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of the National Trust*



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Ornamental plasterwork on the domed ceiling and walls of the “Prospect Room“
in the Oval Pavilion, Farnborough Hall (see page 6)

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It is with great regret that I have to say farewell to you all. After being a member of the Mid-Warwickshire Association for well over 20 years, and being on the Management Committee for virtually all of that length of time, my husband and I have decided that it is time to move to live nearer to our son and his family, as this is about 70 miles away it will not be practical for me to attend meetings, or carry out many of the things which I have so enjoyed doing over the years.

I was pleased when Graham Cooper agreed to stand in as Acting Chairman until the next AGM in November, and equally pleased to hand over the editorship of "Oak Leaves" to Chris Rhodes – we are producing this issue jointly, and he will take over completely for the next, Spring 2013, issue.

Otherwise the Management Committee will continue as before, except that we shall be seeking a new Programme Secretary, to book and look after the speakers from October to May each year. Your programme is almost complete for 2013 and details for most of the year will be found in the following pages.

Our outings for the past couple of years have been organised by various members of the Committee, and I would like to thank them all for the effort they have put in, and the variety of trips we have enjoyed – each one has been selected and planned by the individuals who undertook to organise them, and they have come up with more interesting ideas for the forthcoming year.

Your support for all the events we stage has been phenomenal, and I am pleased to say that the response to our planned 40th Anniversary Buffet Supper on October 4th this year has ensured its success. Our maximum number of 60 was reached in no time and I am sure that it will be a delightful evening in the Orangery at Charlecote Park.

This year has been full of notable events – the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which will have been followed by the Olympic Games by the time you read this. Charles Dickens' 200th anniversary, and the centenary of the death of Octavia Hill are the subjects of our first two Autumn meetings.

I wish you all well, and continuing enjoyment of your membership of the National Trust and in particular, of Mid-Warwickshire Association.

Patricia M. Dent

EVENING MEETINGS 2012-13

Our meetings are held on Wednesday evenings, normally the first Wednesday of the month in the Avon Hall of the Royal Spa Centre, and start at 7.30pm **Guests are welcome, the admission price for non-members of the Association is £3**

WEDNESDAY 3rd OCTOBER

We welcome back Jane Tapley, to talk this time about the **LIFE AND TIMES OF CHARLES DICKENS**, celebrating the bi-centenary of his birth this year. A complex man, driven by his vivid imagination, he was one of the first professional writers of his Victorian generation. His childhood memories of having to work in a blacking factory because of his father's mounting debts and imprisonment was the basis for his lifelong interest in the poor and their unfortunate circumstances.

WEDNESDAY 7th NOVEMBER

To follow our Annual General Meeting we have writer and speaker Gillian Darley to talk about **OCTAVIA HILL – Campaigner and Co-Founder of the National Trust**. With a look at her early life and the influences which caused her to become a campaigner for Social Reform and a desire for the preservation of green spaces.

WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER

To celebrate the Christmas Season, we are pleased to have **ALL (you ever wanted to know) ABOUT CHRISTMAS**. Dorothy Nicolle explores the myths and traditions that surround the festive season

WEDNESDAY 9th JANUARY (Please note - the second week)

Helen Larner takes us into the imagination of **WILLIAM MORRIS – His Gardens and Designs**. Through his combined interest in mediaeval ideas and in nature, William Morris brought a new attitude to design. We shall see how this progressed from the gardens he created to the patterns for which he was renowned.

WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY

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WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH

Dr Gillian White makes a return visit and takes us into the fascinating world of **NICHOLAS HILLIARD and the ART OF THE MINIATURE**.

WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL

We can cast our eyes to the heavens for a talk on astronomy by Andrew Lound, he will introduce us **TO SEE THE BEGINNING OF TIME**.

WEDNESDAY 1st MAY

From reality to **THE MYTHS AND LEGENDS of the BERMUDA TRIANGLE** – all will be explained by Captain William Wells. This is an entertaining but serious look at the many legends surrounding the area. We explore why and when it was designated the "Bermuda Triangle" and what may have caused its reputation for many strange and inexplicable happenings to both ships and aircraft within the Triangle area.

