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Two of the outings we have this Spring
to Pashley Manor and Parham House.
See pages 12-15 for further information on
fascinating/appealing excursions that your Outings
Committee have arranged for you

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Letter from the Chair

We really are an active and thriving local association, of which I am proud to be the Chair, supported by my fantastic committee. Without their support and enthusiasm none of our activities would be possible.

No photo of a chair this month but where is your Chair – where was my photo taken?

It is lovely to see the signs of new life. I love the spring, longer hours of daylight, the fresh flowers, baby lambs skipping about and there seem to be so many catkins this year – beautiful. We are so lucky living in this area surrounded as we are by the picture postcard South Downs.



I am sure a number of you are looking forward to the annual NT holiday – you will be staying within a mile or two of my old home. I am sure you will enjoy exploring the area.

We have, as you will see, some excellent outings this year. Do book early – Highgrove, Bletchley Park etc. I am sure they will all be fascinating and thoroughly enjoyable.

Don't forget the dawn walk - 7am at Sheffield Park on 19 April. There is also our Spring Fair and in July the popular afternoon tea at the golf club.

We have had some super speakers through the winter ending with our good friend Kevin Gordon.

Again my thanks to all of you and my brilliant committee for making Seaford NTSA what it is.

Enjoy the summer sunshine.

Helen

Enclosures with this newsletter

- Tates Paradise Park Loyalty Card
- Afternoon Tea booking form
- Outings booking form for:

Watercress Line and Bombay Sapphire Distillery
Scotney Castle
Highgrove Gardens
Bletchley Park

Dawn Walk

Andy Jessop has kindly arranged for us to have another dawn walk in Sheffield Park. The date for the walk is **Friday, 19 April – meeting in the car park at 6.45am for a 7am start**. If you require a lift please let me know.

It is lovely to walk in the park early in the morning – the birds singing and the sun rising – what could be better! Do come along and afterwards you can wander for a while longer and finish the morning walk by having refreshments in the **café which opens at 10am**.

Helen

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## Personal Accident Insurance Cover

The Trust has recently increased the age limit on our Personal Accident Insurance Cover to 90. This means you are now covered by this insurance up until the day of your 90th birthday.

**Please remember to tick the appropriate box on the Application Form for outings.**

*John Hall*

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2018 at 2.30pm**

1. Our President, Ann Thompson, welcomed 123 supporters to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Doris Hall, Megan Jones, Jill Reed, Stuart and Patricia Ridley, Peter Robinson, John Wilcockson and Irene Woolway.
3. The Minutes of the 2017 AGM had been circulated in the April newsletter: they were accepted as a true record, proposed by Arthur Bradbury, seconded by Margaret Coggins and carried unanimously.
4. There were no matters arising.
5. Chair's report  
Helen began by hailing a successful year for the local Association: we benefited from a thriving membership of over 400, and had given over £100,000 to NT projects in the south east in the 33 years of our existence. There had been interesting and entertaining meetings, another very popular holiday, enjoyable outings to lovely places, two very successful fund raising fairs, which had raised money for NT projects, and also a much-appreciated autumn lunch and cream tea in the summer. And last but by no means least, the publishing of three excellent magazines.

Then Helen, speaking of the valuable support of all our members and that of the entire committee, responsible for making these events so very successful, thanked all of them for their work and commitment.

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Turning to the regular attendance of our representatives at National Trust south east area meetings, Helen reported that NT officials continue to be full of praise for Seaford's active and lively Association which does so much to promote the principles and work of the Trust, and she ended by warmly thanking once again everybody involved, including, of course, all our members.

Ann thanked Helen for her report.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report

Having circulated copies of the accounts, the Treasurer began with the good news of a surplus of over £4500 this year. All our activities had created income and members' donations had been generous. Substantial grants had been made to Trust properties, and our healthy deposit with 'Big NT' had allowed us to make nearly £10,000 of grants to local projects such as Monk's House, Clergy House, Knole and Nymans. Reserves remained at a pleasing level.

Michael then proposed to the meeting that subscriptions remain at the same level, i.e. £7 per person and £10 per couple. Seconded by Mike Reynell, the proposal passed nem con., and Michael further pleased the meeting with the news that NT had recently raised the age limit on Personal Accident Insurance Cover to 90.

