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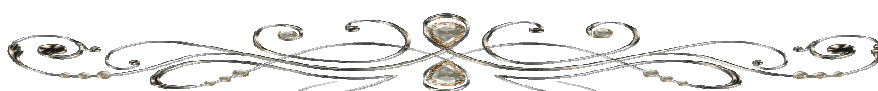
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SUBSCRIPTION

The 2020/21 subscription is due on 1st October 2020. The subscription is now £10 per year. If you pay by standing order please ensure your bank has been instructed to increase your payment to £10 annually.

The cost of lectures is £3 for Members and £4 for Visitors.

Members who have not paid their full 2019/20 subscription by 30th April will be deleted from the membership list.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Another new year and another decade which started with less snow and cold but as I write storms and winds everywhere!

Our Autumn programme started well with the lecture series at the Trinity Centre, Meole Brace on a Thursday afternoon. The afternoon has proved to be good for most members as the lectures have been well supported. We are aware however that it has not suited everyone.

We have had some excellent talks and the Christmas event with handbell ringers was really special with excellent music and expert tuition on the handling of the bells. We continued the music theme with the January musical adventure by Michael Davey.

So to 2020 and the way ahead. We have various walks organised, more excellent lectures, a visit to Cardiff and plans to celebrate the NT 125 Birthday. Also, we still need your ideas for day outings so please talk to us.

One of our aims is fundraising for NT. Our best way of doing this is with the holiday. We have places for more people to come on the visit to see this beautiful city and the properties nearby. So please support it and get your application in!!.

The 125 year celebration is a way to fund raise and this can be done by you or a group of you. Raising £125 is not a big sum to raise and if individuals did this we could hold an event to show what members had achieved. This is the challenge! Think what you could do.

I look forward to joining in with the events and to planning something new.

Thelma Foster

TREASURER'S REPORT

Since the last Treasurer's Report sent out in the Autumn Newsletter I have paid for the following items on your behalf:

£269.00:	Attingham's freezer
£79.26:	Wenlock Edge Bird Food Account
£225.49	Kinver Rock Houses camera



Monies have also been set aside to help with projects at Sunnycroft and Attingham.

Please continue to support our various activities so that our financial assistance can be maintained.

Gillian Davey
Treasurer

A MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAMME SECRETARY

September 2020 - April 2021

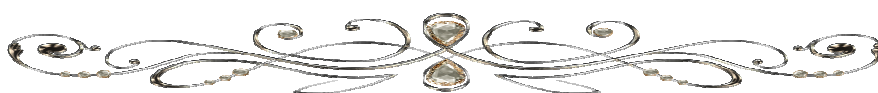
I have put together a varied and interesting programme for 20/21. Nigel Hinton and John Butterworth will be coming to speak to us in September and February respectively relating to the town of Shrewsbury. Ian and Hilary Templeton will be visiting us again with a brand new programme, they are very clever with their presentations so we should be well entertained.

Ric Morris could well have us on the edge of our seats with his presentation of Russian Bears in November. Peter Wright will be coming in January 2021 his choice of subject should be very interesting the Napoleonic Wars with Attingham Involvement. He is a member of the Living History Group so perhaps may come “dressed up”. Caroline Pugh is down to visit in March and hopefully won't be deterred by bad weather. Finally to finish off the Programme in April 2021 (AGM) Joe Tierney from the Elgar Centre near Worcester will be entertaining us.

A year or so ago Stuart Edmunds came to talk to us on his Pine Marten project in Shropshire. I am pleased to tell you that he has received a prestigious award from Conservation England for his work. Congratulations to Stuart and it is good for the promotion of the Shropshire Wildlife Trust.

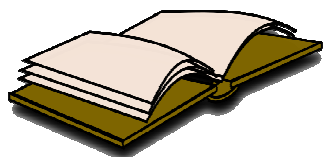
I hope very much this Winter Season programme will be enjoyed by our Members.

Isobel Parfitt
Programme Secretary



PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAMME SECRETARY

I will be standing down as Programme Secretary at the AGM next year 2021. Over the time I have been in this role I have found it very rewarding, especially so when members come to me and say how much they have enjoyed listening to the speaker.



