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Welcome to our Autumn/Winter 2016-17 Day Excursions brochure. As always, we have tried to put in some new destinations as well as keeping some old favourites. New destinations include the New Royal Mint Visitor Experience, which only opened in late May, a “Grape and Grain” tour at Denbies Wine Estate and a visit to Romford Market, one of the oldest street markets. Old favourites include an Autumn Tints Tour with cream tea, Christmas Lunch, the Carol Concert in Salisbury Cathedral, the Brighton Ice Show and Greyhound Racing. For theatre lovers, we have visits to the Mill at Sonning to see The Hollow by Agatha Christie & Noël Coward’s Blithe Spirit and we go to London to see The Play That Goes Wrong and Kinky Boots. For all this and more, read on…

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Monday 1st August

Picturesque Thame and Waterperry Gardens

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to the small picturesque town of Thame, a quintessential English market town hosting an impressive range of independent and individual shops specialising in handpicked items and sold by retailers with exceptional knowledge. The picturesque town is a popular location for filming television programmes such as Midsomer Murders. Here there will be time for lunch before journeying onto Waterperry Gardens founded in the 1930s as a school of horticulture for young ladies by Miss Beatrix Havergal. Today, her legacy lives on in the stunning variety of plants and garden styles for you to enjoy. Waterperry Gardens is a magical place where you are surrounded by beautiful trees, shrubs and flowers, classical borders, modern planting, secret corners and long vistas. You’ll now find a Formal Garden, the Mary Rose Garden, a Waterlily Canal, the Long Colour Border and a small arboretum in the meadow area beyond the canal. You may also like to see the comprehensive and interesting collection of tools and implements housed in the 18th-century granary and visit the 13th century Saxon Church. Refreshments are available in the Pear Tree Tea Rooms. Return leave 5.00pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.45pm.

Adult £31.10  Child £22.55
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Waterperry Gardens)

Wednesday 3rd August

Marlborough & Horse-Drawn Boat Trip

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for Marlborough where we have time to find lunch before driving on to Kintbury to take a step back in time to the gentle pace of 18th century England, boarding a horse-drawn barge for a pleasant cruise along the Kennet and Avon Canal. During the cruise you will be served with tea & cake. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 6.30pm.

Adult £37.75  Sen Cit £36.95  Child £31.85
(Inclusive of Coach/Boat Trip and Afternoon Tea)

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Thursday 4th August
Portsmouth

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to the dynamic and vibrant waterfront city of Portsmouth where we shall be free to explore. There is so much to see and do - you may like to visit the Historic Dockyard and see the Mary Rose, HMS Warrior, HMS Victory or HMS M.33, the sole remaining British veteran of the bloody Dardanelles Campaign of 1915-1916, and of the Russian Civil War which followed: one of just three British warships from World War I still in existence. You may wish to see the view from the Spinnaker Tower, visit the Portsmouth Museum or the D-Day Museum and Overlord Embroidery. If you love to shop, then Gunwharf Quays is the place to go, with over 90 premium retail outlet stores offering up to 60% off RRP and plenty of coffee shops and restaurants. With its proud naval and maritime heritage and beautiful waterfront, Portsmouth offers something for everyone. Return leave 4.00pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.00pm

**Adult £23.65  Child £18.75**

Saturday 6th August
Wells or Cheddar

Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route A) for the drive to Wells, at the foot of the Mendip Hills, with its historic centre, the magnificent cathedral, and the unique moated Bishop’s Palace. You may spend the day here, or you may journey on to enjoy the magnificent limestone Gorge of Cheddar where you can experience two of Britain’s most spectacular underground natural wonders. In Gough’s Cave, discover the breathtaking splendour of Britain’s most beautiful stalactite cavern where Cheddar Man, Britain’s oldest skeleton, was found. Audio guides bring the cave to life, telling the fascinating story of its Ice Age creation, Stone Age occupation and Victorian exploration. Cox’s Cave is a shimmering brilliantly coloured underground sanctuary with fantastic calcite sculptures, dancing fountains, mirror pools and music evocative of a more spiritual world. Take a ride on the open-top double-decker for a tour of the dramatic landscape and see some spectacular views and hear plenty of fun and interesting facts from the guide. Climb the 274 steps up the side of Cheddar Gorge and the 48 more to the top of the Lookout Tower for amazing views. Visit the Museum of Prehistory to learn the amazing story of how our ancestors lived through a 40,000-year struggle for survival during the Ice Age. With over 30 speciality shops selling all kinds of gifts and treats, Cheddar is a great place to shop. Enjoy local produce including Cheddar cheese (it really was invented here!), ciders and beers, health foods, farm-grown produce, sweets and clotted cream ice cream. Refreshments available. Return leave: Cheddar 4.45pm  Wells 5.15pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 8.15pm.

**Wells**  Adult £34.75  Child £25.50

**Cheddar**  Adult £51.55  Child £34.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Caves & Gorge Explorer Ticket)

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Monday 8th August

Marwell Zoo

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Marwell Zoo, and a chance to get close to the wonders of the natural world. From endangered Amur tigers to majestic giraffes - this 140-acre zoo is home to an incredible range of exotic and endangered species in beautiful landscaped surroundings. Experience the African wilderness first hand at Marwell’s newest and biggest exhibit to date – Wild Explorers (opened Summer 2015). Marwell is actively involved in conserving the three iconic species - white rhinos, scimitar-horned oryx and Grevy’s zebra - housed in this new exhibit, so its setting and design reveal how they study and observe these species in the wild. With unrestricted views and ‘spy in the grass’ cameras, you’ll have a cracking view of the animals, both near and far, from the raised observation boardwalk. It’s the perfect spot for wildlife photography. To help you get around the park, there is a free road train or, for a small charge, the rail train, which takes you on a 15 minute round trip past the capybaras, flamingos, pygmy hippos, macaques and white rhinos. There are Formal Gardens too, including a representation of three garden styles of the 16th and 17th century: knot, parterre and kitchen gardens where you can become acquainted with both the plants and their uses. See Giraffes towering above you in the giraffe house, Penguins flying underwater at Penguin Cove, Tigers, Meerkats, Snow Leopards, Cheetahs, Hippos and hear the fascinating talks and feeds on a range of animal species throughout the day. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Adult £40.95  Sen Cit £39.45  Child £29.45
(Inclusive of Coach/ Entry to Zoo)

Wednesday 10th August

Brighton &/or the British Airways i360

Take a voyage to the skies on the world’s tallest moving observation tower, designed by the London Eye architects. The i360 will be an experience like no other, offering unrivalled 26 mile views of the south coast. Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for Brighton, where you may choose to spend the day in the town or take a ride on the recently opened British Airways i360 – the world’s first vertical cable car and, at 162 metres tall, the world’s tallest moving observation tower, created by the team behind the London Eye, Marks Barfield Architects. During your 20 minute voyage to the skies, you will glide slowly up to 450 feet in a futuristic glass viewing pod, with (weather permitting) 360 degree views for up to 26 miles from Bexhill-on-Sea to Chichester and back down to the ground. You will receive a state of the art hand-held multi-media tablet with a ‘pre-ride’ show about the making of the i360, and in-pod app to help you identify all the different landmarks. A host will welcome visitors, point out sights and answer questions. Following your “Sky-ride” you will be free to spend time in the Beach Building below the tower, where you will find various food options or visit the many shops in Brighton. Return leave 5.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.45pm.