#### 7. Accounts Examiner for 2018/19

Treasurer continued by expressing his gratitude to Mike Rogers for auditing our accounts, and he successfully proposed, seconded by Barbara Bentham, that the appointment be confirmed for the following year. Having dealt with questions regarding our deposit of funds with Big NT, and the £500 refund from the Shoal, Michael was pleased to have the accounts approved, proposed by Arthur Bradbury, seconded by Laurie Holland.

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8. Election of Officers and Committee. Michael Staples proposed and Margaret Evans seconded the continuation of Ann as President of the NTSA. The meeting gladly agreed.

Proposed by Ann, it was further agreed, following an invitation to all present to volunteer if they were interested in joining the committee, that the following members be elected en bloc:

|                      |                                                                                         |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chair                | Helen Roberts                                                                           |
| Vice Chair           | Sheila Guyatt                                                                           |
| Treasurer            | Michael Staples                                                                         |
| Secretary            | Rod Evans                                                                               |
| Membership Secretary | Wendy Platts                                                                            |
| Members:             | John Creasey, Rosemary Heasman,<br>Elfriede Hussain, Sandra News<br>and Doreen Robinson |

Ann completed this item by expressing special thanks to Doris and John Hall, Heather Collis and Carole Lowe, who contribute important work to NTSA but do not sit on the committee.

9. There was no other business.

The meeting was closed at 2.50pm, with the President thanking everyone for their attendance, and Helen taking the chair to repeat the invitation to members to volunteer their help, and to introduce the three guest speakers from Birling Gap.

## Income and Expenditure Account 1 Oct 2017 to 30 Sept 2018

| Activity                           | Income  | Expenditure | ye 30/9/17 |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|-------------|------------|---------|
| Subscriptions                      | £2,320  |             | £2,320     | £2,362  |
| Donations                          | £659    |             | £659       | £677    |
| Lectures                           | £336    | £662        | -£326      | -£202   |
| Outings                            | £12,648 | £10,099     | £2,549     | £2,391  |
| Socials                            | £3,322  | £2,266      | £1,056     | £1,072  |
| Refunded donation                  |         |             | £500       |         |
|                                    |         |             | £6,758     | £6,300  |
| <b>Expenses</b>                    |         |             |            |         |
| Magazine                           |         | £1,691      |            |         |
| Stamps & Stationery                |         | £48         | -£1,738    | -£1,733 |
|                                    |         |             |            |         |
| Balance of Income over Expenditure |         |             | £5,020     | £4,567  |

### Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2018

| Assets                         | 30/09/2018 |         | 30/09/2017 |         |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
| Payments in advance            |            | £807    |            | £200    |
| Cash & Bank                    |            | £6,858  |            | £6,179  |
|                                |            | £7,665  |            | £6,379  |
| less Creditors                 |            | -£4,669 |            | -£2,553 |
| Net Assets                     |            | £2,996  |            | £3,826  |
| <b>Liabilities</b>             |            |         |            |         |
| Reserves b/fwd                 | £3,826     |         | £3,509     |         |
| Surplus for year               | £5,020     | £8,846  | £4,567     | £8,076  |
| <b>Donations from reserves</b> |            | £5,850  |            | £4,250  |
| Reserves c/fwd                 |            | £2,996  |            | £3,826  |
| Funds held by NT               |            | £9,800  |            | £11,927 |

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## 2019 Subscription Reminder

Many thanks to those of you who have renewed your membership for 2019. As the 60 day period of grace expired on the last day of February, those who have not renewed will have received a reminder, together with another renewal form. If it is your intention to continue your membership with this Association then I would be pleased to hear from you. Otherwise, sadly, this will be the last newsletter sent to you.

Please note this reminder does not apply to members who enrolled October to December 2018 as that subscription runs to 31 December 2019.

