



## CNT Newsletter 2018 - updating you on a busy year!

*We thank all members of our boards, advisors, other volunteers, our donors, friends, supporters, as without their time and unwavering support we would not be able to do so well for the Czech heritage!*

### Two Auctions of paintings for the benefit of CNT

Many thanks to the organisers of the Auction - **Adolf Loos Apartment and Gallery**, for their generosity in donating altogether five paintings which were successfully auctioned for the benefit of the CNT in two high profile auctions in **Manes Gallery** in Prague. Prior to each auction we held well-attended private previews of the works of art with a glass of wine for our friends and donors, led by the curator and patron of the CNT **Dr. Irena Zantovska-Murray**, Hon FRIBA,



### TV Architect interviews director of the CNT

Eva Heyd spoke about her background as a photographer and writer, her years living in the US, about CNT, our projects, her love of architecture and heritage in a prominent and well known program of the TV Architect studio.

<https://www.tvarchitect.com/video/profilove-video-eva-heyd/>



### CNT in the Municipal Library of Prague: “Who we are and how we fit into the National Trust movement”

Irena Edwards explained in a well-attended lecture in the Municipal Library of Prague the roots of the Czech National Trust, the important role the English National Trust plays in the English and worldwide care for heritage. She also spoke about CNT's membership of INTO - International National Trusts Organisation - the worldwide family of the National Trusts and about her work as one of the Trustees of this prominent organization. INTO has now over 70 members made up of National Trusts and other organizations who share common aims to preserve their cultural heritage and cooperate with each other in exchanging know-how, volunteers and experts.

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### CNT hosted a series of charity concerts in Kromeriz Chateau

We organised altogether 8 hugely successful and well attended charity concerts this year! All to raise money for specific projects such as the restoration of the baroque music archive in Kromeriz Chateau. Many musicians chose to play music from the rich archives of the chateau. However as we welcomed musicians not only from the Czech Republic but also from Poland, France, England and even from the US, we could introduce our public to the music from around the globe.

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## **“To be or not to be an aristocrat with a chateau to keep...” or Telc in London!**

Czech National Trust Abroad (CNTA) hosted its 4th annual London event in support of the Czech National Trust: “To be or not to be an aristocrat with a chateau to keep...”

As part of the 4th anniversary of the CNT launch, CNTA brought to London a wonderful exhibition lent by the National Heritage Institute (NPU) about the lives of the aristocratic families based around the UNESCO town Telc. With the help of the audience our chair, Irena Edwards presided over a panel debate about the role of the state in upkeep of historical properties. The prominent speakers included Ben Cowell, Dir. General of the British Historic Houses; Count Leopold Podstadsky-Lichtenstein, a descendent of the family who once owned the Telc Chateau; Doc Josef Stulc, former Dir. General of the NPU; Catherine Leonard, General Secretary of INTO. There were Czech nibbles and wine thereafter! Ps Apparently the “best evening” to date!

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## **Working party in Rozmítal Chateau**

Following our successful agreement with the long absent and inactive foreign owner of the chateau. CNT strikes to bring the historical property back to life!

We chose the chateau as the place of our annual working holidays program which was a truly international but also a very local affair. It connected CNT volunteers, UK volunteers part of the English National Trust Working holidays program, locals from Rozmítal and members of a volunteer group Fabian. We cleared substantially area around the chateau, repaired and cleared the access route and the bridge, carted massive amount of debris from the years of neglect off the premises – and all had a good time doing it!

And we all participated at the famous annual historical fair which the Queen Johanka attended as well as the whole town at the newly cleaned chateau! Perhaps the chateau is turning a corner?!!



## **Justin Scully from the English National Trust came to Kromeriz**

Justin Scully, one of the most experienced and inspirational commercial managers of the English National Trust and the new manager of the UNESCO Fountains Abbey popped in to Kromeriz to help us host a workshop on “How to make heritage economically viable” and to check out the progress of our pilot project in Zdislavice. Feedback was brilliant and plans were hatched for future cooperation. And what we did not manage to see in 2 days on the ground we showed Justin from the air – thanks to our benefactor Mr. Korinek and his plane!





## CNT volunteer internship at Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal

At the invitation of the English National Trust, Jana Schiebertova, a valued and active CNT volunteer and the manager of Wratislav Palace and gardens in Prague, spent 3 weeks internship at the Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal (UNESCO) in Yorkshire. This stunning, vast and important historical property is managed by Justin Scully, former commercial director of English NT and a great fan of CNT.

