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PEMBROKESHIRE NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION

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Autumn 2023**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Back in 2016, I was a rookie on the PNTA committee, trying to get my head around Mailchimp emails. Then Dick Coggins, our past chairman moved away and I suddenly found myself at the helm. Now it is time for me to step down for someone else to take a fresh look at the running of our organisation. I am pleased to say that Jane Mason is willing to stand for election. She has been on committee for many years, running the PR side of things. In the last two years she has put together the fine, varied speaker programme.

I would like to thank all the committee members for their efficient work. It has helped maintain the strength of the Association, even through the challenging times of Covid.

I want to thank you, the members, as well. The support for events, messages of encouragement, positive attitudes and friendship have made the last seven years very rewarding. Across time we have been able to donate many thousands of pounds towards projects/equipment/plants for the National Trust locally, not to mention keeping their second hand book stall well supplied!

I make a special mention to those who sign up for the coach tours, some across many years and some more recent recruits. There may be a lot of work

that goes in to put the tours together, but there are some great memories created (punting on the fast flowing River Cam comes to mind) plus the sense of camaraderie.

As we celebrate 25 years of PNTA, I want to give a special mention to Jonathan Hughes, former manager of the National Trust in Pembrokeshire, now Assistant Director for NT in Wales. He was very much involved in the setting up of our organisation and has continued to support PNTA, throughout.

We are lucky to have good links with the National Trust staff in Pembrokeshire and we value the walks, talks, reports and help with the newsletter that they provide.

At our lunch in November we are pleased to welcome Lhosa Daly, who has followed Justin Albert in the role of Director of the National Trust in Wales.

Although stepping down from committee, at the AGM, I look forward to remaining an active PNTA member, still working with Annie to organise the tour.

Finally, a special thank you to Annie, for her support, for being a sounding board, looking through drafts of communications and being patient when I disappear to the computer to plot routes or put a bulletin together.

Looking forward to future PNTA activities.

Best wishes

Andrew



Jane Mason

Jane, brought up in Kent and West Sussex near the South Downs is a Geography graduate of Swansea University. She has been passionate about the Great Outdoors, conservation and our local heritage and environment for many years. Her career in Journalism and then running her own successful Marketing and Public Relations business with her husband brought her into contact with many different businesses and Government organisations. Further study included an MA in Rural Development with a special interest in local food production. Later in her working life Jane taught in Primary Schools and ran a small Bed and Breakfast in Pembrokeshire and travelled regularly to France where they renovated and then rented a chalet in the French Alps. Today a keen gardener and nature lover, Jane lives with her husband Alan by the estuary in Coshaston.

REPORT OF SUMMER PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

Hilton Court 27th April 2023

On 27th April over 20 intrepid people arrived at Hilton Court in cold, wet weather. After a convivial coffee we meandered around Cheryl and Peter's garden, marvelling at the view from their very civilised outdoor lounge.

We carefully walked round the muddy paths, by the lake and through the woodland, past the charming wooden "fun buildings" Back we went for our sandwiches and another natter followed by a quick look in the pottery.

What could have been a disaster turned into a very pleasant visit.



Report by Lyn Humphries

A Geology walk at Marloes, with Chris Evans. 4th May 2023

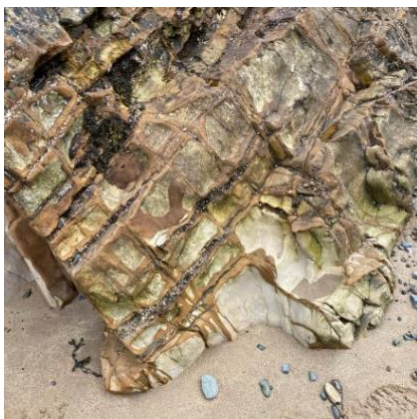
Chris Evans has led PNTA members on popular geology walks, at Amroth and Saundersfoot, in the past. This time he brought us to Marloes, a beach often frequented by groups of students, coming to look at its textbook geology.



Strolling down Sandy Lane from the National Trust Car Park at Marloes Mere, Chris flagged up the angled rocks of Gray Sandstone, ahead of us, on the beach. In the distance the Old Red Sandstone of Gateholm was visible, an island where remains of roundhouses and Roman activity have been found. Once on the beach, we turned to head in a south easterly direction, as if heading towards Dale.



