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Programme of events
2011

Tyntesfield

Wraxall, North Somerset

Thursday 7 April 10am to 4pm

Set in rolling countryside seven miles from Bristol, Tyntesfield is a Victorian Gothic gem bristling with fascinating and beautiful objects collected by four generations of the Gibbs family. This event will give us a chance to see progress on one of the largest conservation projects ever undertaken by the National Trust. With re-roofing work recently completed, our striking new diaper patterned roof will be unwrapped from scaffolding and proudly on display.

Tyntesfield's new Home Farm visitor centre opens in 2011 and we will start the day with refreshments in our brand new restaurant. Expert guides will show you around the house, including the upper floor, and share their knowledge about the family who made their home here.



Following lunch we will explore the surrounding grounds including the magnificent kitchen garden and Orangery, which is currently in mid-restoration.

£25 per person
Includes lunch and refreshments.

Overbeck's and Coastal walk

Salcombe, Devon

Friday 15 April 10.45am to 4.30pm

Built at the turn of the last century and perched high above the Salcombe estuary, Overbeck's looks down across the beautiful South Devon coastline. It is surrounded by an extraordinary garden whose strong Mediterranean influences are due to the mild winters enjoyed on this southerly coast.

During our visit we will hear about Otto Overbeck who bequeathed the house and garden to the National Trust in 1937. A research chemist by profession, he was also an accomplished linguist, artist, inventor and, as we will see, an avid collector.

Our day will start with a tour of the house and gardens. Fortified by lunch we will then take a guided walk out along the coastline with Simon Garner, Head Ranger for South Devon, and his team. We will end our afternoon back



at Overbeck's for a Devon cream tea before we depart.

£25 per person
Includes lunch and refreshments.

Hidden Snowdonia

Wales

1pm Monday 9 to 3.30pm Wednesday 11 May



A chance to get off the beaten track to view some of Snowdonia's stunning hidden landscapes. We meet for lunch at our hotel base, the world-renowned Portmeirion Hotel in the village made famous by the architecture of Clough Williams-Ellis. After checking in we travel to Egryn south of Harlech. Egryn, is a medieval hall house with a fascinating estate and we will be joined by the Trusts' archaeologist for an informative walk through a landscape filled with 2,000 years of history. We then journey to the ancient woodlands above Dolgellau and enjoy a barbeque supper at the Trust-owned Dolmelynlyn Hall before taking an evening walk around the woods and ornamental grounds. We return to Portmeirion for a nightcap on the terrace with its panoramic views of the day's walks.

On Tuesday we will board the Welsh Highland Railway for a steam train ride through the stunning Aberglaslyn Pass. We will spend the day exploring Nantgwynant from our base at Craflwyn, taking in the

famous 1998 Snowdon acquisition at Hafod y Llan, where we will enjoy an alfresco lunch and see new developments at Gelli Iago. We return to Portmeirion for dinner followed by a talk from the village's estate manager on its unique architecture.

On Wednesday we take the high road to cross the Migneint, Wales's highest upland peat bog to reach Ty Mawr, the birthplace of Bishop Morgan, before travelling to Cymryd in the Conwy valley at the kind invitation of Miss Dilys Glynne. Cymryd has been generously donated to the National Trust by Miss Glynne and, after a locally sourced picnic lunch, she will host a tour of her sixteenth century family home before we return to our hotel for departure.

£350 per person

Includes two nights' accommodation, all meals, refreshments, steam train ride and transportation during the event.

Nearest railway station is at Penrhyndeudraeth near to the hotel.



Lake District Cumbria

6pm Monday 23 to 3pm
Wednesday 25 May

Join our team in the Lake District for two days of spring delights, as we enjoy a full range of activities. Our base will be the comfortably-appointed Lindeth Howe Hotel, once owned by Beatrix Potter, where we will enjoy dinner on both evenings.

On Tuesday we will start with a visit to Townend, a fascinating journey back in time to the everyday lives of a prosperous Lakeland farming family between the sixteenth and twentieth centuries. Complete with its richly carved furniture, delightful cottage garden and nearby farm buildings, it is rooted in Westmorland tradition.

Our next port of call will be the Ullswater valley, where we will explore the Victorian attraction of Aira Force, famous for its woodland walks and dramatic waterfall epitomising the Romantic landscape so beloved in the nineteenth century and a highly popular site today.

There will be the opportunity to learn about the challenges of looking after the beautiful but demanding landscape of the Lakes; balancing the needs of food production, conservation and public access in the face of a changing climate. Along the way we will meet a local farmer and National Trust staff to find out how they deal with the challenges and opportunities that this presents.