## Ticket to the New World. Celebrating 100 years of the Czech and Slovak state and the centenary of the Czechoslovak / US relationship

<https://www.facebook.com/489951968174458/videos/1915018761909256/>

The main project of 2018, curated splendidly by our director Eva Heyd, was opened at Werich Villa at Kampa on 20th September by O.Lomecky, Mayor of Prague 1 and the US cultural attaché Eric Black. Our patron Jaroslav Sveceny played his own composition on the B. Martinu theme followed by the group Modra Synkopa with swing tunes of 1930's! This project was accompanied by a spectacular billboard exhibition in Kampa park and an exhibition "The adventurers against their will" in the Werich Villa in the presence of Joanie Holzer Schirm, daughter of the key protagonist who introduced her book of the same name.



The opening event was followed by a fortnight of exhibitions, talks, screenings, workshops and concerts relating to these artists who included J.Voskovec and J.Werich, J.Jezek, JJ Polivka, Thomas Messer, Suttmar, Paul Fierlinger, A.Hackenschmied, Hugo Haas, A. Hoffmeister, O.Royce, hosted at various prominent venues in Prague 1 and the US Embassy American Centre.



Program of the series of events: [https://www.czechnationaltrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Listek\\_program\\_f.pdf](https://www.czechnationaltrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Listek_program_f.pdf)

The accompanying book can be ordered on (no international shipping): <https://m.kosmas.cz/knihy/250871/listek-do-noveho-sveta-ticket-to-the-new-world/>

<https://www.facebook.com/100003859685880/posts/1146253528846626/>

## Irena Edwards honoured at the Czech Embassy in London

We were very pleased that the CNT Founder and Chairman Irena Edwards was given an award for outstanding contribution to the development of relations between the Czech Republic and the UK. The diploma was presented by Libor Secka, the Czech Ambassador to the UK at a gathering at the Czech Embassy in London. The diploma was accepted in Irena's absence by the General Secretary of INTO Catherine Leonard and the member of the CNTA board Zuzana Princova. Irena and CNT are very proud.

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## Team meeting at the chateau – a success!

The owners of the wonderful chateau in Nove Mesto nad Metuji. Messers Barton- Dobenin and their manager Ondra Danek, member of the CNT board, hosted splendidly a board meeting and a team meeting of the CNT board, attended also by the Supervisory board members, many advisors and patrons and key volunteers. The CNT Business plan for next year was hotly debated and agreed, the feasibility studies for the CNT projects was presented by our patron Jiří Patočka, we elected 2 new members of the board : Kristýna Kottová and Vít Lukas. This was wrapped up by a splendid dinner at the chateau restaurant in the presence of the owners. This is definitely to become an annual fixture!

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## Rozmítal study: How to run a chateau profitably

Students of the Arts management of the University of Economics in Prague led by Doc Jiri Patočka and Dr Z. Malcova arrived at Rozmítal chateau to commence their work on the investment and financial study of the practical use of this listed gem of Czech heritage - one of the CNT key supported projects. Over 30 students and professors had a thorough look around and visited other local sites like the museum, the baroque church where the Czech composer Jan Jakub Ryba worked, the Jesuit college, the chateau in Vacikov. A key result will be a feasibility study of the restoration and running of the chateau for the local community and tourist trade.

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## Symbolic tree planting to celebrate the Centenary of the US-Czechoslovak relations

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## Prague College partnership bears fruit



Students of Prague College have joined us and some great ideas have been created to help many decaying monuments. Together with selected students we plan to develop some of the ideas into more specific marketing strategies.

We would like to thank Prague College and all the students who have joined us and look forward to the results.

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## CNT interviewed in an award winning radio show

Alena Blažejovská's radio documentary about CNT won the 1st prize in the radio category of the Prix non pageant competition - Media to help the monuments.

