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From the Chair



It's nearly summer! The main season for our day trips is here but by the time you read this KVNTA members will already have had a guided tour of Marlborough College, been on our annual bluebell walk, and had a holiday in the Isle of Man. Do join us on one of monthly trips – the final one of the year is in October – full details were in the January newsletter but can be accessed on line or viewed at our meetings.

Summer also brings us to another event, our AGM in June. At the AGM John Needle our vice- chairman and newsletter editor and I, as chairman, will have completed our 5 year period of office. It is essential to have a new chairman and vice-chairman for KVNTA. This is a period of membership growth. We have a speaker programme ready for the coming year thanks to David Symes but we MUST have a chairman to continue. Please do consider standing for any of these positions. Discuss it with John or myself, but do let us come to the AGM knowing there are people willing to join our committee and take on one of these roles.



Sitting in the chapel at Marlborough College during our KVNTA visit in March, I was scanning the panelled walls which record past notable Marlburians. As a guide at Avebury Manor, the Jenner name caught my eye. Opposite me, in the middle of this panel, was the name L L Jenner. Born in 1865, Dr. Louis Leopold Jenner attended Marlborough from 1880-1884. He was the next older brother to Leopold Jenner who lived at Avebury Manor from 1902-1929. Louis was the only Jenner brother to follow his famous doctor father Sir William Jenner into an academic and medical career, but died tragically young in 1904 from enteric (typhoid) fever, the disease he was researching. The Louis Jenner Clinical Laboratory in St Thomas's Hospital London was named in his memory.

If you don't want to travel far this summer, why not explore the 13 sites in the NT Wiltshire Landscape looked after by the Landscape

Rangers. In our immediate locality between Devizes and Marlborough are Calstone and Cherhill Downs, Windmill Hill and the Avebury Landscape, Lockeridge Dene and Piggledene, and West Kennet Long Barrow. There is also an article about Dinton Park, in the south of the county, in this newsletter.

This will be my final note 'From the Chair'.
Thank you all for your continued support.
Enjoy the summer.

Ann King

**Annual General Meeting
Monday 19th June 2017 at 7.00pm**

A Nomination and Resolution Form and the Agenda for this meeting are enclosed with this Newsletter.

Please bring the Agenda with you to the Meeting.
Income and Expenditure Accounts and the Minutes of the 2016 AGM will be available at the Meeting.

Nominations are required for the following Committee Members:

Chair + Vice Chair + Treasurer + Webmaster + Newsletter Collator +
Publicity + Social Secretary

All other committee members are willing to stand for re-election.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have attracted 8 new members since the start of the year and our membership currently now stands at 180. Since the last newsletter, locality specific invitations have been produced and distributed to residents in Avebury, Lockeridge, Aldbourne, Braydon & Ramsbury as well as to NT volunteers working in the Avebury & Stonehenge portfolio.

In readiness for membership renewal – due from 1st July – if you already pay by standing order you need to take no further action unless any contact details (email, telephone or even postal address) have changed. If you need to ensure we have updated information do please use the renewal form included with this newsletter, which should also accompany renewal by any other means such as cheque, cash or bank transfer.

Your renewal forms and – if appropriate – payment would be welcome from 1st June if possible. If I have not received a renewal form or your Standing Order payment by the end of July I will then contact you to clarify whether you wish to continue with your membership.

PROGRAMME SECRETARY REPORT

Since taking on responsibility for future speaker meetings I have been able to confirm speakers through to August 2018 subject to 2 outstanding invitations. My hope is that by the time of our 2017 AGM I will be able to share with you details of meetings up to December 2018. I have 3 more slots to fill and so would welcome any suggestions from members. I have been very grateful for previous suggestions from members and subject to how well some of these are received would be happy to re-book some speakers for other talks in their repertoire.