I hope there is someone out there who would like to take over this role. I will be staying on as a Committee Member so would be available to give assistance only if required. Please consider this important role and let Thelma know if you are interested.

Isobel Parfitt

BUSY BEES AND ANCIENT WELLS

DATE: Thursday 14 May 2020
TIME; 2.00 pm
COST: £5.00 Tea/Coffee and Biscuits included
ADDRESS: The Visitor Centre, Conduit Head, Nobold Lane. Shrewsbury, SY5 8NP
PARKING: Available but limited so a car share would be helpful

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE: 30

An afternoon car share visit to tour the site of the historic spring water source for Shrewsbury, and the Shropshire Beekeepers Apiary.

Today Conduit Head is a Grade 2 16th Century building built in 1578 and made of red sand stone with timber framed trusses and nine associated wells. The water system, owned and operated by the Corporation, remained in use until 1947.



In 2018 Shropshire Beekeepers' Association acquired the site from Shropshire County Council on the basis of a long lease. SBKA through a team of Volunteers is transforming the historic site into the Apiary and Wildlife Visitor Centre.

To book this trip please complete the slip below and forward to Les Jones, 1 Cornmill Square, Shrewsbury SY1 2LQ. Tel: 01743 354412.

Cheques to be made payable to **Shropshire NT Centre**

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BUSY BEES AND ANCIENT WELLS

Thursday 14 May 2020

No people: _____ Amount enclosed @ £5.00 pp _____

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Tel: _____

HOLIDAY 2020 - THE CASTLES AND HERITAGE OF CARDIFF

The holiday departing on 7th June 2020 will be for four nights on a half board basis at the 4* Clayton Hotel, ten minutes walk from Cardiff Castle. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, hair dryer and tea and coffee making facilities.

Day 2 - we meet our Blue Badge guide and have a morning guided tour of Cardiff to include visiting the National Assembly building, the Wales Millennium Centre. In the afternoon we visit the Royal Mint.

Day 3 - with the Blue Badge guide we visit Castell Coch, the Red Castle, a medieval castle with a surprising interior. In the afternoon we return to Cardiff for the National Museum of Wales. Our guided introductory tour takes us through Wales and across the world, including one of the best collections of Impressionist works outside Paris.



Day 4 - takes us to Cardiff Castle for a guided tour with our Blue Badge guide. We then travel to the Museum of Welsh Life in St Fagan's and then return to Cardiff for the rest of the day.

Day 5 - after checking out of the hotel, we will visit Lacock Abbey, Fox Talbot Museum near Bath. Some of the itinerary may change.

The cost of the holiday is **£579** with a single supplement of £99. Insurance if you need it is £24. Tailored Travel's insurance has an upper age limit of 85. This is not generally needed in this country, but it does give you cover in case of unexpected cancellations. NT properties are free to members, but other visits will be extra.

We plan to have two pick up points. Please contact me if you are interested in this holiday, either by post or I will have details at the autumn lecture meetings. For further information, click the link for the holiday:

<http://www.tailored-travel.co.uk> and enter srnt201 in **View Your Tour**

Thelma Foster

Interested? Please complete the form on Page 8 to receive details and booking form.

Last year's holiday was excellent. Why not try this year's. Some twin rooms still available.

The Castles and Heritage of Cardiff

To: Thelma Foster, 63, Adswood Grove, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY3 9QG

Tel: 01743 350342

Please send details of the holiday to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Telephone No: _____

Remember to enclose an SAE which needs to be large enough to take A4 paper folded, but no larger than 240 mm by 165 mm, so that it is still classed as a letter. Please do not request forms unless seriously interested as printing is expensive.

OPERA AT GLYNDEBOURNE - THE MAGIC FLUTE



**Join us for a glorious week-end of opera
and arts.**



The weekend, departing 16 October 2020 is for 3 days/2 nights on half board basis at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Felbridge. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, hair dryer and tea and coffee making facilities.

Day 1 We travel by executive coach to **Kew Gardens** on the way to our hotel at Felbridge, where we stay 2 nights. Dinner is included in our hotel this evening

Day 2 We meet our blue badge guide at the hotel who will accompany us throughout the day. We visit **Folkington Manor** built in 1843 a Grade II listed historic house which has a long association with the arts, music and dance. Tea and coffee is included in the guided tour. The coach transfers us to **Glyndebourne** where we attend the afternoon performance of the opera. After the performance we enjoy an included dinner at Glyndebourne.