On day two our visit continues the picturesque theme amongst the lower fells of the South Lakes as we visit Claife Station, one of the viewing stations where early tourists were able to see the landscape in the prescribed way of the time. We will then move onto Wray Castle, holiday home of Beatrix Potter and a wonderful Gothic folly overlooking Windermere.

A brief visit to the Monk Coniston estate follows and to round off this special visit, weather permitting, we will take a cruise aboard the steam yacht Gondola whilst we enjoy lunch before returning to our hotel prior to departure.

£350 per person

Includes two nights' accommodation, all meals, refreshments, and transportation during the event.

County Fermanagh

Northern Ireland

1.30pm Wednesday 15 to 4pm Friday 17 June



Rural County Fermanagh in the far west of Northern Ireland is well known as Ulster's picturesque lakeland county. During our visit we will view three outstanding Trust properties with contrasting and complementary appeal. The magnificent eighteenth century mansion of Castle Coole with its fine park lies at the edge of the county town of Enniskillen. The remote and beautiful Crom Estate is situated on Upper Lough Erne, one of the most important nature conservation sites in these islands. Florence Court, the epitome of the great Irish house, is set in spectacular countryside surrounded by mountains and forest.

Our first evening will start on a high with a drinks reception followed by dinner at Castle Coole.

On Thursday morning we will visit the warm and welcoming Florence Court for a guided tour of this fascinating eighteenth century house with its superb rococo plaster features and fine Irish furniture. A stroll around the gardens with fine views of mountain scenery can be enjoyed before lunch.

Later we will travel back to Enniskillen for a guided tour of Castle Coole where, in addition to the sumptuous state rooms, there will be an opportunity to explore the newly opened basement and restored Servants' Hall.

In the evening we return to Florence Court for dinner in the Blue Room which faces west and offers outstanding views to the mountains beyond.

On Friday morning we will escape to the breathtaking demesne of Crom, set amid the romantic and tranquil landscape of Upper Lough Erne. There will be a special opportunity to take a boat trip on a 100 year old cott, specially designed for the Erne waterways. Following lunch we will return to Belfast.

£325 per person

Includes two nights' accommodation all meals and transport within Northern Ireland starting and finishing in Belfast.

Alfriston Clergy House and Countryside Walk

Polegate, East Sussex

Friday 1 July 10am to 4pm



Join us for a day of “going back to our roots” and exploring some possibilities for the future. Starting our day at Alfriston Clergy House, the first building to be acquired by the National Trust in 1896, we will celebrate 115 years of our care for this rare fourteenth century Wealden ‘hall-house’. Lunch will be a local affair in Alfriston village, followed by a walk to nearby Frog Firle Farm, one of our more recent countryside acquisitions.

Leaving the Farm, we will explore a section of classic South Downs country, rich in natural and cultural history, making our way across the dowland river cliff of High and Over to catch a glimpse of the views of the valley and the meandering River Cuckmere running down to the sea. Hear how we plan to manage this bit of the South Downs National Park into the future and how the needs of the landscape are shaping our thinking.

We will end our day back at Alfriston Clergy House, with refreshments to send us on our way.



£25 per person

Includes lunch and refreshments.



Explore the North East

6pm Wednesday 20 to 2pm Friday
22 July

We will meet on Wednesday evening for dinner at our hotel, overlooking the River Tyne.

On Thursday, we will visit the Trust's newest jewel in the North East, Seaton Delaval Hall near Whitley Bay, to explore this stunning example of Vanbrugh architecture. The property opened under the National Trust banner just four months after its acquisition, a new team was recruited and visitor numbers exceeded all expectations in 2010. It will be interesting to hear how a new property "joins" the National Trust. Also, the gardens, designed by the late Lady Hastings, will be at their summery best for us. We will enjoy an informal lunch at Seaton Delaval Hall between tours of different aspects of this amazing place.

We will return to Newcastle for a little free time before dinner, which will be just a short

stroll from our hotel at The Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead Quays.

On Friday, we will have a complete change of atmosphere when we spend a day at Washington Old Hall, which is best known for its links with George Washington, the first President of the United States. There has been a hall here since before 1183 but 1613 has traditionally been the date ascribed to the house in its present form. It has seen varied fortunes over the centuries and today we enjoy not only the picturesque manor house, but the tranquil oasis of its gardens. The property has a strong community and learning focus and we will see just how the team brings history to life for young audiences. We will have a late lunch at the Hall before we depart.

£325 per person

Includes two nights' accommodation, all meals, refreshments and transport during the event. Guests are encouraged to consider travelling by train to Newcastle Central Station but there is secure parking at the hotel for a modest charge.