Adult £34.85  Sen Cit £32.55  Child £23.55
(Inclusive of Coach/i360 Ride)

Adult £21.25  Child £19.25
(Brighton Only)

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Saturday 13th August

Eastbourne & Airbourne -
the biggest air show on the south coast

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. Over this weekend they are playing host to four days of top flight entertainment with Airbourne, their annual International Air Show. Due to fly today: RAF Red Arrows, RAF Typhoon FGR4, Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, RAF Chinook, B17 Sally B, B25 Mitchell, Tigers Parachute Display Team, P51 Mustang, The Blades, Jet Provost Duo Display, Breitling Wingwalkers, ARCo Spitfire, Blenheim, MiG 15, Team Raven, Norwegian Historic Vampires, Bronco and Great War Team. Return leave the Pierhead 5.30pm. Arriving back at Limpfield Chart by approx. 7.30pm.

Adult £21.25 Child £19.25

(Exclusive of any entry charge that may be incurred)
(All flying is subject to weather, serviceability and operational commitments)

Tuesday 16th August

Rochester & Cobham Hall

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to the Medway town of Rochester, where we shall have time to explore and find lunch. See the towering keep of Rochester Castle, one of the tallest in the country and the graceful Cathedral: England’s second oldest, built in 604. Early afternoon we make the short journey to Cobham Hall, now a girls’ school. Here we shall have a guided tour and get a fascinating insight into the history of “one of the largest, finest and most important historic houses in Kent”. This outstandingly beautiful red brick mansion dates from 1584 and demonstrates an exciting combination of Elizabethan, Jacobean, Carolean and 18th Century styles. Many English monarchs have enjoyed the splendour of Cobham Hall from Elizabeth 1 to Edward VIII, later the Duke of Windsor. Charles Dickens regularly walked through the grounds from his house in Higham to the Leather Bottle pub in Cobham village. In 1883 the Honourable Ivo Bligh, later the 8th Earl of Darnley, led the victorious English cricket team against Australia and brought home the Ashes to Cobham Hall. The gardens, landscaped for the 4th Earl of Darnley by Humphrey Repton, are being restored by the Cobham Hall Heritage Trust. Following our tour we shall have tea and scones, with time to wander in the garden (weather permitting). Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone 6.00pm.

Cost £29.75

(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour/Tea & Scones)

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**Thursday 18th August**

**Oxford Castle Unlocked & Thames River Cruise to Abingdon**

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for Oxford, where we shall have a guided tour of Oxford Castle with a costumed guide who will reveal their fascinating stories entrenched in the building’s 1,000 year history. During the tour we shall climb the Saxon St George’s Tower and enjoy stunning views over the historic city. There is an interactive touch screen which shows views from St. George’s Tower and the Mound for those not wishing to climb the tower and mound. Experience the dark atmosphere of the 900 year old crypt, where it is said, began the education for which Oxford is famed, and where Geoffrey of Monmouth penned the Legends of King Arthur and explore the austere confines of the 18th century Debtors’ Tower and Prison D-Wing. Following our tour we shall have some time to explore and find lunch before making the short walk to Folly Bridge to board a boat for a 2-hour cruise down the River Thames to Abingdon. The journey takes us through beautiful countryside with highlights including the Oxford University intercollegiate regatta course and the magnificent Nuneham House. Return leave from Abingdon 4.45pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx 6.45pm.

**Adult £46.15  Child £29.95**

(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour of Oxford Castle/Boat Trip)

**Saturday 20th August**

**Weald & Downland Open Air Museum Vintage & Steam**

Depart Oxted 8.15am (Route A) for the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton. Set in 40 acres of beautiful Sussex countryside you will be free to wander amongst a fascinating collection of nearly 50 historic buildings dating from the 13th to the 19th century, many with period gardens, together with farm animals, woodland walks and a picturesque lake. Rescued from destruction, the buildings have been carefully dismantled, conserved and rebuilt to their original form and bring to life the homes, farmsteads and rural industries of the last 500 years. Many of the interiors have been furnished, recreating the way the buildings were used by their owners centuries ago. Take a step back in time and experience the nostalgic sights, sounds and smells of an era when steam and world class engineering powered the country with the Vintage & Steam show. See the hustle and excitement of a traditional Steam Festival, with full-size, miniature and model steam engines on display and working around the site. Alongside an extensive selection of full-size steam engines will be a wide range of exhibits including: commercial vehicles, military vehicles, miniature steam engines, narrow gauge railways, model boats, and classic cars. A favourite attraction at the event at the centre of a small traditional vintage fairground is the gallopers, powered by a Fowler Showman’s steam engine. You can also take a ride on the narrow gauge steam railway around the edge of the mill pond and enjoy displays in the Events Field arena, which will include the ever popular “steer a steam engine” and the St Giles horse-drawn steam fire engine, galloping to put out a fire. With vintage music and a themed tea tent, local crafts and traditional demonstrations, plus arena displays throughout the weekend, this is an event for all the family to enjoy. Small additional charges may apply to rides in the fairground etc. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

**Adult £33.35  Sen Cit £32.35  Child £21.25**

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Museum)

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Tuesday 23rd August

Sussex Coastal Curios

Depart Oxted 8.45am (Route A) for Bramber, where we shall have morning refreshments and meet our guide. We start by visiting an architectural masterpiece of national importance – the soaring and many buttressed gothic chapel of Lancing College. The chapel is the spiritual heart of the boarding school attended by Evelyn Waugh, Tom Sharpe, Sir Tim Rice and the managing director of Greggs the sausage roll people! We return to beautiful Bramber for lunch which today is seasonal chicken with potatoes and vegetables or a vegetarian alternative. A real treat this afternoon is the quite astonishing ceiling of an otherwise architecturally plain Catholic church at genteel Goring. Here a local artist and parishioner has created a unique reproduction of Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel, a labour of love and faith that took five years of neck ache. This must be one of the most unusual churches you’ll ever visit. Last but not least we drive to the seaside at Worthing. Whilst the decadent Prince Regent established his seaside court at racy Brighton his delicate younger sister came to peaceful Worthing with her mother and aunts to enjoy the sheltered climate afforded by the South Downs. Oscar Wilde, wrote The Importance of Being Earnest whilst on holiday here. We head for home at 4.45pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.00pm.

