

October 21st, 2017

Celebrating 20 years of NTAB



NTAB celebrates its 20th anniversary at the Chateau de Val-Duchesse / Kasteel Hertoginnedal in Oudergem/Auderghem.

Our celebrations start at 3 p.m. with a seated session when the origins of our association as well as the highlights in our activities over the last twenty years will be recalled.

The National Trust Director for Wales, Mr Justin Albert, has accepted to come to Brussels on this occasion and will talk about the NT's priorities and strategies today and give his views on the relationship between NT's Headquarters and organisations like NTAB.

Tom Burr, one of our founding fathers (see p.2) will briefly remind us on the origins of NTAB.

After this seated session we will visit the chateau and make a walk in the beautiful surrounding park.

A reception will close the celebrations at about 5pm



The Association of National Trust Members and Supporters in Belgium (NTAB)

A Voluntary Association founded in 1997 to promote and prosper the work of the National Trust

NTAB is an association of members and supporters of the British National Trust living in Belgium. Our aim is to promote the work of the NT as well as to organize social activities that make membership of the NT more enjoyable for members living outside the UK.

Each year we organize trips to NT properties in Britain. We also organize regular outings to places of interest in Belgium. These visits are guided in both English and the local language, Dutch or French.



NTAB at Cliveden, Buckinghamshire – 2010

Any surplus monies we are able to generate through our activities we donate to the Trust for specific projects, which we select (see p.3).

The National Trust in the UK works with some 270 voluntary supporter groups, which provide support to the Trust in a large number of ways – physical, financial and promotional. NTAB is one of those supporter groups, the only one outside the UK, listed in the NT Annual Report as 'Belgium Association'.

The National Trust cares for special places across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

These include 300 historic houses, 160 gardens, 135 parks and 57 villages, as well as 61 pubs, 40 castles, 12 lighthouses. NT cares also for 255,000 hectares of land, much of it farmed by 2,000 tenants, and for 1,200 kilometres of coastline.

The NT was founded in 1895 "to promote the permanent preservation, for the benefit of the nation, of land and buildings of historic interest or natural beauty".

This was enshrined in an Act of

Parliament in 1907, which gives the unique ability to declare NT properties and land *inalienable*. That means NT has the legal means to care for these places *forever*.

NT couldn't do what it does without the support of 4 million members and the involvement of 67,000 volunteers. They help keep the places open for the 20 million visitors NT had in 2016 and care for the open spaces that the Trust owns.

NT's largest income streams are membership subscriptions, investment income, rent, fundraising and admissions.

May 30th, 1997

The Founding Process

Encouraged and
facilitated by
Tom Burr,
NT Associations'
Liaison Secretary

Founding
Officers:

Chairman
Max Osterrieth,

Secretary
Alan Hulme

Treasurer
René Lock

*Programme
Secretaries*
Ann Favart,
Johan
Vanbrabant

*Membership
Secretaries*
Marianne Debock
Douglas Geddes

November 27th, 1996: First exploratory meeting, *British School Brussels, Tervuren*
"Last autumn we wrote to every member of the National Trust living in Belgium inviting those who would like to help to form an Association to get in touch with me. Fifty out of our three thousand members replied, which is a much higher proportion than we expect in England!"

Tom Burr, Invitation letter to inaugural Meeting, April 1997

January 15th, 1997: Appointment of steering committee, *OLV-Presentatie School, Sint-Niklaas*

February 26th, 1997: Planning of inaugural meeting & Programme first year, *British School Brussels, Tervuren*

March 19th, 1997: The Committee elects Max Osterrieth as chairman, *OLV-Presentatie School, Sint-Niklaas*.

April 23th, 1997: Signing of the Constitution, *British School Brussels, Tervuren*.