Day 3. After checking out of the hotel, en- route home we visit **Penshurst Place** near Tonbridge in Kent. This is a medieval and Tudor house and garden, home to the Sidney family.

Some of the itinerary may change. The cost of the week-end is £489 with a single supplement of £49. Insurance if you need it is £24. Tailored Travel insurance has an upper age limit of 85

The cost includes executive coach, hotel, dinners in hotel and at Glyndebourne, BBG for a day, all day trips, opera ticket, entrance fee to Folkington Manor.

We plan to have 2 pick up points. Please contact me if you are interested in this week-end away by sending the form on **Page 9** for further details.

SHROPSHIRE NT GLYNDEBOURNE – 16 to 18 October 2020

To: Thelma Foster, 63 Adswood Grove Shrewsbury, SY3 9QG

Tel: 01743 350342

Please send details of the Glyndebourne visit to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Tel: _____

Remember to enclose an SAE which needs to be large enough to take A4 paper folded but no larger than 240 mm x 165 mm so that it is still classed as a letter.

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WALKS PROGRAMME 2020

All walks are limited to twenty members, excluding leaders and then a waiting list operates. The price is £4.00 per person per walk, unless indicated otherwise to include additional costs. Walkers are advised to wear sound boots and to bring a day sack with waterproofs and drinks.

Each walk will have been checked in advance, but walkers are reminded that they partake at their own risk. The leaders and Shropshire National Trust Centre disclaim any responsibility for any incident during a walk.

Dogs are not encouraged as the walk may not be suitable on the day. If you do bring a dog please note that it is your responsibility to keep it under control on a short lead at all times and comply with any restrictions that landowners may apply along the route.

Thank you to all the walk leaders. Your support makes this Programme possible.

Have a wonderful summer.

Carol

NOTE: All walks to be booked by completing the appropriate booking slip and sending it to:

Carol Danby, Lilyhurst Cottage, Lilyhurst Road, Sheriffhales, Shropshire, TF11 8RJ. Tel: 01952 603257 or mobile on the day only please: 07800 569160.

*Cheques made payable to **Shropshire NT Centre***

(NB: Re-advertised with change to route and lunch stop)

QUATT WOODLAND WALK (6.5 MILES)

DATE: TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2020
TIME: 10.00 am
PARKING/MEET: NT Comer Wood Car Park (off the A442 Bridgnorth Road), WV15 6QJ
LEADERS: Carol and Phil Danby
COST: £4.00 pp

Join Carol and Phil on a pleasant woodland walk. Starting from Comer Wood, we head towards Quatt and Hampton Loade. Following the riverside path up into woodland, skirting the grounds, but enjoying the views of Dudmaston. Returning via farm, field and woodland paths.

Optional: Following our walk we will drive a short distance to Tony's Cafe (WV15 6QL) for a fish and chip lunch. No frills, but good food and value for money. **Booking slip on Page 13**

(Re-advertised) WENTNOR (5 MILES)

DATE: THURSDAY 7th MAY 2020
TIME: 10.00 am
PARKING/MEET: The Crown Inn, Wentnor, Bishops Castle, SY9 5EE
LEADER: John Farley
COST: £4.00 pp

About 5 miles and taken at a leisurely pace. The route is not too hilly. Looking up the western front of the Long Mynd, with plenty of lovely views and wild flowers along the way. **Lunch at The Crown Inn.**

Booking slip on Page 13

LLYNCLYS, Nr OSWESTRY (5 MILES)

DATE: WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2020
TIME: 10.00 am
PARKING/MEET: To be advised nearer the date.
LEADERS: Jim and Anne Tranter
COST: £4.00 pp

The walk is a little hilly, but we can take it slowly. The Llynclys hills and Common provide wonderful views of North Shropshire and The Wrekin, the Breiddens, Long Mountain and across the Tanat Valley into Wales. **Lunch venue to be advised.**

Booking slip on Page 13

BISHOPS WOOD AND BOSCOBEL (6.5 MILES)

