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Vice Chairman's Comments

This year our Branch has seen several changes. We said goodbye to Mary Fielding who resigned in March and who has been our excellent Chairman for two years and Vice Chair for two before that. We are very grateful for her excellent Chairmanship and she will be missed. Following her departure we were left with only two officers (4 are required by our Constitution) so on April 27th we held an EGM and I stepped in to be Chairman for a few months followed by Shirley Critchley until AGM in March 2018. We hope very much by then a new Chairman can be found, otherwise our Association could fold. Regrettably, due to the fact that no-one has come forward to organise holidays and outings, there will be none in 2018. The short holiday in Bedfordshire in September is going ahead. We are very grateful to Valerie Fletcher and Margaret Hewitt for organising the holidays these past nine years. They have done an excellent job and given so many members much pleasure exploring Britain. We also thank Corinne Board and her team for all their hard work organising excellent outings for many years.

We are very grateful to Wilf Fricker and Janet Coy for organising our Christmas Lunch to be held at the Marsham Court hotel, Bournemouth, on December 6th, which I am sure will be a great success.

Howard Johnson, who has done an excellent job producing our Newsletters, has said this is the last one he is doing. So, once again, is there anyone in our membership who would like to take this job on?

The talks this Autumn are still taking place at the Wessex hotel, but only until the end of the year, as the hotel is to be demolished. After that, in 2018, a new venue has been found in the hall of St. Andrew's church in St. Stephen's road. It has easy access, car parking and a bus stop in the Square.

I would like to thank all our members for their loyal support in the past and hope our branch will continue to flourish in the future. It has had a long history of success.

P.S. Shirley was recently ranked No 1 in GB and 4th in the world in her veterans age group on the tennis circuit.

Daphne Howell, Vice Chairman.

A Note of Introduction from our new Chairman, Shirley Critchley.

Having been asked to do so, I have come forward because of my appreciation for all that OTHER PEOPLE HAVE DONE , having done nothing myself, but just to ensure breathing space before hopefully someone else steps up. After all that has been done by Paul Newsome and other members of the Committee I simply could not stand aside and let the situation worsen, so to speak. I hardly feel I have earned my place.

I enjoyed my membership of the NT many years ago, and have rejoined. My world-wide travels over the last fifteen years or so make me appreciate more and more just how precious and unique our heritage is. I am not knowledgeable but enthusiastic and in a constant feeling of wonder when seeing our treasures. Our Association in Bournemouth gives enormous pleasure to a large membership, and I feel a sense of loyalty to those who have held positions on the Committee for many many years.

Who am I, you may be thinking. Since retiring as a teacher, I joined the Scientific Exploration Society led by Colonel John Blashford-Snell and have been on eight major expeditions , living in huts and tents with creepy crawlies....to the Amazon, Brazil, Costa Rica, Nepal, India and Patagonia. This resulted in invitations to float even further round the world giving talks on cruise ships. What a life!

I am really looking forward to the next series of talks (Thank you Gillian!), and to seeing members get together again.

Shirley Critchley, Chairman.

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Secretary's Notes

Communications. I send out regular updates to members for whom I have email addresses, but I am unable to communicate with the membership as a whole electronically. I know that some 70% of our membership uses email (if only occasionally) but I have the email addresses of only a hundred or so, some of them garnered from other sources. I want to keep you informed of activities or developments between newsletters so, if I don't already have your email address, please email it to pador.newsome@btconnect.com so that I can add your email address to my mailing list. I am most grateful to those of you who have already done so.

Pensioner Subscriptions. A reminder (I hope) – pensioners (60+) who have belonged to the National Trust for five or more years can apply for Pensioner Membership at the reduced annual rate of £44.50 by phoning the Membership Department on 0344 8001895.

Sponsors. Members will have noticed that we are receiving generous support from sponsors. Princecroft Willis, Accountants, kindly frank our newsletters. These gestures save us several hundreds of pounds per year – money which we can use to support local properties. We are most grateful to them.

Paul Newsome

Data Protection Act 1988

Members' names and contact details are stored on a computer database used solely for Association purposes. It is used to produce mailing labels for newsletters and is not made available to any third party. If you wish to have your name removed, please advise the Secretary

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Treasurers Notes - Our Donations to the National Trust

During the first half of 2017 the following events were held:

TALKS - 7 Talks were given during the first half of the year which raised £567 and 4 further Talks have been arranged for the second half of the year.