Cost £46.75
(Inclusive of Coach/ Morning Refreshments/ Guided Tour/ 1-Course Lunch)
(Please advise at time of booking if you require a vegetarian meal)

Friday 26th August

The Shuttleworth Collection &/or The Swiss Garden

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to Old Warden Park in the heart of Bedfordshire where you will be at leisure to explore. The Collection: started by Richard Ormonde Shuttleworth, a passionate racer and pilot, the Collection contains some of the last airworthy aircraft of their type remaining anywhere in the world. Look out for the Blériot XI, dating from 1909 – the world’s oldest airworthy aircraft; the racing aircraft DH 88 Comet – which won the MacRobertson air race from England to Australia in 1934; and the Supermarine Spitfire being restored in the Engineering Workshop. The Collection also encompasses vehicles: mostly Edwardian, early dogcarts and 1930s-1940s cars; Motorcycles, penny farthings and a 1904 Aurora and Agricultural exhibits: working Chaff Cutter, living van and tractors. The Collection’s aircraft and vehicles, as much as possible, are all kept working as intended – it’s where history flies and drives! The Swiss Garden is an outstanding example of the Regency fashion for creating landscapes in a picturesque alpine style. It is a peaceful, tranquil space, with new vistas revealed at every turn. Within the garden are 13 listed structures, an adjacent woodland sculpture trail and three resident peacocks. In 2013-14 the garden underwent restoration, from renewing paths to repairing decorative features, conservation and refurbishment of all the buildings and structures, removal of damaged trees and overgrown shrubs plus new planting using species that Lord Ongley and Shuttleworth would recognise. Even the lake that feeds the garden’s ponds was restored, making the water as clear and sparkling as possible. The garden is a joy to behold. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.45pm.

Adult £36.95 Child £27.85
(Inclusive of Coach/ Entry to Shuttleworth Collection)

Adult £32.85 Child £23.75
(Inclusive of Coach/ Entry to The Swiss Garden)

Adult £41.50 Child £32.45
(Inclusive of Coach/ Entry to Shuttleworth Collection & The Swiss Garden)

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Saturday 3rd September

Agatha Christie’s The Hollow at the Mill, Sonning

Depart Oxted 9.45am (Route A) for the drive to The Mill, Sonning, a former 18th-century Flour Mill which has been converted to provide a centre of entertainment and comfort beside the Thames. With much of the original structure still retained, the Dinner Theatre gives the opportunity to have a drink by the river and view the working wheel in the Cocktail Bar. The oak-beamed restaurant is the ideal setting in which to enjoy a freshly home-cooked lunch before taking our seats for the matinée performance of Agatha Christie’s The Hollow. Bullets pumping into the body of Dr John Christow was the wish of many people. But who actually pulled the trigger? Did the butler do it? Was it his wife? His mistress? An ex-mistress? A jealous suitor? Perhaps Lucy, the lady of the house, isn’t as nutty as she seems? Is Midge, a young sales girl, hiding something? Let’s not forget the maid, Doris. So, who did it? You decide. With the help of course of Detective Inspector Colquhoun who will take you through all the fascinating clues. For this is Agatha Christie country. Murder, mayhem and a lot of laughs abound before the culprit is found. A fabulous afternoon written by the queen of crime fiction, directed by Brian Blessed and starring both his wife and daughter. Not to be Missed. Return after performance. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Cost £69.99
(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)

Thursday 8th September

Wisley Gardens’ Flower Show

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for our drive to the Royal Horticultural Society Gardens at Wisley. Enjoy the 240 acres of glorious garden, with its wooded slopes and pinetum, rock garden, herbaceous borders, alpine house, model fruit and vegetable gardens and range of greenhouse displays. At this time Wisley Gardens are host to a four day Flower Show, with flower arranging displays, a sculpture trail, and, of course, plenty of nursery and garden trade stands. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.15pm.

Adult £31.50 Child £21.25
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Gardens)
(RHS members & companion less: Adult £11.70, but must bring card)

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Saturday 10th September

See the Heads, Hear the Tales at the Royal Mint Experience

Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route A) for the drive to the Royal Mint Experience at Llantrisant. Here we shall have time to find lunch and look around the shop before being taken through security checks and getting kitted out in high-visibility vests. We start in the Pre-Show area, with an introduction to The Royal Mint before making the short walk over to the factory experience. Led by our Visitor Host we will enter one of the manufacturing areas, to discover how blank pieces of metal are made before being struck to become coins. From a viewing area, we will look into the striking hall where thousands of coins are produced, 24 hours a day. There will be given the option to strike your own coin to take home or have a picture surrounded by a chest of coins (additional charges apply). Following the Factory Experience, we will be escorted to the self-guided Interactive Exhibition to explore six different zones at our own pace. Visitor hosts will be on hand; ready to answer any questions. Refreshments available. Return leave 3.45pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 7.45pm.

Adult £49.95  Sen Cit £48.45  Child £33.60
(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour of Royal Mint Experience)

Tuesday 13th September

Bletchley Park - WWII Codebreaking

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to Bletchley Park, nr. Milton Keynes. Once Britain’s Best Kept Secret, today Bletchley Park, home of the Codebreakers, is a heritage site where you can explore and experience the top secret world of iconic WW2 Codebreaking Huts and Blocks set within the atmospheric Victorian estate. Discover the secret world! Take the Multimedia guided tour, see "Secrets Revealed" an exhibition introducing Bletchley Park, before continuing on to the various other exhibitions around the site, from information on keeping safe on-line to visiting codebreaking huts 3, 6, 8 (workplace of the famous code breaker, Alan Turing) and hut 11, all with different exhibitions. The museum in Block B has displays about wartime Bletchley Park, including the Enigma collection. You may also wish to visit the Garages, which show wartime military transport and learn about radio in the National Radio Centre, see the Holley-Cornelius Toy Collection or visit the National Museum of Computing to see Colossus (entry not included). Refreshments available. Return leave approx. 4.30pm. Returning to Godstone approx. 6.30pm.

Adult £41.95  Sen Cit £40.50  Child £30.75
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Bletchley Park/Multimedia Guide)
Friday 16th September

Romford Market

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Romford, Essex, where we shall be free to explore. The market offers a wide variety of products and there are various food stalls which also provide covered seating areas. It is located in the heart of four different shopping areas - The Liberty, Mercury Mall, The Brewery and Romford Shopping Hall, which between them cater for all tastes, with, to name a few, Debenhams, Marks & Spencer, Clarks, Hotter Shoes, a haberdashers and a fabric shop, Hobby Craft, Gap Outlet, Primark and Poundland. Close by there is a large selection of bakeries, cafes, pubs and restaurants for when you are feeling peckish and need a sit down. Return leave 3.00pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 4.00pm.