DATE: MONDAY 29th JUNE 2020
TIME: 10.00 am
PARKING/MEET: Village Hall, Bishops Wood, ST19 9AB
LEADERS: Carol and Phil Danby
COST: £4.00 pp
PLEASE BRING PICNIC LUNCH

Bishops Wood is a small village south of the A5, close to Belvide Reservoir. The route will pass by Black Ladies Priory, which was a house of Benedictine nuns and Boscobel House where Charles II hid in the famous oak tree. From there the walk takes us to the ruins of White Ladies Priory, which is a late 12th century church and small nunnery of Augustinian Canonesses. Picnic lunch on route. **Booking slip on Page 15**

HISTORICAL GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF BROSELEY WOOD AND THE JITTIES, INCLUDING A VISIT TO THE BROSELEY TOBACCO CLAY PIPE WORKS MUSEUM

DATE: THURSDAY 16th JULY 2020
TIME: 9.50 am (Tour of the Pipe Works will start at 10.00 am prompt)
PARKING/MEET: Broseley Tobacco Pipe Works (Car Park in front of the museum) Duke Street, Broseley, TF12 5LX. Further directions available on their website if required.
GUIDES: Historian: Steve Dewhirst (Broseley History Society)
 Guide from Ironbridge Gorge Museum and the Pipe Works
GROUP LEADER: Carol Danby
COST: £9.00 pp (Includes entrance to the Pipe Museum)
BOOKING: *As there is a limit of only 20 places, it is advisable to book promptly, so as not to be disappointed.*

**HISTORICAL
WALKING TOUR
WITH GUIDE,
NOT TO BE
MISSED**

SORRY, NO DOGS

NB: *This is a walking tour around the streets of Broseley. We will visit a number of Jitties at Broseley Wood, which are quite steep and uneven in places. Sensible footwear advised.*

I am pleased to offer members this wonderful insight into Broseley, its fascinating history and the important contribution Broseley made to the Industrial Revolution with its manufacture of iron, bricks, roofing, wall and floor tiles, art pottery and clay tobacco pipes.

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The Pipe Works Museum, which is being opened especially for our visit, is a unique time capsule of an industry which few people even know existed, but carried the name of Broseley throughout Britain and beyond. We will start our day with a talk and guided tour of the small but interesting Pipe Works. Leaving the museum around 11.00 am, Steve Dewhirst will take us on a walking tour of the Broseley Wood area and its Jitties. 'The Jitties' are a maze of narrow lanes and passageways that link up around a higgledy-piggledy mix of old squatter cottages, with plenty of history to be shared.

Optional: Leaving Broseley around 1.00/1.30 pm., a short drive takes us to Benthall Hall NT (Postcode: TF12 5RX) where you may wish to enjoy a light lunch (limited menu, mainly sandwiches) cakes or afternoon tea. Picnics are allowed in the Kitchen Garden. If you would like to have a look around, the house and gardens will be open to view at your leisure.

Booking slip on Page 15

HODNET (6 MILES)

DATE:	THURSDAY 6th AUGUST
TIME:	10.00 am
PARKING/MEET:	To be advised nearer the date
LEADERS:	Jim and Anne Tranter
COST:	£4.00 pp

A easy level walk of 6 miles. Using the old railway line, where there is a colony of Glow Worms. We will pass Wollerton Old Hall gardens and the Stray Animal Pound. Lunch venue to be confirmed.

Booking slip on Page 15

WENLOCK EDGE AND BROADSTONE FROM WILDERHOPE YHA (6 MILES)

DATE:	TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2020
TIME:	10.00 am
PARKING/MEET:	Wilderhope Manor YHA, Longville in the Dale, Much Wenlock, TF13 6EG
LEADERS:	Dave and Pauline Senior
COST:	£4.00 pp

PLEASE BRING A PICNIC LUNCH

From the YHA we make our way through Coates Wood onto Jack Mytton Way to Broadstone and back via Hope Cross and Lower Stanway. There will be a short refreshment stop on route and to save carriage, picnic lunch on our return to Wilderhope.

