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**Newsletter 35 – November 7<sup>th</sup> 2016**

*In Newsletter 33, I mentioned that we were looking at the possibility of going to a National Trust property just south of Bristol for our summer visit in 2017. This Newsletter gives more details of the proposed visit and invites you to apply for tickets for this event.*

**Tyntesfield - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

*The Gibbs family, who built their fortune on the trade of guano, a fertiliser from sea bird droppings, bought the estate in 1843 & set about extensive remodelling of both the exterior and interior in the Gothic style. They created a magnificent family home, lived in by 4 generations, including acres of garden and parkland. In 2002 following the death of Lord Wraxall (Richard Gibbs), the National Trust undertook a massive fund-raising campaign to save the estate and its collection of over 50,000 objects. Since opening to the public, the number of visitors has grown rapidly (over 200,000 in 2014), as have visitor facilities.*





*On arrival we will be given, a brief introduction and orientation to Tyntesfield. We will be issued with timed tickets to visit the house, and house entry for our group will be from midday, approximately 30 minutes after arrival. The house visit will be free-flow, taken at your own pace, with information provided by knowledgeable Room Interpreters. There's a restaurant at Tyntesfield which is large enough to cater for our group and others, as well as a café, and three shops. There'll be time during our visit to browse in the grounds or join a free guided garden tour or glasshouse tour.*

*Finally on accessibility, please consider when making your decision that Tyntesfield is located on the side of a valley, so path ways and access does involve ascents and descents of varying degrees. Not all of the buildings or paths are wheelchair accessible. The Visitor Centre is approximately a 5 minute walk away from the car park, with the house being a further 10 minutes from the Home Farm Visitor Centre.*

*The group admission price, which covers the House, Chapel and extensive garden, is £12.60 in 2017. Admission is free to National Trust members. The cost of the coach transport depends on the size of the coach needed. We're working on the basis of a 44 seater coach at a cost of £12 per head.*

*So the total cost will be £12 per head for a National Trust member, and £24.60 a head if you are not a member of the National Trust. Tickets are available now from myself or any other committee member. I know it's a long way off but you may want to book early to avoid disappointment.*

*Kind regards,  
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