Chris paused to draw lines in the sand, to demonstrate how Britain, long ago drifted from far south of the equator to our present latitude. Sandstones were laid down when we were in the desert areas of the tropics. He pointed out the fossilised ripples in the sand, visible on some of the rock surfaces. When our land was at the equator, forests were laid down as coal deposits.



Iron stone, iron dissolved in water fills the cracks



Ignimbrite Formed from the cooling of pyroclastic material ejected from an explosive volcano.

Moving on, we came to the area of the Skomer Volcanic Group, with a variety of rock forms. There were vesicles in the cliff, where bubbles of gas were trapped in the lava flow. Iron deposits were seen, where the mineral was dissolved in the hot subterranean water and pushed up into the fissures. Dotted across the beach were examples of ignimbrite formed from the cooling of material ejected from a volcano.

The fault at Mathews Slade, where a rough path descends steeply from the coast path, was a good area to fossil hunt. There were favosites (a form of coral) to be seen, as pictured below, (with a coin to give scale.)



Our final target was the Three Chimneys, halfway along the beach. Here layers of softer mudstone erode faster than the sandstone layers on either side, leading to a chimney effect. It used to be the Four Chimneys, but one slice has collapsed.



The event was arranged by Pat Morgan. Report by Andrew Weaver. Photos by Andrew Weaver and Graham Brace.

Lamphey Bishop's Palace 7th June 2023



36 members met at Lamphey Bishop's Palace for a look around with Terry John a renowned local historian who has also worked at Lamphey Bishop's Palace.

Terry gave us a lot of detail about the palace and was able to take us through the centuries detailing who lived there including notable names such as Margaret Beaufort the mother of Henry VII, Walter Devereux and Henry de Gower the Bishop of St Davids. He talked in detail about how the Civil War affected the palace showing us the musket holes in the wall where it would have been possible to shoot 'along the wall'.

Terry was able to show us some of the parts of the palace that we might otherwise have missed; the medieval flower on the Great Hall wall and the clever way that the undercroft was kept cool by diverting water along the floor.

Terry was able to answer all our questions and found time to talk about some of the many ghost stories that relate to the property.

Afterwards we retired to Lamphey Hall where we had a substantial cream tea! It was a wonderful tea and I think that we all felt very full afterwards!

A lovely afternoon spent walking and talking in the sunshine and then sitting and eating with a waitress who catered for every whim.



Report & Photographs by Angela Jones

Little Milford Walk. July 13th, 2023

Matt Thompson, the National Trust ranger, took a group of 20 members for an afternoon stroll in the 70-acre wood. The day dawned grey and damp, but the sun shone, and a brisk breeze lifted the spirits as we met up in the car park.

Matt explained how he had started working for the Trust 30 years or so ago and over those years had been instrumental in developing the land from a mainly coniferous plantation into a mixed woodland. The land and several buildings had been left to the Trust in 1975 by the Harcourt Roberts. Anthracite mining ceased in 1958 and scars left behind are no longer apparent. Both silver and downy birch spontaneously sprang up when they were given light to grow, together with oak, ash and sycamore. The policy is to let the woodland manage itself to a certain extent. Ash Die Back disease is doing its worst, but only when sick trees are close to paths or lanes of frequent footfall will active felling take place.

There are still a few stands of towering conifers left which will soon be felled by outworkers willing to fell and clear, taking the resulting timber as payment.

We gradually wound our way up to the top car park where we peered at the winch that had been rescued from mine workings at Stumpy Corner. It had been renovated and together with an information board (donated by PNTA) it helps to illustrate the history of the site.

We then meandered down to the lower car park where a number of us ended the afternoon with a communal picnic.



Matt demonstrates the restored winch at Little Milford.



Matt points out standing deadwood providing habitats for invertebrates.

Report by Annie Weaver
Photographs by Andrew Weaver

Off Limits' Tour of St Davids Cathedral

Wednesday September 13th 12.30 pm

In lovely sunny (but not too hot) weather a group of PNTA members made a visit to St David's to find out more about the Cathedral.

What a lovely afternoon we spent – over 3 hours looking and finding out more with Mari our Cathedral guide.



We were lucky to look at facets in the Cathedral that are usually behind the red ropes and to be able to have the time with a very knowledgeable guide to explain and guide us to develop our understanding.