David Symes

TREASURER'S REPORT AS AT 13th APRIL 2017

In this report I have given the details of our Main Account for the financial year which ended on 31st March 2017. Membership subscriptions totalled £1,419, monthly meeting receipts were £1,520, meeting raffles £40, fundraising £11, payment from Barnes for advertising in our newsletters was £250, the Summer Social £174.51 (net) and the Christmas Social £37.90 (net).

Expenses which were deducted from the above receipts included membership printing, stationery and postage £104.22, newsletter printing and distribution £353.44, cost of the halls £471, speakers £555 and meeting refreshments £22.22. Other miscellaneous expenses include £58 from the AGM in 2016 for vouchers given in appreciation of service on the Committee or other services, £18 for Committee Members badges, my stationery and postage expense £8.20, cost for the postage of KVNTA documents for examination £11.62 and £14.98 for an extension power cable.

The surplus from the outings in 2016 was £1,294.50 and a deposit of £100 had been paid for the outing to Woodchester Manor later this year.

The total surplus for the year was £3030.23 therefore the balance in our main account now stands at £8,322.02.

The hall hire for the Kennet Valley Hall has been paid for 2017; we pay for the Slade Hall on the night. I am currently arranging the booking and payment of the halls for 2018.

Details of the holiday account will be given in my Treasurer's Report at the AGM as I do not have all the details of the expenses that have been paid so far for the holiday to the Isle of Man. The surplus of the 2016 holiday to Shropshire was £317.98.

The wish list has been received for donations to be made to the National Trust. It is thought that donations totalling £4,000 will be made in 2017. This will be £3,500 from the Main Account and £500 from the Holiday Account. The KVNTA Committee is yet to make a decision about the recipients. Donations of £4,347 were made in April 2016.

The financial accounts for the financial year will be sent to an accounts examiner by the end of the month so his report can be available for the AGM.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the AGM so if you have any queries about the details I have given in this report I will be happy for you to contact me in advance of the meeting. My contact details are available on page 2 of this newsletter.

For a number of reasons I have decided not to stand for the position of Treasurer for the coming year although I am happy to provide support to whoever becomes the new Treasurer. I would like to thank Ann King and Joy and Maurice Reardon for their support and assistance for me to carry out the duties of Treasurer during the last two years.

Carol Shirley
Treasurer

REPORTS ON OUR EVENING MEETINGS

January Meeting *Royal Wootton Bassett Roger Smith*

This was a fascinating insight into old Wootton Bassett illustrated with old posters, photographs from the museum. There was a market in Bassett in 1219 and Beamans Lane is shown on a map of 1773. The changes on the High Street and surrounding industries – breweries, brick works to name just two – were especially interesting. The Lord of the Manor, Alan Bassett was a signatory to the Magna Carta.

February Meeting *Neolithic Henges and Saxon Kings David Dawson*

A two part talk. In part one David spoke about Marden Henge and the Vale of Pewsey and its various Neolithic remains, including Hatfield Barrow and Wilsford Henge. In part two he concentrated on Wiltshire in Saxon times and the rich trade in wheat and corn which was being exported to Rome. He then widened the talk to cover the Saxon kings and the Justes, Angles and their kings. A wide ranging and interesting talk.

March Meeting *Women of the Raj Brian Freeland*

At our March meeting in Devizes, Brian Freeland kept us interested throughout his talk on The Women of the Raj with just a lectern, no

slides or screen. His career of acting, directing and writing made his presentation of anecdotes, excerpts from diaries and letters very real. Starting with the British East India Company days and finishing with Independence he painted a verbal picture of what life was like for the British women in India. Their letters home and their diaries revealed the hardships they endured, some very sad times but also some very amusing incidents. Fortitude was very evident.

Brian has written two books, the first of which 'Letters from the Henhouse' is also on this subject. His talks are varied so maybe he'll come again.

April Meeting *A Walk on the Thames Path (Part 2)* *Bill King*

It was a real pleasure to welcome Bill and his PLSW* (according to him) once again, this time for a continuation of his walk along the Thames. Tonight we travelled from Oxford to Pangbourne; beautiful scenery, lots of pubs (!) and several famous graves including Eric Blair (we didn't know either but he is famous) made this a lovely trip.