Adult £20.25   Child £14.50

Sunday 18th September

Chatham Historic Dockyard - Salute to the ’40s

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to Chatham Historic Dockyard, one of Britain’s leading and most important maritime heritage locations where 400 years of maritime history come alive. This weekend, re-live life on the Home Front during the Second World War. Military and Home Front re-enactors, wartime vehicles, period fashion and an exciting programme of wartime entertainment with humour, music and dance. Around every corner you’ll encounter bombsite urchins, ‘spivs’, soldiers and sailors, coppers and Dockyard Maties. See the new Command of the Oceans exhibit, which tells the story of the dockyard. Built around the 260-year old skeleton of the Namur, one of the Royal Navy’s most significant warships, which is preserved where it was discovered. Using the latest exhibition design and technology, powerful stories are unearthed, revealing the incredibly important role Chatham Dockyard, its defences and its people played during this significant period of British Maritime History. Don’t miss the other exhibitions around the museum such as Steam, Steel and Submarines, which tells the story of Chatham Dockyard and the Royal Navy’s use of the River Medway in the 19th and 20th centuries; HMS Gannet (1878), Britain’s last sloop of Queen Victoria’s Royal Navy, the historic warship, HMS Cavalier and the Submarine Ocelot. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.30pm.

Adult £35.55   SenCit £34.00   Child £24.05
(Including Coach/ Entry to Dockyard/ Salute to the 40s Day)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Tuesday 20th September

Buckingham Palace

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route C) for London, giving time for lunch before visiting the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace. Serving as both the office and London residence of Her Majesty The Queen, Buckingham Palace is one of the few remaining working palaces in the world. Furnished with many of the greatest treasures from the Royal Collection, including paintings by Rembrandt, Rubens and Canaletto, sculpture by Canova, exquisite pieces of Sèvres porcelain, and some of the finest English and French furniture in the world, the nineteen State Rooms are at the heart of the Palace and provide the setting for ceremonial occasions and official entertaining. A complimentary audio tour provides a lively introduction to centuries of royal history and includes interviews with Royal Household staff about the working Palace and the works of art on display. This year’s special exhibition, Fashioning a Reign: 90 Years of Style from the Queen’s Wardrobe tells the story of Her Majesty the Queen’s reign through the medium of fashion: the Queen’s wedding dress and Coronation dress will be on display together for the first time ever. From highlighting The Queen’s support of British designers, to the development of her style through the decades, the exhibition will show The Queen’s contribution to the evolution of royal couture.

Following our tour of the State Rooms, we shall have some time to take in the panoramic view of the lawn from the Garden Café. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Sanderstead approx. 6.15pm.

Adult £40.20  Sen Cit £38.50  Child £26.00
(Inclusive of Coach/ Entry to the Palace)

Thursday 22nd September

Rye & Great Dixter House & Gardens

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route B) for Rye and the opportunity to wander the quaint cobbled streets, admire the many Elizabethan buildings, some with Georgian frontages and browse in the fascinating shops. Why not treat yourself to lunch in the town’s best known inn, the Mermaid, which dates from the 15th and 16th-centuries and, in the 18th-century was a favourite haunt of smugglers. Early afternoon we drive on to Great Dixter House and Gardens: a Tudor house with a 20th-century Arts and Crafts garden. Great Dixter was bought in 1910 by Nathaniel Lloyd, author of books on brickwork and topiary, and was restored by Edwin Lutyens. Nathaniel designed the framework of the garden and it was planted with great flair by his son, Christopher Lloyd, and was the focus of his energy and enthusiasm and fuelled over 40 years of books and articles. There is a wide variety of interest from yew topiary, carpets of meadow flowers, the colourful tapestry of mixed borders, natural ponds, a formal pool and the exuberant Exotic Garden. Built in the middle of the 15th century and then restored and enlarged by Sir Edwin Lutyens, Great Dixter is both a historic house and a family home. Christopher Lloyd’s father Nathaniel commissioned Lutyens in 1910 to clear the 15th century house of later alterations, revealing the medieval splendour of the Great Hall, the largest surviving timber-framed hall in the country. At the same time Lutyens added the domestic quarters necessary to accommodate an Edwardian household and a further wing. The contents of the house date principally from the 17th and 18th centuries and include many examples of needlework, mostly made by his wife Daisy and their children. There are three rooms open for public viewing. The Great Hall, the Parlour and Solar. Nurseries and gift shop available but Please Note that there are no formal refreshment facilities, but hot and cold drinks are available in the Gift Shop. Returning leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Limpfield Chart by approx. 6.30pm.

Adult £32.40  Child £25.25
(Inclusive of Coach/ Entry to House & Gardens)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Saturday 24th September

Canterbury Food & Drink Festival

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for Canterbury and the Food and Drink Festival, which promises to be bigger than ever this year. Following on from 2015’s success, Kent’s biggest food festival, set in the Dane John Gardens, will take on the city with Eat Street once again showcasing some of London’s best street food stalls in Whitefriars. Last year’s event proved to be a huge hit with all ages as people got to savour the best food and drink in Kent, listen to music from a choice of two stages, shop for supper and let the kids run wild in the Kids Field. With over 100 traders, 2 stages of music, dedicated kids field, festival bar and ample seating it’s more than just a food festival, it’s a celebration of Kent and Canterbury. Within a few minutes walk of Dane John Gardens is Canterbury’s city centre. Visit the cathedral, meander through the narrow streets or visit the shops – from modern department stores and trendy boutiques to antique shops and picture galleries. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.15pm.

Adult £23.95   Child £18.95

(Exclusive of any entry fees that may be charged)

Tuesday 27th September

Waverley Paddle Steamer
Whitstable to Gravesend via Tower Bridge

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to Whitstable, where we shall board Waverley, the last sea-going paddle steamer in the world, who this year celebrates 70 years since her launch. Our cruise takes us from Whitstable to Southend, Gravesend and up the River Thames to Tower Bridge, which will open to allow us through. We then wait in the Pool of London for about half an hour before Tower Bridge is raised again to let us back through. From here we make our way back to Gravesend, where we disembark and re-join the coach. On board, stroll around the promenade sun-decks, visit the self-service restaurant, relax in the comfortable lounges and see the magnificent steam engines and paddle wheels working. A souvenir shop sells postcards, sweets and guide books, and a ship’s post box will mail your postcards, franked with the ship’s own hand stamp! Refreshments available. We return to Gravesend at 6.00pm for the journey home. Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 6.45pm.