MID-WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Invite you to a

SPRING LUNCHEON

At St Francis Parish Centre

Warwick Road, Kenilworth CV8 2GF

(using own transport)

On SATURDAY 23rd MARCH 2013

12.30 FOR 1PM

Tickets £16.50

The menu and further details will be published in the next issue of this magazine,

A two course lunch - hot main course followed by a dessert and tea or coffee.

The ticket price includes a glass of wine or a soft drink.

Numbers are limited. Please make early application for tickets on the booking form addressed to Clive Nelson

See booking form on separate sheet.

CELEBRATING OUR FORTIETH.... and the future

Members will be aware that an essential part of our existence as an Association of the National Trust is to raise funds for its projects. This year, in celebration of our anniversary we discussed a wide range of appeals, we were looking for special places where our members could visit and appreciate the result of your support, and finally decided on those listed below.

Croome Park The National Trust owns a strip of land situated to the north of Croome, Pirton Ridge, in the centre of which sits Pirton Castle. The castle was designed by James Wyatt in 1801 and is one of Croome's three outer eye-catchers. On the ridge at Pirton are a number of mature cedars which were planted in the eighteenth century. Our £1,000 provides 12 young trees and tree guards which will replace the older trees in the years to come.

Still on the subject of trees, we also donated the sum of £500 to **Packwood House** for the sponsorship of four fruit trees to be planted in the Kitchen Garden. The four trees are (1) apple, "Golden Pippin" (2) pear "Beurre Superfin" (3) apple "Blenheim Orange" and (4) pear "Black Worcester". Their positions are marked on the plan, (see back page) and at the rear of each fruit tree label will be marked "MWA" so that visiting members can identify 'our' trees!

£500 also went to **Farnborough Hall** towards the conservation and repainting of the ornamental plasterwork on the domed ceiling and walls of the delightful 'prospect room' in the Oval Pavilion. It was hoped to have the Oval Temple completed and opened to the public this summer. (See picture on front cover)

Not trees but a 'tree house'! **Moseley Old Hall** in Staffordshire has acquired an additional area of woodland, which they propose to develop as a Family Area, with children's games, a picnic space and a tree house, our £500 donation will cover most or possibly all of the cost of the tree house.

Last but not least - Our 40th anniversary supper will be on 4th October in the Orangery at **Charlecote Park**, on that occasion we shall also be presenting a donation to cover one of their projects - more news and pictures in the Spring 2013 Issue of 'Oak Leaves'

Please detach these four pages and bring to the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE NATIONAL TRUST

MID-WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

From the Honorary Secretary, 57 Almond Avenue, Leamington Spa CV32 6QD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2012 at 7.30pm

You are invited to attend the Fortieth Annual General Meeting of the Mid-Warwickshire Association of the National Trust, which will be held on Wednesday 7th November 2012 at 7.30pm in the Avon Hall of the Royal Spa Centre, Newbold Terrace, Leamington Spa CV32 4HN.

You are requested to submit nominations for next year's officials. The nominations should be lodged with me no later than 21st October 2012 on a separate sheet of paper, giving all necessary information – i.e. Name of Nominee; Name of Proposer; Name of Seconder; Signature of Nominee agreeing to be proposed. Send to Hon. Secretary, 57 Almond Avenue, Leamington Spa CV32 6QD.

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Yours sincerely,

J. Johnstone (Miss) Hon. Secretary
Mid-Warwickshire Association of the National Trust.

The consent of the member to be nominated must be obtained

MID-WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL TRUST

WEDNESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2012

AGENDA

1. Opening address from the President
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of AGM held on 2nd November 2011 (attached)
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. Correspondence and Announcements
6. To receive accounts for the year ended 31st August 2012
7. To receive the Management Committee Report for the year ended 31st August 2012 (attached)
8. To elect Officials:
 - a) President
 - b) Vice President(s)
 - c) Chairman
 - d) Vice- Chairman
 - e) Honorary Secretary
 - f) Honorary Treasurer
 - g) Membership Secretary
 - h) Programme Secretary
 - i) Excursions Secretary
 - j) Press and Publicity Officer
 - k) Newsletter Editor
 - l) Not more than SIX Committee Members
9. To elect an Honorary Financial Examiner
10. Any Other Business: Please inform the Honorary Secretary not later than 21st October 2012 of any item you wish to raise.

