

# The Rugby National Trust Association

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## Spring Newsletter 2015 Our Programme of Outings



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*Powis Castle  
and  
Hughenden  
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### **The RNTA Database**

Full details of our membership are kept on personal computers for the purpose of membership subscriptions, circulation of Newsletters, and the management of coach trips and other activities of the Rugby National Trust Association. Such details will not be disclosed to any third party.

Association Committee

## **Chairman's Letter**

Since the Autumn Newsletter I am delighted to advise you that we have been able to donate £4300 to local properties as follows:

**Canons Ashby** - one Picnic Bench at £400

**Charlecote Park** - one Wooden Bench at £300 and one Whichford pot at £550

**Farnborough Hall** - one Long Arm Hedge Cutter at £600

**Packwood House** - Information Boards at £600

**Birmingham Back to Backs** - Education resources £500

**Baddesley Clinton** - Events Easel £500

**Upton House** - Hand Tools £350 and Brushcutter £500.

It has also been a treat to have the improvement in the presentation equipment, namely the larger screen and the lapel microphone, for our winter lectures. I trust that these additions have made them more enjoyable.

This will be the last newsletter for which Rona Townsend will be Editor and I reiterate my request for a volunteer to take over this important role in communication to our members. If you are interested, then please contact myself or Anne Turner.

I am also pleased to report that Tony Birch has put himself forward to be elected at the AGM to take on the role of Website Editor. Please give him your support to ensure that our activities and contact information are available to as wide an audience as possible.

Over the next few weeks I could be incommunicado due to lack of telephone and internet connection, as I will be moving into a new house which is under construction and at the time of writing not finished. So, in the meantime, if you are unable to contact me then please contact any other member of the committee who will be able to pass on the message.

I trust that all of you have had a pleasant and peaceful Christmas wherever you spent it, and this leaves me to wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year for 2015.

*Roy Deacon*

## **Association News**

### **New Members**

The Association welcomes the following new members:

Mrs S Croskill

Mrs G Ashley

Ms O Brookes

Mr & Mrs A Addams

Mr & Mrs M Robins

Ms J Hobill

Mr& Mrs J Plowman

Ms L Pratt

Mrs J Kilgour

Mrs J Rand-Smith

We hope you will enjoy our programme of events.

### **Committee Vacancies 2015**

The following Committee position will become vacant at the AGM in January 2015.

**Newsletter Editor** – this important role will become vacant at the AGM in January 2015 as Rona Townsend has expressed her intention to stand down after completing four years of dedicated service to the committee and RNTA.

The newsletter is an important tool in communicating to all members, details of forthcoming events, speakers and programme of visits. The role of Newsletter Editor involves identifying, assembling and editing contributions to the bi-annual newsletter.

The Editor also ensures that the print company can meet the set deadlines, also coordinating the distribution of the newsletter with the Membership Secretary. This is a vital position for the success of RNTA. So, please, a volunteer to take up this position would be very much appreciated.

If you feel you can help, please contact:

Roy Deacon by e-mail at [chair@rugbynationaltrust.co.uk](mailto:chair@rugbynationaltrust.co.uk)

Anne Turner by e-mail at [secretary@rugbynationaltrust.co.uk](mailto:secretary@rugbynationaltrust.co.uk) or telephone 01788 519935

The committee, on behalf of the members, would like to thank Tony Birch who has come forward as Website Editor.

**Visits Planning Meeting**  
**8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30 pm**

Our next Planning meeting for 2016 visits will be in the Sports Lounge at Dunchurch Village Hall. To find us enter through the main entrance and turn left towards the kitchen, the Sports Lounge is directly behind. Newcomers who are willing to organise or help with a visit are very welcome and there will be plenty of help and advice to get you started.

**Christmas Lunch at Compton Verney**



*Photos taken by Isobel Palmer  
and Mike Sherring-Lucas*



Our Christmas Lunch was preceded by a tour of the Art Gallery founded by the Peter Moores Foundation who bought Compton Verney in 1993. The guides were excellent, taking us into the various rooms full of paintings, sculptures and ancient Chinese artefacts, the condition of which was amazing. A big thank you to Pauline and Alec Springett for their hard work in organising a lovely day.