We started off in the gatehouse at the top of the steps where the door was unlocked, and we were able to enter Porth y Twr (Tower Gate) which is the only survivor of the four gatehouses that guarded the entry to St Davids. Inside we were able to look at the only surviving bell from the Cathedral which is more than 500 years old. The Abraham Stone that was also on display there and marked the graves of Hedd and Isaac the sons of Bishop Abraham who were murdered by Danish raiders in 1080 together with several Celtic Crosses are some of the few items surviving from the 11th century. To be able to study these at close quarters was very special.



Porth Y Twr

We continued our trip into the Cathedral and admired the roofing in the nave and superb stained glass windows before being taken (again behind the red ropes) into the choir stalls to admire the Sovereign seat – not yet sat on by King Charles although he has had a close look at it and to look at the intricate carving of the miserichords each one different and many of them telling a story. We then walked towards the tombs of Edmund Tudor father of Henry VII and rescued from Grey Friars in Carmarthen to be placed in St Davids, Lord Rhys of Dinefwr and the tomb of Giraldus Cambrensis. Three very eminent historical gentlemen. Lord Rhys united poets and musicians from across Wales for the first National Eisteddod in 1176 and Giraldus born in Manorbier Castle was a royal clerk to the king and two Archbishops and travelled widely and wrote extensively.



The treasury and library showed some of the fabulous books, plate and artefacts that the Cathedral has including a leaf from a 12th century manuscript about the book of Exodus and a first edition map of Wales by John Speed 1610. There were also artefacts from the 12th century when Henry II visited the Cathedral on a pilgrimage on Michaelmas Day 29th September 1171 less than a year after the death of Thomas a'Beckett.

We were treated to over 3 hours of informed commentary by Mari who shared her enthusiasm for the Cathedral with us. I hope that people agree with me that this was a very interesting way to spend an afternoon.



Join the cathedral on Friday 29th September 2023 in a series of themed guided tours to mark the 850th anniversary of Henry II's controversial visit. see www.stdavidscathedral.org.uk/discover/library or email to Library@StDavidsCathedral.org.uk “

Report and photographs by Angela Jones

AUTUMN WALKS & TALKS 2023

ALL TALKS START AT 2.30PM IN CRUNDALE VILLAGE HALL - There is no need to book to attend the talks. Refreshments will be served. There is a £2 entry fee to help cover speaker fees and hall hire.

October 5th 2023

Speaker: Andrew Shobbrook - Archaeologist with DAT Archaeological Services

Title: Excavations at the medieval St Saviours Dominican Friary, Haverfordwest.

Overview: In 2022 DAT Archaeological Services carried out a 7 month excavation below what was the old Ocky White department store building in Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire. The archaeologists revealed the remains of a well-used cemetery, a cemetery believed to be associated with the Dominican medieval friary of St. Saviour's, whose exact location has until now never been ascertained. The remains of more than 300 burials were excavated by the team of archaeologists, as well as the first phases of St Saviours Friary, established in the early 13th century.

November 2nd 2023

Kate Barrett Heritage and Learning Director, Picton Castle Gardens

The unusual life of Cesar Picton, an enslaved Senegalese child who lived at Picton Castle after being given to the Philipps family as a 'gift'. Cesar went on to become a wealthy and prominent member of Georgian society and the talk intends to uncover how and why this happened.

7th December 2023

Glyn Harries- Community Heritage Officer for Tenby Museum & Art Gallery

Ten Historical Figures of Tenby History

St. David's National Trust shop are coming to the talk They will be there for people to buy from 2pm before the start of the talk and then at tea time after.

January 4th 2024

John Archer Thompson - Vancouver Island Bears and Whales

1st Feb 2024

Anne Garside - Agatha Christie in Wartime and Wales

During the Second World War, the Queen of Crime worked as a dispenser in a London hospital, Agatha made tortuous train journeys from blitzed London to the Vale of Glamorgan to support her daughter and baby grandson. She later assigned to grandson Mathew the royalties from a play that her agent assured her would run for all of six months. Mathew Prichard, who still lives in Wales, created a charitable trust from the proceeds. Returning home from one particularly gruelling journey to Wales in early 1945, with a pair of kippers for supper, Agatha heard a strange clanking noiseTo solve the mystery join us...

March 7th 2024

Carol Owen National Park Ranger for North Pembrokeshire

Speaking about the National Park in North Pembrokeshire

April 4th 2024

Robert Davies - Templeton Historian

'50 shades of Pembrokeshire'

FUTURE EVENTS

ANNUAL NOVEMBER LUNCH & AGM at Wolfscastle Country Hotel Thursday 16th November 2023.

