat trip.

As ever, the evening walks were well organised by Jim Price, blending our appetite for information on NT sites with our hunger for a pub meal after. Jim also arranges the newsletter.

Arnold Williams has again put together a fine mix of evening speakers for our Winter Programme.

Thanks also to the other members of the Committee. Annie Weaver is secretary and has played a big part in setting up the next tour. Jane Mason has been busy updating posters, as well as arranging press reports. Sheila Ashton, who runs our membership, has agreed to take on the tea rota, and she would value further volunteers. Margret Price continues to kindly stand in as treasurer whilst we seek a replacement. Other similar organisations have folded, due to a lack of committee members. We need and would welcome new recruits to take a share in the organising, and enhance our longer term viability. Committee meetings are monthly, from September to May. They are friendly events and not heavy going.

Thank you for trusting me with the role of Chairman. I look forward to seeing you at future events.

Andrew Weaver

DONATIONS TO THE NATIONAL TRUST IN PEMBROKESHIRE

As reported in the Spring Newsletter, we donated £1500 to the National Trust in Pembrokeshire this year, split between the Tudor Merchants House and Stackpole.

The TMH is delighted with the cushions they have made which are a real talking point with visitors.



The all-terrain buggy has also been in use at Stackpole this summer.

With regard to our 2015 donations, there is a picture of the North Pembs. Show Trailer decked out in full livery in their report.

At Stackpole our donation, which was originally for roses in the Rose Garden, has now morphed into a selection of specimen decorative trees in the Garden. A number of them were planted in the summer but our Chairman will be planting a walnut tree this autumn.

REPORT ON 2016 SUMMER PROGRAMME EVENTS

Tuesday April 12th – AGM followed by a talk from **Mike Greenslade, the NT Stackpole Manager**, on ‘A year on the Stackpole Estate’.

Mike has been at Stackpole a year after spending time in the Military and Management Consultancy. The Stackpole Manager is responsible for not just the Estate but also Gupton Farm, Lawrenny, Lydstep Point and assorted small parcels of land around the Castlemartin

Peninsular. His organisation is responsible for; Visitor Experience (including, Communications and Events), the Rangers who are responsible for the upkeep of the estate, the Stackpole Centre with its residential visitors, Building and Carpark maintenance, Catering, and Business Development.

In line with the NT policy of getting more people to visit its properties and to use the facilities, Stackpole runs a wide range of events such as bioblitz, beach cleaning, theatre, practical courses (I have a tick for scything - Ed.). There are also physical fitness programmes, in partnership with Sport Wales, such as circuit running (individual and family), Nordic walking, and buggy fitness for parents.

The major projects presently being implemented on the estate are forestry in Lodge Park (both felling and replanting), replacing the boardwalk in Caroline Grove, Gupton Farm development (see the later report on our Gupton walk), lakes maintenance, thinking projects such as ‘Spirit of Place’ development and the Systems Simplification Programme.

The big challenges being addressed currently are balancing conservation with visitor experience, the perception that the NT is government funded, creating a sustainable model to manage the Estate recognising that a large area has to be managed by a small team, responding to ‘Armchair Activists’ always complaining about what the local NT is doing, and the enormous challenge of how to manage the silting and probable seawater ingress into the lakes.

Mike and his team have lots to do.

SPRING TOUR TO NORTHUMBRIA

Annie Weaver reports on this year’s Tour.

The Tour arrangements were different this year in that we had 4 nights away in May rather than 3 nights in September. It allowed us to travel further afield and explore new places.

On the journey north we avoided Motorways where feasible and were able to appreciate more changes in scenery. We spent time at Tatton Park (NT) and the gardens were at their best with rhododendrons and azaleas ablaze with glorious colour. Once there, Northumbria came up trumps with the weather.

Our first morning was spent visiting Durham Cathedral, a prime example of Norman architecture dating from the 12th century. Our excellent guides told us about its history and we were shown the Venerable Bede's last resting place among many other things.