# **THE RUGBY NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION** **28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday 15th January 2015  
at 2.30 pm in the Dunchurch Village Hall

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Minutes of the last AGM**
- 3. Matters Arising**
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Chairman's Report**
- 6. Election of Committee** – The members of Rugby National Trust Association who are put forward for election in the year 2015 are: Roy DEACON (Chair), David KNAPP (Treasurer), Anne TURNER (Secretary), Patricia DOWNTON (Membership Secretary), Jean KORTEGAS (Deputy Membership Secretary), Pam SOUTHERN (Bookings Secretary), Mike SHERRING-LUCAS (Publicity Officer), George BRUNAVS (Meetings Secretary), Pauline SPRINGETT (Visits Co-ordinator), Malcolm TENNANT (Sales Table) and Tony BIRCH (Web Editor). There is a current vacancy for a Newsletter Editor.
- 7. Appointment of Independent Examiner**
- 8. Subscription**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10.** The next Annual General Meeting will be **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

After the completion of the Annual General Meeting, following a tea/coffee break, there will be a presentation talk by Rachael O'Connor-Boyd from Upton House.

## **Treasurer's Report 2013/14**

Having taken over a very healthy set of accounts from Jan Elliott in January 2014, I am pleased to report that the finances of the Association continue to go from strength to strength. This means that the Committee is in the very fortunate position of being able to respond quickly, and positively, to requests made by the National Trust for financial support at both local and national level. As you will read elsewhere in this Newsletter, donations totalling £4,300 were made during the year to properties in the Midlands region. In addition, £2,000 was transferred to the National Trust Supporter Group Account, the balance of which now stands at £3,500. This will be allocated when projects requesting funds have been considered and agreed by the Committee. During the year, the Committee also took the decision to invest in several new items of equipment to improve and enhance the winter programme of talks. This included a radio lapel microphone and a new projection screen.

The accounts for the year show a net surplus of £4,238.67. This is the end result of the commitment, effort and hard work shown by a number of individuals and groups within the Association. In addition to the income from membership fees and the collections taken at meetings, talks given by members, refreshments, the sales table, printer cartridge recycling and the accrued surplus from the summer programme of trips and visits all continue to make significant contributions to the Association's finances.

As at the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014, the combined financial reserves of the Association stood at £9,398.02, a figure broadly similar to the previous year. For this reason there is no immediate reason to seek any change to the current subscription rates of £10 (individual) and £15 (couples). Total membership at the end of the year was 398.

Finally, I should like to thank Ian Stimson for once again examining and approving the accounts and bank records of the Association. If any member would like a copy of the full Balance Sheet, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*David Knapp – Honorary Treasurer.*

## Summary of Accounts 2013/14

	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2012/13</b>
<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	3,295.00	3,449.00
LESS expenditure on meetings, newsletters, etc	3,050.22	2,566.89
	<hr/> <b>244.78</b>	<hr/> <b>882.11</b>
 <b>INCOME from fund raising</b>		
Trips and Visits	2,211.70	2,397.40
Sales Table	303.30	150.00
Talks given by Members	320.00	215.00
Collections at meetings	686.27	638.29
Bank Interest	31.35	30.19
Donations & PC Recycling	158.80	102.39
Refreshments	282.47	275.02
Photo Competition		8.00
	<hr/> <b>4,238.67</b>	<hr/> <b>4,698.40</b>
<b>Net surplus for the year</b>		
Donations to N.T. Projects	4,300.00	835.00
Transfer to N.T. Supporter Group Account	2,000.00	2,600.00
	<hr/> <b>-2,061.33</b>	<hr/> <b>1,263.40</b>
Balance brought forward	7,959.35	6,695.95
	<hr/> <b>5,898.02</b>	<hr/> <b>7,959.35</b>
<b>Balance carried forward</b>		



## **TRIPS AND VISITS 2015**

We would like to remind all members that our outings can be quite tiring. We often visit places with old and uneven floors, stairs that can be difficult with no lift options and gardens and tours that may involve quite a lot of walking. Always check with the organiser if you have mobility problems. Members who need assistance should bring a companion.