Our lunch this year is on Thursday 16th November at Wolfscastle Country Hotel.

We will be celebrating 25 years of our Association and will welcome Lhosa Daly the new Head of the National Trust in Wales, as our guest after dinner speaker.

As has become customary we will be holding a very short AGM beforehand. Please arrive at 12 noon to allow a prompt start at 12.15pm
Lunch will begin at 1.00pm

As you are aware prices have inevitably risen and after exploring several venues, we have settled on Wolfscastle again with a choice between 2 and 3 courses for £26 and £30 respectively. Coffee and Tea are likely to be optional extras

We are hoping to hold the popular raffle again so all gifts for the raffle will be gratefully accepted.

Enclosed in the newsletter is the menu (page 17) and booking details and yes any guests you may like to bring will be welcomed

Annie.

SPRING TOUR 2024

Booking form on page 13

The price presumes National Trust membership.

Non members would need to pay NT entrance fees.

Coach Tour 12-16th May 2024 Kent and Sussex

Hello Everyone

It seems slightly crazy that we are asking you to think about next May already but here goes!

(Not surprisingly Andrew and I have tested out most of it)

We would leave on Sunday 12th May and return the following Thursday.

This year our focus was the southeast of England. Eventually, we settled on The Spa Hotel in Royal Tunbridge Wells. The hotel is light and airy and full of delightful staff, where nothing is too much trouble. There is a swimming pool on site and the food was very pleasing.

The hotel's location means that time spent on the coach is kept to a minimum.

On Sunday we are hoping to break the journey at Tredegar House.

Our plan on Monday is to go to Chartwell the much loved home of Winston Churchill. The house was very atmospheric in its time capsule. It was interesting to see his painting skill develop over the years, after he first started to paint while overseas in the Army. The garden was very impressive and was an important part of the Churchills' lives. We hope to go on to Ightham Mote, a medieval moated Manor House, rescued by the trust 40 years ago and thank goodness that they did. The focus really is the beautiful house with modest well-kept gardens
Perhaps we may have an optional quiz in the evening?

Tuesday we will go to Batemans where Rudyard Kipling brought his family to escape intrusions that

his increasing fame from Jungle Book and Kim, was bringing him. What a beautiful location he chose. You can almost feel his presence in his book lined study. The garden was joyous in the sunshine After that we will have another treat - visiting Sissinghurst. Since we had last visited, a new garden has been constructed. Vita Sackville- West had always harboured a wish to develop a Mediterranean garden, but never brought it to fruition. I think she would be suitably impressed by the realisation of her vision. The white garden always amazes - if only it could be visited in moonlight. The tower room has recently been painstakingly restored. Although there are a few rooms to visit the garden is justifiably the main focus of the visit

Wednesday and decisions are to be made. We will head off to the Bluebell Railway station near Sheffield Park. The station is frozen in time complete with smartly dressed guards. Any moment I felt that William Brown and the outlaws could leap out to surprise us There is a cafe, shop and very interesting museum and it's easy to spend too much time on the platform. The journey on the train will be optional and therefore the fare will not be covered. Those who wish to miss the experience will go hot foot in the coach to collect the travellers arriving at East Grinstead.

The plan thereafter is still in the melting pot. An option being considered is to go to Standen another NT property. This is an art and craft house, presented if it were 1925. It has a hillside garden with views over the Weald

An alternative is Hever Castle, the home of Anne Boleyn, which is privately owned and charges for admission. Accessibility to all floors above the ground floor can be tricky. There are grounds, to explore, with formal gardens and a lake.

On Thursday we hope to visit Basildon Park on the way home. I loved this house and am looking forward to seeing it again.

Annie

NATIONAL TRUST NEWS

National Trust staff have provided reports on activities and changes at the local NT locations. It demonstrates the tremendous amount of work being done to enable people to enjoy them.



Rhian Sula General Manager for Pembrokeshire

Dear All,

I hope you are well and had a lovely summer? It's certainly been a mixed season for us visitor wise, as we grappled with a heat wave in June, a washout in August and glorious sunshine as soon as the children went back in September. It's been a juggling act, but luckily our visitors love our places come rain or shine.