Minutes of the Thirty-ninth Annual General Meeting of the Mid-Warwickshire Association of the National Trust, held in the Avon Hall, Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa, on Monday 2nd November 2011

The Chairman welcomed the President Sir Edmund Fairfax-Lucy, the Vice-President Graham Cooper, Mr Patrick Buerk, Volunteering and Community Involvement Consultant, and Mr Glyn Jones, Head Gardener at Hidcote. The President Sir Edmund Fairfax-Lucy opened the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mr J. Labrum, Mr G. White.

Minutes of the thirty-eighth Annual General Meeting had been circulated. All in favour that they be signed as a correct record. Proposed by Mr G.Carr, seconded by Mr D.Booth. There were no matters arising.

Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2011 were presented by the Hon Treasurer Mrs Marianne Pitts. The adoption proposed by Dr J.Holiday, seconded by Mrs J.Wilson. All in favour.

Annual Report of the Management Committee: This has been circulated.

Chairman's Observations : Mrs Patricia Dent thanked all the Officers and Committee for their splendid support and hard work during the year. At the last AGM John Labrum, who had been Treasurer for 11 years, hand over to Marianne Pitts. As well as being Treasurer she had also started up our Association website. Patricia Dent thanked her for all her hard work. Our events and excursions this year have continued to be popular. Membership is holding up well with about 650 members. With the assistance of Committee Members, we have a full programme of events planned for 2012, which will be our 40th anniversary year. Lastly she thanked our loyal members for their continued support.

Election of Officers: The Management Committee has proposed and seconded the following Officers, who may be announced as elected in accordance with the Association's Constitution.

President- Sir Edmund Fairfax-Lucy; **Vice President** - Mr Graham E Cooper, **Chairman-** Mrs Patricia Dent, **Honorary Secretary-** Miss Julia Johnstone; **Honorary Treasurer-** Mrs Marianne Pitts, **Membership Secretary** – Mrs Valerie Grimmer; **Computer Co-ordinator-** Mr A.Pitts, **Distribution Officer-** Mr Tony Gulliman; **Press and Publicity Officer-** Mr David Gilmore; **Programme Secretary-** Mrs Patricia Dent; Not more than **six committee members-** Mr G.White; Miss B. Mash; Miss M.Mears; Mr R.Nabbs; Mr C.Nelson. Elected en bloc, proposed by Mrs M.Barr, seconded Mrs J.Maplestone. Mrs Margaret Tomlinson was elected to the Committee, Proposed by Miss M Mears, seconded by Mrs J Maplestone.

To elect the Honorary Inspector of Accounts: Mr Richard Wilsden, proposed by Mrs M. Pitts, seconded by Mr R.Nabbs. Mr Wilsden has been inspecting the accounts for many years, he has agreed to do it for another year.

Mr Patrick Buerk from, the National Trust Office at Alcester addressed the meeting. The AGM closed at 8.10pm.

After the interval, Glyn Jones, Head Gardener at Hidcote, talked about the history of Hidcote Gardens

Management Committee Report 2011-2012

The Management Committee has pleasure in presenting to the Annual General Meeting this the 40th Annual Report, which covers the twelve month period to 31st August 2012.

We were pleased to welcome Mrs Margaret Tomlinson to the Committee.

The Winter Season of talks held at the Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa, was well-attended.

The first speaker of the season was Mr Keith Holmes, talking about "Rome and its Fountains". Other talks have ranged from "The History of Hidcote Manor Gardens" to "Bess of Hardwick".

On 10th September members visited the Church at Wootton Wawen this was followed by an excellent tea provided by the local W.I.

The excursions arranged by Mrs Patricia Dent and Mrs Valerie Grimmer, Mr Graham White, Miss Margaret Mears and Mrs Margaret Tomlinson, and Mr and Mrs John Labrum have been well attended, on occasions it has been necessary to make two trips to accommodate the numbers who wished to come.