**Poor Long Suffering Wife*

John Needle

DINTON PARK NT

Somewhere new to visit this summer in Wiltshire?

Located in the Nadder valley west of Salisbury, Dinton Park is an ideal place to have a quiet picnic and to get away from it all. Enjoy far-reaching rolling parkland with tranquil views in the grounds of the Neo-Grecian Philipps House. This early 19th-century house nestling between a wooded ridge and parkland is possibly one of Wiltshire's best kept secrets. The well-worn paths with occasional benches offer the opportunity to explore the character of the woodlands and substantial views across the park and wider landscape. The spire of Salisbury Cathedral can be seen on a clear day from the highest point in the park.

History is also well-represented from a small Iron Age hill fort - Wick Ball Camp - to WW2 when the house was used by the American army and Nissen huts sprouted throughout the park.

Philipps House, formerly called Dinton House, was built between 1814 and 1817 for William Wyndham (1769-1841). Designed by Sir Jeffry Wyattville (1766-1840), the house is strikingly simple, deliberately conservative and grand, making it clear that the Wyndhams of Dinton were an old family of some standing.

Location: Dinton, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 5HH. The NT have a walking trail in the grounds, about 2 miles of easy terrain starting from the bus stop or car park in Dinton village. The trail can be downloaded from www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dinton-park-and-philipps-house/trails/dinton-park-walk

There are no refreshment or toilet facilities at Dinton Park but there are 2 public houses in the village. Why not have a morning walk at Dinton and then drive on to Stourhead for lunch and an afternoon wander (17 miles).

Please Note: Although the park is open for you to enjoy. Philipps House is closed until further notice. Please note that car parking for Dinton Park is located on St. Mary's Road immediately south of St. Mary Church. There is no visitor car parking at Philipps House itself.

Ann King

(Article based on information on the NT Dinton Park website)

REPORTS ON OUR OUTINGS

MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE 14TH MARCH 2017

A group of KVNTA visitors enjoyed an interesting visit to Marlborough College led by Librarian and Archivist, Clare Russell, herself a former Classics and Languages teacher ('Beak') at the College. The tour encompassed some of the most interesting and historic parts of the site; the Adderley Room, the Memorial Hall, the Chapel and the Neolithic Mound.

We learned of the ancient origins of the site dating back some 4,500 years to the original Mound (simultaneous with the nearby Tilbury

Hill) with subsequent Roman and early English developments including the castle with its motte and bailey. The original house on the site was constructed in the early 18th by the Seymour family; courtiers in the reigns of George 2nd and 3rd and was used as a country retreat from London. The building subsequently became a well-established coaching inn on the main London to Bath road only to suffer from the arrival of the railways in the mid-19th which bypassed Marlborough thereby undermining its strategic position and local pre-eminence .

The building became a school in 1843 as a practical manifestation of the Victorian focus on self betterment. Initially providing education for 199 sons of clergy, the school increased in size to 500 pupils by 1850 necessitating the construction of additional buildings. Clare described the ongoing developments on the site and in the character of the school which now has over 970 pupils . She noted in particular the focus on team games and leadership development alongside educational attainment.

The tour proceeded to include the Mound currently undergoing a major programme to restore it to its 16th century appearance which had been funded by a generous bequest from a former pupil. The tour moved on to visit the impressive Memorial Hall which had been constructed in 1925 to honour the 749 Old Marlburians and Beaks who had fallen in the First World War whose names are inscribed around the inner walls. The Hall is also undergoing a major repair programme alongside Clare's detailed research activity into the war and the centenary commemorations during 2017 and 2018 see www.marlboroughcollege.org

Finally the tour ended in the splendid setting of the College Chapel (St Michaels and All Angels) with its stained glass windows, the beautiful reredos and the wall paintings by J.R. Spencer Stanhope. The Chapel was constructed in 1886 on the design of an Oxford college and sited on the location of a previous smaller chapel. The KVNTA group expressed their thanks to Clare for the tour and it was noted that the College will be revising their arrangements for future visitor tours due to their popularity.