### **Departure Points**

The Committee has made arrangements with St Mark's Church, Bilton for the use of their car park so, unless stated, we depart from there. We try to use as little space as possible, so please park on the side away from the church and as close together as possible.

### **Walk from Dunchurch to Draycote via Thurlaston**

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

By car to meet at the car park of  
the Dun Cow in Dunchurch at 10.00 am

Organised by Mark Furber (01788 812839)

Supported by Flick Furber

We will start at 10.00 am from the car park at the Dun Cow in Dunchurch. The walk commences along the Southam Road turning right down Toft Lane and along an undulating path to Thurlaston. Along the path we pass numerous Alpacas, these delightful animals will take a keen interest in the walkers.

From Thurlaston we walk across fields to the Whitefield Golf Course which we cross paying attention to any stray golf balls. Across more fields towards Draycote where we pass under the disused railway bridge and turn left into the Draycote Fields Nature Reserve. Crossing a rising field we reach a lane which takes us back to Thurlaston through another part of the golf course.

In Thurlaston we drop down to the reservoir and walk along part of the perimeter road before branching back to the Alpaca fields and after a steep, but short climb, we rejoin the Southam Road and walk back to the Dun Cow where we partake of a welcome lunch.

The walk is about six miles long and should take about three hours. Menus for lunch will be sent to those taking part in the walk.

## **Rode Hall and Gardens – Cheshire**

**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

By coach departing at 8.45 am

Organised by Janice Snell (01455 286646)

Supported by Brian and Eileen Sheavyn



On arrival coffee/tea and biscuits will be served (price included). Our party will be split into three groups for a guided tour of the Hall to include areas not normally open to the public. Members with walking difficulties must be aware that the guided tour will be approximately one and half hours. A two course light lunch (price included) will be served after the tour. Members will then have free-time to enjoy the gardens. At 3.30 pm we meet to finish our visit with a very welcome cream tea (price included)

The Rode Estate was purchased in 1669 by Roger Wilbraham for £2,400. The Manor house was probably half-timbered, like nearby Little Moreton Hall. Today, nothing remains of the original building, instead stands a fine, red brick Georgian country house, Rode Hall. On approaching, it becomes apparent that this handsome home is, in effect, two houses in one and that the substantial, porticoed building is a later second house attached to a smaller, now wisteria-clad, first house. Rode Hall has an important collection of porcelain, both Chinese and English. Other Rode collections include portraits, watercolours and the highly acclaimed Gillow furniture.

The walled two-acre Kitchen Garden was built in the early eighteenth-century, and is an important part of the Rode Estate. The gardens are constantly evolving and the 10-acre site set amongst sheep-grazed parkland provides plenty of opportunity for innovation. Anne, wife of the current baronet, with the help of two gardeners, has extended the seasonal

interest, rhododendrons, azaleas, hostas and primulas to the rose garden and the small Italian garden. Wander – wonder – and enjoy.

We leave straight after our cream tea for our journey back to Rugby, arriving at approximately 6.00 pm (depending on traffic conditions).

## **Batsford and Adam's Farm**

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

By coach departing at 9.30 am

Organised by Barrie Bemand (01788 811961)

Supported by Terry Murphy

We leave Rugby at 9.30 am to visit first of all the Cotswold Falconry Centre at Batsford for a demonstration of falcons and other birds of prey. It has been educating visitors about birds of prey for 25 years and is situated in a beautiful Cotswold setting. On our arrival at 10.45 – 11 00 am we have a tea or coffee (price included) followed by a flying display.

After the display we walk 200 yards to the Batsford Arboretum where we take a light lunch (price included in your ticket) at the Garden Terrace Café. Glasses of water will be provided.

At 1.45 pm we leave by our coach on the short journey to the Cotswold Farm Park – better known to viewers of Countryfile on BBC 1 as Adam's Farm. Adam Henson runs a commercial farm alongside the Farm Park started by his father, Jim, in 1971 to help protect the rare breeds of farm animals that in some cases were nearing extinction.

On our arrival we will be offered a complimentary warm drink, and have a half-hour talk telling us of the history of the Farm and its work helping conserve rare breeds.

