

SATURDAY 1ST MAY

STRICTLY COME DANCING – THE PROFESSIONALS

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route A) for the drive to Brighton where there will be time to find lunch before making your way to the Brighton Centre for the 2.30pm stage performance of Strictly Come Dancing ~ The Professionals. Starring Flavia Cacace and Vincent Simone, Matthew Cutler, Ola and James Jordan, Kristina Rihanoff, Brian Fortuna and Ian Waite, with special guest stars to be announced, this brand new show presents the beauty and elegance of Strictly's dancing professionals within the intimate environment of The Brighton Centre. The stage show will include the breathtaking show dances for which the Professionals have become famous in each of the BBC1 Strictly Come Dancing TV series, together with never before seen content in a stunning and spellbinding performance. Strictly Come Dancing ~ The Professionals is a celebration of the glitz, glamour and passion of Ballroom and Latin from the world's dancing elite a must see for fans of the TV series and dance enthusiasts of all ages! Return leave after performance. Returning to Godstone by approx. 6.30pm.

Cost: - £53.45

(Inclusive of Coach/South Balcony Seats at Show)

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SPALDING FLOWER PARADE AND SPRINGFIELDS FESTIVAL

Depart Oxted 7.45am (Route A) for the market town of Spalding, and the Flower Parade, the theme this year being 'Screen Heroes'. The specially constructed floats decorated with thousands of hand-harvested tulip heads, the waste products of the tulip industry, make their way through the centre of Spalding between 2.00pm and 4.00pm, accompanied by the Flower Queen's float, Marching Bands and Musical Trailers, with a Disney Celebration Finale. Be sure to visit the Springfields Festival Gardens, a beautifully landscaped area, featuring Chelsea-style celebrity showcase gardens, including designs by Charlie Dimmock, Chris Beardshaw, and a spectacular Japanese Garden by Sansui Design. Stroll through the woodland walks, be inspired by the garden designs or sit back and relax in a tranquil setting. At the Festival itself you will find Garden Flower Displays, the Churches Flower Marquee, Crafts & Gift Stalls and Musical Entertainment. Here you will also find a large garden centre, "Fenscape" interactive visitor centre and shopping mall with around 50 factory outlet shops selling discounted retail brands and specialist goods. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.45pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 9.15pm.

Adult: - £34.95

Sen Cit: - £33.95

Child: - £22.95

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Springfield Gardens and Exhibition of Floats)

MONDAY 3RD MAY

WEALD OF KENT CRAFT SHOW AT PENSURST PLACE

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route B) for the Weald of Kent Craft Show and step into the exciting world of traditional and contemporary crafts, displayed and demonstrated by up to 250 artist craftsmen who travel from all over Britain to bring you the very best in unusual and inspiring crafts. Meet them in person as they showcase their individual crafts and find unusual gifts or special pieces of art, not usually found on the High Street. In the specialist food marquee you will find unusual aromas that will tempt and tantalise even the strongest willed, from handmade cheeses, preserves, curry sauces and fruit punch to luxury dips, nuts and chocolates. Why not also visit Penshurst Place, one of Kent's finest historic houses, and also one of England's greatest defended manor houses. The architectural additions made to Penshurst Place during its 670-year history have seen the house grow into an imposing stately home that reveals at least eight different styles. The ten acre walled and terraced formal gardens comprise a series of colourful garden rooms divided by yew hedges and sheltered by mellow Tudor brick alongside the River Medway. The gardens possess a very tranquil and enchanting quality. Recognised as one of the oldest Elizabethan gardens in private ownership with origins dating back to 1346, the gardens share the heritage of the house, and form a living record of Elizabethan garden design. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.45pm. Returning to Limpsfield Chart by approx. 5.15pm.

Adult: - £17.90

Sen Cit: - £16.90

Child: - £12.00

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Craft Show)

Adult/Sen Cit: - £23.40

Child: - £15.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Combined entry to Craft Show & Penshurst Place House & Gardens)

TUESDAY 4TH MAY

MORETON-IN-MARSH MARKET & THE COTSWOLDS

Depart Oxted 7.45am (Route A) for Moreton-in-Marsh where, on Tuesdays the main street is a general market with about 200 stalls - the largest open air street market in the Cotswolds. After lunch we take a scenic tour through the picturesque countryside, stopping in one of the small mellow Cotswold stone villages. In Shakespeare's day the Cotswolds was sheep country and the centre of England's wool industry; many of the hills are still used for grazing. The rich wool merchants built most of the lovely churches and manor houses from the 15th to the 17th-centuries. Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 8.00pm.