Some of you might be aware that I have changed role and have taken over from Jonathan Hughes as General Manager for Pembrokeshire. Luckily Jonathan is still with the Trust and has stepped up as Assistant Director of Operations for South Wales, which he is thoroughly enjoying and I'm so pleased that I can draw on his extensive knowledge and expertise.

Having worked for the Trust for over sixteen years, I was absolutely thrilled and honoured to be able to take over from Jonathan. I am still very much finding my feet (I had some very big boots to fill), but my initial priority has been building up the Pembrokeshire Leadership team and ensuring we have project support for some of our key projects. I am thrilled that in July Beth Fenn started as our new Facilities Manager and has totally hit the ground running. Sally Orritt will be taking over my old role as Visitor Experience and Operations Manager in October and will be coming from Speke Hall in the Liverpool portfolio. Sally will be looking forward to meeting you as soon as she has settled in and I am sure would love to do a talk for you at some point too.

We've also been fortunate in securing three dedicated project managers to help move our key

projects forward. These include the projects at Southwood, Freshwater West car park project and the Stackpole Lakes visualisation project. It will be exciting to see how these projects start to take shape over the winter and it would be great to update you on their progress in the next edition. Operationally it's been a difficult summer to manage, with car park visits down by 20% due to weeks of rain and then in contrast Tudor Merchants and the St Davids shop at capacity. We also had to deal with the devastating effects of Avian flu, with our Rangers having to collect dead sea birds daily at our beaches. However, as the autumn approaches things have settled down and our teams are able to take a well-earned break.

This spring we opened the gorgeous link trail from Roch village layby to join the Southwood Estate, enabling residents of Roch village access by foot to Newgale beach. At the start of the trail there is a beautiful Pembrokeshire hedge, then the trail continues through some of our wildflower meadows and if you are lucky, you might catch sight of some of our cattle wearing their no fence collars, which is proving a great success.

Further South of the county on the Colby Estate we have leased a field to the Community Council, which is currently being turned into a community allotment at Summerhill. We are really excited to see how this develops and we also be planting a community orchard on the same site.

I know that this is a special year for you all, as you celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Pembrokeshire National Trust Association and I want to thank you all for your continued support. We are extremely grateful for your support, help and to everyone who volunteers for us too, it really makes a difference and means a lot.

Your generous donations last year enabled us to purchase a whole host of things for our properties, but one of our favourites must be the swing at the Stackpole which is enjoyed everyday by so many people from toddlers to 90-year-olds. If you have not seen it, please pop by and have a go....it's great fun.

I hope you all have a wonderful 25th anniversary celebration and I look forward to seeing you soon.
With very warm wishes
Rhian

TUDOR MERCHANT'S HOUSE

Report by Melanie Knapp

Senior Collections & House Officer



As we come to the end of another busy summer holidays, we can report that our visitor numbers are ever increasing. Currently, year to date we have welcomed 11,500 visitors over three days a week from the beginning of March. We have certainly noticed an increase of visitors new to Tenby and Pembrokeshire along with a lot more from overseas who are all discovering how much our lovely county has to offer! On wet days we have experienced long queues of visitors waiting patiently in the rain to enter our lovely house. The Doll Trail has remained popular and enjoyed by children and adults alike. Our school visit requests have been from local schools which is understandable due to the increasing costs of transport.

We will now be open on Thursdays and Saturdays until the 4th November. We are going to decorate the house again to celebrate a Tudor Christmas and will be open on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December and again on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th December. We will then have a short break in January for deep cleaning and preparation to open again for the Welsh Half Term on Thursday 15th February.

We are so lucky to have kept our dedicated team of volunteers who have all given up their time on a weekly basis to support with visits to the house, sharing their stories and enjoying very positive feedback from our visitors. In July we welcomed David Llewellyn as a new volunteer. He has a wealth of knowledge to share with our visitors and has already proved to be a great asset to the TMH team. We must also thank our volunteers for their input in to the recent "Strategy in a Box" session

which was well attended along with the Stackpole Housekeeping Team in August. Following Curator/Conservator visits, I am very pleased to report there are plans to conduct further restoration of our wall paintings and windows on the middle floor and various other maintenance projects are planned for 2024.



Volunteer Mair has continued to work tirelessly in the garden come rain or shine and her new trees and planting ideas have truly benefited from our wet Summer. Mair's in depth knowledge is regularly acknowledged by our visitors.



Launch of the new Volunteer Charter with coffee and cake.



Melanie and Angela at the Carew Castle Archaeology Day.

