

Forthcoming Events

**June
Wednesday 16th**

Deal Walk

We are organising a tour of the Ancient town of Deal with our own Blue Badge Guide, Anthea Bryant, with whom we have had many interesting historical walks of other Kentish towns and cities.

We will go by coach and meet Anthea at 6p.m. at the Time Ball Museum, walk for about an hour, ending the evening with a Fish and Chip Supper. The cost for this outing will be £19.00 (not inclusive of supper).

Because this outing is limited to 35 people, it will be for members only and on a first come first served basis.

Please send your booking slip, cheque and SAE to Chris Standen

This tour is now fully booked and has a waiting list.

**July
Wednesday 14th**

Drinks under The Tower 4p.m.- 7p.m.

The National Trust at Sissinghurst Castle have kindly issued an invitation to members of Tenterden & District National Trust, to join them for a drink, and have the opportunity to wander around the garden when it is not open to the public and speak with members of staff.

There will be no charge for this event, but for security reasons, we must put a limit on numbers, so apply as soon as possible for a ticket, which will be limited to members only.

On arrival, members should congregate by the entrance to the House and Garden.

Please send your booking slip and **SAE** to **Chris Standen**



July **Polesden Lacey**
Sunday 18th

This should be a leisurely day out with much wandering and meandering giving us ample time to savour the delights of Polesden Lacey's house and extensive gardens.

On arrival at around 11 o'clock we'll have a choice of coffee, surveying part of the garden or going straight to the house. The choice will be yours.

The house, now owned by the National Trust, is a fine example of beautiful Regency architecture. Once home of poet and playwright

Richard Brinsley Sheridan, it was remodelled in 1906-9 by the Hon. Mrs Ronald Greville, a well-known Edwardian hostess. Polesden Lacey was considered sufficiently magnificent to be the honeymoon venue of our future King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in 1923.

Once inside the house, enjoy the collection of fine paintings, furniture, porcelain and silver, displayed just as they were at the time of Mrs Greville's celebrated house parties.

You might like to explore the beautiful walled rose garden before venturing for a stroll around the other garden areas and, if still full of energy and enthusiasm, there are also a number of landscape walks to try out.

We may have the option of a free guided tour of the gardens. If you wish to take this option, please tick the relevant box on the booking form.

Lunch, which is **not included** in the price can be partaken at the Courtyard Restaurant, between 12.00 and 2.30 if a hot meal is required, or at any other time for lighter refreshments, at either the Courtyard Restaurant or Stables Coffee Shop. There is no need to book either in advance. There are lots of picnic tables around the grounds for anyone wishing to take their own picnic.

The price of the outing will be £18. **Do remember to bring your National Trust membership card or you will be charged entry.**

Please send your booking slip, **SAE** and **cheque (made payable to Tenterden and District National Trust Association)** to **Stephanie Haworth**

August Buckingham Palace and Clarence House
Wednesday 11th

We are organising a trip to two Royal Households in one day, which reflects the higher than usual price, as we have to pay for two entrance tickets.

We hope to arrive at Clarence House, the official residence of The Prince of Wales, at 11p.m. and we will go in to groups for a guided tour, which will take about 45minutes.

Following this, we will have plenty of time for a picnic in the park or at one of the many restaurants in Buckingham Palace Road before meeting at Buckingham Palace at 2.30.p.m. for an afternoon tour which takes about 2hrs, is self-guided and will include the use of an audio machine.

There will be an opportunity to get a cup of tea in the Garden Cafe as you exit the Palace, and we will leave for home at 4.30.p.m.

The total cost of this outing will be £40.00 for members with an additional £1.50 for non-members.

Chris Standen

This tour is now fully booked and has a waiting list.

HOLIDAY CRUISE

Cruise to the Norwegian Fjords on the MV Braemar - Monday, 30th August, 2010, for 7 nights

Are you wondering what to do for a holiday next year? Why not join us aboard the Fred Olsen cruise ship MV Braemar, leaving from Dover for a week's cruise to the Norwegian Fjords, from £669 all inclusive (apart from personal spending, drinks and excursions)?