Adult: - £26.75

Child: - £18.50

WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY

CHERKLEY COURT HOUSE AND GARDENS, NR. DORKING

Depart Oxted 10.30am (Route A) for the drive to Denbies Vineyard where there will be time to enjoy lunch in their Conservatory Restaurant and, if you wish, visit their shop before taking the short drive to Cherkley Court Gardens, set in 400 acres of park, gardens and woodland with outstanding views over the Mole Valley towards Norbury Park. Here we shall be taken on a guided tour of the house and be at leisure to enjoy the gardens with its series of grand terraces descending southwards from the house, punctuated and flanked by stone stairs and enclosed balustraded walls. To complement this formality there are secluded spaces, splashing water and soft planting, with surprises too: the Shell Grotto, Pavilions and Italian Garden. Cherkley Court was acquired by the MP and newspaper proprietor, William Maxwell Aitken, the 1st Lord Beaverbrook, in 1910. He used the house to entertain, amongst others Rudyard Kipling, Harold Macmillan and Winston Churchill. During World War II the house was an important centre for Lord Beaverbrook's activities as the Minister of Aircraft Production and a key member of Churchill's War Cabinet. Included in our visit is a cream tea in the Orangery Restaurant. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx 4.45pm.

Cost: - £26.60

(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour of House/Entry to Gardens/Cream Tea)

(Please note Cherkley Court is on a sloping site with many steps throughout the gardens.)

THURSDAY 6TH MAY

SCENIC TOUR OF KENT AND SUSSEX IN ITS SPRING GLORY

Depart Oxted 10.30am (Route B) for a scenic ride enjoying the picturesque Kent and Sussex countryside as it awakens from the long, cold winter. A stop will be made for a leisurely lunch, completing the day with a cream tea at Teapot Island, Yalding. Here there will also be time to visit the amazing Teapot Island exhibition where you will find over 3,500 teapots on display, each with its own unique history. Following tea and a browse we'll make our way home, arriving back at Limsfield Chart by approx. 5.30pm

Cost: - £22.25

(Inclusive of Coach/Cream Tea/Entry to Teapot Exhibition)

FRIDAY 7TH MAY

GREYS COURT AND HENLEY-ON-THAMES

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for the drive to Henley-on-Thames, made famous by the Regatta, where there will be time for lunch and to browse. Henley has more than 300 buildings, listed as being "of special architectural or historic interest", including the 14th-century Chantry House, connected to the church by a porch, and the Speaker's House, home of William Lenthall, Speaker of the House of Commons from 1640 until 1653. There are many coaching inns in the town, including the Red Lion, where at one time or another, Charles I, Boswell and George III all stayed. Early afternoon we shall make the short journey to Greys Court, just re-opened following an extensive refurbishment programme which has enabled several new areas to be opened to the public. Nestling amid rolling countryside, Greys Court is a picturesque and intriguing Tudor manor house, set beside the ruins of 14th-century fortifications and one surviving tower dating from 1347. The house has an interesting history and was involved in Jacobean court intrigue. The outbuildings include a Tudor wheelhouse, a donkey wheel, an ice house and a maze. This enchanting place, dating back to medieval times has a serene and tranquil atmosphere which prevails to this day. The gardens are an inspirational series of outdoor areas which you can stroll through at your leisure. The beautiful walled gardens were created by Lady Brunner whose family came to Greys Court in the 1930s. There is a white garden, a wisteria walk and an ornamental vegetable garden as well as many old-fashioned roses. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.45pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.30pm.

Adult: - £26.15

Child: - £19.80

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to House and Gardens)

(Nat Trust Members less Adults: £6.75 Child: £3.75 but **must** bring card)

MONDAY 10TH MAY

WINCHESTER AND SIR HAROLD HILLIER GARDENS

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Winchester, the city that King Alfred the Great made his capital. Discover the treasures of this beautiful city: its magnificent Cathedral, medieval buildings and tranquil green spaces, ideal for strolling and soaking up the historic atmosphere. See the bronze statue of King Alfred which dominates the Broadway, the Arthurian Round Table and much, much more. Winchester's historic High Street is pedestrianised and perfect for shopping, with speciality shops and boutiques selling traditional and antique, modern and designer goods, in the nearby side streets. The city also has a varied selection of pubs and a superb selection of recommended bistros and restaurants to quench your thirst and have a good meal. For those who wish, early afternoon we shall take the short drive to the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens Nr. Romsey. Established in 1953 by the distinguished plantsman Sir Harold Hillier, the magnificent collection of over 42,000 plants from temperate regions around the world grow in a variety of landscapes set over 180 acres. Here you will find 12 National Plant Collections and over 250 Champion Trees as well as many varied features including woodlands, pond area, bog garden and a 200 metre long summer flowering border. At this time of year, weather permitting, there should be a stunning display of Azaleas and Rhododendrons in Brentry Woodland. Refreshments available.

Return leave: Gardens - 4.45pm
 Winchester - 5.00pm.

Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.30pm.

Adult: - £19.75 **Child:** - £16.00
(Winchester Only)

Cost: - 26.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Gardens)

SATURDAY 15TH MAY

EUROTUNNEL TO THE DUTCH TOWN OF SLUIS

Depart Oxted 6.45am (Route A) for the drive to Folkestone and the Eurotunnel to Coquelles, France. From here we make our way to Sluis (pronounced slouse) a pleasant Dutch town with an extremely rich history and culture. Located in the border region with Belgium it has seen trade and historic events take place for over 760 years. Take a walk across the historic ramparts with their city gates, visit the windmill, or climb the tower of the only belfry in the Netherlands to see the magnificent views of the beautiful Zeeland Flanders scenery. Here you will find fashion for all styles, picturesque boutiques, speciality stores, fresh produce supermarkets, world-class restaurants, and cosy terraces to soak-up the wonderful atmosphere of this bustling city. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 9.15pm. (Passport required.)

Cost: - £43.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Eurotunnel)

MONDAY 17TH MAY

TYNTESFIELD

Depart Oxted 7.45am (Route A) for the Spa town of Bath, one of the oldest and best-preserved Georgian cities in Britain. Here there will be time for an early lunch and a short browse before driving on to Tyntesfield House, a spectacular country house and estate, situated on a ridge overlooking the beautiful Yeo Valley. Inspired and remodelled by John Morton in 1864, for William Gibbs, a successful merchant, it is an extraordinary Gothic Revival extravaganza, bristling with towers and turrets and survives with its original Victorian interior intact, an unrivalled collection of Victorian decorative arts, an insight into life below stairs and a sumptuously decorated private chapel. It is surrounded by 500 acres of landscaped gardens, kitchen gardens, park, farmland and estate buildings which include a home farm and sawmill. The Gibbs family lived quietly at Tyntesfield, making it one of the most mysterious and least known of English Country houses. Purchased by the National Trust in 2002, the whole property is undergoing a mammoth restoration and repair programme. During your visit you will be treated to a fascinating insight into the technology of Tyntesfield and discover, with the assistance of the Room Interpreters, how each generation of the family influenced Tyntesfield's architecture and collections; get hands on at the Discovery Tables and visit the interactive exhibition in the beautiful stables. In addition to the ground floor the National Trust are delighted to be able to open a selection of the bedrooms and bathrooms along the visitor route for 2010. Make sure you take the opportunity to relax in the formal terraced gardens then stroll through the rolling parkland to the wonderful walled kitchen garden. You can also enjoy a fascinating view of the roof repairs by going up the Viewing Tower and see the National Trust's conservation team in action. Catering facilities at the property are currently a kiosk selling sandwiches, hot snacks, cakes and hot and cold drinks. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 8.15pm.

Please note that considerable work remains to be done before Tyntesfield can be shown to its full advantage with a full range of visitor services. Due to the huge roof conservation project currently underway, much of the main house will be scaffolded throughout 2010. The development of the estate is an ongoing project.

Adult: - £38.50 **Child:** - £27.25

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Tyntesfield)

(Nat Trust Members less Adults: £9.30 Children: £4.75 but **must** bring card)

TUESDAY 18TH MAY

2012 OLYMPIC VENUES TOUR & LEE VALLEY CRUISE

Depart Oxted 8.15am (Route A) for the drive to meet our guide at the Excel Exhibition Centre in London's Royal Docks which needs no further construction work to host the Boxing, Judo, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Table Tennis and Taekwondo. From here we will drive to the Lower Lee Valley to a viewing point for the Olympic Park, from where we get a good view of the 80,000 seat Stadium under construction and also see the site for the Velopark, Velodrome, and the Olympic Village. This huge project is totally transforming the Lower Lee Valley. It is a wonder to behold and rather exciting to see this much heralded event as a work in progress. We'll drive through the East End, past the Hackney Marshes and up through Churchill's Woodford constituency and Epping forest to the attractive market town of Waltham Abbey for lunch. After lunch we drive past the site for the 2012 Canoe and Kayak events and board our boat at Broxbourne for a gentle ninety minute cruise through quiet countryside in the Lee Valley Park which has a larger area covered by water than the Norfolk Broads. Whilst on board we shall enjoy a cream tea. Return leave 4.45pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Cost: £35.90

(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour/Boat Fare/Cream Tea)

THURSDAY 20TH MAY

CHENIES MANOR

Depart Oxted 10.45am (Route A) for the drive to Chenies, Buckinghamshire where we shall enjoy a hot one course lunch with coffee at the Bedford Arms Public House before making our way to Grade I Listed Chenies Manor, a Tudor House set in an attractive 'estate' village and surrounded by charming formal gardens, including a white garden, a physic garden of medicinal and other herbs and a Tudor sunken garden. There is also a substantial kitchen garden and two interesting mazes: one yew, the other turf. From 1180 the Manor was in the possession of the Cheyne family for about 350 years, when it passed by will to Ann Sapcote, whose descendants owned it for more than 400 years until it was acquired by the present owners. We shall be taken on a tour of the house, visiting the parlour, the dining room, white drawing room, the stone parlour, billiard room, library and lastly the dolls room which contains a collection of dolls and accessories of the 19th/20th centuries. Afternoon refreshments available. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by 6.30pm.