## New Members

We welcome the following members who have joined our Association since the last Newsletter and hope they will enjoy participating in our events:

|                   |                                |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mrs M Allan       | Mrs M K Lambert                |
| Mrs D Cheeseman   | Mr R & Mrs J Macquisten-Barrow |
| Mrs N G Creasey   | Mr J R & Mrs B R Martin        |
| Mr G Davey        | Mrs A McGillivray              |
| Mrs J C Davies    | Mrs C Padgham                  |
| Mrs M Etwaroo     | Mr W A & Mrs P Read            |
| Ms H Ferguson     | Mr C J & Mrs P G Reynolds      |
| Mr K & Mrs C Hale | Rev & Mrs T S Stratford        |
| Mrs P S Harris    | Mr P D & Mrs J E Sudell        |
| Mrs M Harrow      | Mr G Watson                    |
| Mrs M Hawes       | Mrs P S White                  |
| Mr B M Hoad       |                                |

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## Newsletter Deliveries

We are continuing to deliver Newsletters by hand in order to save the costs of postage and so contribute more to our chosen NT projects.

Thank you to the volunteers who do the deliveries and if anyone would like to join us in delivering a few in their local area I would be very pleased to hear from you.

Many thanks.

## Tates of Sussex Loyalty Card

A Tate of Sussex Loyalty Club card, valid for 12 months, is included in this edition of the magazine. Most members are aware of the benefits of this card but for the information of our new members, when you use this card, for every full £10 spent you receive a £1 plant voucher to spend at Tate and twice a year triple points are offered plus a free cup of coffee.

Also, upon production of a valid club card by the club member, you and other members of your group/family will receive a 50% half price day admission when visiting the attractions at Paradise Park (particularly useful when taking the grandchildren).

The National Trust does not benefit from this scheme but it can prove useful to some of our members.

**Wendy Platts, Membership Secretary**  
**Telephone: 490833 or 07989 077079**  
**email: [wendyplatts@sky.com](mailto:wendyplatts@sky.com)**

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## Filching Manor and Motor Museum

It is on the Friston to Wannock road

Another visit to Filching Manor has been arranged for **Tuesday, 7 May**. Time of arrival is 7pm and **the cost is £8** including light refreshments and a guided tour. If you would like to visit the Manor please let me know on 892750 or email [helen@norbs.com](mailto:helen@norbs.com). This is a super opportunity as the museum is sadly not open to the general public now.

Please meet at the manor, where there is ample parking, by **6:50pm**. We will be shown around by Karl Foulkes-Halbard. The Manor House is an amazing and very beautiful building. The motor museum contains a fascinating collection including Sir Malcolm Campbell's Bluebird K3. The majority of the cars displayed there are in working order.

Please bring friends and try to fill your car.

***Helen Roberts***

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## **Outing to Watercress Line and Bombay Sapphire Distillery**

**Date:** Thursday 11 July – depart 7.00am with usual pick up points

**Cost:** £53 includes distillery-hosted 2-hour experience, an hour's ride on the Watercress Line, coach travel and gratuity

We will begin the day's outing with a guided hosted experience at the Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery in Whitchurch – the experience includes the opportunity to sample some of their distilling!!

We will then continue on to the lovely little town of Arlesford with a chance to explore the shops or do a short circular walk by a pretty stream passing a mill and/or have some refreshments at one of the pubs or cafes. There will be time to enjoy this picturesque town both before and after an hour long ride on the lovely steam railway – the Watercress Line which was saved from closure in the 1970's.

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## Outing to Scotney Castle

**Date: Tuesday 6 August departing at 8:45am with usual pick up points**

**Cost: £25 which includes house and garden tour, coach travel and gratuity but no food**

**Non NT members will need to pay entry**

The estate is beautiful but a visit entails quite a bit of walking if you want to explore the lovely grounds.

We will be warmly welcomed at the beautiful Scotney Castle (we donated money for the new blinds in the dining room which will serve to protect the furniture and artefacts in the room).

Scotney Castle consists of two castles – the medieval moated Castle which is a fairly steep but lovely walk into the wooded valley. However in the 19<sup>th</sup> century its owner Edward Hussey III built a new house, partially demolishing the old castle to create a romantic folly.

Inside the house three generations have made their mark adding possessions and character to the Victorian mansion. There is even a resident cat!

We will be having a tour of the house and also the garden in small groups.

There will be time to sample the lovely food at Scotney – I recommend the scones – different flavours each week, and all delicious!