OUTINGS - 3 Outings were arranged during the first half of the year which raised £245 and 3 further Outings have been arranged for the second half of the year.

HOLIDAYS - 1 Holiday was arranged during the first half of the year which raised £1146 and a 2nd Holiday has been arranged for the second half of the year.

LUNCHESES - a Spring lunch was arranged which raised £96 and a Christmas lunch has been arranged for later this year.

MEMBERSHIP - at the time of writing, we have 401 members, which produced just over £3,000 gross. The Association ended 2016 with 579 members [2015: 619] a reduction of 40 members. Our membership has been declining steadily over the last few years from 802 at the end of 2008 to 401 now. That is a total decline of 401 members [average 50 members per year over the last 8 years]

This can be greatly improved if membership can be increased - so if you know of any friends, relations, colleagues etc who you think may be interested in joining our Association, please encourage them to join and be able to participate in our many activities and events, and support the NATIONAL TRUST.

From 2017, the Membership year is 1st January through 31st December and the fee is £8 per member or £15 per 2 members living at the same address. It should be noted that some Members have still paid the **OLD** fee [£5.00] to the **OLD** Bank Account [Lloyds]. This is being followed up by our Membership Secretary, **but we would remind those Members that their existing Standing Orders require to be updated before the end of this Year.**

A new Standing Order Form can be found in the back of this Newsletter or on our Website. [www.bournemouthandpoolenta.org.uk]

Because we have now aligned our membership year with our financial year, it is expected to make savings in our expenses with Postage and Mailing costs. This will be achieved by being able to mail out renewed membership cards and the Spring Newsletter together. **This can only be done if membership renewals are made promptly in January**, so that renewed cards can be included with the Spring Newsletter which is sent out around the beginning of February.

The full Treasurers Report on the Accounts for the year ending 2017 will be published at the AGM to be held 22nd March 2018.

Brian S Dalton

Treasurer Bournemouth & Poole NTA

Booking Your Christmas Luncheon

Booking and Payment for Events

Booking forms should be sent, within the booking period, to the organiser of the event together with a SAE and either:

- A cheque made payable to **National Trust B&P Association**, OR
- Confirmation that the amount due has been paid into the bank account of the Association (sort code 20-11-39, account number 40466425) with a reference of **last four digits of your membership number/name of event (e.g. 1234/Marsham)**

Issuing of Tickets. Tickets will be posted immediately after the close of the booking period.

Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday 6th December 2017. 12.00 for 12.30pm

The Marsham Court Hotel

Bournemouth BH31 3AB

Vehicle entrance in Grove Road through garage to car park
or

The Encore Hotel Bath Road

Please report to Hotel reception with car registration number!

Luncheon Menu

Use the numbers alongside the selection to indicate your choices on the
booking form Page 19

There will be a cash bar to purchase drinks before and during lunch

Starter

1. Spiced Carrot and Red Lentil Soup
2. Galette of Galia Melon served with Winter Berry & Mulled Wine Compôte
3. Peppered Smoked Mackerel with Rocket Leaves & Basil Pesto

Main Course

4. Roast Turkey Breast served with a Chipolata & Bacon Roll, Cranberry Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce & a Red Wine Jus
5. Braised Beef Steak Bourguignon braised with Mushrooms, Baby Onion, Bacon and Thyme
6. Baked Fillet of Cod served with a Garlic & Tarragon Provençal Sauce
7. Goats Cheese & Apple Parcel served with an Aged Balsamic Glaze

All Main Courses served with Seasonal vegetables & Roast Potatoes

Dessert

8. Chef's Homemade Christmas Pudding served with Brandy Sauce
9. Vanilla Pannacotta with a Red Berry Coulis
10. Marsham Court Hotel Cheeseboard with Celery and Grapes

Freshly Filtered Coffee & Chocolate Mints

Shrewsbury Holiday Report

Charlecote Park was the house we visited on our way to Shrewsbury. When you get there you are given a really comprehensive leaflet, which gives you the history of the house, details of the furniture and pictures, not forgetting the history of the Lucy family. This was a great help when going around the house, approached by a very pleasant 300-yard walk.

