



THE NATIONAL TRUST



## East Dorset Association

We hope that our varied programme of activities throughout the year will interest you sufficiently to join our Association. Membership is open only to members and volunteers of the National Trust or the National Trust for Scotland. The membership fee is £4.50 renewable on the 1st October each year.

We produce two newsletters each year, distributed in February and August, each containing a detailed events programme for the next six months. We have afternoon and evening talks which take place fortnightly from September to April.

In addition, we have active bridge, walking and skittle groups who meet regularly. Our coach day trips operate mainly during spring and summer, chiefly to National Trust properties but not exclusively. Recently we have visited Kew Gardens, Waddesdon Manor, Exbury Gardens, Polesdon Lacey and Forde Abbey

The social aspect of our programme is important to us and we arrange several social events, such as outings, quizzes and barn dances, as well as Christmas and spring luncheons. Additionally, we have enjoyed river and harbour cruises and a visit to The Houses of Parliament in the past.

All these events raise funds and, as a result, we have supported a number of projects at Kingston Lacy including the restoration of the Japanese garden, provided garden seats, gardening equipment, an automatic watering system and vehicles for the less able. Brownsea Island has received financial support for its red squirrel conservation programme, field study packs for youngsters, trail maps, an electronic interpretation screen and rough terrain buggies and wheelchairs.

Talks take place at West Moors Memorial Hall (W) on Mondays, 2.30pm and at the Barrington Centre, Ferndown (F) on Wednesdays, 7.30pm. Please contact our Membership Secretary, Mrs Janet Matthews, on 01202 855001 or [keithjanet@btinternet.com](mailto:keithjanet@btinternet.com)

Here is our programme of forthcoming events – we hope it will encourage you to join us.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type of event</b>	<b>Subject</b>
9 Sept 2009	Visit	Weymouth and Portland
11 Sept	Walk	Tarrant Keyneston
16 Sept	Talk (F)	Natural Quarry
17 Sept	Social	Bridge
23 Sept	Visit	Claydon House
23 Sept	Social	Skittles and Supper Evening
28 Sept	Talk (W)	A Blast from the Past
7 Oct	Walk	Avon Heath Country Park
14 Oct	Talk(F)	A Diplomat's Lot
16 Oct	Social	Bridge
21 Oct	Social	Skittles and Supper Evening
22 Oct	Visit	Winkworth Aboretum
26 Oct	AGM(F)	AGM and Brendan McCarthy, Director, Wessex NT
13 Nov	Social	Bridge
18 Nov	Social	Skittles and Supper Evening
21 Nov	Social	Christmas Fair in Ferndown
23 Nov	Talk(W)	Lighthouses, Keepers and their Families
27 Nov	Walk	Upton Heath
1 Dec	Social	Christmas Luncheon
2 Dec	Social	Bridge
9 Dec	Social	Skittles and Supper Evening
16 Dec	Talk(F)	Bhutan - Kingdom of Rare Plants
30 Dec	Walk	Sweet Briar Drove and River Stour
6 Jan 2010	Social	Bridge
13 Jan	Talk(F)	SOE at Beaulieu
20 Jan	Social	Skittles and Supper Evening
22 Jan	Walk	Ringwood Forest
25 Jan	Talk(W)	Bees and Beekeeping
2 Feb	Social	Quiz and Supper Evening
3 Feb	Social	Bridge
10 Feb	Talk(F)	Durstun Country Park Wildlife Management
17 Feb	Social	Skittles and Supper Evening
22 Feb	Talk(W)	The Life of a Property

		Manager
10 Mar	Talk(F)	The Archaeology of the Golden Cap Estate
11 Mar	Walk	Hengistbury Head
17 Mar	Social	Skittles and Supper Evening
22 Mar	Talk(W)	Flights of Fancy, a Look at Staircases
14 Apr	Social	Skittles and Supper Evening
16 Apr	Walk	Sturminster Newton