Booking slip on Page 15

PICKLESCOTT (5 MILES)

DATE: THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER 2020
TIME: 10.00 am
PARKING/MEET: Bottle & Glass Inn, Picklescott, SY6 6NR
LEADER: John Farley
COST: £4.00 pp

The walk will start from the Bottle & Glass Inn in the delightful village of Picklescott, high up on the northern flank of the Long Mynd. Distance about 5 miles and because we start high up, there are no steep climbs. We will walk up to the Port Way and then follow the Shropshire Way north. Great views, before branching off back to Park Gate. The route is mainly bridleways or long distance paths, so only one stile.

Booking slip on Page 18

QUATT WOODLAND WALK (6.5 MILES)**TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2020**

No Walkers: _____ Amount enclosed @ £4.00 pp _____ Lunch: YES/NO

Name/s: _____ Tel: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

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WENTNOR (5 MILES)**THURSDAY 7 MAY 2020**

No Walkers: _____ Amount enclosed @ £4.00 pp _____ Lunch: YES/NO

Name/s: _____ Tel: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

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LLYNCLYS, Nr OSWESTRY (5 MILES)**WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2020**

No Walkers: _____ Amount enclosed @ £4.00 pp _____ Lunch: YES/NO

Name/s: _____ Tel: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

ATTINGHAM WALK 10 October 2019

A dozen members assembled at Attingham for a walk with Colin Morris, the Area Ranger. It was a fine (and dry!) day.

Colin took us through the deer park and gave us a fascinating insight into how the herd is managed and how the deer live within the park. He also explained how carefully the condition of the trees is regularly monitored and controlled, and how records are kept by each tree having an identification number.

We continued through the woods to the area not accessible to the public, and to the buildings where timber is converted to chippings for the Biomass plant. We were now close to the Atcham Industrial Estate (not owned by the NT) and we saw the old WW2 motor transport repair shed on the site of the airfield where the United States Airforce trained fighter pilots. The main runway is clearly visible within surrounding agricultural land and Colin told us how the crops on this land are harvested and distributed.



Old WW2 airfield



We then walked to Smethcote Farm where Colin explained how one of the redundant farm buildings is to be converted to a pair of holiday cottages as part of the long term plans for the estate. We returned to the start along the permissive path to Upton Forge, the suspension bridge and the path past the walled garden.

We appreciated Colin's enthusiasm about all matters to do with Attingham and we were very impressed by the width of his knowledge. We were most grateful to him for a really interesting and instructive morning.

Stephen Winwood

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is very easy to use and regularly up-dated
by Carol Danby
Please take a look

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BISHOPS WOOD AND BOSCOBEL (6.5 MILES)**MONDAY 29th JUNE 2020**

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Address: _____ Postcode: _____

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**HISTORICAL GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF BROSELEY WOOD, JITTIES AND
THE CLAY PIPE WORKS MUSEUM ON THURSDAY 16 JULY 2020**

NAME/s _____

Number in Party: _____ Amount enclosed @ £9.00 pp _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Tel: _____

Email: _____

For Benthall Hall Catering:***Please indicate an option****I/We would/would not be interested in the option for lunch/cream tea at Benthall Hall**I/We will be visiting Benthall Hall, but bringing a picnic lunch**I/We will not be visiting Benthall Hall*

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HODNET (6 MILES)**THURSDAY 6th AUGUST**

No Walkers: _____ Amount enclosed @ £4.00 pp _____ Lunch: YES/NO

Name/s: _____ Tel: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

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WENLOCK EDGE AND BROADSTONE FROM WILDERHOPE YHA (6 MILES)**TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2020**

No Walkers: _____ Amount enclosed @ £4.00 pp _____

Name/s: _____ Tel: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

**SHROPSHIRE NATIONAL TRUST CENTRE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
President Mr David R Brown**

The 48th Annual General Meeting of the NT Centre
will be held at The Trinity Centre, Shrewsbury
Thursday 9 April 2020 at 2 pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. To approve the minutes of the 47th AGM held on 17 April 2019
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. President's Address
- 7. Election of Officers and Committee**
8. Election of Auditors (**Dyke Yaxley**)
9. To confirm annual subscription#

In accordance with the constitution, all Officers and Committee members retire. The following Officers and Committee members have expressed their willingness to stand again:

OFFICERS

Chairman:	Miss T Foster
Hon Treasurer:	Mrs G Davey
Hon Secretary:	Mrs P Matthews
Vice Chairman:	Mr Les Jones

COMMITTEE

Mrs I Parfitt, Mrs Carol Danby, Mrs Marjorie Farnsworth, Alison Bates, Maureen Formby.