In the large hall there were portraits of the Lucy family who have lived at Charlecote Park for 300 years. Of great interest was the Pietra Dura table in the main hall. If you decide to visit you should allow half a day as there is much to see.

The second day of our holiday was a boat trip on the Avon. This took us most of the way around Shrewsbury and the guide pointed out many places of interest and told us of recent improvements to the town and amenities. We saw the school that Charles Darwin attended and the gardens designed by Percy Thrower. Shrewsbury is a place dear to the heart of Valerie, our organiser, who spent many years of her childhood in the area.

On Tuesday we left our hotel for Ironbridge, the Gorge Museum Coalport factory and then Blists Hill Victorian Town, quite a full day. We started by viewing Ironbridge and hearing its history. You can't say much about the bridge except 'Wow'. The Gorge Museum was there, full of interesting items with views of the Bridge and a plan of the area.

On then to the Coalport Museum for a quick visit and, for some, a purchase of a small item of china.

The Blists Hill Victorian Town impressed me enormously. It really was a Victorian town with mud roads. All the people who "lived" there wore appropriate Victorian clothes. The shops were fairly well spread out and everything for sale was priced in Victorian value as well as today's prices. I went off on my own and visited all of the shops, including the Bank and the Post Office. I managed to buy a newspaper but could not find a newspaper

office. One great surprise was to see a Shire Horse. I'm pretty sure it was a Clydesdale; they are enormous.

The following day it was time for the train. We travelled from Bridgnorth to Bewdley. Unfortunately it rained really hard all day and instead of walking around the town and seeing how it functioned I spent my time trying to find somewhere undercover.

One of our nicest visits was on Thursday when we went to Boscobel House, an English Heritage site. Here we had coffee and luscious cakes, very reasonably priced and a free wine tasting. We also explored the wooden Hunting Lodge, originally a farmhouse, and looked at the priest hole in the attic where Charles II spent a night in September 1651. From the garden you could see a descendent of the Royal Oak in which King Charles II hid from the Roundheads.

Later that day we travelled to Shugborough Hall, a very large estate, once the home of Patrick Lichfield, photographer.

On our return journey we stopped at Baddesley Clinton in Warwickshire, the first house that members visited when Valerie organised her first holiday for The Bournemouth & Poole National Trust. It was fitting to finish there as Valerie will no longer organise the holidays.

Baddesley Clinton, a moated house, set in the middle of the Forest of Arden, was the home of the Ferrers family for almost 500 years. It was a Catholic house and concealed priests from their persecutors. This house contains coats of arms, set in stained glass, lots of carved oak and stonework.

On our way home we stopped at a Farm Shop for that last minute shopping. We all thanked Valerie for her years of work in organising the holidays. They have always been extremely popular and we shall miss them.

Thanks were also given to Paul Newsome and Paul Wootton for their leadership on some of the days and to our friendly driver Annie.

It was with some regret that we all said goodbye at the end of the holiday but who knows, someone else may fancy the job.

Wendy O'Mahoney

Outings Report 2017

Firstly very many thanks must go to the Outings Leaders this year: Paul Wootton (who will have lead 3 outings when you receive this newsletter), and Paul Newsome (who has also been Outings Treasurer and Coach Co-ordinator, taking over from Angi Davidson and Trevor Fulton), not to mention whilst still being the Association Secretary.

Valerie Fletcher single-handedly organised another lovely holiday (unfortunately her last) to Shrewsbury which was enjoyed by 35 members – considerably down on usual numbers. She had support from leaders during the 6 days away.

We planned fewer outings this year, with less variety to choose from, as numbers had been declining and we hoped more members would book those on offer. Please read on to discover what happened.

The first excursion of the year in early April was to the American Museum for a guided tour and free time in Bath afterwards – only 19 members booked. We were not to be put off, so a mini-bus was hired instead of a 49-seater to enable the outing to go ahead.

Later the same month we drove to Sudeley Castle in the Cotswolds, which was the most popular of the year with 37 members booking - so just over the minimum number of 35. Unfortunately Gillian Blake was not available to lead on the day, although she organised the trip, so Paul Wootton admirably took over the reins.