Jill Turner

UPDATE FROM AVEBURY



The Coach House Café ©National Trust/Abby George

It seems to have been a very long winter, but at last the wildflowers are out and looking stunning against the backdrop of West Kennet Avenue, the days are warm and Avebury is once again a hive of activity with people enjoying the stone circle and walking the surrounding ancient landscape. As I write this, it's the school holidays and the Old Farmyard is full of families taking part in our Easter activities and enjoying the early spring sunshine. It's our busiest time of the year and a real test for the National Trust team who have gone from a quiet winter season, to full capacity in the space of a few days.

As part of our aim to improve facilities during these busy times the team at Avebury have been working hard over the winter with some large scale projects.

Firstly we have had all three sets of toilet facilities refurbished, a huge, but necessary, project that took several weeks, and they are now all looking beautiful with pictures on the wall and messages reminding people about the National Trust cause.

Secondly, we have opened a new 'grab and go' café in the High Street. This is a small take-away outlet which will be open at weekends and school holidays between April and October. It sells panini, sandwiches, sausage

rolls, pasties, smoothies and hot and cold drinks. There is a small seating area outside for those who wish to rest for a while.

Finally, our long term project is to bring Alexander Keiller's drawing office in Avebury Manor back to life. We are raising funds for this via our raffle, and at certain times (when we have enough volunteers) we are opening the room for people to visit, so that they can see the improvements as time goes on. Do pop in and see when you are next in Avebury.

We could not look after this special place without the help of the hundreds of volunteers who work tirelessly throughout Avebury as well as in the wider landscape. If you are interested in joining the volunteering team at this wonderful site please do contact mary.wickenden@nationaltrust.org.uk.

*Abby George Marketing and Communications Officer,
National Trust Wiltshire Landscape.
abby.george@nationaltrust.org.uk*

Membership Renewal 2017/2018

- (1) For members who already have a Standing Order arrangement there is no need to make a new application.
- (2) For those who need to make a new Standing Order – or if you have changed bank account – please use the form on the reverse and return to us by 1st June 2017 which we will then send to your bank.
- (3) Those who pay by cheque, bank transfer or cash – or have new contact details - will need to complete the Membership Renewal Form with updated details (as usual).
- (4) If renewing by bank transfer /internet, please use your KVNTA membership number as the reference.

NOTICE of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the
KENNET VALLEY NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION

This 16th AGM will be held in the Kennet Valley Hall at 7.00pm
on Monday the 19th June 2017

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Chair
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approve the minutes of the 2016 meeting
4. Matters arising that will not be covered under any other heading
5. Presentation of Annual Report
6. Presentation of Annual Accounts
7. Election of officers
8. Election of committee members (up to 8)
9. Members Resolutions

Nominations of Officers and Members of the committee, the consent of the nominee having been obtained, shall be duly proposed and seconded in writing and received by the Chairperson at least **fourteen days** before the AGM. Nominations may be made by letter or by the forms provided in the newsletter.

The following are prepared to stand for re-election for a further year: -

Patti Marsh	Secretary
David Symes	Membership & Programme Secretary
Elizabeth Knight	Outings Secretary
Bruce Hinder	Ordinary Member

Vacancies

Chair	Vice Chair
Newsletter Co-ordinator	Webmaster
Treasurer	Social Secretary
Publicity	

Minutes of the last AGM and accounts will be available at the AGM.