Cost £62.95

(Inclusive of Coach/Boat Fare)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Sunday 2nd October

Banbury Canal Day - a “Bubbletastic” day out

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to Banbury for Canal Day, which has grown from a small provincial event to one that attracts boaters, crafters, traders and visitors from all over the country. The main thrust of the day has to be the canal itself, with commercial boats booked in and water taxis to move visitors around the site. This year the theme is BUBBLES. The Mill Arts centre opens its doors for a day of entertainment, food and drink whilst General Foods Garden hosts a free folk concert adjacent to the towpath. Sovereign Wharf is the place to be for boat rides with entertainment by barrel organs whilst you wait to board. Tooley's historic boatyard displays engines and boats, with a chance to watch a blacksmith at work. Don’t miss Compton Road Food Court, Banbury Museum and Chamberlain Court Arts & Crafts Markets. Hook Norton Brewery will keep the ale rolling and ample food outlets keep the hunger at bay. With an abundance of traders, falconry, fairground and lots to see and do, it’s a fun packed day for all the family. Return leave 4.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.30pm.

Adult £24.95 Child £17.15

(Exclusive of any entry fees that may be charged)

Wednesday 5th October

Knitting & Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for Alexandra Palace and The Knitting & Stitching Show - the biggest show of its kind. All specialist needlecraft disciplines are catered for with an exciting selection of everything for the needlework enthusiast - knitting, embroidery, dressmaking, quilting, lace-making, crochet, beading, creative crafts and much more. There are galleries of work from leading International textile artists and groups, along with hundreds of exhibitors selling specialist supplies, plus over 100 workshops to get you started! Refreshments available. Return leave 4.00pm. Returning to Godstone approx. 5.45pm.

Adult £34.90 Child £23.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Show)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Friday 7th October

Basildon Park - the Perfect English Country House

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route A) for Basildon Park, a beautiful Palladian mansion overlooking the Thames Valley near Reading. Here we shall have time to find lunch and explore this classical 18th-century house, designed by John Carr. A near ruin at the end of World War II, Lord and Lady Iliffe lovingly restored it to a grand country home in the 1950s. See a rare example of surviving 18th-century plasterwork in the Green Drawing Room and the fabulous 1950s kitchen where you can experience the smells, sights and sounds of the era. Visit the “At Home With Art” installation in the South Pavilion and take some time to relax in the leafy landscapes of the gardens with expansive lawns and views towards the Thames and wooded Chiltern hills. Basildon Park featured in several episodes of ITV’s Downton Abbey: the interiors were used as the Crawley family’s London residence, Grantham House and was at the heart of Lady Rose and Atticus Aldridge’s wedding. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.00pm.

Adult £34.95   Child £21.50
(Inclusive of Coach/ Entry to House & Gardens)
(Nat. Trust Members less Adult £11.30, Child £5.60 but must bring card)

Tuesday 11th October

Tunbridge Wells - Mid Week Shopping

Depart Oxted 9.45am (Route B) for the Spa town of Tunbridge Wells, with its extensive shopping centre including the covered Royal Victoria Place. Enjoy a stroll through the famous Pantiles, a colonnaded terrace whose walks have been the haunt of Royalty since the time of Charles I. Return leave 4.00pm. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart at approx. 4.45pm.

Adult £17.70   Child £14.90

Friday 14th October

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 5.00pm. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 6.45pm.

Adult £21.25   Child £19.25

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Tuesday 18th October
Warwick Castle

Depart Oxted 7.45am (Route A) for the drive to Warwick Castle, where we shall be free to explore. Marvel at the magnificent Great Hall, explore the lavish state rooms and experience the tranquillity inside the Earl’s private Chapel. See the British aristocracy at play in the Royal Weekend Party exhibit, with wax figures standing alongside authentic furniture and furnishings. For the more energetic visitor, explore the many towers and ramparts, with centuries of fascinating architecture and amazing views in all directions! For the less energetic, take time to explore Lancelot ‘Capability’ Brown’s first solo commission. Stroll around the topiary, visit the Peacock Garden, complete with its very own resident Peacocks and see a full-size replica of the Warwick Vase in the conservatory. There is also the Time Tower, Castle Dungeon (entry not included), the new Horrible Histories Maze and much more. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.15pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 7.00pm.

Adult £48.45  Child £37.85

Friday 21st October
Hinton Ampner nr Alresford

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to Hinton Ampner, an elegant country house with an outstanding collection of furniture, paintings and objets d’art. After a catastrophic fire in 1960, the owner, Ralph Dutton, the 8th and last Lord Sherborne, rebuilt his home in the light and airy Georgian style he loved. A passionate collector, he filled the sunny rooms with ceramics and art. He was also responsible for the design of the gardens, which are widely acknowledged as a masterpiece of 20th century design. The 12-acre garden unites a formal layout with varied and informal plantings in pastel shades. Set in superb Hampshire countryside, there are magnificent vistas across parkland and the South Downs. Highlights of the garden include the dell, a sunken garden with fine topiary, and the recently restored walled garden. Refreshments available. Return leave 2.30pm. Returning to Godstone approx. 4.00pm.

Adult £31.95
(Inclusive of Coach/ Entry to House & Gardens)
(Nat Trust Members less Adult: £8.50 but must bring card)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Thursday 27th October

Autumn Tints at Sheffield Park Gardens

Depart Oxted 12.45am (Route A) for the drive to Sheffield Park Gardens where you will be at leisure to wander through the 120 acres of this beautiful and extensive ‘garden for all seasons’ with its four large lakes linked by cascades and waterfalls reflecting the blaze of flame, gold and russet hues displayed by the rare and exotic trees and shrubs which combine to create a tapestry of autumn colour at this time of year. The garden was laid out in the 18th century by the famous landscape gardener Lancelot ‘Capability’ Brown. Refreshments available. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 5.45pm.

Adult £27.60  Child £17.90
(Inclusive of Coach/ Entry to Gardens)
(Nat Trust & RHS Members less Adult: £9.50 Child £4.75 but must bring card)

Monday 31st October

Kew Gardens in the Autumn

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Kew Gardens, where we shall be free to wander and enjoy the autumn colours. You may wish to view the autumn colours from the treetop walkway in the arboretum, which, of course, comes into its own in autumn, with its vast and comprehensive collection of beautiful trees each in the glory of seasonal change. Don’t miss The Hive. This open-air structure stands 17 metres tall and encapsulates the story of the honeybee and the important role of pollination in feeding the planet, through an immersive sound and visual experience. Wander through Kew’s collection of over 35,000 different types of plants and discover inspiration in every corner, or take advantage of the ‘Kew Explorer’, (cost not included) a hop-on/hop-off “train” which circles the gardens all day. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.30pm.

Adult £32.95  Sen Cit £32.10  Child £16.50
(Inclusive of Coach/ Entry to Gardens)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Tuesday 1st November

**Scenic Surrey Autumn Tints Tour with Cream Tea**

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for a scenic drive through Surrey, to Notcutts Garden Centre, Cranleigh. Here we shall have time to find lunch and have a browse before continuing our scenic tour to the Refectory at Guildford cathedral, where we shall enjoy a cream tea before making our way back to Godstone, arriving approx. 5.00pm.