It was first broadcast at ČRo Two in autumn last year, and you can listen to it again here:

[http://www.rozhlas.cz/dvojka/dobravule/\\_zprava/1766775](http://www.rozhlas.cz/dvojka/dobravule/_zprava/1766775)



## Small projects in the streets of Prague

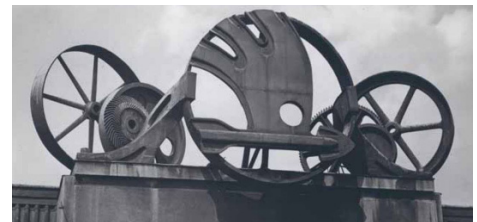
In 2018, we have made a progress in our small projects in the streets of Prague. The most remarkable progress has been recorded in case of these three valuable treasures in the public space of Prague:

**Diamant** - we've helped Diamant administrators to get a grant from OF – Civic Forum Foundation, so currently the Cubist frame linking the Diamant House and the Holy Trinity Church has already been partially repaired. We have also successfully persuaded the Magistrate of Prague to restore the baroque statue.

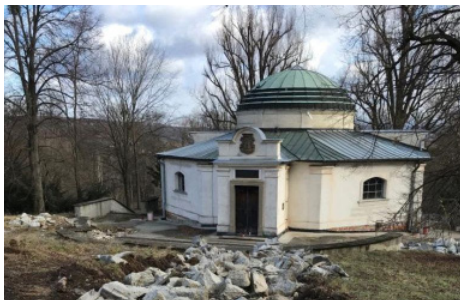


**Meteorological posts** – meteorological machines inside the posts are refurbished, the negotiations and the project of rebuilding the wiring of electrical installations inside them - which have been the biggest hurdle of the whole project - are almost over. The Dejvice post is about to be sandblasted, the locksmith is ready to install the new doors, devices and clocks.

**Replica of Gutfreund Plastic** – the phase of creating the replica project is finished, the feedback from the conservationists about the project is positive and partial financing was promised by the owners of the building. We are looking for more funding sources, we will continue to negotiate with potential sponsors.



## Pilot project Zdislavice



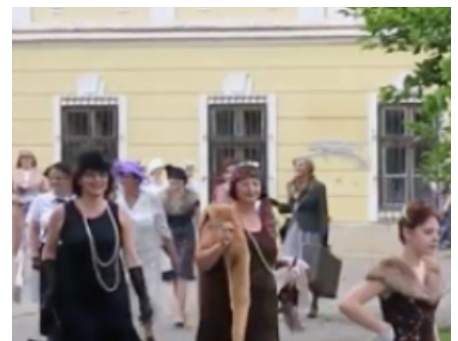
Reconstruction of the tomb terrace continues - the restoration of the stone elements is almost finished by the master stonemason. The sandstone columns are stored at the chateau in Zdislavice awaiting the spring, when we can resume the work on the surface of the terrace with the help of Mr Soukeník's construction firm and positioning the stone elements. Meanwhile, we removed 1960 addition of an unsightly concrete steps and have embarked on the project of a small shelter for our volunteers - with the help of our board Member, architect Vítek Lukas. For both projects we are using the grant of our sponsor - the Avast Foundation - whom we thank very much.

## Activities around the project

Several successful events took place at the site during the year: guided tours of the park and tomb with the chapel, professional lectures, events for children from local schools and libraries, the popular programme "Weekend of open gardens", several successful working parties and corporate team building groups helped with clearing the parkland. We intend to keep up the good work!

We also continue to co-operate successfully with the owner of the nearby Zdislavice chateau where we helped to organise last summer a splendid fashion show of vintage clothes and accessories. The proceeds were donated to the restoration of the tomb - thank you all.

<https://www.facebook.com/KnihovnaVyskov/videos/10156548094738417/>



## Homage to DELTA Legal

The unsung heroes from the beginning of the CNT's life in the Czech Republic are our lawyers DELTA Legal. "There was not a project, situation happy or less so, where we were not helped through by this practical, commercial, enthusiastic and at the same time professional and legally brilliant staff of this remarkable law firm" said the Chairman Irena Edwards. "And I know what I am talking about having been a lawyer for over 30 years myself!"

"We are proud to help the world known brand of National Trust to take its hold in the Czech Republic and do its magic on our own, Czech cultural heritage. Our lawyers love to volunteer their time to help CNT to increase the awareness of our heritage, which is of international importance" says DELTA's managing partner Pavel Fára.



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- by **choosing projects listed below according to your**
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- Chinese Pavillion - account # 270472892/0300
- Kroměříž Music Archive - account # 274955736/0300
- Prague projects - account # 280495094/0300
- Visitors' Centre - account # 280495377/0300

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- by **bank transfer** to CNTA account - for details email [info@cnta.co.uk](mailto:info@cnta.co.uk)
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