



Press information

FORWARD PLANNER – 2009/2010

Month	Event	Notes	Contact
ALL YEAR	Acquisition anniversaries in 2009	The Homewood - 10 years (1999) South Foreland Lighthouse - 20 years (1989) River Wey - 45 years (1964) Wakehurst Place - 45 years (1964) Nymans Garden - 55 years (1954) Sheffield Park Garden - 55 years (1954) Uppark - 55 years (1954) Claremont Landscape Garden - 60 years (1949) Smallhythe Place - 70 years (1939) (Also 110 years since Ellen Terry made it her home in 1899) Box Hill - 95 years (1914) Quebec House - 250 years since the Battle of Quebec (1759) Felbrigg – 40 years (1979) Coggeshall Grange Barn – 20 years, one of the oldest surviving timber-framed buildings in Europe.	
	Blewcoat School	300 th anniversary of this architectural gem buried in central London. This historic building is now used solely as a National Trust gift shop.	Alison Dalby
SEPT	Wild woods	If you go down to the woods today you're in for a wild surprise. The top places to see the best in British autumn wildlife.	Mike Collins
	Lundy Island	Its 40 years since the National Trust bought Lundy Island in the Bristol Channel (28 September 1969). The Island is managed by the Landmark Trust and very special wildlife site.	Mike Collins
	Sheeps wool insulation	Coleshill gets sheep wool insulation.	Jane Travis
	Books released	Three new National trust books released to kick off the season of mellow fruitfulness - Apples, Herbs and Good Old Fashioned Roasts.	Jane Travis
OCT	Orchards & apples	A round-up of seasonal autumn recipes from the orchard.	Jeannette Heard
	Low Carbon Villages	Two heritage villages go 'green' with help from npower funding.	Jeannette Heard
	National Parks 60th Anniversary	Anniversary of the laws that changed the face of the UK and public countryside access forever.	Mike Collins
	Identifying fruit varieties	As part of the traditional orchard project work begins to identify fruit varieties on National Trust land and community orchards.	Mike Collins
	70 years of Houghton Mill	The Trust bought Houghton Mill for £1 from the local community who rescued the mill from demolition in 1939. The water wheel has been restored to harness hydro power and the mill grinds its own flour.	Alison Dalby
	Fine Farm Produce Awards	Awards promoting the best quality food and drink products from National Trust farms, orchards and gardens recognising high environmental and animal welfare standards, high quality production methods and great tasting food and drink.	Jeannette Heard
	CHUT FEST	Chutney festival at Barrington Court, Somerset. Learn how to grow and make your own chutney and swap favourite recipes. 3-4 th Oct.	Jeannette Heard
	Wales greenest castle	Chirk castle fitted with solar panels – first of many green initiatives to make Chirk the greenest castle in Wales.	Jeannette Heard/Jane

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NOV	AGM	The National Trust AGM in Swindon.	Andrew McLaughlin
	National Parks walks	The top 10 walks in our glorious National Parks, to celebrate the anniversary of the National Parks Act.	Mike Collins
	New winter garden	Dunham Massey will open its brand new six acre winter garden, the largest of its kind in Britain.	Alison Dalby
	2010 holiday cottages	To launch next year's brochure.	Jane Travis
	Seven castles get hemp insulations	Castles go green thanks to green energy fund.	Jeannette Heard/Jane Travis
DEC	Christmas events and grottos	Christmas events at National Trust properties and our top ten Santa's grottos.	Laura Brown
	Festive walks	Blow away the festive cobwebs and escape the endless repeats on TV by downloading a walk from the National Trust website. With more than 130 walks online there is plenty to choose from whether bracing coastal walks or tracing the steps of Constable in Suffolk.	Mike Collins
ALL YEAR	Acquisition anniversaries in 2010	50th Address House, Co. Armagh. Farnborough Hall, Oxon. Melford Hall, Suffolk. Tatton Park, Cheshire. Westwood Manor, Wiltshire	
	Ham House	The 400 th anniversary of this unique 17 th -century house with sumptuous interiors, original collections and restored formal gardens.	Alison Dalby
	Florence Nightingale	Claydon House, which belonged to Sir Harry Verney, brother-in-law of Florence Nightingale, will take part in 100th anniversary of Nightingale's death.	Alison Dalby
	National Trust branded food products	A range of National Trust branded food products will be launched throughout the year.	Jeannette Heard
JAN	International Year of Biodiversity	A year long celebration of the natural world. The National Trust manages some of the top wildlife sites in the UK and there are hundreds of events across England, Wales and Northern Ireland during the year where you can get closer to nature.	Mike Collins
	New Years resolutions	Burn off those mince pies with a National Trust exercise regime. Detox or indeed anti-detox with the National Trust.	Laura Brown
	Make the most of Me Time	Make the most of Me Time away from relatives and visit parts of National Trust properties which are open – includes top 10 wellie walks.	Laura Brown
FEB	Annual media briefing	The National Trust's annual media briefing looking at what the Trust is doing in the year ahead.	Mike Collins
	Feb half term	Fun days out for all the family over the half term holidays.	Laura Brown
	Valentines Day	Spend some quality time with your loved one at some of the most romantic National Trust locations.	Laura Brown
MAR	Mad March hares	The best National Trust sites to spot brown hares, mountain hares and Irish hares.	Mike Collins
	Home	What constitutes the nations ideal home? Get some Spring cleaning tips from National Trust experts.	Laura Brown
APR	Easter holidays	Easter egg trails and family events at many National Trust properties.	Laura Brown
	Rain-proof days out	Avoid those April showers with our pick of the best dry days out.	Laura Brown
	Greys Court	Re-opening after year's closure to include upstairs rooms on view for first time.	Alison Dalby

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