Our thanks to Meg Evans who also came to help, she took the photo! During the day we were able to meet with a wider audience (mainly local visitors) and it gave us a great opportunity to revisit and display our finds from our archaeological dig in 1984 led by Ken Murphy. We were pleased to discover he is still working for Dyfed Archaeological Trust after so many years. We also were able to engage with other participants during the day and have agreed to have a formal get together in the Autumn to support with closer working relationships in future.

In October, several volunteers are going on a "TMH Tour" to Bristol and Cornwall which has been arranged by Angela Jones. These visits are planned in order that we can learn and experience other properties and what they have to offer.



Our thanks to Steve Whitehead for a very enjoyable and comprehensive tour of Colby.

PNTA May 2023 TRIP TO BEDFORD



Early, on the day following King Charles' Coronation, forty of us joined Sam's coach for our 5-day break in Bedford. When we planned the trip, we were unaware that another bank holiday would impinge a little on our plans. En route we stopped at Croome Park to stretch our legs and eat our picnics. Some of us enjoyed the museum of radar development which was run by enthusiastic volunteers while others explored the house and grounds

We arrived in Bedford at the tail end of their annual regatta on the Great Ouse to enjoy the jolly spectacle. Our hotel was riverside and many of us used the time before dinner to enjoy a stroll and watch a few races.

Monday-a bank holiday and Bletchley Park. There was so much to see in various nooks and crannies of the remaining estate. No one got close to seeing everything, but everyone was able to take away an experience to remember. We returned to the hotel in time for a quiz. This gave a fun opportunity to allow some more mixing and befriending of the group.

On Tuesday we had a leisurely boat trip along the Ouse. Initially it had been planned to sail into the town, but river works had changed the plans. We had a guide who gave us a history of the area, which was greatly appreciated, at the time. We then headed off for Wimpole which was surprisingly quiet. Some went into the house while others strolled the grounds. (It's interesting to see how National Trust gardens differ from each other, partly due to availability of volunteers and which areas are given priority)



Wimpole Hall

We went to Anglesey Abbey the following day and I think for many it was a favourite- both the house and garden had so much to offer.



Strolling the birch grove at Anglesey Abby

Onwards to an afternoon in Cambridge-the first time the weather let us down. The Cam was running high and fast and I enjoyed watching the ducks floating by at 15mph. The torrential rain was short and sharp and luckily two of our three booked punt trips were available. The third contingent had a one-way trip because of time constraints, but we still had an amazingly informative time.



Punting along the River Cam



Waddesdon Manor

Homeward bound on Thursday we stopped at the Rothschilds' Waddesdon Manor. For many it was a surfeit of riches, but an unforgettable experience none the less.

Sam, who had driven us before, impressed us by his demeanour and skilful driving and it is hoped that we will see him again next year.

Report by Annie Weaver

Photographs by Andrew Weaver

PNTA WEBSITE

The Association has a website at www.pembsnta.org.uk It contains information about the Association, our Events Programme, the Newsletter and

Association news items. We hope it will be useful to existing members and attract new members. Together with email and MailChimp, it helps 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 .

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is not surprising that with such a disruptive year, that there are still membership fees owing for 2023. If you intend to renew your membership and haven't yet done so, would you kindly send a cheque for £5 (single) or £8 (double) to the Membership Secretary - Mrs Sheila Ashton, Pondmeadow, Wiston, Haverfordwest SA62 4PR. (01437 731525), or better still, complete a standing order form which is available on the PNTA website.

Subscriptions run from January to January. Your effort will be much appreciated.

NEWSLETTER BY E MAIL.

In order to keep costs down and do our bit for the environment we are continuing to send out the newsletter by e mail unless members have requested to receive the newsletter by post.

A number of members currently receive Andrew's mailchimp on a regular basis and this works well to keep everyone up to date.

The newsletter is also published on the website.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE HOW YOU RECEIVE YOUR NEWS LETTER

please contact

Membership Secretary - Mrs Sheila Ashton, Pondmeadow, Wiston, Haverfordwest SA62 4PR. (01437 731525),

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robashnton95@yahoo.co.uk

MAILCHIMP

Mailchimp continues to offer reminders about upcoming events, reports on recent activities and other things that I hope members find of interest.

If you have been missing out, but would like to subscribe, please email me at

andrew.pnta@gmail.com

If you have already provided an email address but are not seeing Mailchimp, please check your junk/spam file.