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KENNET VALLEY NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION

Nomination for the Committee

Please reply to the Chair Ann King, 21 Kempfield, Devizes, SN10 5AX
Chair at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

I wish to propose _____

*For election to the Committee

*The position of _____

(* delete as necessary)

Proposer _____

Membership No. _____

Secunder _____

Membership No. _____

Please be sure to get the member's consent

Resolution to be put to the AGM

I wish to propose the following resolution at the AGM

Proposer _____

Membership No. _____

Secunder _____

Membership No. _____

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2017 OUTINGS

Here is a summary of this summer's outings as originally detailed in the Winter Newsletter. Booking forms are in there or on-line on the website www.kennetvalleynta.weebly.com

WESTBURY COURT GARDEN (NT) & FRAMPTON MANOR

Wednesday 21st June

Cost £48.00

Includes Coach Gratuities, coffee and Westbury garden tour, House tour of Frampton Manor, 2 course lunch and tea
Admission to Westbury Court Garden (NT) free (non-members £5.17)

Departures

Polly's Tea Rooms Marlborough 8.30 am

Corn Exchange Devizes 9.00 am

Leaving Frampton Manor 4.15 pm

Description of trip:

We shall drive to Westbury Court Garden (NT) Westbury upon Severn is the finest example of a Dutch style water garden in the country. We shall have coffee/tea and biscuits in the Church before we are taken on a tour of the garden.

We shall drive to Frampton Manor. The Clifford family have lived in Frampton-upon-Severn since the Norman Conquest. The Manor 12th century is thought to be the birthplace of Jane Clifford, who was 'the Rose of the World' or 'Fair Rosamund' the mistress of King Henry II. The Village Green is the largest in the country, is still named Rosamund's Green after her. The garden is extensively planted, it contains the red and white striped rose 'Rosa Mundi' – Rosa Gallica versicolour, a sport of the 'Apothecary's Rose' – which is said to be named after Fair Rosamund.

Lunch is served in the 16th century Wool Barn, which consists of homemade quiche, home-grown new potatoes salad, strawberries and cream and homemade elderflower cordial.

After lunch we shall have a guided tour of the Manor and be able to enjoy the beautiful gardens. We shall have a cup of tea and a coach drive round Rosamund's Green before returning home.

Visit: www.framptoncourtestate.co.uk/manor.htm.

Please send a cheque payable to KVNTA (undated) & SAE for return of acceptance slip to:-

Mrs Elizabeth Knight, Meadow View New Road Greenham Newbury
Berkshire RG14 7RY Tel: 01635 38116 email: liz.knight@meadow-view.co.uk

LYTES CARY MANOR AND TINTINHULL GARDEN
Wednesday 12th July 2017

COST: £21.00 (If you are not a NT member please ask Carol for the additional cost which will be payable on the day)

Departure: Marlborough - Polly's Tea Rooms 08.30
Devizes – Bus Island 09.00
Leaving Tintinhull Garden 16.45 for the return journey

On the day we have the opportunity to visit two of the smaller National Trust properties – Lytes Cary Manor and Tintinhull Garden. As both properties have small tea rooms will also visit the town of Somerton for lunch.

Lytes Cary Manor is an intimate medieval house with a beautiful Arts and Crafts inspired garden which was originally the family home of the Elizabethan herbalist Henry Lytle. After years of neglect Lytes Cary was lovingly restored in the 20th century by Sir Walter Jenner and is arranged as it was in his time. We will arrive in time for coffee. Somerton has a wide market square with an octagonal roofed market square which is surrounded by 17th and 18th century buildings. Close by is the 13th century Church of St Michael and All Angels whose octagonal tower echoes the market cross and which has dragons and cider barrels carved in the roof. Details will be provided on the day regarding the various eateries.

Tintinhull Garden demonstrates the vision of Phyllis Reiss, an amateur gardener. You can stroll among clipped lawns, glinting pools

and shaded areas that punctuate 'living rooms' of colour and scent. There is a quaint tea-room serving cakes and cream teas. Send the booking form & cheque (dated 12th July 2017) with SAE to: Carol Shirley, 6 The Croft, Meadow Drive, Devizes, SN10 3BJ by 14th June 2017 Tel. 01380 739962 email: carolandwinnie@yahoo.co.uk