Then we are free to explore the farm, remember that this is a working farm with uneven ground, so care and strong footwear is needed. You will also need rainwear in case of wet weather as there are only small areas of shelter. You will be free to explore the rare breeds' enclosures on foot, take a trip around the farm on a farm trailer, watch sheep shearing or for the more energetic take the Wildlife Walk. This is about two miles in length and takes about an hour, or there is a shorter walk of one mile. For others there is a small café and farm shop.

We plan to leave at 4.30–5.00 pm arriving back in Rugby at approximately 6.00 pm.

**Madresfield Court, Worcs**  
**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

By coach departing at 11.00 am

Organised by Pauline Springett (01788 814634)  
Supported by Alec Springett

Madresfield Court stands at the foot of the Malvern Hills in a spectacular setting among parkland and gardens at the centre of a large, predominantly agricultural, estate of approximately 4,000 acres. The house is completely surrounded by a wide moat. Madresfield has never been bought or sold since records began, it has been passed down by inheritance through the same family. The house was first mentioned specifically in a charter of Henry I dating from the 1120s, and it is known that a William de Bracy lived at the Court in 1260. His descendants, the Lygon family, have lived there ever since. William Lygon was created the first Earl of Beauchamp in 1815, and successive Earls Beauchamp lived at Madresfield until the death of the eighth and last Earl in 1979. The current occupant is Lady Morrison, a niece of the last Earl, and it is expected that the occupancy will pass to her daughter and family.

We leave St Mark's car park at 11.00 am and travel to the Swan pub for a two-course lunch. A menu will be enclosed with your returned booking form for your completion.

We then proceed to Madresfield Court, a short distance from the Swan, where we will be given a short introductory talk. At 2.30 pm the guided tours start lasting one and half hours. After the tour members are free to view the gardens and parkland. We will leave Madresfield at 4.30 pm arriving in Rugby at approx 6.00 pm.

**Special Note** There are no refreshments at Madresfield so members may wish to bring a liquid refreshment of their own. Please also note this visit is not suitable for persons with limited mobility as there are lots of stairs and quite a lot of standing.

## **Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes**

**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

By coach departing at 9.00 am

Organised by Mark Furber (01788 812839)

Supported by Flick Furber



We will leave St Mark's car park at 9.00 am arriving at Bletchley Park for 10.30 am.

Once Britain's best kept secret, Bletchley Park is now a unique heritage site. Visitors can explore and experience the top-secret world of iconic WW2 Code-breaking Huts and Blocks. Discover a secret world, now revealed. Pictured is the Enigma Cypher machine used by the German army and airforce.

On arrival you will collect a complimentary Multimedia Guide which enables you to explore the site at your own pace, or guided tours are also available. The Huts have recently been refurbished and contain lots of information to enable visitors to fully appreciate the work that went on at Bletchley.

There is a café on site and also a coffee shop, although no pre-booking is possible. If you would like to bring your own picnic there are lots of tables available. Bletchley Park has full disabled access throughout the site. We will rejoin the coach at 3.30 pm for our return journey, arriving at approximately 5.00 pm.

## **Stanford Hall, Leics**

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

By car to arrive at 2.15 pm

Organised by Pauline Springett (01788 814634)

Supported by Alec Springett

Stanford, where Shakespeare's Avon flows gently through the Park, has been the home of the Cave family since 1430. In the 1690s, Sir Roger Cave commissioned the Smiths of Warwick to pull down the old Manor House and build the present Hall, which is a fine example of their work and of the William and Mary period.



Throughout the house are portraits of the family and examples of furniture and objects which they collected over the centuries. There is also a collection of Royal Stuart portraits, previously belonging to the Cardinal Duke of York, the last of the male Royal Stuarts. An unusual collection of family costumes, including splendid embroidered waistcoats is also displayed as are early Tudor portraits.

Members should arrive at the Hall (post code LE17 6DH) by 2.15 pm at the latest and our tour will commence at 2.30 pm. The tour will last approximately one hour followed by a cream tea in the Stableyard Tearoom.

After tea members can visit the walled Rose Garden and, perhaps, take in the beautiful 14<sup>th</sup> century Church which has exceptionally interesting family monuments and wonderful stained glass, certainly worth a visit. The Stableyard houses a full size replica of “The Hawk”, one of four flying machines designed and successfully flown by Lt. Percy Pitcher, RN who was killed flying his machine at Stanford in 1899. Members are then free to explore the grounds at their leisure.