In the afternoon we went to Beamish, rather like St Fagans with knobs on. We were able to stretch our legs or ride on early 20th century transport to the various parts of the site such as the town, farm or coal mine. The trolley bus was fun but the drift coal mine was an eye opener making us bend almost double in places in very dim lighting. Our guide had worked there in its operational days.

On the next morning we went to Alnwick Castle. We had a conducted tour of the Castle with special reference to parts used in the filming of Downton Abbey. Some also managed a jet propelled circuit of the spectacular 21st century garden. We then moved on to Craggside (NT), close to the heart of our leader Dick Coggins. It is situated in a valley and is now surrounded by lakes and millions of planted trees and shrubs. It has changed dramatically since William Armstrong built the house in the mid-1880s and it is a shame he never saw the site in its maturity.

The last day was spent exploring the Roman fort at Halsteads and walking along Hadrian's Wall admiring the views in every direction. The afternoon proved quite a contrast at the Wallington (NT) House and Gardens.

Our return trip was straightforward with breaks at Chester and Aberaeron.

This was the first PNTA Tour for Andrew and me and I would like to heartily thank Dick for the hard work he put into its

planning and holding things together as it progressed. Being responsible for the Groups happiness and wellbeing is no small feat. We are going to miss Dick a lot and wish him well for his next adventure.

TRIPS

Tim Sims-Williams has given these reports of the Summer Trips.

Thursday June 16th - Visit to Llanerchaeron Estate and Aberaeron.

We had a disappointing turn out for this trip but those who came enjoyed an excellent visit. Our designated guide told us about the history of the estate and the difficulties the NT had in taking it over due to lack of legacy to pay for the necessary works, and the means by which these difficulties were overcome. The buildings and the farm are now in good condition and after the tour we were able to visit the house with guides in most of the rooms.

Llanerchaeron is a self sufficient small 18th & 19th Century estate and working farm, featuring a house designed by John Nash. It is situated in the Aeron Valley, 24 miles north east from Cardigan.

The head gardener gave us an excellent tour of the walled garden that has benefited greatly from the labours of a regular band of volunteers. It was a lesson to all of us who try to grow our vegetables and fruit.

We had a light lunch at the cafe by the river and then had free time to explore the estate and visit the small church until the coach picked us up at 17:00.

Back on the bus we travelled the short distance to Aberaeron where there was time to look around before gathering at the New Celtic Café for fish and chips or other food and drink before rejoining the coach for home.

It was a gentle and worthwhile visit which everyone seemed to enjoy.

Thursday July 14th: Visit to Swansea

Due in part to a last minute reminder by MailChimp, this proved a popular trip with 33 members coming.

We arrived a bit late at the National Waterfront Museum at 10.50 but were given a good introduction before having free time to explore this large and modern museum covering much of the industrial history of Wales and Swansea and not just maritime matters

At about 12.00, we all walked the short distance to the Meridian Building and caught the lift to the 28th floor function room of the Grape and Olive Restaurant. We were able to choose from a reasonable menu and enjoyed an excellent lunch with fantastic views of Swansea bay and city. At 14:00 we boarded the Copper Jack (a purpose built cruise boat (enclosed with excellent windows) for a cruise up the River Tawe. Our guide gave us an informative talk on of the industrial history of Swansea which, in the 19th Century, made it the copper capital of the world. He pointed out how some of the old factories are being tidied to enable Swansea to show off its industrial archaeology and heritage. The boat returned us to the Waterfront Museum for free time to further explore the museum or visit a number of other places including Swansea Castle, Swansea Museum, the Brangwyn Hall and the Dylan Thomas Centre. On a glorious day some just enjoyed a walk along the seafront with an icecream, and a cup of tea before rejoining the coach at 1730 for the journey home.

WALKS

May 24th – Gupton Farm – Chris Oliver

After meeting at Freshwater West, Chris, the Head Warden at Stackpole, noted that Gupton had now been managed directly by the NT for three years. The original plan had identified 4 zones and he gave us an update on progress as we walked the site.