Any additional nominations, duly seconded and with the consent of the nominee, should be sent to Mrs P Matthews, Hon Secretary, 7 Barleyfields, Wem, SY4 5LU, at least 14 days before the AGM (Forms are available from the Hon Secretary).



SHROPSHIRE NATIONAL TRUST CENTRE

Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Shropshire National Trust Centre held at Prestfelde School Shrewsbury Wednesday 17 April 2019

Miss Foster, Chairman, opened the meeting by welcoming members and our President Mr David Brown.

1. **Apologies** were received from six members.
2. **Minutes** of the 46th AGM held on 12 April 2018, were accepted by the members as a true record.
Proposed by Gerald Hume, Seconded by Daphne Jones.
3. **Matters arising.** None
4. **Chairman's Report:** We started the year with a new membership secretary and newsletter editor which has also brought some changes. The membership email address has changed and access to the website improved with help from regional office. Apart from the usual twice yearly newsletter we now have set up an email system which will slowly grow and allow us to keep more up to date with information.

We have had a good range of lectures over the year. These have included Carl Faberge in September, the Best of Shropshire, Pine Martins, The Berwick's in Italy, Well Dressing and Aristocrats of the Air. The Much Wenlock guided tour was excellent and a good number joined the visit to the Victorian Christmas Fayre.

The Increase fees was not popular and the committee decided it is time to increase the membership fee to offset the increase in general running cost. It will then be possible to adjust the lecture fee.

We have tried for some time to re-instate the lecture programme during the day. This was looked into by several committee members who went looking for a suitable venue. It was a difficult task and one which resulted in the decision to change it to a day time slot and to consider it again after one year. Running a day as well as an evening lecture programme is not possible with the present small committee.

The walks programme has produced a range of excellent visits and walks and has given a boost to the summer activities on offer. There is a good group going on the Sussex holiday which will help raise much needed funds.

The centre has been in consultation with a group at Attingham Park/Sunnycroft to discuss fund raising issues and possible events. It is hoped that this will increase the variety of events we are able to provide for members.

We have had two good newsletters from our new editor and the facility to collect the membership card from the Autumn issue is a bonus. Please look at the website and give your comments to Les Jones. We would like comments on things you would like to do so please do talk to us. Thank you to the committee for all their hard work and support over the year.

5. **Treasurer:** Gillian wished to thank Pat Evans of Dykes Yaxley for auditing our accounts once again. She went on to say that there has been no promises of money to properties this year as monies have been restricted by lack of funds from the usual sources; the holiday and we have only had a few outings. The donations' given for 2018/2019 are as follows; £1,590, picture gallery lighting and £712, trailer canopy to Attingham, total, £2,302. £817.60 to the restoration of paths at Sunnycroft. £196.58 for bird food to Wenlock Edge, plus £200 to Coastline Campaign, making a total of £3,516.18. Donation for 2019 – 2020, £200 to Coastline Campaign.

6. **Questions:** One member asked if it was possible to show the previous year's accounts to compare with the present year. Gillian said this would be possible. This was unanimously accepted by a show of hands from the members.
Proposed by, John Goldsworthy, Seconded by Ann Muir.

7. **President's Address.** David began by saying how much pleasure it gave him to be with us once again. He then went on to thank the committee for all their hard work over the last twelve months, because without them there would be no Centre, and encouraged them to keep going and continue to recruit new members.

The trips that had been arranged by the committee for members over the year have been varied and sounded very exciting; the Kidderminster Carpet Factory must have been fascinating, it was followed by lunch at Harvington Hall. The visit to Worcester during their Victorian Christmas Fayre gave the opportunity, not only to do some Christmas shopping but visit Elsie's tea-room within Greyfriars' House. then take advantage of exploring Worcester's wonderful Cathedral.

It is heartening to know that after the destruction of the spire of Notre Dame in Paris many estates across the UK have pledged to donate oak trees to help restore the roof of the Cathedral, showing that conservation works internationally.