**Cost £24.65**
(Inclusive of Coach/Cream Tea)

Tuesday 8th November

**The Play That Goes Wrong at the Duchess Theatre**

Depart Oxted 4.30pm (Route C) for the drive to the Duchess Theatre and the 7.30pm performance of The Play That Goes Wrong. This slapstick farce follows the fictitious Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society as they attempt to stage a perfect 1920’s murder mystery. However, as the show goes on, things do not go quite to plan! Expect cast disputes, accidents, a set with a mind of its own, costume malfunctions and many many more disasters that result in audience hysterics! As they say in the business, “the show must go on”... But just how much can the ill-fated Cornley Drama Society survive before the curtain call? Described as “Fawlty Towers meets Noises Off”, The Play That Goes Wrong is guaranteed to leave you aching with laughter! Starring Matthew Cavendish, Leonard Cook, Bryony Corrigan, Fred Gray, Harry Kershaw, Laura Kirman, James Marlowe and Laurence Pears as the unlucky Thespian troupe! Return after performance. Arriving back at Sanderstead approx. 11.00pm

**Cost £46.75**
(Inclusive of Coach/Stalls Seats at Show)

Thursday 10th November

**Denbies Wine Estate – Grape & Grain Tour**

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for the drive to Denbies Wine Estate, Dorking, England’s largest vineyard and one of the major producers of award winning still and sparkling wines in the UK. Here we shall have a Winery Walking tour, passing through the working winery with a full commentary from a Denbies Wine Tour Guide. During the tour we shall see the equipment used in today’s wine production, including the sparkling wine disgorging line installed in 2013. The winery tour ends in the atmospheric Denbies cellars where we shall be guided through a tasting of Denbies classic wine. We then have time to find lunch in their Conservatory Restaurant before our afternoon visit to the Surrey Hills Brewery, located in the rear part of the Denbies Winery Building. As the brewery is small, the “tour” is more of a talk. During which, we shall have the opportunity to try three of their current beers whilst learning the history of the Brewery and the brewing process, usually with a couple of bad jokes thrown in. Following our talk we shall have some time to explore the Denbies shop, perhaps pick up some Christmas presents before leaving at 3.00pm for our journey back to Godstone, arriving approx. 3.45pm. (Please note that the tours may be run in reverse order.)

**Cost £34.95**
(Inclusive of Coach/Winery & Brewery Tours)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Saturday 12th November

Noël Coward’s Blithe Spirit at the Mill, Sonning

Depart Oxted 9.45am (Route A) for the drive to The Mill, Sonning, a former 18th-century Flour Mill which has been converted to provide a centre of entertainment and comfort beside the Thames. With much of the original structure still retained, the Dinner Theatre gives the opportunity to have a drink by the river and view the working wheel in the Cocktail Bar. The oak-beamed restaurant is the ideal setting in which to enjoy a freshly home-cooked lunch before taking our seats for the matinée performance of Noël Coward’s Blithe Spirit. Researching for his new novel about a fraudulent medium, sceptical author Charles Condomine invites the eccentric clairvoyant Madame Arcati to his house for an elegant dinner party. While consumed in a trance, Madame Arcati unwittingly summons the ghost of Charles’ deceased first wife, the gorgeous and naughty Elvira. Appearing only to Charles, Elvira soon makes a play to reclaim her husband, his odd behaviour soon upsetting his new wife, the straight-laced and super-rational Ruth. Now, if he wants his latest marriage to stand a ghost of a chance, he’d better conjure up a solution... and fast! Mayhem and oodles of fun ensue as the two feuding wives fight to the bitter end for the love of their mutual husband. Return after performance. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Cost £69.99
(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)

Thursday 17th November

Greyhound Racing

Depart Oxted 4.30pm (Route A) for the drive to Brighton and a ‘Night at the Dogs’. Here we shall sit and enjoy a two course meal whilst watching the racing. Six sleek and beautiful greyhounds make up each race and, with races taking place about every 15 minutes the action is non-stop. Trying to pick the winner just adds to the fun of the evening. Spend the evening at your table in the restaurant, wander down to the trackside or buy a drink in one of the track’s 5 bars - the choice is yours. Return leave approx. 9.45pm, after last race. Returning to Godstone by approx. 10.30pm.
(Dress code is smart casual.)

Cost £32.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Admission/2 Course Meal/Tea/Coffee)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Saturday 19th November

Longleat Festival of Lights - Beautiful by daylight, incredible after dark

Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route A) for the drive to Longleat, Wiltshire where we shall commence with a tour of the Safari Park: mind the zebras crossing, give the rhinos right of way, watch out for the wolves and beware of the meddlesome monkeys. Following the safari we shall be free to enjoy all that Longleat has to offer, including the return of the Festival of Lights. Set amid the beautiful backdrop of the landscaped grounds and gardens surrounding Longleat House, this winter you are invited to enter the enchanting world of Beatrix Potter and see it as it’s never been seen before. Step through this timeless and beloved world and experience the wonder through the eyes of Peter Rabbit. Immerse yourself in charming fairy-tale settings, visiting favourite characters such as Squirrel Nutkin, Jenima Puddle-Duck, Jeremy Fisher and Mrs Tiggy-Winkle. But beware, as Mr McGregor has his eyes on you as you explore his giant illuminated garden with Peter Rabbit. 2016 celebrates 150 years of Beatrix Potter; her pioneering works remain an inspiration to generations and Longleat are proud to welcome her beloved and cherished characters to Wiltshire to light up the winter. The climactic festival of Light will also feature scenes honouring the extraordinary and iconic Longleat animals. Most notably, the prestigious pride of lions; 50 years on from opening the doors to the first Safari Drive-Through outside Africa, the Lions remain a treasured part of the Longleat family. Your ticket also gives entry to Longleat House, dressed in traditional Victorian festive décor; with characters roaming the house breathing an enchanting and immersive life into the grand interiors. Plus, don’t miss your chance to sing along to the 50ft singing Christmas Tree! Refreshments available. Return leave 5.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 8.00pm.

Adult £55.90   Sen Cit £52.90   Child £38.30
(Inclusive of Coach/Longleat Day Ticket)

Wednesday 23rd November

Wisley Gardens Craft & Design Fair

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route A) for our drive to the Royal Horticultural Society Gardens at Wisley, where they are hosting a Design and Craft Fair. Browse and buy original, hand-made items that you simply can’t find elsewhere from around 160 craft makers and artists. British artisans and crafters will be on hand to offer sculptures, silk painted scarves, leather, handcrafted furniture, jewellery and more. In addition to the wonderful crafts, choose from a range of delicious foods including handmade chocolates, Christmas cakes, puddings and Truckle cheeses. Live music will provide an enjoyable festive atmosphere. The Craft and Design Fair is held in floored and heated marquees outside the garden, so you can shop in comfort in any weather. While you visit, take time to explore the garden with an invigorating walk to see the winter colour. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.15pm.