The first zone, adjacent to Freshwater West, consisted of fields which would have low levels of grazing with the aim of

improving biodiversity. Some pools had been dug to encourage birds and aquatic life and fields had been reseeded with seed mixes that introduced new plants. The dilemma Chris now faced was how to stop unwanted weeds from overwhelming the desired new species. If cattle are allowed to graze too early they will eat the wanted species before they seed themselves as well as the weeds or, if grazed later, the weeds gradually take over. Chris felt the jury was still out on this.

The second zone was the nature reserve along the Corse. Here an access footpath (no dogs allowed) had been created along the edge of the reserve, together with a splendid bird hide. Time will tell if new species are attracted.

The third zone was the farmhouse and buildings which will be used to bring in new revenue. The farmhouse will become available for letting and progress is well underway converting other buildings into a bunkhouse and bathhouse with an area set aside for camping, limited to the summer months. The aim here is to reduce the illegal and unwanted camping at Freshwater West.

We did not look at the fourth zone with fields being let to local farmers, also revenue earning. This has been operating well for three years now.

Despite the ups and downs, we agreed with Chris that good progress has been made.

June 14th – Castell Farm, nr. Fishguard - Andrew Tuddenham

The farm was bought by the NT at auction in 2000 using funds from Project Neptune. The NT valued it as a piece of undeveloped farmland in an area of special beauty – the North Pembrokeshire Coast. As we walked around Andrew gave us an overview of the farm. It is 91 acres which consists of two uncultivable rocky outcrops, with a small strip of lower land between them which over centuries, or possibly millennia, has had many stones removed to make it more productive.

Most land is used for grazing but there are two small fields that grow cereals for animal feed.

Grazing has to be managed because Ticks in the vegetation now carry 'red water fever' which can infect many domestic animals making them seriously ill. This is particular problem in summer as Ticks thrive in long vegetation. The NT has let out the grazing rights to a local farmer, subject to conditions, who keeps growth under control with a combination cattle, sheep and ponies.

The land has no botanical rarities but, as we saw, is ideal for coast-loving birds such as stonechats, linnets and whitethroats.

We finished the walk at the old farmhouse (a 'new' farmhouse was built in the 1920s) and were able to look inside. It is still largely intact with two rooms downstairs (kitchen and living room) with sleeping accommodation in the loft. Andrew left us with the chastening thought that in one 19th century census it had two parents and 13 children in residence.

July 19th – Southwood Estate (Trefrane) – Matt Thompson

Our previous visits to Southwood have focussed on the farm house and farm yard renovations. Our aim this time was to look at the work that has been carried out on the wider estate in terms of hedging, field use, and woodland management.

From the Maidenhall access we had a good panorama across the estate and Matt told us the benefits it has brought to the NT stock management. Stock can now be wintered at Southwood before being sent out for grazing control around the NT properties in the summer. It has also allowed the Trust to start its own breeding programme for Welsh Black cattle and 5 calves had been born already this season. Stock management also led to changes in the field system, with more, smaller fields being needed. The Trust was able to get funds for re-establishing field boundaries, many of which had been removed in the 2nd WW to increase the arable crop

production. Much work has been done in the last few years in rebuilding and planting the new hedge banks.

Matt also mentioned some of the conundrums the Trust faces. It rents out arable fields for local farmers to grow barley. It would also like fields to have more wild flowers which would reduce the barley crop and the rental value. It is seeking to find the optimum balance in this equation. It is also planning to increase the woodland coverage on the estate. However it is conscious of the number of tree varieties that are being affected by diseases and is having to think hard as to what to plant.

The walk had generated a lot of dialogue and we had not walked all that was planned. However a plague of flying ants and other small insects descended on us and we made a hurried retreat to the car park leaving much more to see on a future visit.

WINTER PROGRAMME 2016/17 TALKS

Talks take place in the Picton Centre Haverfordwest commencing at 7.30pm.