**Special Note.** Members should be aware there are two flights of stairs to get to the entrance of the Hall. Access to the Tea room is also via twenty-five very steep stairs but, if the weather is suitable, tea may be served in the courtyard. Please also indicate if you have any special dietary requirements.

## **Shrewsbury**

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

By coach departing at 8.45 am

Organised by Isobel Palmer (mob 07710552940)

Supporter Jayne Pang

Shrewsbury is a lovely medieval town set within a loop of the River Severn and renowned for its floral displays. There is plenty to see, both indoors and out. We will start with a visit to the Abbey, dating back to 1083, where we will have coffee and biscuits on arrival followed by a 45 minute guided tour in groups of fifteen. On our way back to the coach, we can walk through the Abbey Garden, now occupied by the local Wildlife Trust where you can imagine Cadfael tending his herbs!

The coach will take us into the centre of town for free time during which you can obtain your lunch in one of a variety of cafes, restaurants and pubs or there are many places where you could eat a picnic. Things to do and see include: the medieval part of the town around the Bear Steps; a museum giving the history of the town from the Romans onwards; the Castle which houses the Shropshire Regimental Museum; the Quarry within which is found the Dingle garden or a lot of lively shops.

We will meet at 3.00 pm on Victoria Quay to board Sabrina, goddess of the river, for a forty-five minute cruise along the River Severn loop (between the Welsh and English bridges). From the river we get a different view of the town, maybe seeing things we missed earlier. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served. (price included).

There will be about half an hour after disembarking before we meet at the pick-up point at 4.30 pm to be home about 6.00 pm.

## **Powis Castle, Montgomeryshire**

**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

By coach departing at 8.30 am

Organised by George Brunavs ( 01788 811701)

Supported by Pauline and Alec Springett

The massive red gritstone Powis Castle, above its world-famous French and Italian-style Baroque terraced gardens, is one of the most memorable sights in Britain. Remodelled over 400 years, the medieval fortress is now



a country house reflecting the ambitions of the Herbert family; it is a real treasure house with a magnificent collection of paintings, sculpture, furniture and tapestries. The interiors are splendid and of immense interest; highlights are the stunning Elizabethan Long Gallery and the Clive of India Museum (Robert Clive married into the Herberts), housing a superb collection of treasures from that country. The mellow parkland runs up to the edge of Welshpool, and is set in a truly beautiful landscape.

We should arrive at about 11.00 am, when we will have tea/coffee in Lady Henrietta's Restaurant (cost included). After that, members will be able to explore the castle and gardens free-flow, and to purchase lunch or refreshments as they wish, either in the restaurant or in Lady Violet's Coffee Shop, bearing in mind that the kitchen in Lady Henrietta's Restaurant closes at 2.15– 2.30 pm. We should set off for home at 4.00 pm, arriving back in Rugby at around 6.30 pm.

**Special Note.** Please remember to bring your National Trust card with you.



## **Hughenden Manor and Gardens**

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

By coach departing at 8.45 am

Organised by Janice Snell (01455 286646)

Supported by Brian and Eileen Sheavyn



Our day is one of free flow, we stop at Waterperry Gardens for tea/coffee and flapjack (price included). After coffee you will have some time to look around the shop before our departure to the National Trust property, Hughenden, at 11.00 am. On arrival you will have approximately four and a half hours to enjoy the house, gardens, Stable Yard Shop, have some lunch in the Stable Yard Restaurant, or take a picnic. (Unfortunately the restaurant is unable to reserve tables for pre-booked lunches for groups).

Amid the rolling Chiltern countryside, discover the country home of the Victorian statesman Benjamin Disraeli. Hughenden provides a fascinating glimpse into the charismatic personality and colourful private life of the most unlikely Victorian Prime Minister who lived here from 1848 to 1881.

The house interior underwent many changes after Disraeli's death, but several rooms have been restored, with many of his personal belongings and mementoes displayed as they would have been during his lifetime. The house features very little electrical lighting as one of its former residents believed it was a "passing fad". The gardens have been restored to closely match the original design created by Mary Anne, Disraeli's wife.