Adult £27.80   Child £15.20
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Craft Fair)
(RHS members and companion less: £8 but must bring card)
RHS guests entry to garden FO C, entry to craft fair £7 to pay on day please

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Saturday 26th November

Bury St Edmunds - Christmas Fayre

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to Bury St. Edmunds, where the historic centre will be transformed into a wonderful Christmas market with colourful stalls selling local produce and crafts as well as traders from around the UK and mainland Europe, traditional fairground rides and on-stage entertainment. An added attraction is the town’s nearby cosmopolitan shopping centre with its great mix of famous name stores and independent shops plus cafés and restaurants galore. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.45pm.

Adult £27.75    Child £19.75

Sunday 27th November

Victorian Festival of Christmas, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and their ‘Victorian Festival of Christmas’ where the magic of Christmas past will be brought to life with traditional festive fun for the whole family. Explore the snow-covered Dickensian streets in the awe-inspiring setting of the dockyard, home to the new Mary Rose Museum, HMS Victory, HMS Warrior 1860, HMS M.33, National Museum of the Royal Navy, Boathouse 4 and Action Stations. Access to the attractions is included in the ticket price. Visit the popular Christmas Market, with its wide range of unique stalls, and see the merrymaking at Fagin’s Real Ale Tavern, as well as more Victorian characters and entertainment. See the hull of the Mary Rose, Henry VIII’s favourite ship like you’ve never seen it before and breathe the same air as Henry VIII’s warship for the first time in 23 years, with only a balcony between you and the hull. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.00pm.

Adult £36.85    Sen Cit £36.30    Child £27.45

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Festival)
Tuesday 29th November
Bluewater Shopping Centre

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the Bluewater Shopping Centre, the most innovative and exciting shopping and leisure destination in Europe today, with some of the biggest and most influential names in retailing under one roof. A triangular mall featuring three large department stores - John Lewis, Marks & Spencer and House of Fraser - one at each corner, together with over 300 shops, mainly clothing and ‘lifestyle’ retailers. There are plenty of bargains to be had and, whatever the weather, you’ll be in the dry! Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.15pm.

Adult £18.30  Child £14.75

Saturday 3rd December
Rochester Dickensian Christmas & Christmas Market

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route A) for Rochester where the streets are alive with entertainment, readings, song and dance in their Dickensian Christmas Extravaganza, held each year to celebrate the town’s connection with Dickens’ novels. Here chimney sweeps and flower ladies will be out in force, whilst stallholders, dressed up in full period costume, will be selling their festive Victorian wares, all with a guaranteed snowfall. Don’t forget to visit the Christmas Market in the iconic setting of Rochester Castle Gardens. Enjoy a hog roast, hot chocolate and roasted chestnuts as you browse the wide range of stalls offering unique gift ideas alongside value goodies and stocking fillers; as well as a range of tasty Christmas treats, and, of course, Santa will make a special trip to visit Rochester. The atmosphere is fantastic, and the perfect way to get into the right spirit for Christmas. Refreshments available. The last event of the day, at 4.45pm is a candlelit parade to Boley Hill, led by The City of Rochester Pipe Band, ending outside Rochester Cathedral for communal carol singing in the snow led by the BAE Systems’ Brass Band. Return leave 6.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 7.15pm.

Adult £19.15 Child £15.95

For bookings call (01883) 713633
**Tuesday 6th December**

**Salisbury Christmas Market & Cathedral Carol Concert**

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the beautiful city of Salisbury. Here you will be at leisure to explore the streets flanked by gabled houses, the modern shopping centre and the German-inspired Christmas market in the Guildhall Square, providing an inspiring array of tasteful and high quality gifts and products to suit even the most discerning shopper, and all sorts of interesting and delicious seasonal food and drink, representing Christmas traditions from home and abroad. For those that wish, we'll then make our way to the magnificent Cathedral and take our seats for the 2.00pm Traditional Christmas Carol Concert with the renowned Cathedral Choir. Listen to favourite Christmas readings, join in singing the best traditional carols, and enjoy seasonal refreshments of hot mulled wine and delicious mince pies in the cloisters immediately after the service. Return leave 4.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.00pm.

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**Thursday 8th December**

**Polhill Garden Centre**

Depart Oxted 10.45am (Route A) for the Polhill Garden Centre. Polhill is so much more than just a garden centre. With a collection of diverse concessions, Polhill has become a whole shopping village. Amongst the normal products you expect to find such as garden furniture and plants there is also bedroom furniture, a fantastic fruit and savoury pie shop, a butchers, grocery shop and, of course, a restaurant and a café for that leisurely lunch. At this time of year the magic and spirit of Christmas takes over and the Centre is festooned with decorations and trees galore. Return leave 3.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 4.15pm.

**Cost £14.99**

For bookings call **(01883) 713633**
Saturday 10th December

Lunch & a Show on Board the Magellan Cruise Liner

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to Tilbury where we shall have the opportunity to sample the Magellan cruise liner whilst she is berthed. On boarding, we shall be greeted with cocktails and a chance to see some of the cabins and facilities before sitting down to enjoy a delicious four course lunch, with half a bottle of wine per person. After lunch we shall see a fabulous show, in the ship’s theatre before disembarking. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 4.15pm.

Cost £69.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Welcome Cocktails/4-course Lunch/Half Bottle of Wine/Show)
Please note that photographic id is required
(Please advise at time of booking if you require a vegetarian meal)

Wednesday 14th December

Winchester Christmas Market - 10th Anniversary

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to Winchester Christmas Market where this year they are celebrating their 10th anniversary. Inspired by traditional German Christmas markets, it is recognised as one of the best in Europe with its unique location in the Cathedral’s historic Close surrounding an open-air real ice rink. All the exhibitors have been hand-picked for their interesting, high quality and unique products many of which can’t be bought on the high street. There’s plenty of choice when it comes to food and drink, with chalets selling festive favourites such as, mulled wine, bratwurst, mince pies and stollen. Alternatively, the Cathedral Refectory and ice rink café provide a warm and comfortable setting with plenty of seating and great menus. Throughout the Christmas Market there will be Christmas carols, a nativity scene and occasional visits from Father Christmas! Be sure too to visit the town itself, with its tempting array of independent shops, boutiques and well known High Street stores. Return leave 4.30pm. Returning to Godstone by approx. 6.00pm.

Adult £23.35 Child £17.95

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Friday 16th December

Christmas Lunch in Tonbridge

Depart Oxted 10.30am (Route A) for a scenic drive to the Best Western Rose and Crown Hotel, Tonbridge. Here we shall enjoy a traditional three course Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. After lunch we make our way home, arriving back at Godstone by approx. 3.45pm.