Tuesday October 11th – 'The Life of Captain Francis Cromie' – Roy Bainton

Roy was born in Hull and had a varied career in the Merchant Navy, and the music and printing industries. He also wrote part time but decided to become a fulltime writer in 1997. Since then he has written books, poetry and TV scripts. One book was a life of Captain Francis Crombie who was born in Ireland but grew up and went to school in Haverfordwest where a street is named after him. Cromie had a remarkable career in the Royal Navy, particularly in submarines in the 1st WW. Fate had him in the British Embassy in 1918 which he died defending on August 31st. Roy will explain why Captain Cromie should be a more remembered figure on the 100th Anniversary of his death.

Tuesday November 8th – ‘The Titanic, ‘Ship of Dreams’ and its Welsh Links’ – Tony Waters

Tony lives in Burry Port. He became fascinated by the ‘Titanic’ after seeing the film ‘A Night to Remember’ in 2012. He has carried out much research since then and also visited the location where the Titanic sank. His talk will be about the involvement of Welsh people in the Titanic story.

Cathy Orchard from the St Davids NT Shop will be attending the evening with a range of stock for sale. This should give us an early start for Christmas shopping and the chance to help the NT. If you think you are likely to make purchases, please can you arrive earlier than usual so that the start of the Talk is not delayed.

Tuesday December 13th ‘Pembrokeshire Heritage’ – Edward Perkins

Edward comes from a long established Pembrokeshire farming family and has a strong interest in local history. He gave us a fascinating talk on old maps several years ago. His talk this time is an attempt to identify our ‘Pembrokeshire Heritage’ and is focussed on three people; St David, Giraldus Cambrensis, and King Henry VII. It should leave us with something to think about.

Tuesday January 10th 2017 – ‘Birds and Wildlife of Costa Rica’ – Julian Cremona-

Julian has not been contactable. We will send out more information on Mail Chimp before the talk.

Tuesday February 14th – ‘Sails around Wales – A Voyage around the National Trust in Wales’ – Richard Neale

Richard is the NT Wales Coast Project Manager responsible for working with local Rangers to implement the NT strategy for the 157 miles of Welsh coast it owns.

In 2015 the NT celebrated the 50th anniversary of its Neptune Coastal Campaign with a number of events. One of these saw Richard and John Whitely, a

Glan Faenol Ranger, sailing around our coast, visiting properties and meeting colleagues as they went. Richard will talk about his journey whilst describing some of the important coastal conservation work done by the Trust. At the end of the talk Richard will be fundraising for one of these projects with a raffle, so please be prepared to give a donation.

Tuesday March 14th – ‘The Tudors and Pembroke’ – Linda Asman

Linda is Chairman of the Pembroke and Monkton Local History Society. She led us on a guided walk around Pembroke last year. She is currently involved in fundraising to erect a statue of Henry VII in Pembroke. This made her want to understand better the deep connections that existed between Henry and his family and Pembrokeshire, which she will share with us.

Tuesday April 11th – AGM followed by a talk, speaker to be announced in the Spring 2017 Newsletter.

SPRING TOUR to SOUTH YORKSHIRE - Sunday 14th to Thursday 18th MAY 2017

Following the successful tour to Northumberland, earlier this year, we have repeated the late spring and four night stay format. The destination for the 2017 tour is South Yorkshire, and we will be staying at the Crown Hotel in Harrogate.

The provisional itinerary is listed on the booking form, to be found later in this Newsletter. The entrance fee for Harewood House has been included in the cost of the tour. The entrance fee for the optional visit to Harlow Carr Gardens has not, as some of our party can enter for free, if they have their RHS membership card.

The tour will again be operated on behalf of the PNTA by Richard Brothers.

Contact details for more information can be found on the booking form.

NT NEWSBOARD

Steve Whitehead, Andrew Tuddenham, Chris Oliver, and Angela Jones have sent us information about Trust activities around the County.

