



London West Middlesex National Trust Volunteers Newsletter

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October 2016 to January 2017



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Letter from the Chairman

Where have the summer evenings gone after a such a super summer?

Back at the beginning of August it was BBC Countryfile Live at Blenheim where the NT was one of the main sponsors and LWM were asked to be involved and support the NT, which we did.

This event was on from Thursday-Sunday which also including wonderful sunny weather. LWM were present on site for the whole period of the event staying in my caravan & Awning. LWM supported the NT stand in various ways which included promoting volunteering across the country. We felt that the whole event was a wonderful success for the BBC & the NT. It looks as if LWM will be back to this event in 2017

Also in August LWM had a full week camp staying at High Wray in the Lake District and we were working at Allan Bank in Grasmere. We had a full and varied lists of tasks within the wall garden and we were well looked after by all the NT staff and were provided with tea & cake.

May I welcome the new LWM members I have had the opportunity to meet throughout this quarter. I hope to catch up with a few more of you before the end of 2016 and remember its our AGM in January so if you feel you want to get more involved

with LWM please see information in this newsletter or ask a present comittee member

May I thank present committee members for all their hard work especially Jon for the new website & Naomi for running Meetup.

Regards Andy

*May I welcome
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members!*



Sad news about a member



I am sad to tell you of the sudden and unexpected death of LWM member Colin Wright. Many of you will have met the irrepressible Colin on a volunteering weekend. He was a big character and a weekend with Colin around was always an entertaining affair. He was always ready with an anecdote, a laugh and a catchphrase. Colin will be missed by friends in the group.



Help us celebrate a milestone year!

40 years of LWMNTV will be celebrated in 2017. The committee are planning celebration events, details of which will be announced after the AGM in January. In the meantime, we'd like your help with preparing for the celebrations.

T shirt competition

Have you got a great idea for a design that celebrates 40 years of fun, work for the NT, life long friendships, relationships, families and memories being made? If you have, make it up, draw it, take a picture, produce it on photoshop, however you want to do it, and email it to lwmntvpublicity@gmail.com by the 8th January.

The winning designer will receive a prize for their efforts!

LWMNTV Scrapbook

We're planning to put together a scrapbook of pictures, anecdotes and information to celebrate 40 years of LWMNTV. If you have pictures or anecdotes that you would be happy for us to include, please send to lwmntvpublicity@gmail.com with details of who is in the picture, when it was taken and where it was, if you can remember. If this works out, we'll be making copies available to members, let us know if you'd be interested.

Coming up November to January



Autumn days are upon us, the nights are drawing in, what better time to spend a weekend out in the fresh air. Most events will have a roaring bonfire, you'll soon be warm working and at the end of the day, a filling tasty meal will be shared in a cosy basecamp. just remember to bring your waterproofs and a warm sleeping bag.



We've got weekend events coming up at Slindon, Hunter and Henman, and day tasks at Toy's Hill and Osterley. This year's end of year bash will be held from the 9th-11th December at Henman, come and join us to celebrate the festive season.



We'll be back at Henman in January for the group's AGM on Sunday 15th January from 2pm. Please come along to see what the plans are for the year ahead and join us for the working weekend too. If you're interested in joining the committee you would be more than welcome. The nomination forms are included with the newsletter. If you want to know more about what any role involves, please speak to a current committee member on an event or get in touch.



August to October in Pictures



The chairman hard at work at Countryfile Live!



A weekend was spent in Slindon clearing next to a wall near the basecamp and then burning what had been cut, a great job done!

August to October in Pictures



Allan Bank

We had a fabulous week of warm, sunny August weather in the Lake District, staying at High Wray and working at Allan Bank. We weeded in the garden, cleared rhodi, built paths, and enjoyed being in such a fabulous part of the country!



August to October in Pictures

More of the Lake District



Weekend at
Hunter- Rhodi clearing and a
night at the theatre and some
delicious desserts



Upcoming Events November 2016 to January 2017

11th-13th November. Weekend at Hunter, Haslemere, Surrey

Event number: 993 Leaders: Naomi and Phil Markham Cost: £10

Planned work: Working at Woolbeding - We will be working at Lavington Common doing pine pulling and cutting, some birch clearance, and maybe some rhododendron. It will be heathland scrub clearance and a bonfire, weather permitting.

Saturday 26th November. Day Task at Toy's Hill, nr Sevenoaks, Kent

Event number: 994 Leader: Fiona Lander Cost: Free
(don't forget your packed lunch!)

Planned work: unknown, however in the past we have undertaken a wide variety of tasks at this property, including coppicing, clearing vegetation, putting up fences and more.

9th-11th December. End of year bash at Henman, nr Dorking, Surrey

Event number: 995 Leaders: Ferreira-Santos, Jon Buggins and Naomi Markham. Cost: £15

Planned work: unknown, however in the past we have undertaken a wide variety of tasks at this property, including scrub clearance, path work and more.

13th-15th January. Weekend at Henman, nr Dorking, Surrey

Event number: 996 Leaders: Hannah Fogg and Andy Whiteley

Cost: £10

Planned work: unknown, however in the past we have undertaken a wide variety of tasks at this property, including coppicing, clearing vegetation, planting trees and more.

Saturday 28th January. Day task at Osterley Park, West London.

Event number: 997 Leader: Naomi Markham

Cost: Free

(don't forget your packed lunch!)

Planned work: unknown, however in the past we have undertaken a wide variety of tasks at this property, including clearing brambles, cutting back in the garden, fence painting and more.

New members and milestone hours

Welcome to our new members who have joined in the last three months:

Jolene Pereira Santos from Cheshire, who has volunteered for 31 hours

Anne Karam from Putney in London who has volunteered for 25 hours

Philippa Hirst from Peckham Rye in London who has volunteered for 41 hours

Rita McCreddie from Chippenham in Wiltshire, look forward to meeting you on a task soon!

Congratulations to Stanislav Kikot and Philippa Hirst, who have both reached 40 hours of volunteering with the group during this quarter. £10 of National Trust vouchers will be winging their way to each of you soon.

Booking Information

To book on to a task email info@lwmntv.org.uk or follow the instructions for booking completing a booking form from the website www.lwmntv.org.uk and post it to the address on the form.

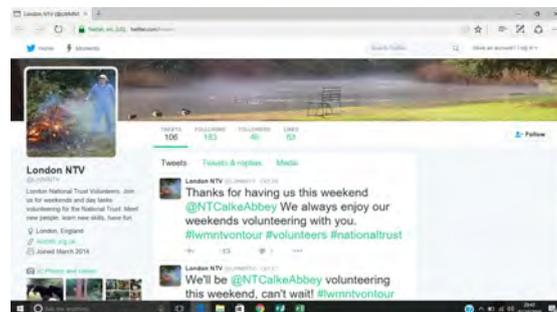
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Note from the Editor.



Please share the newsletter with friends and colleagues to encourage them to join us on a task. Please also consider joining the committee, many hands make light work!

There are lots of great opportunities to get out in the fresh air, meet new and old friends, spend time in beautiful places and help the National Trust to look after their places in the next few months.

The more people we have out and about the more help we can give and the more fun the tasks are for everyone.

Please let me know your comments about the newsletter and if you have any pictures from events or little anecdotes,

I'd be pleased to receive them. Deadline for the next issue is the 8th January.

Please send them to lwmntvpublicity@gmail.com