LORD LEYCESTER HOSPITAL & PACKWOOD HOUSE (NT)
Thursday 17th August

Cost £32.00

Includes Coach Gratuities, coffee and guided hospital tour

Admission to Packwood House (NT) free non-members £9.30

Departures

Polly's Tea Rooms Marlborough	8.30 am
Corn Exchange Devizes	9.00 am

Leaving Packwood House	4.00 pm
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Description of trip:

We shall drive to Lord Leycester Hospital, Warwick and have coffee before having a guided tour of the hospital. In 1571 Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester (Leycester), founded a home for those wounded in the service of the Queen, and her successors, and continues to the present day. www.lordleycester.com

We shall drive to Packwood House (NT) Warwickshire and have lunch in their new café or you can bring a picnic.

Packwood House has been lovingly restored by Graham Baron Ash in the 20th century. The gardens at this time of year have colourful herbaceous borders. There is the 'Sermon of the Mount' made of Yew trees

Please send a cheque payable to KVNTA (undated) & SAE for return of acceptance slip to:-

Mrs Elizabeth Knight, Meadow View New Road Greenham Newbury Berkshire RG14 7RY Tel: 01635 38116 email: liz.knight@meadow-view.co.uk

OAKHAM TREASURES and CLEVEDON COURT (NT)

Thursday 21 September

Departures: Marlborough – Polly Tea Rooms 0830

Devizes – Corn Exchange 0900

Return: Leave Clevedon Court c1630

Cost: £27 pp (Coach + entry to Oakham Treasures)

Oakham Treasures near Portbury is a fascinating place. A place where you say, 'Oh! I remember that'. It is one of the largest privately owned museums of retail and farming history in the UK. Oakham Treasures is the demonstration of one man's passion for collecting memorabilia throughout his lifetime. The owner, Keith Sherrell, is a 5th generation West Country Farmer, and began collecting farm machinery in the 60's as a side-line to his business of buying and selling used farm machinery. As Keith says, 'I started buying a bit more, and selling a bit less. The things I really loved I kept and it went on from there'. More recently, Keith turned his interest into the retail area, and has steadily built up a huge and varied museum across all aspects of the old high street including an old grocery store, haberdashery, hardware store, chemist, tobacconist, off licence, and sweet shop. There is a reconstruction of the old Post Office at Bletchley Park, and a working model railway based on the 1960's Oakham Halt station at Oakham in Rutland.

DO JOIN US ON THIS TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE.

We shall spend the morning at Oakham Treasures and leave after lunch. The Acorns café serves lunches as well as drinks and light refreshments. N.B. Picnic lunches cannot be eaten in the café.

After lunch we leave for the short drive to **Clevedon Court (NT)**. Clevedon Court is a 14th century manor house with a beautiful 18th century terraced garden. This south facing hillside garden is Grade 2 listed. For centuries Clevedon Court was home to the lords of the manor of Clevedon, and the core of the house is a remarkable survival from the medieval period. The house was purchased by Abraham Elton in 1709 and it is still the family home of his descendants.

N.B. There is small tea kiosk only at this house.

Ann King

WOODCHESTER MANSION AND NEWARK PARK

Thursday 12th October

Cost: £32. Pick up times To Be Advised.

The cost will include all coach travel and the use of minibuses to get those with mobility difficulties from the car park to the mansion, entrance fee, a guided tour of the mansion and coffee on arrival and gratuities.

We shall travel from Chiseldon, Marlborough and Devizes to Woodchester which is near Stroud. Woodchester Mansion was never completed and is as the builders left it when the money for the build ran out. It is particularly interesting as you can see how it was constructed. There is also a colony of bats which can be observed by video relay and extensive walks in the grounds which are owned by the National Trust. I suggest you bring a packed lunch as the catering at both these venues is limited

In the afternoon we shall visit Newark Park which is situated on top of the Cotswold escarpment with extensive views over the Severn valley. The house is quite small which goes back to Tudor times but with many changes and additions since then until the 20th century.

