

Press information

THE YEAR AHEAD – 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.	AD
	10 years of the Wicken Vision	The tenth anniversary of the flagship Wicken Vision project to restore ancient fenland in Cambridgeshire.	MC
	Cricket returns to Sheffield Park Gardens	On the 28 June 2009 an historic cricket match, between Old England XI and Old Australia XI, will be played on the newly restored cricket ground at Sheffield Park Garden.	AD
	Uffington White Horse 30th anniversary and re-chalking	Local community involved and also monitoring butterflies on the site. The re-chalking happens during the bank holiday weekend.	MC
	Launch of Food Glorious Food campaign	A host of events kicking off this delicious campaign about local, seasonal and home-grown food.	ST
	Carbon Trust audit	Results from energy audit into 20 NT properties.	JH
	Bluebell woods	Get out into the sea of blue with these top 10 bluebell wood walks.	MR
	Studland fire	One year anniversary – how the landscape has recovered.	JH
	70 Years of Sutton Hoo	70th anniversary of the excavation at Sutton Hoo in Suffolk, when the Anglo Saxon burial mounds and the famous helmet were discovered. Celebrations include a tea party, re-creating the 1939 celebration of this incredible archaeological discovery.	AD
	Coeliac week	Partnership with Coeliac UK celebrating the National Trust gluten-free offer. 11th-17th May	JT
JUNE	30 years since the Large Blue butterfly declared extinct	Before its successful re-introduction, the gorgeous large blue butterfly was last seen in 1979 on National Trust land.	MC
	A year after the survey	One year on from the launch of the Yorkshire Bank plant survey, what has been found in National Trust gardens?	JT
	30 years of the National Trust biological survey team	Celebrating our unique wildlife team with a survey of Predannack Farm on the Lizard in Cornwall by one of the original team members, 30 years after surveying the site for the first time.	MC

	Heath fritillary under threat	The butterfly under threat from Phytophthora, a plant fungal disease.	MC
	Cycle through culture, coast and countryside	10 amazing places to get to know the great outdoors under your own pedal power with these cycle rides.	SF
	20th anniversary of Guardianship scheme	Celebrating 20 years of pioneering partnership between National trust properties and their Guardianship schools.	JT
	National Trust 'Quality of Life' debate 2	'The secret of happiness lies not in earning more but in consuming less'. Hosted by Simon Jenkins at the RGS, London. 9th June.	AM
	Eco-farm launched	Launch of National Trust eco-farm in Cornwall with the arrival of Ruby Reds.	ST
	Media day – retail	Hosted at Polseden Lacey, Surrey. Showcasing retail ranges and new farm shop.	JT
JULY	Caxton Missal at Lyme Park	Unveiling ceremony of the sole surviving copy of this historic prayer book acquired for the Trust in April 2008.	AD
	Purple Emperor hotspots	The best places to see this majestic butterfly.	MC
	Heather returns	A look at how the fortunes of this pretty purple plant have been restored across the country.	MC
	I do like to be beside the seaside	Sandcastles on a shoestring – beautiful beach walks and fun that won't cost the earth.	SF
	National Garden Scheme	National Trust gardens open in support of the National Garden Scheme and to promote garden careerships scheme. 18-19 th .	AD
	Space to Grow	National Trust report published detailing the value of gardens.	AD
AUG	Surfing through the ages	A look at how surfing has changed since the 1950's.	MC
	Survey of rare plants on the Lizard	The last survey of this incredible botanical hotspot was carried out 10 years ago so the results of this one will show what's changed over the last decade.	MC
	Japanese Knotweed, 3 years on	A look at this intensive project to eradicate this, and other, hardy invasive species.	MC
	Magnificent Trees of Britain	New book released looking at some of the leaved giants of Britain.	JT
	Lundy Island	40th anniversary of Lundy Island opening to the public. The National Trust acquired this iconic Island in Sept. 1968 and opened it to the public in 1969. Owned by the National Trust and managed by the Landmark Trust this is one of the best known Islands in the UK.	MC
	Dark skies	Escape the cities and head to the wilds where you can open your eyes to a sky full of stars.	MR
	Picnic with a poet	Indulge your romantic side and picnic with the poets, painters and playwrights who drew inspiration from places now looked after by the National Trust.	MR
	Willow Road Modernism and the Child exhibition	Opens 6th August at this iconic modernist home in London.	AD
	General Wolfe 250th anniversary	Being celebrated at Quebec House, Wolfe's childhood home. 12th Aug – 1st Nov.	AD
SEPT	5th anniversary of red squirrel action plan on Brownsea Island	What has happened since the action plan and what is the future of the red squirrel?	MC
	Autumn lamb	Why wait till spring?! A campaign to get more people eating delicious, local autumn lamb	ST
	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.	MC
	Books released	Three new National trust books released to kick off the season of mellow fruitfulness - Apples, Herbs and Good Old Fashioned Roasts.	JT

OCT	Orchards & apples	A round-up of seasonal autumn recipes from the orchard.	ST
	National Parks 60th Anniversary	Anniversary of the laws that changed the face of the UK and public countryside access forever.	MC
	Ramble and a roast	The perfect combination for an autumn day out.	SF
	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.	AD
	CHUT FEST	Chutney festival at Barrington Court, Somerset. Learn how to grow and make your own chutney and swap favourite recipes. 3-4th Oct	ST
NOV	AGM	The National Trust AGM in Swindon	AM
	National Parks walks	The top 10 walks in our glorious National Parks, to celebrate the anniversary of the National Parks Act.	MR
	New winter garden	Dunham Massey will open its brand new six acre winter garden, the largest of its kind in Britain.	AD

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