The visits have been to Shipton Hall and Stokesay Castle; The Ashmolean Museum, Oxford; Holburne Museum, Bath; The National Arboretum and Lichfield; The British Legion Poppy Factory and Richmond, Surrey; Attingham Park and Sunnycroft; the Crown Derby Factory and Kedleston Hall.

On 17th May an Asparagus Supper was held at The Fleece Inn, Bretforton, which was enjoyed by 32 members.

The raffle remains popular, our thanks go to Betty Mash and her team of helpers.

Membership has reduced slightly, although the numbers attending the monthly meetings are keeping up well. Forty-five new members have joined, the committee are indebted to Valerie Grimmer, Membership Secretary, and Tony Gulliman, Distribution Officer. Thanks also go to David Gilmore, Press and Publicity and Marianne Pitts for dealing so ably with the Association's Finances.

We look forward to the Association's 40th Anniversary Supper being held at Charlecote Park on 4th October, and trust that the coming year will again be successful.

Thank you very much, Patricia.

It is so sad that we have to bid adieu to Patricia Dent who has been such a good friend to the local Association of the National Trust and to each of us individually.

When I was Chairman, I knew I could rely on her to arrange the programme so expertly and efficiently, and even on occasion to bring in substitutes when booked speakers were unable to come at the last minute. That was not all, because she produced and gradually improved the Association's Newsletter. When someone undertakes a job so efficiently and without any fuss, their output tends to be taken for granted and one forgets the stresses and strains necessary to get the work done. Then, added to all that, Patricia became Chairman when I decided to stand down from that post.

Patricia's departure will therefore leave a wide gap in the organisation of the Association and I have no doubt that I voice the feelings of every one when I express to her our grateful thanks for all she has done for the benefit of our organisation.

Thank you very much indeed, Patricia. We shall miss you very much and we hope you and your husband, Neville, will be very happy in your new surroundings near Henley-on-Thames.

We have been enormously fortunate to recruit the services of Chris Rhodes to edit our Newsletter and we should be grateful to him for his help and we very much look forward to his future issues.

At the time of writing, it remains for us to make arrangements for the appointment of a Programme Secretary. It may be that we have a member who would very much enjoy taking this on, but if no such person became readily apparent, it may be that we should have to appoint a sub-committee and share the work. Considering the adage "More hands make light work", it is to be hoped that some Members would volunteer to help. If not, and you are approached to assist, please give the matter very careful consideration and be ready to give a little help to the Association as your contribution to an organisation whose events you have hopefully enjoyed.

GRAHAM E.COOPER
Vice-President.

EXCURSIONS 2012-13

Bookings for trips will be dealt with commencing three weeks after the distribution of this Oak Leaves Magazine, and applications will be acknowledged from this date. If you do not hear from the organizers soon after this, please contact the telephone number on each booking form to check that your application has arrived. **The price of the excursion** includes the cost of coach travel, the driver's gratuity, the cost of any talk or guided tour and admission to properties which do not belong to the National Trust. **Please remember to bring your National Trust Membership Card for entry to NT properties.** As before, excursions will depart from the Leisure Centre at Newbold Comyn, with a further pick-up five minutes later at Newbold Terrace, opposite the Royal Spa Centre.

If, having paid for your excursion, you need to cancel, we suggest that it will be helpful if you are able to find someone else to take your place. The organizers may be able to assist with names and telephone numbers if there is a waiting list, but this cannot be guaranteed, nor can a refund, particularly if certain tickets have to be ordered and paid for well in advance.

The names of the volunteer organisers are on each booking form, so please make sure you address them correctly, but cheques still must be made out to "MID WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL TRUST" and enclosed with your booking form, together with a stamped, addressed envelope.

TUESDAY 23rd APRIL 2013

THE GEFFRYE MUSEUM and THE MUSEUM of CHILDHOOD

These two London museums offer a contrast of interests. First we make our way to the Geffrye Museum, which specializes in the history of the English domestic interior. It is housed in the Grade I listed almshouses built in 1714 and shows the changing style of the interiors in a series of displayed period rooms from 1600 to the present day. The emphasis is on the furnishings, pictures and ornaments of the urban middle classes of London. In addition there is an eighteenth century alms house as part of the display, showing the building in its original guise as a rest home for the poor. Lunch has been booked for us in the Museum Café, which is at the back of the Almshouses, and looks out to the pretty gardens and over the new Hoxton station.