Colby Woodland Garden

Steve Whitehead reports:

The renovation work at Little Craig-y-Borion farm has been completed and the first working holiday has taken place at, the new residential base camp for volunteers at Colby Gardens and Estate.



The renovated Little Craig-y-Borion Farmhouse

Volunteers helped complete the landscaping around the building, and undertook a huge range of tasks that will make the house work effectively for residential volunteers. This included creating the garden to produce fresh-food for future residents. We now have three residential volunteers in the building, massively enhancing the work-force for the garden and estate. With their help and the rapidly increasing core of superb regular volunteers, we can finally see a bright future for the garden itself and for conservation and access work across the estate.

North Pembrokeshire

Andrew Tuddenham reports:

Southwood Farm

Over the next two months the contractors will be starting work to improve site access and safety by setting back the roadside hedgebank and entrance stone pillars. They will also be landscaping the small car park at the farm. We're also

installing some interpretation panels inside the 'Shearing Shed' at the entrance to the car park. If all goes to plan the woodland walk to the coast will be opened up to visitors in December. There will be a small charge for parking, but free for NT members.

Red Bull Abereiddi

We were so proud to see our beautiful Blue Lagoon in the spotlight again, and equally thrilled to be part of a global event that generates so much local enthusiasm, involvement and community benefit. Red Bull managed the weekend smoothly and safely and put on a really great show. If only the weather had been more accommodating on Sunday! The site was returned to normal within 5 days, and the income from our event licence helps towards the costs of looking after of this place and others in the north Pembrokeshire portfolio.

Events show trailer

The events show trailer was beautifully wrapped in eye catching coastal imagery earlier in the summer using the funds raised by the PNTA. It made its debut appearances at the Treginnis Farm Fete and Fishguard Shows. It has been a joy to use and makes a really smart backdrop to our events activities.



Ranger Matt Thompson with the trailer

Summer grazing, winter cutting

A good sized herd of Welsh Black cattle from a new grazier did a fine job of opening up the overgrown stands of heath and grassland on Waun Fawr common, St Davids. We have also prepared the ground for cattle from Dr Beynon's Bug Farm to

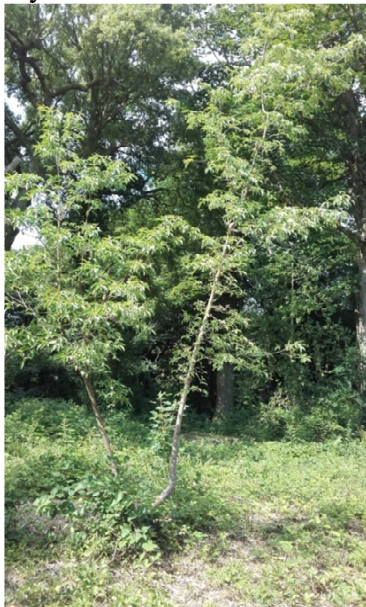
graze the adjacent Waun Vachelich common. Other good progress has been at the Morfa/Trelerw coast, which received a hard graze from the Southwood Farm Welsh Black cattle, and at the Gribin, Solva, where the NT ponies made a welcome return to summer grazing on this heathy ridge.

New Area Ranger Andrew Williams is now preparing to cut and collect heather and gorse bedding from the Commons for Southwood Farm. We have a few local farms lined up to try it for themselves and find out how effective this material is in their livestock sheds. The more we can cut and remove, the better the habitat becomes!

Stackpole and Gupton Farm

Chris Oliver reports:

The team has been as busy as ever this Summer. The early months saw the completion of the first and largest phase of planting in the Rose Garden in Lodge Park Wood. Thanks to your generosity we have been able finally take significant steps in transforming the rose garden. Each tree paid for by the NT association was planted with its own chestnut tree cage and copious amounts of water. Specimens include Tulip Tree, Strawberry Tree and Indian Bean tree, all of which are recorded as having been planted in the area previously.