The beautiful Cadland Estate, set on the edge of the Solent, appealed to a disappointing total of only 12 members, so those of us who went in 4 cars, thoroughly enjoyed ourselves with a tour by the entertaining Head Gardener, then tea and home-made biscuits. This was followed by a visit to Buckler's Hard where the chef, James Martin, happened to be filming a programme about dog walks. You really did miss out....!!

I led my first outing of the year to the fascinating Gilbert White's Museum and then we had a tour of Hampshire Lavender and a tasty cream tea – 35 members had booked but unfortunately several were unable to come on the day which I have to say was very hot.

As I write, we still have the Air Show to view from the SS Shieldhall which was very popular 2 years ago. So many people asked us to rebook for the following year so now that we have, where are all those members who wanted to go again?

Just after you receive this newsletter, I will be leading the last mini-break which will be based in Welwyn Garden City, but visiting places of interest in the Bedfordshire area. I do hope you support this venture.

A month later, on 26 October, I will be leading a tour of the New Forest with a Blue Badge Guide, when we hope to see some beautiful autumn colours and included in the price is a pub lunch.

The same nucleus of members continues to support most of the days out but the momentum we wanted from other members just did not materialise. Our requests for more members on the committee to assist the over-burdened stalwarts fell on deaf ears I am sorry to say.

In spite of this, we have discussed a few suggestions which may appeal to more members and entail fewer hours to organise. We would be pleased to hear of other things that you can suggest and also volunteers to assist with these functions.

- Quiz Eve – with cheese/wine or other
- Open Garden – some members may have a lovely garden they would like to share with other garden lovers, such as those that open as part of the NGS scheme, offering refreshments, which obviously the committee would help with
- Skittles Day but with food ordered in advance
- Bring and Buy or Jumble Sale
- Film Night
- Games: scrabble, chess, trivial pursuit etc
- Beetle Drive

Please let the committee know what you want. Is it just to be a dormant member? Do you just want to come to the lunches or the talks and have no interest in anything else? Just let us know.

Corinne Board

Newsletter Editor: A big thank you to Corinne Board and Brian Dalton for their invaluable help in proof reading this Newsletter, and to Wendy O' Mahoney for her detailed holiday report, thank you all! This will be my last Newsletter and a new Editor is required. Help will be given to the new Editor to ensure a smooth handover. I hope that I have continued on the path of my predecessors in providing an informative and well produced Newsletter. I wish the best of luck to my successor and hope that you all may continue to enjoy this format of sharing the Association's plans for the future with you.

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New Members

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members on the data base as at 1st August, having joined our Association since the publication of the Spring Newsletter and look forward to meeting them at our Talks, Outings and other events.

Mrs Jean Bartram
Ms Innes Hearn

Mr & Mrs Frederick Scott
Miss Janet Hilderley

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Talks October 2017 - May 2018

Please note that the venue for our talks is changing from January 2018. We are now moving to Richmond Hill St Andrew's Church Hall, St Stephens Road, Bournemouth. Will you all try to car share as parking on this site is extremely limited.

Thursday 5th October at 2.15.pm (Wessex Hotel)

Kevin Patience will be giving a talk on **The True Story of the Bridge over the River Kwai**. The speaker visited Singapore and the Death Railway and tells the story behind making the film and the truth behind the Fall of Singapore and the subsequent construction of the notorious Death Railway linking Burma and Thailand.

Thursday 19th October at 2.15 pm (Wessex Hotel)

Rosemary Le Grand who is known to us all at our NTA will be giving a talk on **Exploring the South Island of New Zealand and incorporating the Cook Islands**. Rosemary is the daughter of the late George Hyde a hybridist of azaleas and rhododendrons. His award winning plants can be seen at RHS Wisley, Exbury and Kingston Lacy. Her enjoyment of photography recreates the atmosphere of the gardens and wild life she encounters.

Thursday 9th November at 2.15 pm (Wessex Hotel)

Brian Freeland will give us an animated account of looking at theatre from the stage manager's point of view in a talk entitled **The View from the Wings**. His experience ranges from the London Palladium, Butlin's Holiday Camps to National Ballet, the Royal Shakespeare Company and Scottish Opera.

Thursday 23rd November at 2.15 pm (Wessex Hotel)

Ron Taylor returns to talk about **Southampton Water from Broadlands to Spithead**. This was postponed in April. Starting from Broadlands Romsey he takes us to smuggling haunts at Eling Tide Mill, the busy Southampton docks, the Isle of Wight and finishes with the historic site of Spithead.