After lunch, at about 2.30pm, we go by coach to the V & A Museum of Childhood in Bethnal Green which houses the UK's National Collection of childhood objects, ranging in date from the 1600s to the present day. As well as toys, dolls, dolls houses, games and puzzles the Museum also has a wealth of objects relating to many other aspects of childhood, including home and childcare, play and learning, clothing, representations of childhood, archival collections and ephemera. Tea cakes and pastries are available (not included in the price) in the Benugo Café on site, before we leave for home.

Organisers: Margaret Tomlinson and Margaret Mears. 7 Wootton Court, Leamington Spa CV32 6UU. Tel: 424205

Depart: Newbold Comyn 8.30am

Back about 6.30pm

Cost £28

THURSDAY 16th MAY 2013

**BIDDULPH GRANGE GARDENS and
JODRELL BANK OBSERVATORY**

We leave Leamington and drive through the historic area of the Potteries and Ceramic industry, after which we run through a string of coalmining villages, one of the most deprived areas where the scars of its industrial heritage still show. Shortly before we reach Biddulph Grange we have a good view of the Mow Cap mining village, parts of which were gifted to the National Trust in 1937, and where the mining of coal and millstones were first recorded in 1307.

The main attraction of Biddulph Grange are the amazing gardens laid out in 1880 by James Bateman, a contemporary of Charles Darwin, who shared his beliefs and scientific interests. The gardens were laid out to amaze, educate and entertain, and the various themes lead you on a fantasy global journey. There are several sets of moderate steps. Light refreshments and lunches are available.

At approximately 1.15 we shall depart for the 35 minute drive through the Cheshire parkland to Jodrell Bank. Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre, built in the 1950s, has always been at the forefront of radio astronomy, and it still maintains its reputation by reporting on new space research and space phenomena. In addition to the telescopes, there are many pavilions with displays for all levels of scientific knowledge, with special displays relating to space and the planets. For the keen gardener there are also 35 acres of gardens with over 2000 species of plants. There is also a comprehensive restaurant and cafeteria. We will leave for home at about 4pm.

Organisers: Derek and Vera Booth, "Leorexden" 4 Bamburgh Grove, Leamington Spa CV32 6RL Tel: 885819

Depart: Newbold Comyn 8.30am

Arrive back: 6.30pm approx.

Cost £25

TUESDAY 18th JUNE 2013

BOUGHTON HOUSE, NORTHANTS

Built in 1700, it was modelled on Versailles for the English Ambassador to France. The house has not changed in three centuries and contains a superb collection of paintings, tapestries, furniture and porcelain, which requires a guided tour. It is the private property of the Duke of Buccleuch and has restricted public opening. We will have it to ourselves.

Around the house there are acres of fine parkland including lawns, lakes, waterways and woods, some of which are 300 years old. The park is being restored to its former glory. There is also a walled kitchen garden with a large herbaceous border which should be in full bloom when we visit. Lunch in the Stable Restaurant has to be booked in advance though you may picnic in the garden. The lunch will be cold buffet with ham, chicken, salmon, a variety of salads and bread. It includes tea or coffee. The food is excellent. The cost of travel and the guided tour of the house, including coffee/tea on arrival with home-made biscuits will be £28.50, with an additional £10 for lunch.

Organiser: Marianne Pitts, 4 Leam Terrace, Leamington Spa, CV31 1BB Tel: 885532

Depart: Newbold Comyn 9.15am

Arrive back: 5.30 approx

**Cost £28.50 plus lunch
if required £10**

NEWS from our local NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTIES

Details are correct as we go to print, but it is advisable to check before making a special journey.