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## Outing to Highgrove Gardens

**Date: Thursday 5 September departing at 7am with usual pick up points**

**Cost: £68 which includes a 2-hour guided garden tour by one of Prince Charles's staff, and a light lunch. Also coach travel and gratuity**

We are very fortunate to have been able to organise a visit to Highgrove, Prince Charles' well known country estate in Gloucestershire.

The visit will include a light lunch – sadly not in Prince Charles' stately dining room but in the lovely restaurant located in the grounds. Before lunch we will have a two-hour guided tour of the gardens by one of his staff as he is not available that day!

We will have a comfort stop on both journeys to and from Highgrove as even on a good run the journey takes three hours. The outing will also entail quite a bit of walking round the fantastic, highly acclaimed gardens.

I am sure it will prove to be a brilliant day out and we will try and book fine weather!

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## Outing to Bletchley Park

**Date: Thursday 10 October – depart 7.30am with usual pick up points**

**Cost: £37 includes coach, gratuity and entrance but not food**

Bletchley Park is a nineteenth century mansion and estate near Milton Keynes. It is famous now for being the central site for British, and subsequently Allied, code breakers during World War Two. At the time of their operation this fact was of course a closely guarded secret.

During the Second World War the estate housed the British government code and cypher school which regularly penetrated the secret communications of the Axis Powers, most importantly the German Enigma and Lorenz ciphers. Famous code breakers included Alan Turing.

There is a great deal to see at Bletchley Park – a visitors' centre, codebreaking huts, special exhibitions, the National Radio Centre, the National Museum of Computing and much more.

We will have a talk and access to multimedia guides.

There are plenty of places to eat on the site.

It will be necessary to walk between the various exhibitions.

I am sure it will be a fascinating, interesting and enjoyable outing.

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## Afternoon Tea

Our afternoon tea will again be at Blatchington Golf Club but with a slight change to the time: see below. So do come along for a sociable get together with your NTSA friends. It is a lovely relaxing afternoon and afterwards there will be a raffle.

**Date: Thursday 18 July 2019, 3.30pm for 4.00pm at the Seaford Golf Club, Blatchington.**

Cost: £9.50

The tea will comprise:

- Assorted sandwiches
- Homemade scones with jam and fresh cream
- Slice of homemade cake
- Pot of tea or coffee

Also, there will be a **fun** quiz!

**Booking forms should be with me by 20 June 2019**

*Rosemary Heasman*

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**\*\*Please take a moment to read these booking conditions\*\***

## **BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR COACH OUTINGS AND EVENTS**

Please note that prices include transport, entrance fees and gratuities. Refreshments are not included except where specifically stated. National Trust Membership cards (not just Seaford Association cards) must be taken on any outing to a National Trust property – otherwise the full entry charge will be payable by the member.

**CHEQUES** should be made payable to **National Trust, Seaford Association**. A separate cheque for the full amount payable must be sent in respect of each outing or event applied for. **A cheque made out to cover more than one outing will not be processed, nor will a post-dated cheque.** You **MUST** include **ONE** stamped addressed envelope for the return of your tickets. Failure to do this will result in applications not being dealt with until after those correctly submitted.

**APPLICATION FORMS** will be processed in the order in which they are received. Two people wishing to sit together **MUST** enter both names on the same form. Names must be given in all cases. The person completing the form must give their full address (including postcode) and telephone number, including the dialling code if not 01323. When the maximum number has applied, further names will be kept on a waiting list.

**CANCELLATIONS** – Members wishing to cancel a booking must inform Mr. J. Hall (see below). If the ticket can be resold, a refund will be made, less £2.00 per ticket to cover costs. **If you have to cancel at short notice, please telephone Mr. Hall, (tel. 891581).**

Members are reminded that these outings are intended for Members of the Seaford Association. If space permits, it may be possible to allow seats for non-members. Preference will be given to National Trust members. Those who are not will **not** be covered by the Trust's insurance and are responsible for their own cover.

**INSURANCE** – Please note that the National Trust Insurance for personal accident cover does not apply to members over the age of ninety. Members in this category should consider their own requirements for this cover. There is no age limit for public liability cover.