The following volunteers signed the Founding Constitution of the new Belgian NT Association:

Max Osterrieth, W.K.R Laysell, Ludo Somers, Susanne Wöhlbier, Luc Cuyt, Griet Van de Keere, Jeanette Favart, Ann Favart, Henri Storme, Frederic Meinertzhagen, Douglas Geddes, T.G. René Lock, Hansje M.Lock-Vos, Rosemie Huys, Eric Deleplanque, Marianne Debock, Mary Jackson, Norris Van den Bogaerde, Jennifer F. Hulme, Alan Hulme, Freddy W. Cloet, Elisabeth Langford, Gerard Heykers, Carol Walker, Harry Van Royen, Françoise Monin-McGuire, Johan Vanbrabant, Edwig Vancraenem, Geert Wisse

In bold: still NTAB members today

May 30th, 1997: Inaugural Meeting, at the residence of the British Ambassador.



Welcome by the Ambassador - *HE David Colvin CMG*

'The Association of National Trust Members in Belgium' - *Mr Max Osterrieth, Chairman of the NTAB. (picture 1)*

'The Aims and Achievements of the National Trust's Associations' - *Mr Tom Burr, NT Associations' Liaison Secretary. (picture 2)*

'The National Trust, the continuing purpose' - *Mr Martin Drury, Director-General of the National Trust. (picture 3)*

Chairpersons 1997 – 2017



*Max Osterrieth
1997 - 2005*



*Johan Vanbrabant
2005 - 2015*



*Marc Servotte
2015 - 2016*



*Jan Grauls
2016 -*

NTAB donations to the National Trust since 2005

Each year we reserve a major part of our financial surplus for a donation to NT properties in Britain. Traditionally we donate to properties that we were or will be visiting during our annual UK trip and to the region of the National Trust that we are attached to, that is, London and South East. We select the most suitable beneficiaries taking into consideration our aims of giving substantial exposure to our association and of supporting projects, preferably with a Belgian connection, for which we can see a tangible result.

- 2017 £ 4,325**
to Chartwell, for safeguarding items from Churchill's personal collection; to Benthall, for the restoration of an oak chest; to Carding Mill Valley, for the purchase of a wildlife telescope.
- 2016 £ 6,150**
to Sizergh Castle, for window shutters to protect the Flemish tapestries; to Fell Foot boathouse, for the repair of the damage from the flood in the Lake District; to Clondon Park, for its fire appeal fund to rebuild the property.
- 2015 £ 4,300**
to Kingston Lacey, for the repair of the glasshouses; to Ham House for hornbeam trees and oak planters; to Washington Old Hall, as a contribution to the property's wish list; to Seaton Delaval Hall, for garden seating.
- 2014 £ 4,500**
to Great Chalfield for the acquisition of a wood and alabaster casket from Mechelen; to Osterley Park, London, to purchase heavy gardening tools to clean the damage by the storms of previous winter; to the Stowe Archive Project, to purchase storing materials.
- 2013 £ 2,000**
to Carlyle House, Chelsea, to recover Jane Carlyle's sofa (see picture); to Peckover House & Garden, for framing of 19th century architectural drawings.
- 2012 £ 5,000**
to Fenton House, in Hampstead, for the restoration of their keyboard instruments; to Sandham Memorial Chapel, for educational panels on the mural paintings by Stanley Spencer.
- 2011 £ 5,000**
to Quebec House, South East, for the Flemish patchwork bedcover.
- 2010 £ 7,548**
to Chartwell, South East, for the exhibit of Churchill's 'hidden treasures'; to Chartwell, South East, for an oak bench; to Scotney castle, South East, for an oak bench; to Uppark, South East, for window blinds and UV-filters; to Winchester City Mill, Thames & Solent, for cookery cards.
- 2009 £ 6,452**
to Oxburgh Hall, East of England, for the conservation of a 17th C Antwerp cabinet (picture); to Woolsthorpe Manor, East Midlands, for a new front door to Isaac Newton's house; to Clumber Park, East Midlands, for garden equipment.
- 2008 £ 7,442**
to Chedworth Roman Villa, Wessex, for renovation.
- 2007 £ 3,493**
to Gibside, Yorkshire, for a geophysical survey of the walled garden.
- 2006 £ 694**
to Nunnington Hall, Yorkshire, for a frame for a newly discovered Turner painting.
- 2005 £ 9,974**
to Florence Court, Northern Ireland, for the restoration of a Ross painting; to Mount Stewart, Northern Ireland, for the restoration of Flemish tapestries; to Snowhill Manor, Wessex, for the new green house; to Charlecote Park, West Midlands, for a children's activity pack.