Chinese dogwood



Newly planted Indian Bean Tree

Coincidentally when the area was cleared and the trees planted I began to notice shrubs which have previously been hidden. One such shrub is a lovely Chinese Dogwood, with its delicate white flowers. To me this gives me confidence in the long term vision of a rose garden full of specimen trees and large woody shrubs.

Gupton, continues to develop. This summer fencing has been on the agenda, with further work going on to try and contain the cattle, which seem to have a preference for areas they are not supposed to be in! Permanent fencing and a gate will also be erected around the bird hide to keep out curious cows. Who knew that cows like bird watching?



Fen Meadows and bird hide after grazing

I rarely mention other parts of the estate in this piece, but, in 2016 Lydstep is definitely worth a mention. The headland has seen a huge amount of scrub growth over the years and this summer and the previous winter the work that has been carried out is really beginning to have an impact. Scrub clearance and bracken rolling led by Ranger Tom Watkins is providing opportunities for the cattle that graze the headland to move into and graze new areas. This work will create new opportunities for coastal flora as well as protect vulnerable areas of tericolous (soil) and calciferous (stone) dwelling lichen which would be lost if over taken by scrub.



Scrambled egg lichen is one of our rarer tericolous lichen

This autumn, (unusually for us) will bring minimal woodland work and focus primarily on access. We aim to continue to improve and revitalise the access around the estate focusing on the lakes and Lodge Park Wood. Through our access work we will also be working towards creating a more diverse structure throughout our woodland paths. We will achieve this by managing the height of the vegetation and trees along the path edge starting with coppiced and cleared areas and gradually moving back into high forest habitat. Not only will this work improve access it will increase structural diversity therefore offering a wider opportunity for more species to establish themselves.

Tudor Merchant's House

Angela Jones reports:

Another busy season is coming along when we have welcomed many people to our house.

As we move into Autumn we are able to look back and think about our year so far and plan our next events.

The year has been an exciting one (as ever!) and we have had the opportunity to continue to explore how to present the house to our visitors. This year we have encouraged people to become more interactive and have made butter, swaddled Robert (our 'baby' named after Robert Recorde), played Tudor games and encouraged people to help make our bed. However the most interactive part of the house is at the moment our cushions. Found as an idea at Cotehele and brought back here by Angela, Angela and Kate made and embroidered them. They are a great addition to the house having a large picture on the front of an aspect of Tudor history with further information on the back. Visitors are encouraged to look and explore – and turn the cushions over to read more! Thank you so much for your very kind donation Pembrokeshire National Trust Association.

These activities have encouraged a longer dwell time in the house and given us more to talk about. The butter making has been a delight as we have made it in costume – ladies only as the men would not want to become dairy maids! It doesn't take as long to make as I thought that it would – in Tudor times it would have taken four days – in the 21st century about 20 minutes! Our mini churn works well and people can see the process from start to finish. Our thanks go to Little Moreton Hall in Cheshire for helping us with the equipment finding.

Swaddling Robert has been another fun activity – many people want to swaddle him to all sorts of designs but the little girls only want to put him to bed! It opens up another avenue, talking about how and

why people swaddled babies. It is a fascinating topic.

This year we have welcomed many school visits and several have already booked up ready for next year. On September the 13th we welcomed 3 groups of visitors from National Trust Associations in England.

EVENTS AUTUMN 2016

Colby Woodland Gardens

For more information on these events contact Colby on 01834 811885

Tuesday 25th October

Survival @ Colby 11am – 1pm *weather dependent*

Come down to the woods today and join National Trust's Chris Harvey-Jones for a 2 hour woodland survival session at Colby and learn how to survive in our woods. Try your hand at shelter building, fire lighting, trail marking, tracking, distress signals, basic survival camp cooking, camouflage and concealment and much more. £5 per child

Saturday 29th October

Hallowe'en Lantern making and spooky trail 12pm-3pm

Design and decorate your own Hallowe'en lantern, then use it to guide yourself around our spooky woodland trail to claim a treat. £3 per child