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*** – [If any member has health or mobility problems which mean that he/she is likely to need assistance during the day, they must bring a companion with them who can undertake this help. Couriers are responsible for up to 53 people and cannot devote particular attention to just one or two people, however much they would like to do so.](#)

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| <p><b>BOOKING FORMS</b> to be sent to:<br/>Mr. J. Hall, 9 Hazeldene, Seaford, BN25 4NQ</p> |
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## Message from a profoundly deaf person

I'm trying to learn a new language: it's not very easy to do, I need your help and assistance, so I thought I'd explain it to you.

Next time you're going to speak to me don't turn your face away, for only by seeing the words on your lips can I understand what you say.

Speak to me more distinctly, not too loud and not too fast.  
Don't talk behind a cup or a hand, nor keep talking after you've passed.

When you impatiently say 'never mind', I shrivel up inside, for I frantically fought to hear what you said, and you don't even know how I tried.

The tick of the clock, the song of a bird, the sound of the roof in rain; approaching footsteps, a loved one's voice: what I'd give to hear them again.

Will you help me to remember, through the picture of a word, the sound of a melody that once I loved, and that once I also heard?

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## National Trust – Seaford Association Committee 2019

|                                    |                  |              |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| President:                         | Ann Thompson     | 01323 892150 |
| Chair:                             | Helen Roberts    | 01323 892750 |
| Vice Chair:                        | Sheila Guyatt    | 01323 899573 |
| Secretary:                         | Rod Evans        | 01323 370840 |
| Treasurer:                         | Michael Staples  | 01323 894893 |
| Membership Secretary:              | Wendy Platts     | 01323 490833 |
| Fund Raising Events:               | Elfriede Hussain | 01323 896373 |
| Afternoon Tea and<br>Autumn Lunch: | Rosemary Heasman | 01323 897959 |
| Holiday Organiser:                 | Ann Thompson     | 01323 892150 |
| Publicity Officer:                 | Sheila Guyatt    | 01323 899573 |
| Archivist:                         | John Creasey     | 01323 896462 |
| Day Trip Organiser:                | Sandra Newns     | 01323 899845 |
| Committee member:                  | Doreen Robinson  | 01323 896399 |

### Non-Committee Posts

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|--------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Ticketing Officer: | John Hall      | 01323 891581 |
| Winter Programme:  | Heather Collis | 01323 890066 |

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## Diary Dates 2019-2020

*Talks to take place at 2.30 pm in the  
Constitutional Club, Crouch Lane, Seaford BN25 1PU  
(Transport available on request)*

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|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2019</b> |                                                                                                       |
| 18 Apr      | Outing to Pashley Manor Gardens                                                                       |
| 19 Apr      | Dawn Walk, Sheffield Park                                                                             |
| 7 May       | Filching Manor visit                                                                                  |
| 19-24 May   | Holiday – South West England Highlights with a big flavour of the Cotswolds                           |
| 20 June     | Outing to Parham House and Gardens                                                                    |
| 11 Jul      | Watercress Line and Bombay Sapphire Distillery                                                        |
| 18 Jul      | Afternoon Tea <b>3.30pm for 4.00pm</b> at the Seaford Golf Club, Blatchington. Cost £9.50 per person  |
| 6 Aug       | Scotney Castle                                                                                        |
| 5 Sept      | Highgrove Gardens                                                                                     |
| 10 Oct      | Bletchley Park                                                                                        |
| 16 Oct      | Talk by Brian Freeland on 'The View from the Wings'                                                   |
| 20 Nov      | <b>AGM</b> plus talk by Gilly Halcrow entitled 'The £20 million Project to save Knole for the Nation' |
| 23 Nov      | Autumn Fair 10am – 11.30am – St Leonard's Church Hall                                                 |
| <b>2020</b> |                                                                                                       |
| 15 Jan      | A talk by Helen Poole on 'Thomas Cromwell and the Sussex Monasteries'                                 |
| 19 Feb      | Dr Janet Pennington – 'Sussex Inn Signs and their History'                                            |
| 18 Mar      | Philip Lane – 'A talk with accordion and keyboard accompaniment'                                      |
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