Cost: - £32.45

(Inclusive of Coach/One Course Lunch/Entry to House & Gardens)

FRIDAY 21ST MAY

HYDE HALL & BETH CHATTO GARDENS

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the RHS Garden, Hyde Hall, Rettenden, Essex, an inspirational Essex garden with sweeping panoramas, big open skies and far reaching views. It took nearly 50 years to bring the garden from a windswept hill with 6 mature trees to the present 24 acre garden. There is an attractive plantsman's garden, ornamental ponds with lilies and fish, a large collection of modern roses and a rope walk of climbing and pillar roses; also a well-stocked plant centre. After lunch we drive on to Beth Chatto Gardens. This was an overgrown wasteland, with soil varying from poor gravel to boggy hollow fed by springs. Over the years the gravel areas have been filled with drought resistant plants, the soggy hollow turned into dramatic water gardens, whilst the shady areas have become home to woodland plants - a garden to be enjoyed all year round. Refreshments available at both venues. Return leave 5.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 7.45pm

Cost: - £34.75

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Gardens)

(RHS Members: less £6.00 but **must** bring Card)

SATURDAY 22ND MAY

ISLE OF WIGHT - DAY TRIP

Depart Oxted 7.15am (Route A) for Portsmouth and the ferry across the Solent to Fishbourne on the Isle of Wight. The Isle of Wight, being a mere 13 miles long and 23 miles wide, has 67 miles of coastline. Here on this diamond shaped island you will find spectacular scenery, glorious beaches, unspoilt countryside and outstanding natural beauty wherever you look – the Island regularly tops the British sunshine tables. Today we shall take a scenic circular tour with our return sailing being from Yarmouth to Lymington. Returning to Godstone approx 8.00pm.

Adult: - £39.25 **Child:** - £24.75

(Inclusive of Coach/Ferry Fare)

MONDAY 24TH MAY

EASTBOURNE

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route B) for Eastbourne where you can enjoy a day by the Sea and/or visit the Arndale Shopping Centre. Eastbourne is one of the largest resorts on the South Coast enjoying a wonderful position on the edge of the English Channel. Return leave the Pierhead 5.15pm. Returning to Limpsfield Chart by approx. 7.00pm.

Adult: - £17.10

Child: - £15.20

TUESDAY 25TH MAY

HENLEY-ON-THAMES AND AFTERNOON TEA CRUISE ON THE RIVER THAMES

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for the drive to Henley-on-Thames, made famous by the Regatta, where there will be time for lunch and to browse. Henley has more than 300 buildings, listed as being "of special architectural or historic interest", including the 14th-century Chantry House, connected to the church by a porch, and the Speaker's House, home of William Lenthall, Speaker of the House of Commons from 1640 until 1653. Henley's main street has many Georgian frontages built onto older buildings. A good example of this is the Catherine Wheel Hotel. There are many coaching inns in the town, including the Red Lion, where at one time or another, Charles I, Boswell and George III all stayed. Early afternoon we board our boat for a leisurely two hour cruise on the River Thames to the picturesque riverside town of Marlow where we shall be met by our coach for the journey home. Whilst on board we shall enjoy a traditional cream tea. What better way to spend an afternoon. Return leave Marlow 4.30pm. Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 6.00pm.

Cost: - £34.60

(Inclusive of Coach/Boat Fare/Afternoon Tea)

FRIDAY 28TH MAY

CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route C) for London to see the world's most famous Flower Show. Keen gardeners and 'once in a lifetime' visitors flock to the grounds of Chelsea's Royal Hospital to experience the wonder that is the Chelsea Flower Show. Here the world's best strive, each year, to achieve an RHS gold medal, the highest accolade in horticulture. See show gardens from the world's leading garden designers, and plants and flowers from around the world. The newest plant varieties and flower colours are launched at Chelsea. The Chic, City and Courtyard categories offer inspiration for gardeners with big ideas but limited space. The East and West Pavilions provide spacious arenas for new varieties of plants and flowers in displays that intrigue and delight each year. Seize this opportunity to sample and source the latest and greatest products for your garden. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Sanderstead by approx. 6.30pm. Please note children under 5 and babes in arms are not admitted.

Cost: - £63.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Flower Show)