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th November Colby's Winter Fayre 10am – 4pm

Get festive and start your Christmas shopping with us at our annual winter fayre. Have a browse and enjoy a range of stalls offering local art, craft, food, drink and homemade goods. FREE ENTRY

Stackpole

Wed. Oct 5th – Lakeside Wildlife Walk

7 – 9am. Meet at Stackpole Centre Reception

Join rangers Marilyn and Jim on an early morning ramble to discover the amazing wildlife here. You will also learn

something of the fascinating history of Bosherton lakes and the Stackpole Estate. Afterwards warm up with a breakfast bap and tea or coffee. Cost £8pp. Booking essential.

Sunday Oct 9th – Barafundle Bay Triathlon

A trail run of 3 or 5 miles, 1.5 miles for children; an obstacle course and a sea swim or run. Open to all, do it as a family, group or individual. Adult £15.00, Child £10.00 or Family £40.00 (price includes T shirt). Refreshments will be available throughout the day. Parking charges apply.

Meet at Stackpole Quay car park 9.30am.

Thursday Oct 27th – 50 Things Autumn Challenge, 11am to 3pm

We have a selection of fun for you to tick off the at last '50 Things' event of the year at the Court site near Lodge Park Woods. You can fly a kite, catch a falling leaf, play conkers and all other things autumnal.

Cost £2 per child.

Fri.day Oct 28th – Spooky Halloween Trails, 11am to 3pm. Meet at the Stackpole Centre Reception

Come and make a Halloween willow lantern and follow by a spooky lantern trail through the wood to find clues and claim a prize. Fancy dress is a must, the scarier the better. Cost £5pp. Booking is essential.

Thurs. Nov 3rd – Lakeside Wildlife Walk

Details as October 5th

Friday Dec 2nd – Christmas Stargazing

Details to be announced later. Booking essential.

Saturday Dec 3rd – Stackpole Christmas Party

Details to be announced later. Booking essential.

For bookings or more information contact Stackpole Reception Centre on **01646 661425** or email: stackpoleevents@nationaltrust.org.uk .

Tudor Merchants House

Our events for the remainder of the year are:

October 24th – 30th Half Term – why not come along and try your hand at making a pomander (extra charge) and we will put our superstitions out for people to find and then complete the quiz sheet. Don't forget Hallowe'en!

Friday Oct 28th - Museums by Night 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm. This is a new event for us when the house will be open during the evening but with the lights out! We have many candles – battery operated not real – and, after a good look around the house, Terry John is coming along to tell us tales that will have the hairs on the back of our necks standing on end! We have had to restrict this to people aged over 16 years. This event is bookable only so please let us know if you planning on visiting us. Tickets cost £10
Booking on 01834 842279.

North Pembrokeshire

Booking on 01348 837 860 is essential for all three walks – numbers are limited to afford a good experience for the participants. We also ask that people do not bring dogs on these walks, to avoid risk of undue disturbance to the wildlife (assistance dogs excepted).

Charge for all walks - £3.00 adult, £1.00 child (children must be accompanied by an adult). Southwood events free to attend.

Saturday 08.10.2016

Seal Pups at Martins Haven 14.30-16.30

A 2 mile walk around the Deer Park, with our Ranger. See the annual arrival of seals and their pups on the beaches below the cliffs.

Some moderate gradients and high cliff viewpoints.

Sturdy footwear and waterproofs.

Binoculars or telescopes useful.

No dogs, please.

Thursday 27.10.2016

Seal and porpoise walk 10.30-13.30

Visit the western side of the Treginnis peninsula with our Ranger and look out for seals and porpoises swimming through Ramsey Sound.

Some uneven, rocky ground and high cliff viewpoints.

Sturdy footwear and waterproofs.

Binoculars or telescopes useful.

No dogs, please.