Knole

Sevenoaks, Kent

Monday 5 September 10am to 4pm

Built in 1456 and widely acknowledged as one of the great houses of England, Knole contains one of the earliest examples of the Jacobean style of interior craftsmanship and decoration.

Property Manager Steven Dedman and his team will host our visit. They will take us on a tour of this fascinating property and its magnificent collection of furniture, paintings and textiles.

Knole is surrounded by England's last remaining medieval deer park, which extends to 404-hectares (1,000 acres) and



after lunch Jonathan Sargent, Community Learning Officer, will lead us on a stroll to explore some of this beautiful landscape with views back towards the grandeur that is Knole.

£25 per person

Includes lunch and refreshments.

Tattershall Castle

Tattershall, Lincolnshire

Friday 9 September 12 noon to 4pm



The Great Tower of Tattershall Castle stands proud in the flat fen landscape of east Lincolnshire. Built by Ralph Cromwell, Lord Treasurer of England in the fifteenth century, the tower stands 33.5 metres high and is a masterpiece of medieval brickwork. Tattershall was built as a status symbol for Cromwell's wealth, and also to provide comfortable accommodation for Cromwell and his guests. It was later owned by kings of England from Edward IV to Henry VIII, and during the sixteenth and seventeenth century by the Earls of Lincoln until 1693, when it was abandoned and left to decay. It was bought by Lord Curzon in 1910 and carefully restored before being bequeathed to the National Trust on his death.

During our visit we will have the opportunity to climb the 150 steps from the basement to the battlements and enjoy the magnificent views of the surrounding Lincolnshire countryside.

£20 per person

Includes lunch and refreshments.

Orford Ness, Dunwich Heath and Sutton Hoo Suffolk

6pm Sunday 25 to 4pm Tuesday 27
September

Our base for this visit to Suffolk will be the family-run Wentworth Hotel located in the seaside town of Aldeburgh, where we will meet for drinks and dinner on Sunday evening.

Our first day will be a two-centre affair, visiting the coastal lowland heath at Dunwich and the internationally important nature reserve of Orford Ness. Grant Lohoar, Countryside Manager for East Suffolk, and his team will be our guides to these outstanding coastal properties, which have a rich array of wildlife, flora and fauna. After a full day outdoors we will return to our hotel to enjoy a relaxed dinner.

On Tuesday we will visit Sutton Hoo. Over 70 years ago, archaeologists discovered



one of the greatest treasure troves found in Britain here. It was the ultimate discovery; the ship burial of an Anglo-Saxon warrior king and his most treasured possessions. They had lain undisturbed for 1,300 years this find changed the way we think about our ancestors. We will spend the day exploring and learning about this site under the expert guidance of Regional Archaeologist Angus Wainright and Property Manager Martin Atkinson.

£350 per person

Includes two nights' accommodation, all meals, refreshments and transport during the event.

Stowe Landscape Gardens Buckingham, Buckinghamshire

Monday 3 October 10.30am to 4pm



Stowe is one of the foremost landscape gardens in Europe. Designed by leading architects and gardeners of the time, Stowe is as much a political and social statement as it is a work of art. Over 40 temples and monuments nestle in 250 acres of sculptured landscape, with stunning views across lakes and valleys.

Property Manager David Brooks and his team will host our day which will commence with a tour of the newly restored New Inn. Built at the intersection of two once – busy roads, the New Inn was the starting point for an eighteenth century visitor to Stowe.

Following lunch in the New Inn restaurant we will explore the extensive landscape garden with Head Gardener Barry Smith. We will learn about the fascinating history and savour some of the spectacular vistas and vast open spaces that typify this splendid garden.

£25 per person

Includes lunch and refreshments.

Back to Backs

Birmingham, West Midlands

Monday 10 October 10am to 1.30pm

OR 12 noon to 3.30pm

The Back to Backs, built in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, are the last surviving example of housing which was built to accommodate the developing workforce of Birmingham. They provide a fascinating insight into the lives and stories of the ordinary people who lived and worked there and helped make Birmingham 'a city of a thousand trades'.

Our host for this visit will be Simon Hall, House and Visitor Services Manager, who will take us on a tour reflecting four different periods between 1840 and 1970.

Due to the small size of the property, there will be a morning and an afternoon tour. Our base will be the Stage Side Bar of the Hippodrome Theatre, where we will meet and have lunch. Simon Hall will give a presentation about the work at the property prior to both groups having lunch together before the afternoon group start their tour.

£20 per person

Includes lunch and refreshments.



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