Coach parking is a 300 metre walk to the Manor with a relatively steep uphill section. Inside a chair is available in most rooms. Outside there is limited access to the walled garden and the Stable Yard facilities have a cobbled surface. We leave at 4.00 pm for our journey back to Rugby arriving at approximately 5.45 pm, depending on traffic.

**Special Note.** Please remember your National Trust membership card.

## **Winchcombe and Sudeley Castle**

**Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

By coach departing at 9.30 am

Organised by Aileen Brown (01788 811106)

Supporter required

Winchcombe is a charming small Cotswold town with rows of Cotswold stone cottages and some half-timbered buildings. There is a good range of shops and eating places including antique shops, boutiques, teashops and some historic pubs. The church of St Peter was built in the 1450s on the site of an earlier church, which, in its turn, may have been the site of a monastery founded in the 8<sup>th</sup> century. It has a unique set of forty grotesques on the outside and also has an altar cloth said to be worked by Katherine of Aragon.

We leave St Mark's car park at 9.30 am and travel via Evesham Country Park where we will make a brief comfort stop. We should arrive in Winchcombe about 11.00 am where members will be free to look around the town and have lunch. After lunch we will make the very short journey in the coach to Sudeley Castle.

There has been a castle at Sudeley since Saxon times, although the present buildings date mostly from Tudor times. The castle was 'slighted' by Cromwell in 1649 after the Civil War and remained a ruin until the 1830s when the wealthy Dent brothers (glove manufacturers) bought it and restored much of it. The buildings have many royal connections including Richard III, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I and especially Katherine Parr who died at Sudeley and is buried in St Mary's church in the castle grounds. There are several exhibitions in the house explaining its history. The nine separate gardens at the castle vary in style and include a knot garden, a rose garden and a garden in the ruins of the old castle walls.

Members will be free to go around the house at their own pace, visit the gardens and perhaps have tea and cake in the Coffee Shop in the former Medieval Banqueting Hall. We expect to leave about 4.30 pm and be back in Rugby before 6.00 pm.

**Walk from Charlecote Park**  
**Wednesday, 23rd September 2015**

By car to start walk at 10.00 am

Organised by Isobel Palmer (mob 07710 552940)

Supporter: Ian Golding

We meet in Charlecote NT car park in time to set out on the walk at 10.00 am. It is a five mile walk following the River Dene to the outskirts of Wellesbourne where we turn north. The route is fairly level and mostly on footpaths with a short section on the road at the end.

For those not wanting such a long walk, there is the option of walking in the Charlecote Park where mown paths criss-cross the deer park.

There is a tea room for coffee and/or lunch, or there is The Pheasant pub nearby where a more formal lunch can be obtained.

**Printer Cartridges and Mobile Phones**

The National Trust has a scheme for collecting used printer cartridges and mobile phones (preferably with charger) that contributes towards fundraising. A collection box will be available at meetings.

## **2015 Dates for your Diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Time</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Information on Summer 2015 Visits	2.30 pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Talk – Gallé and Lalique Glass	7.30 pm
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Talk – The Conservation of Buildings: Birmingham Back-to-Backs	2.30 pm
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Talk – The Wonder of the Waterways: Canal History	7.30 pm
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Planning Meeting for 2016 Visits	7.30 pm
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Walk from Dunchurch to Draycote	10.00 am
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Rode Hall	8.45 am
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Batsford and Adam’s Farm	9.30 am
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Madresfield Court	11.00 am
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Bletchley Park	9.00 am
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Stanford Hall by car	2.15 pm
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Shrewsbury	8.45 am
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Powis Castle	8.30 am
5 <sup>th</sup> August	Hughenden Manor	8.45 am
18 <sup>th</sup> August	Winchcombe and Sudeley Castle	9.30 am
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Walk from Charlecote Park	10.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Talk – Her Majesty’s Guards on State Occasions	2.30 pm
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Talk – Art and Design of World War 1	7.30 pm
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Talk – The Adam Style	2.30 pm
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Talk – 20 <sup>th</sup> Century British Glass	7.30 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Talk – Arabella Stuart – the Queen that never was.	2.30 pm



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*Stanford Hall*