Our committee member Heather Charlton playing at Fenton House, Hampstead - The Benton Fletcher Collection of Early Keyboard Instruments (donation 2012)



Conservation of the 17th C Antwerp cabinet at Oxburgh Hall by Tankerdale, Petersfield (donation 2009)



NTAB at Tankerdale's workshop in Petersfield, Hampshire, 2010



Carlyle House, Chelsea-London donation 2013 - visited in 2010 (Jane's sofa, see bottom right corner)



NTAB Trips to the United Kingdom 1997 - 2017

- 2017 Eclectic London**
Highgate cemetery, Hampton Court, Steam & Water museum, Museum of Musical Instruments, Inns of Court, Syon House,...
- 2017 Welsh Marches & West Midlands**
Wightwick, Carding Valley, Stokesay, Ludlow, Chirk, Powis, Attingham, Iron Bridge, Coalbrookdale, Benthall, ...
- 2016 Cumbria, the inspiring Lake District**
Lake Windermere,Sizergh, Hill Top (Beatrix Potter), John Ruskin's house, steam yacht cruise on Coniston Water,...
- 2015 North of England & Scottish Borders**
Traquair, Fountains Abbey, Washington Old Hall, Seaton Delaval, Abbotsford, Rosslyn, Floors, Melrose Abbey,...
- 2014 London's Finest Houses**
Greenwich, Ham, Eltham Palace, Robert Adam's Kenwood House, Horace Walpole's Strawberry Hill, Ham House, ...
- 2014 Oxford and The Greats**
Stowe, Blenheim, Broughton, Hughenden, Nuffield, ...
- 2013 London, Parks & Bridges**
Chiswick, Osterley, Kew Gardens, Foundling museum,...
- 2013 Cambridgeshire, waterways & countryside**
Cambridge, Ickworth, Wimpole, Sandringham, Oxburgh, ...
- 2012 Wales, the Roman Gold Route**
Dyffryn, Dolaucothi mine, Caerwent, Cardiff, Tredegar, Dinefr,
- 2011 London, Richmond & Hampstead**
Richmond, Hampstead
- 2011 Scotland's Artistic Heritage**
Glasgow School of Art, Culzean, Isle of Arran, Brodick, New Lanark, Burrell Collection, Broughton, Burns cottage, ...
- 2010 London, generations of immigrants**
Globe theatre, riverboat to Greenwich, Spitalfields, Chelsea,...
- 2010 Hampshire, in the footsteps of Jane Austin**
The Vyne, Winchester Mill, St.Cross hospital, Mottisfont, Isle of Wight, Osborne, Uppark, Jane Austin's house, Exbury, ..
- 2009 East Midlands, Robin Hood Country**
Hardwick, Woolsthorpe, Haddon, Sudbury, Renishaw, Belton,.
- 2008 Caewlin's Wessex**
Grey's, Chedworth, Tintern, Avebury, narrowboat cruise,
- 2007 Northumberland, The Invaders**
Mt Grace, Gibside, Lindisfarne, Cragside, Alnwick, Durham,...
- 2006 Haunted Yorkshire**
Nostell, Nunnington Hall, York Ghost Trail, Beningbrough,...
- 2005 Warwickshire, Shakespeare's Country**
Coughton, Snowhill, Chastleton, Charlecote, theatre, Upton,...
- 2004 Northern Ireland, The Province**
C.Ward & Coole, Mount Stewart, Giant Causeway, Hezlett,...
- 2003 South-West England**
Lacock, Wells, Lytes Cary, Montacute, Tintinhull, Drogo, ...
- 2002 NE Scotland, Edingburgh – Aberdeen**
Branklyn, Balmoral, Crathes, Fraser, Falkland, Pitmedden,...
- 2001 East Anglia, Constable Country**
Angelsey, Norwich, The Maltings, Blickling, Felbrigg, Wimpole,
- 2000 Shropshire, The Welsh Marches**
Powis, Shrewsbury, Erddig, Chirk, Long Mynd, Iron Bridge, ...
- 1999 SE England - Night of the Proms at Bateman's**
Knole, Scotney, Wakehurst, Standen, Ightham, Emmett's, ...
- 1998 Wiltshire - Fête Champêtre at Stourhead**
Castle Cary, Stourhead
- 1997 South-East England: behind the scenes at the National Trust**
Cliveden, Chastleton, Stowe, Uppark