Booking forms should be sent to: - Jane Ebbutt, 8 Windmill Close, Aldbourne, Marlborough. SN8 2DN

KVNTA Renewal for 2017/2018
 (Membership £8.00 per person) Please use Block Capitals

	Title <i>(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other)</i>	First Name	Family Name
Person One			
Person Two			
Address			
Post Code		Tel No	
email			

Please provide your membership number below - IF you are a member of either The National Trust or The National Trust for Scotland.

How would you prefer () to receive the 3 Newsletters each year:			
By Post		By email	

How will you make your payment () this year?							
Standing Order		Bank Transfer		Cheque		Cash	

* I/We enclose a cheque payable to 'The Kennet Valley National Trust Association' (*Delete if not required)

Amount £

Signed

Date

Please complete by 1 st June 2017 and return to the Membership Secretary David Symes, 1 Cutts Close, Brinkworth, SN15 5BB
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Application for Membership of The Kennet Valley National Trust Association

Please use Block Capitals These personal details, which you supply to us, will be kept on a card index & a computer & will ONLY be passed to other committee members for mailing & administrative purpose of the Association. No information will be passed to third parties. The information will be updated regularly.

	Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other)	First Name	Family Name
Person One			
Person Two			
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Post Code		Tel No	
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Amount £

Signed

Date

Please post to: - David Symes, Membership Secretary, KVNTA,
1 Cutts Close, Brinkworth, Chippenham SN15 5BB
Email: - david@familysym.es

Standing Order Instruction

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To the ManagerBank /B.S.

Address

.....Post Code

Please pa **HSBC,Marlborough**

Sort **40-32-07**

For the order of :- **The Kennet Valley National Trust Association**

Account number:- **71419722**

The sum of £.....(in words).....
on the 1st day of July 2017, and a like sum on the 1st day of July in
each succeeding year, until further notice.

And debit my account number

(*please cancel any existing Standing Order)

(*Delete if not required)

Signed.....

Print Name

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Address

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.....**Post Code**

**To process this Standing Order please return to the
Membership Secretary by 1st June 2017**

COACH OUTINGS – BOOKING CONDITIONS

Members are requested to forward their applications on the booking forms, which should be returned to the named organiser by the appropriate date with the remittance for each visit as a separate cheque.

Each cheque should be made payable to the KVNTA and left undated. They will not be banked until it is certain the trip will go ahead.

In the case of overbooking a reserve list will be formed and substitutions made for cancellations.

No coach visit will take place unless a minimum of 30 persons apply to go although a decision as to the viability of the outing will be made a month beforehand.

Pick up points will be as shown on the booking forms. Please indicate on the form where you wish to be picked up and dropped off.

The cost of a visit includes transport, entrance fees and gratuities, but NOT the cost of meals unless indicated. ONLY IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES WILL REFUNDS BE CONSIDERED.

National Trust members or volunteers please remember to bring your NT membership card or volunteer card. However, day trips will not necessarily be to National Trust properties.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by a member and will be charged at half the adult fare.

Members may bring a friend with them who is not a KVNTA member if space is available on the coach.

It is assumed that all persons taking part in these visits are capable of undertaking the outing described without assistance or must be accompanied by a carer.

INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE that the Insurance carried by the Kennet Valley Association through the National Trust does not provide Personal Accident cover for members aged 80 years or above.

Our Association is not allowed by Government statute to offer advice about insurance but, of course, members in this category may wish to make their own arrangements.

Subject to the age limit, friends accompanying members at an event who are not members of our Association but are members of the National Trust are covered by the insurance.

DATA PROTECTION

MEMBERS of the Kennet Valley National Trust Association are informed that, for the purposes of record only, details relating to their membership are stored electronically.

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998, it is necessary that all members be advised of this fact. Members are further advised that, in the event of their objecting to their details being so recorded, they should notify the Membership Secretary (*page 2*) without delay.

Newsletters are published
January, May, September

DEADLINE for Autumn Newsletter
1st August 2017

MEETINGS PROGRAMME 2017

Meetings are on the 3rd Monday and start 7.30pm at **KENNET VALLEY HALL, Lockeridge SN8 4EL** unless otherwise stated.