We are grateful to Travelux of Tenterden for arranging a special package for us that will include:

- Cruise fully escorted from Tenterden for the duration of the holiday;
- The ship will call at Bergen, Olden, Flam, Gudvangen and Stavanger;
- £50 per cabin to spend on board;

- A "welcome aboard" cocktail party specifically for our group;
- Transport by coach from Tenterden to Dover and back.

If you have travelled with us before you will know that we are a friendly crowd and the more people that come with us the greater the contribution to our local Association by Travelux.

If you are interested, please 'phone Travelux on 01580 764344 (first port of call) and quote the "National Trust Association holiday".

Alternatively 'phone Gill Wood on 01797 280208 (if no answer, please leave your name, 'phone number and a short message).

Early booking is recommended as all prices quoted and choice of cabins are subject to availability.

From January 2010, the price of this holiday will be increased – details from Travelux.

There are still places on this holiday if anyone would like to book now.

October Day trip to Boulogne Wednesday 6th

Passports at the ready! We plan a day trip to Boulogne which should appeal many of you. Our coach takes us through the Eurotunnel to Calais and – for a change we go along the coastal road through the villages, allowing us views across the Channel on our way to Boulogne. We stop near the main square for those who want to alight for the harbour part of the town and continue to the citadel. We are then free to enjoy a leisurely lunch and explore the old part of the town. We should be in Boulogne for approximately three to four hours (depending on traffic etc.) On the way home we plan to stop for about an hour at Auchan to allow for those very necessary French purchases before catching the 7.00p.m train home.

The cost for this trip is an absolute bargain at £35.00 per person (excluding lunch). Please note that because of timing we shall only be picking up and setting down at Cranbrook and Tenterden. Please send

your booking form, an **SAE** and **cheque made payable to Tenterden and District National Trust Association, to JOAN LEWIS.**

October Glyndebourne
Thursday 14th or Wednesday 27th

We are planning to see La Centerentola on one or other of the above dates. Booking forms with price and travel times will be in the next newsletter.

November Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum
Saturday 13th

An opportunity not to be missed! The chance to visit the hallowed Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Club and Museum to experience a stunning multi-dimensional tour of the traditions, triumphs and emotions of the sights and sounds that have made Wimbledon the most coveted title in tennis.

On our arrival mid-morning, we shall tour the museum to explore the game's evolution from a garden party pastime to a multi-million dollar professional sport played world-wide: with exciting easy to use touch screens and audio guides.

Highlights include the championship trophies, a "ghost" of John McEnroe speaking about the game (I know we all hated him as a player but now he's a mature commentator he's a really pleasant chap), 200° cinema with CGI special effects capturing the Science of tennis, film and video footage which takes visitors right into the action of some of the most memorable and exciting tournament matches and an extensive, unsurpassed collection of tennis memorabilia dating back to 1555.

Lunch, which is NOT included in the price, can be taken at the museum's Wingfield Restaurant.

Our afternoon will be a Blue Badge Guided Tour to areas normally closed to the public: No. 1 Court, The Water Gardens (Henman

Hill/Murray Mount), The Millenium Building, Press Interview Room, BBC TV Studio (or Centre Court if building permits.)

Although the museum in the morning, is fully accessible, the afternoon tour of the grounds, which takes about 90 minutes, involves a lot of steps which some may find challenging.

After the tour there will, hopefully, be time for a cup of tea before our journey home.

The cost will be £28.00 for members or £29.50 for non-members.

So, if you would like to idle away a gloomy November day at such an exciting venue please send your booking form, cheque and **SAE** to **Margaret Howard**.

December Christmas Lunch
Friday 10th

This year's Christmas lunch has been booked for Friday 10th December 2010. Again Flackley Ash Hotel and Restaurant is the venue which I am sure is to everyones liking.

All details including booking forms will be included in the Autumn newsletter.

Bernard Beardsmore