David, ended by saying he is sure that we will be very happy at our new venue, the Trinity Centre; it has a cosy and welcoming atmosphere. Prestfelde filled the gap when we had to leave Shirehall quickly but has run its course, and he was sorry to hear that we have had a few hiccoughs' with the school.

8. **Election of Officers and Committee:** The President read out the names of the committee who are willing to serve for a further year. The members accepted them unanimously by a show of hands.
9. **Election of Auditors:** Mrs Pat Evens of Dykes Yaxley Ltd to continue as auditor of the Centre's accounts. This was accepted by a show of hands from the members.
Proposed by John Goldsworthy. Seconded by Frank Keighley

10. **To confirm the annual subscription.**
 The subscription should be increased to £10.
Proposed by Margaret Keighley, seconded by Dorothy Jones.

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PICKLESCOTT (5 MILES)

THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER 2020

No Walkers: _____ Amount enclosed @ £4.00 pp _____ Lunch: YES/NO

Name/s: _____ Tel: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Data Protection Act

Membership details are stored on a computer database solely for the Centre's administrative purposes, and are not supplied to third parties. If you do not wish your information to be held in this way please notify the Membership Secretary.

Payments

Please make all cheques payable to Shropshire National Trust Centre

Coach Outings

Outings normally leave from the Abbey Foregate car park in Shrewsbury. At the time of printing, it costs £4.00 to park all day in this pay-and-display car park.

Talks

Talks are held in the afternoon, on the second Thursday, at the Trinity Centre, Meole Village. There is ample car parking, comfortable seating and admission is £3 for members which includes tea or coffee. There will usually be a raffle.

Insurance

Members aged 80 or over who attend any Shropshire National Trust Centre event are reminded that they may not be covered by any personal accident insurance unless they have their own personal cover.

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Please note that the date for subscription renewal is 1 October. Any queries to Membership Secretary, Marjorie Farnsworth, Tel: 01743 588144 sntcmembers@yahoo.com

**Copy date for our Autumn newsletter, issue 96, is
Monday 10 August 2020**

**If you go on one of our walks or trips I would be delighted to receive
appropriate photographs for the next newsletter**

Please send contributions to Maureen Formby

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LECTURE PROGRAMME SPRING 2020 to SPRING 2021



All lectures take place at 2 pm on the second Thursday of the month, at the Trinity Centre, Meole Brace

12 March	Photography - Long Mynd Area	Andrew Fusek-Peters
9 April	AGM followed by Mechanical Music Boxes (past and present)	Kathleen Turner
10 September	Shrewsbury at Work	Nigel Hinton
8 October	Pictures in Harmony (new programme)	Ian and Hilary Templeton
12 November	Russian Bears on the Finnish Line	Ric Morris
10 December	Christmas Meeting	

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14 January.	Napoleonic Wars and Attingham Involvement	Peter Wright
11 February.	Shrewsbury's three 18th Century Treasures	John Butterworth
11 March	A Servant's Life 1830 – 1835	Caroline Pugh
8 April	AGM followed by - Elgar with Music	Joe Tierney

TRIPS

Thursday 14 May – Visit to the Shrewsbury's Ancient Spring Water Source and Shropshire Beekeepers' Apiary at Conduit Head – **Booking Slip on Page 6**

7 June for 4 nights - Holiday 2020 - the Castles and Heritage of Cardiff
Booking slip on Page 8

16 October for 2 nights – Opera at Glyndebourne. **Booking slip on page 9**

OUR WALKS PROGRAMME FOR 2020

Booking slips on Pages 13/15/18 of this newsletter

Tuesday 7 April	Woodland Walk (5.5 miles)
Thursday 7 May	Wentnor (5 miles)
Wednesday 3 June	Llynclys, nr Oswestry (5 miles)
Monday 29 June	Bishops Wood And Boscobel (6.5 miles)
Thursday 16 July	Historical Guided Walking Tour of Broseley Wood, the Jitties, and a visit to the Broseley Tobacco Clay Pipe Works Museum
Thursday 6 August	Hodnet (6 miles)
Tuesday 8 September	Wenlock Edge and Broadstone from Wilderhope YHA (6 miles)
Thursday 8 October	Picklescott (5 miles)