Thursday 25th January 2018 at 2.15pm (St Andrews Church Hall)

Brian Pettit returns to give us another entertaining account of wildlife. His stunning pictures have been taken after a lifetime of swatting flies, mozzies ticks and leeches in some of the world's most inhospitable regions. The topic of **Zimbabwe Wildlife** results from a series of visits to lesser recorded parts of African wildlife. He will show pictures from Lake Kariba to Victoria Falls and Hwange Game Reserve. Uncovering many species from under rocks and behind the bushes.

Thursday 8th February 2018 at 2.15 pm (St Andrews Church Hall)

Ralph Jerram an experienced after dinner speaker will tell us about **The Life and Times of Tommy Cooper**. His name alone can hardly be mentioned without a chuckle together with memories of his conical tassled hat and magical moments that never really turned out as expected.

Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 2.15 pm (St Andrews Church Hall)

Christopher Le Grand is delighted to present a talk on **Vienna the Waltz City**. This magical tour tells the story of the Strauss family and takes you through the streets of Vienna, both in picture and music whilst looking at its history, beautiful Baroque architecture and culture.

Thursday 8th March 2018 at 2.15 pm (St Andrews Church Hall)

Howard Nichols having thoroughly researched some of the events will intrigue us with a presentation on **The Bermuda Triangle**. Many theories have been put forward about strange occurrences and unexplained disappearances of aircraft and ships in this part of the Atlantic. Howard will endeavour to shed some light on what really did happen.

Thursday 26th April 2018 at 2.15 pm (St Andrews Church Hall)

Our chairperson **Shirley Critchley**, will describe her adventures in a talk called **The Return to the Amazon**. This will include a recap on some aspects of her previous journey through the Rapids sometimes using reed boats, but act as a follow up covering even more outrageous anecdotes of her most recent participation with Mr Bashford -Snell, which most of us could only dream of doing.

Thursday 24th May 2018 at 2.15 pm (St Andrews Church Hall)

Priscilla Morris an accomplished speaker will give a presentation on **The Life of Agatha Christie**. The details of Agatha's life reveal her own experiences and characters which appear in the ever popular novels. Priscilla describes the different homes Agatha lived in and attempts to explain why the author herself mysteriously disappeared at one time.

Gillian Blake

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Marsham Court Luncheon
Wednesday 6th December

Bookings open 1st October and closes on 31st October

I/We would like to book.....place(s) for the Christmas Luncheon
Cost £23.00 per person

Name(s).....

Address.....

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Post Code.....Telephone Number.....

Association Membership Number(s). 462.....462.....

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See Newsletter page 6 for procedure.

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NOTES

Annual General Meeting

The 34th Annual General Meeting of
National Trust, Bournemouth and Poole Association
will be held at Richmond Hill St Andrews Church, 10 St Stevens Road,
Bournemouth. BH2 6JJ
on Thursday 22nd March 2018, starting at 2.15pm.

Provisional Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting.
3. Chairman's Report.
4. Treasurer's Report with 2017 Accounts.
5. Election of Officers and Members of the Committee:
Chairman, Vice Chairman, Outings/Holidays Committee,
Newsletter Editor, Publicity Officer.
6. Appointment of Auditors.
7. Any other business.

Nominations for Officers and Members of the Committee and items for discussion under "Any Other Business" should be submitted to the Secretary, in writing, 14 days before the A.G.M.

Should nominations for the Committee exceed vacancies, election will be by a "show of hands"

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
NEXT NEWSLETTER

The Spring 2018 Newsletter will be published end January 2018. The closing date for copy is 7th December 2017 – please email copy to: howard.johnson3050@gmail.com

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 34th Annual General meeting will be held in **Richmond Hill St Andrew's, 10 St Stevens Road, Bournemouth at 2.15pm on Thursday 22nd March 2018.**

TALKS

All Talks for 2017 will be in our usual venue, The Forestdale Suite, Wessex Hotel, 11 West Cliff, Bournemouth. [See pages 00-00 for times]

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Kevin Patience.

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Rosemary Legrand.

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Brian Freeland.

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Ron Taylor

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