Paul Massin, Anna and Albert Mok at Nunnington Hall, 2006



at Hadrian's Wall, Northumberland, 2007



at Broughton House, Kirkcudbright, SW Scotland, 2011



Nick Fern, Ineke Crijns, Maria De Bruyn at the Foundling Museum, London, 2013

NTAB Inaugural Meeting, 30 May 1997



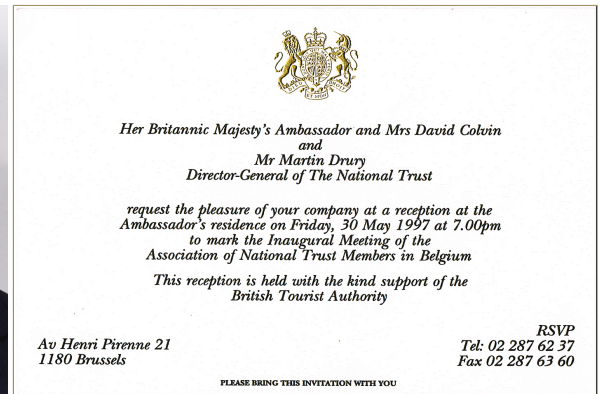
Mr Max Osterrieth



Mr Tom Burr



Mr Martin Drury



Mr and Mrs Max and Evelyn Osterrieth, Mr Martin Dury



at the British Ambassador's Residence, Ukkell/Uccle



Mr & Mrs William and Janine Laysell, Mrs Anne Favart



Mr & Mrs Martin Drury, Mr & Mrs Alan & Jennifer Hulme



H.E. Ambassador David Colvin, Mrs Hansje Lock



Mr Max Osterrieth, Baron Daniel Cardon de Lichtbuer

A Weekend in Luxemburg, 16-17 Sep 2006



Lunch at Mrs Simone Herlin's House, Rodange (pic 1-4)

Visit and brunch at the Neumunster Centre, Luxemburg

Highlights of Past NTAB Events

Château de Morval, welcomed by the Comte d'Oultremont,
October 2013



Château de Beloeil,
September 2014



Lessines, Hôpital Notre Dame à la Rose,
June 2016



Egmont Palace, Brussels – End of Year Gathering, December 2015



NT delegation on the bridge of the Castle of Beersel, 1939, and NTAB members on the same bridge, April 2017

Steering Committee 2017

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Programme winter 2017- spring 2018

Nov 18	Kortrijk, Golden Spurs and Golden River
Dec 9	End of Year festive gathering, Brussels
Feb 17	Antwerp, Vleeshuis and guided walk
March 17	Schaarbeek, Clockarium and Train World
April 21	Wespelaar, Herkenrode arboretum and AGM
May 26	Chimay, Castle of the Princes of Chimay and Abbey
June 9	Sint-Martens-Latem and the Leie river
June 19-24	Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Events until end of 2017 are published in detail in our latest Newsletter and on our website. Next events will be published in next Newsletter (Jan 2018) and on the website.

What we do

- ✓ Monthly outings in Belgium (except Jul-Aug) to places of beauty and historic value.
- ✓ All visits are guided in English and in local language (Dutch or French).
- ✓ Annual trips to the UK, behind the scenes at the National Trust
- ✓ Care for heritage: our financial surpluses are donated 100% to the National Trust, the world's largest heritage organisation.

What we offer

- ✓ Discover places of interest in Belgium and in Britain
- ✓ Learn about artistic heritage in Belgium and in Britain
- ✓ Mingle with fellow members, both expats and Belgians.
- ✓ Practice the English language with native English speakers



House Max Hallet, Brussels, 2008

Tell your friends about NTAB

Are you living in Belgium ?

Do you want to get to know Belgium and Britain better ?

Then join our Belgium-based National Trust Supporter Group.

Contact our Membership Secretary, Mrs Judith Collins.

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