BOOKING FORM FOR PNTA SPRING TOUR 12TH - 16TH MAY 2024

We will be staying at the **Spa Hotel, Royal Tunbridge Wells**, as our base for **touring Kent and Sussex**.

Our activities, whilst subject to alteration, are likely to include visits to National Trust properties at Chartwell, Ightham Mote, Batemans, Sissinghurst and Basildon Park. We also plan to visit the Bluebell Railway at Sheffield Park. There is plenty to see at the the railway station. A ride on the train would be an optional extra. We may also visit Standen NT or Hever Castle.

We will be travelling by coach with Richards Bros.

Those who are not National Trust members may need to pay the entry fee for NT properties visited. THE COST WILL BE £590 pp for those sharing a room (single supplement £110). This includes three course dinner, bed and breakfast, at the hotel.

Please send your cheque for the deposit (£100 per person) with your booking form.

A further staged payment will be required (£100 for those sharing and £160 for those in single accommodation) by the end of January 2024, as the hotel require a non refundable 50% deposit 3 months before our trip.

We need at least 28 on board to make the trip viable.

Final payment will be due in early April. (Travel insurance is not included.)

If you would like to reserve your place, please return the form with a cheque made out to PNTA and send to;

Andrew Weaver, Larks Rising, Kiln Park, Burton, Milford Haven, SA73 1NY

Name/Names _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

email address _____

Single ____ Double ____ Twin ____ room (Please tick)

Payment by Cheque Yes/No or online Yes/No (Please indicate)

If you prefer to pay on line, please pay Barclays Bank, PO Box 28, Haverfordwest, Pembs . SA61 2YA Sort Code 20-37-82 for the credit of the PEMBROKESHIRE NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION, Account Number 90390992

It would be helpful, but not essential, if you add '2024 tour' as the reference.

Please still send a form.

If you have received the newsletter digitally, it is not essential to print the form, provided that you give the requested information in a letter.

FINANCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

The year 2022 showed a return to more normal level of activities compared to the unusually low levels in 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid pandemic. A tour did go ahead in 2022 and income was generated from winter talks and trips. The increase in activity led to the Associations income increasing from the 2021 low of £1,293 to a healthier figure of £3,961 in 2022, despite no charges being made for some talks in early 2022 because of ongoing Covid restrictions.

The increase in income resulted Association showing a surplus of £1,555 for 2022, a better result than the £554 deficit recorded in 2021.

Returning to a surplus in 2022 has led to an increase in the Associations Accumulated Fund and in the amounts held in the bank as shown in the Balance Sheet and Cash Flow statement. One of the aims of the Association is to raise funds to support the National Trust, as the funds held by the Association are fairly large, over £6,000 at the end of 2022, it is felt that a larger donation than in past years could be made to the National Trust this year in order to mark the 25th Anniversary of the Association. At the time of writing this report the exact amount of the donation and the local project the donation would assist had not been decided. A summary of the 2022 Annual Statement of Accounts, with comparative figures for 2021 is shown below. An electronic copy of the full statement is available on request by e mailing

Sflather21@gmail.com

PEMBROKESHIRE NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION **SUMMARISED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2022**

Summarised Income and Expenditure Account

For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

2021		2022
£	£	£
	<u>INCOME</u>	
(1,132.00)	Membership subscriptions and winter talks	(1,195.00)
(160.50)	Tours, fund raising and donations received	(2,763.00)
(0.36)	Bank interest	(3.47)
<u>(1,292.86)</u>		<u>(3,961.47)</u>
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
1,250.00	Donations made	2,425.00
50.00	Winter talks	175.00
546.87	Administration and gifts	206.49
<u>1,846.87</u>		<u>2,806.49</u>
554.01	(surplus)/deficit for year	(1,154.98)
(25.99)	To/(From) Earmarked Reserve	Nil
(528.02)	To/(From) Accumulated Fund	1,154.98
<u>Nil</u>		<u>Nil</u>

Summarised Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

2021		2022
£	£	£
5,022.40	Cash and Bank	7,970.77
<u>86.39</u>	Creditors and Payments and Receipts in	<u>(1,707.00)</u>