Entry: Members £3.00 Non-Members £4.00

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| 19 June | <i>7.00pm start</i> A.G.M.
<i>followed by</i> PREHISTORIC USE OF SARSEN STONE & THE MODERN SARSEN INDUSTRIES Katy Whitaker |
| 17 July D | RUNNYMEDE & MAGNA CARTA James Evans |
| 21 Aug | AVEBURY'S WATERSCAPE: PREHISTORIC WATER LEVELS IN THE KENNET VALLEY Steve Marshall |
| 18 Sep | BUTLINS - A PERSONAL AND BUSINESS LIFE STORY
Stephen Wells |
| 16 Oct D | THE SHIP, THE LADY & THE LAKE Meriel Larken |
| 20 Nov | HIDDEN HISTORIES - A TOUR OF MEDITERANEAN ARCHAEOLOGY Simon Butler |
| 11 Dec | WINTER SOCIAL |

D = Meeting at Slade House, St James' Gardens, Devizes, SN10 1EL

OUTINGS AND HOLIDAYS

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| Tue 23 May | West Somerset Railway & Dunster Castle |
| Wed 21 Jun | Westbury Court Garden & Frampton Manor |
| Wed 12 Jul | Lytes Cary Manor & Tintinhull Garden |
| Thu 17 Aug | Lord Leycester Hospital & Packwood House |
| Sep 6th-13th | Duoro river Cruise |
| Thu 21 Sep | Oakham Treasures & Clevedon Court |
| Thu 12 Oct | Woodchester Mansion & Newark Park |



Cheshire's Rivers, Houses and Gardens of Distinction

01/06/17

5 Days: £409

Includes Tatton Park, New Botanic Garden, Arley Hall and Anderton Boat Lift. Spectacular scenery, glorious gardens, plus a rich culture and heritage are just a few things on offer in charming Cheshire! We have also included extras such as guided tours!



The Delights of Devon & Dartmoor

18/06/17

6 Days: £449

Paignton is a lovely seaside resort with a level esplanade leading to a small harbour, and there are fine views over Torbay with its vivid blue sea and sky. As well as the beautiful coastline, our tours will show us much of Devon's enchanting countryside.



Yorkshire Gardens, Harrogate

26/06/17

5 Days: £409

Includes Castle Howard & 19th Harlow Car. Our base for this tour is the lovely spa town of Harrogate, well known for its tea shops, antique shops and Turkish baths. We also see some stunning Dales scenery as well as two World-famous gardens. Our new hotel will have entertainment on at least 2 nights!



Beauty on the 'Edge of the World'

01/07/17

8 Days: £849

Includes Eagles Nest, Imperial Villa in Bad Ischl, Schafberg Cog Railway and Guided Tour of Salzburg Austrian Lake District. St Wolfgang is situated in the middle of one of the most beautiful lake/land areas in Europe and is well known for 'The Sound of Music'. We will be staying at the charming 4 star traditional Austrian style Hotel Fandenhof.



The Glacier Express, Klosters and Zermatt

09/07/17

8 Days: £1,025

Includes a 5.5 hour journey on the Glacier Express where we travel through snow-capped mountains, enjoy stunning views of glaciers, sparkling streams and waterfalls. For 2 days of this tour we will be staying at the beautiful Hotel Ales in the very centre of the prestigious resort of Zermatt, which has stunning mountain scenery.



Scottish Sensations & Trossachs Treasures

10/07/17

5 Days: £409

Includes Kelpies Experience, Falkirk Wheel, Stirling Castle and Royal Yacht Britannia! Absorb the contrasting scenery and natural beauty of Perthshire whilst staying at one of Scotland's most iconic and well-loved hotels. Follow in the footsteps of Scottish Kings at Stirling Castle, one of Scotland's most famous Palaces, sail into the air on the unique Falkirk Wheel boat lift and marvel at the extraordinary, monumental Kelpies.