Friday 28.10.2016

Seal Pups at Martins Haven 10.00-12.00

A 2 mile walk around the Deer Park, with our Ranger. See the seals and their pups on the beaches below the cliffs, then join Matt for a cup of hot chocolate and a biscuit at the Old Coastguard Hut.

Sturdy footwear and waterproofs.

Binoculars or telescopes useful.

Some moderate gradients and high cliff viewpoints.

No dogs, please.

Sunday 30 October 2016

Southwood - Hallowe'en 11.00-16.00

Call for more details.

Saturday 10 December 2016

Southwood – Christmas Fair 10.30-16.00

St Davids Visitor Centre and Shop

There will be a tasting day at the Shop on Sat. Dec 3rd for seasonal food, and a range of gifts available.

A full list of all NT Events in Pembrokeshire can be found at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/whats-on/find-an-event/

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Your membership subscriptions are due for renewal on Jan. 1st 2017. Thanks if you have already completed a Standing Order or paid by other means. If not will you please send a cheque, with the form attached to the Newsletter, to the Membership Secretary. Subscription rates are unchanged at £5 for Individual and £8 for Family Membership. If you would like to pay by Standing Order, please ask the Membership Secretary for a form. (Telephone No. 01437 731525)

PNTA WEBSITE

The Association website at www.pembsnta.org.uk contains information about the Association, our Events Programme, Newsletter and Association news items. We hope it will attract new members and, together with email and MailChimp, help us provide up to date information for members.

CONTACT BY EMAIL

We are continuing to increase our use of electronic communications. If you have an email address and are not receiving messages, such as **MailChimp**, from us, or have just started an email account, please email our Membership Secretary, Sheila Ashton at robashnton95@yahoo.co.uk.

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MEMBERS - 2016/17

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

If you wish to renew and do not have a standing order, please fill in and return to:

Sheila Ashton, Hon. Membership Secretary, PNTA,
Pond Meadow, Wiston, SA62 4PR

I/We wish to renew our membership

Individual members	£5	_____
Family members	£8	_____

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to PNTA

Signed _____ Dated _____

BOOKING FORM FOR SPRING TOUR 14TH- 18TH MAY 2017

HARROGATE and Surrounding Area

We have taken on board the feedback after the tour in May and as a result will be trying to avoid much travelling once we get to our destination, courtesy of Richards Bros

Andrew and Annie have been on a very brief reconnoitre and have come up with the following plan which may change a little between now and the departure date.

We will be staying at the Crown Hotel which is in an excellent location in the centre with park and lovely shops including the famous Betty's Tearooms nearby! The hotel will be slightly more up market but still excellent value.

On the Monday we are hoping to arrange a short one hour walking tour of Harrogate to get our bearings, then in the afternoon there will be an optional trip to the RHS gardens of Harlow Carr (approx £10 admission for non RHS members) which is just up the road and/or a short jaunt around some of the nearby Dales.

The second day may see us in Ripon with a cathedral tour followed by Fountains Abbey +/- tour and Water Gardens (NT). (Transport can be arranged for those unable to walk far).

The last day may be a trip to Harewood House - Home of Princess Mary, aunt to our Queen, and used in filming of TV prog "Victoria" and a trip to Brimham Rocks and visitor centre (NT).

We have tried to minimise travelling between destinations and hope that you are happy with this. Our stop off points going and returning are still to be worked on.

THE COST WILL BE £365 pp (single sup £50). This includes dinner bed and breakfast, gratuities and entrance fees. We need the booking form and cheque for the deposit (**£50 per person**) by **November 30th**. Final payment will be due beginning of March. (Travel insurance is not included)

Return form and cheque made out to PNTA for deposit to Dr. A Weaver, 10 Merlins Hill
Haverfordwest SA61 1PQ

Name/ Names _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

email address _____

Single ____ Double ____ Twin ____ room (Please tick)

Please phone Andrew and Annie Weaver 01437 762072 or email annielweaver@gmail.com
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Thank you.