	<u>5,108.79</u>	Advance	<u>6,263.77</u>
5,636.81 (528.02)		Accumulated Fund at start of year	5,108.79
		To Income and Expenditure Account	<u>1,154.98</u>
	5,108.79	Accumulated Fund at end of year	6,263.77
25.99 (25.99)		Earmarked Reserve at start of year	Nil
		(To)/From Income and Expenditure Account	Nil
	Nil	Earmarked Reserve at end of year	Nil
	<u>5,108.79</u>		<u>6,263.77</u>

Summarised Cash Flow Statement
For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

2021		2022
£		£
528.02	(Surplus)/deficit for the year	(1,154.98)
25.99	(Increase)/decrease in Earmarked Reserves	Nil
2,409.39	(Increase)/decrease in Payments and Receipts in Advance	(1,793.39)
<u>2,963.40</u>		<u>(2,948.37)</u>
5,022.40	Closing Cash and Bank	7,970.77
<u>7,985.80</u>	Less: Opening Cash and Bank	<u>5,022.40</u>
<u>2,963.40</u>	Movement in Cash and Bank	<u>2,948.37</u>

Notes and accounts prepared by
Steven Flather FCCA
Treasurer

The Pembrokeshire National Trust Association will hold its AGM at Wolfscastle Country Hotel on Thursday November 16th 2023 Please arrive at noon for a prompt start at 12.15pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Chairman's report
3. Treasurer's report and approval of accounts
4. Approval of annual subscriptions to apply to the next AGM
5. Election of officers and other Committee members for the period to the next AGM
6. AOB

Please notify the Chairman well in advance if you wish to raise any matters.

Following the AGM, for those that wish to stay, there will be a lunch followed by a short presentation by Lhosa Daley, Director of National Trust Wales also René Olivieri of the National Trust will be our guest.

Please Note – The minutes of the 2022 AGM will be available at the meeting.

The members of committee are willing to continue in their roles.

We are looking to recruit extra members to help with organisation, either on or off committee.

NOMINATION FORM FOR PNTA COMMITTEE

Name _____

Position sought for election _____ (please write 'General' if just seeking a General position on the Committee)

Proposer _____

Secunder _____

(Nominees, proposers and seconders have to be members of the PNTA)

Please send your form, by Thursday 10th November to:

Andrew Weaver, Chairman PNTA, Larks Rising, Kiln Park,

Burton Ferry SA73 1NY or call him on 01646 831323 if you wish to have further information.

PNTA Annual Lunch
25th Anniversary
Thursday November 16th

Menu £30 for 3 courses £26 for 2 courses

STARTERS

French Onion Soup

Chicken Caesar Salad- (smoked chicken breast, cos lettuce, parmesan crisp, hen's egg, anchovies and thyme croutons)

Wild Garlic Mushrooms- (Per Las and toasted brioche)

Anti pasti-(Bresaola focaccia, olive tapenade, bocconcini, tomato salad)

MAINS

Macaroni- (fresh macaroni, Truffle, wild mushrooms, Per las, crispy onion and brioche crumb)

Pan fried Pave of Salmon- crushed new potatoes, sautéed asparagus and samphire and chive beurre blanc)

Pancetta Wrapped Chicken Supreme- (pressed Dauphinoise potato, sautéed kale, celeriac and red wine jus)

Prosciutto Wrapped Tenderloin of Pork (confit pork belly, creamed Savoy cabbage, baby carrots and cider Jus)

PUDDINGS

Passionfruit Cheesecake- (exotic fruit nag (sic) and mango sorbet)

Eton Tidy-(strawberry compote, macaroons, honeycomb, vanilla cheesecake, meringue, strawberry tuile and sorbet)

Sticky Toffee Pudding-(caramel sauce and vanilla ice-cream)

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NAME STARTER MAIN PUDDING

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Please reply to Annie Weaver 07890756063,
Larks Rising Kiln Park, Burton SA73 1NY
or annielweaver@gmail.com

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Your officers and committee members are as follows (* Officer):

CHAIRMAN* Andrew Weaver
Tel: 01646 831323

VICE-CHAIRMAN* Sheila Ashton

TREASURER* Steven Flather

SECRETARY* Annie Weaver
Tel: 01646 831323

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
Sheila Ashton
Tel: 01437 731525

MAILCHIMP Andrew Weaver
Tel. 01646 831323

NEWSLETTER Marilyn James
Tel:01437 891205

P.R. /WINTER TALKS Jane Mason

WALKS. Pat Morgan
Tel: 07866242924

DAY TRIPS. Angela Jones

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Lyn Humphries
Pat Benson