BADDESLEY CLINTON – 01564-783294 - www.nationaltrust.org.uk/baddesleyclinton

While the beauty and tranquil atmosphere of Baddesley remain the same, some things have changed and the house, gardens and estate are now open all year round, with the exception of Christmas Day. Last year the restaurant fed 1,200 with Christmas lunches, and they had over 10,000 visiting in December and 6,000 in January. Winter opening times are 12 noon – 4pm, and the restaurant will be offering Christmas lunches again. The series of **Brunch Lectures** will be starting again on October 10th, every Wednesday and Thursday until 15th November. The cost is £15 for a one-hour lecture on a variety of topics, followed by a hearty English Breakfast. 9.30 to 11am. Booking essential.

Saturday 27th October, **Murder Mystery Evening**, from 6.30pm in the house, followed by a three-course dinner in the Barn Restaurant. £45 Booking essential.

Family Fun Days – Halloween – from 27th October to 4th November. 11am to 3.30pm £2.

PACKWOOD HOUSE – 01564-782024: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/packwood

This year Packwood is closing at the end of October, until then it will be open every day except Monday, 11am to 5pm. There will be no Christmas opening, to enable building work to take place – members will recall the appeals for support last year, and now they will be starting on a new centre, extended car parking, new restaurant and tea room and new Reception/Visitor Centre., they hope to have it all complete by Autumn 2013. Major conservation work has been undertaken in the house, and the installation of a water source heat pump in the lake. The garden team have been working hard in the kitchen garden and among others, planting 18 varieties of heritage potato!

HIDCOTE MANOR GARDENS – 01386-438333: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hidcote

Wednesday 5th September – 6pm to 9.30 pm. **Head Gardener's Private Evening Tour** with wine and canapés. Head Gardener Glyn Jones tells the story of the Creator of Hidcote, and you can enjoy late summer colour in the garden, followed by wine and canapés. £35.

Many other exciting events available throughout the next few months, **Flower Arranging Class** on Thursday 6th September, 10am to 2pm £30 includes morning coffee and light lunch.

Sculpture Trails – Saturday 8th to Sunday 30th September (excluding Thursdays and Fridays)

Kitchen Garden Herbalist – Thursday 13th September, 10am to 2pm £30 includes morning coffee and light lunch. More attractions during October November and December. The Cedar Tree Restaurant will be open from 12 noon to 2pm for traditional Christmas lunch bookings on 2nd 9th and 16th December £25 for 3 courses, and evenings (a la carte) on Saturday 1st and 15th December. Booking is essential so call the Catering Office on 01386-438703.

Bookings and more information on the website or telephone 01386-438333.

MID-WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION DIARY 2012-13

1st September - Renewal date for Annual Subscription to Mid-Warwickshire Association.

- Wednesday 19th September Excursion to London, St Pancras and Dickens Walk
- Wednesday 3rd October First Meeting of our Winter Programme
"What the Dickens?" Celebrating his 200th Anniversary, talk by Jane Tapley
- Thursday 4th October 40th Anniversary of Mid-Warwickshire Association- Celebratory Supper at the Orangery, Charlecote Park, 6pm – 9.30
- Wednesday 7th November AGM followed by talk by Gillian Darley –"Octavia Hill, Campaigner and Co-Founder of the National Trust"
- Wednesday 28th November Dorothy Nicolle tells us "All About Christmas"

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- Wednesday 9th January Meeting- Helen Lerner pays us a return visit to talk about "William Morris – His Gardens and Designs"
- Wednesday 6th February Speaker TBA
- Wednesday 6th March Meeting – Dr Gillian White "Nicholas Hilliard and the Art of the Miniature"
- Saturday 23rd March Association Spring Lunch at St Francis Parish Centre, Kenilworth 12.30 for 1pm Contact Clive Nelson Tel: 858333
- Wednesday 3rd April Meeting – Andrew Lound talks about astronomy "To See the Beginning of Time"
- Thursday 23rd April Excursion – The Geffrye Museum and the V & A Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood.
- Wednesday 1st May Meeting – Captain William Wells looks at the "Myths and Legends of the Bermuda Triangle"
- Thursday 16th May Excursion – Biddulph Grange and Jodrell Bank Observatory
- Thursday 18th June Excursion - Boughton House, Northamptonshire

PACKWOOD KITCHEN GARDEN

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