Cost £32.95
(Inclusive of Coach/3-Course Lunch)
(Please advise at time of booking if you require a vegetarian meal)

Sunday 18th December

Christmas Illuminations Tour

Depart Oxted 5.00pm (Route C) for the drive to the South Bank, London, where we shall have some time to enjoy the winter festivities and find some supper before our tour of the London Christmas lights, including Knightsbridge, Trafalgar Square, Regent Street and Oxford Street. Arriving back in Sanderstead approx. 10.30pm.

Adult £21.25 Child £16.50

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Saturday 7th January

Brighton Ice Show - Believe

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for Brighton, giving time to explore the town and have lunch before making your way to the Brighton Centre for the 1.00pm performance of the new Holiday on Ice production, BELIEVE. In this modern rock version of Romeo & Juliet, the two classes visualized by two very different worlds collide. The Underworld, which keeps the wheels of industry turning is home of Antonio, who has a vision about the girl of his dreams. In the High Society, where every day is a party and money is king lives Clarissa feeling alienated and longing for true love. When the leader of both worlds gets into a fight with Antonio, the two meet for the first time and fall in love. In that setting, against the odds, a forbidden love grows. It withstands rejection, hurt and tears by using love and passion. However unlike the classic Romeo & Juliet this story has a happy end. Olympic champion Christopher Dean is the creative force behind this new show. As director and choreographer Dean will, using his expertise of the icy stage, orchestrate Olympic level choreographies with the best live music, beautiful decors, glamorous costumes and hi-tech special effects. Believe is destined to become a show that will truly conquer hearts. Return after performance. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.30pm.

Adult £48.95   Child £29.75
(Inclusive of Coach/ South Stalls Seats at Show)

Tuesday 17th January

Kinky Boots at the Adelphi Theatre, London

Depart Oxted 4.30pm (Route C) for the drive to the Adelphi Theatre and the 7.30pm performance of Kinky Boots. Inspired by true events, this joyous story of Brit grit to high-heeled hit takes you from the factory floor to the glamorous catwalks of Milan in a feel-good and heart-warming tale of friendship, filled with joy, laughter, stunning costumes and heart-stopping choreography. Starring Killian Donnelly as Charlie Price, the shoe factory owner struggling to live up to his father’s expectations and continue the family business of Price & Son, and Olivier Award winner Matt Henry as Lola, a fabulous performer in need of some sturdy new stilettos. With songs by Grammy® and Tony® winning pop icon Cyndi Lauper, this “dazzling, fabulously sassy and uplifting” (Time Out) musical celebration is about the friendships we discover, and the belief that you can change the world when you change your mind. Return after performance. Arriving back at Sanderstead approx. 11.30pm.

Cost £55.15
(Inclusive of Coach/ Stalls Seats at Show)

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Saturday 28th January

Crafting Live! Sandown Park

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route A) for Sandown Park, Esher and Crafting Live! This is a new show, run by new people. With an array of exhibitors stocking stamps, dies, decoupage, fabric, ribbon and much more, you can stock up on all of your craft essentials and find inspiration from brand new products. A number of well-known crafters will be running “make & take” sessions, (booking is essential and must be done on the day). See Create and Craft shows broadcasting live from the main stage – a chance to watch some of crafty celebrities demonstrate brand new products live. Keep your eyes peeled as there may be a chance to meet some of your favourite presenters after the show! (Details taken from July show as details of January show not available at time of going to print.) Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back in Godstone approx. 5.15pm.

Adult £23.95   Sen Cit £22.95
(Inclusive of Coach/ Entry to Exhibition)

Wednesday 15th February

Kew Gardens Orchid Festival

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Kew Gardens, where the Princess of Wales Conservatory will become home to a mass of tropical colour as it’s filled with orchids, bromeliads and other tropical plants from around the world. At the time of going to print, no further information on the theme is available. Wander through Kew’s collection of over 35,000 different types of plants and discover inspiration in every corner, or take advantage of the ‘Kew Explorer’, (cost not included) a hop-on/hop-off “train” which circles the gardens all day. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.30pm.

Adult £32.95   Sen Cit £32.10   Child £16.50
(Inclusive of Coach/ Entry to Gardens & Orchid Festival)

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Thursday 23rd February

Wisley Gardens - Butterflies in the Glasshouse

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route A) for our drive to the Royal Horticultural Society Gardens at Wisley, where at this time Exotic butterflies are taking flight among tropical plants in the Glasshouse, a huge cathedral-like glass structure that covers an area equal in size to 10 tennis courts and rises to 40ft in height. With three climatic zones, recreating tropical, moist temperate and dry temperate habitats, the Glasshouse showcases the RHS’s extensive tender plant collection, including difficult to grow, rare and endangered species and hundreds of orchid species. World renowned as a centre for gardening excellence, Wisley offers a wealth of inspiration with many different styles of planting and garden design in a variety of settings within its 240 acres. The Plant Centre has on offer thousands of plant varieties, together with a wide selection of bulbs and seeds, shrubs and trees, houseplants and garden accessories. The Wisley Shop offers a wide range of merchandise including crafts and textiles, china, toiletries, jewellery and fun children’s gifts, a tantalising range of food and beverages and an extensive collection of books including one of the finest selections of horticultural publications in the world. Refreshments available in the Conservatory Café and the Terrace Restaurant. Return leave 3.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 4.15pm.

Adult £31.50  Child £21.25

(RHS members & companion less: Adult £11.00 but must bring card)

Tuesday 11th April and Monday 4th September

Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey)

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Highclere Castle, home to the Carnarvon family since 1679 and with a fascinating connection to ancient Egypt, as the 5th Earl, with Howard Carter, discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun in 1922. There is an exhibition that commemorates this historic event. Described as the largest occupied mansion in Hampshire and the finest inhabited Victorian residence in all England, the extravagant interiors range from church Gothic through Moorish flamboyance and Rococo revival to solid masculinity in the Long Library. The gardens feature great stretches of glasshouse in a walled garden, magnificent parkland designed by ‘Capability’ Brown and a Secret Garden with a beautiful curving lawn surrounded by densely planted herbaceous gardens. Downton Abbey, the major drama series from ITV was filmed on location at Highclere Castle. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.15pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.00pm.

Adult £39.95  Child £28.55

(Inclusive of Coach/ Entry to Castle/ Gardens)
2016 Holidays & Short Breaks

23-25 September
1916: A Fateful Year - Verdun & The Somme

30 Sept to 2 October
Devon Antiques

17-21 October
Chrysanthemum Festival, Lahr

2-7 October
Lakeland Rambler & Mountain Goat

13-16 November
Deck the Halls

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Holidays Ideas for 2017

10-12 Mar TBC
Shepton Mallet Antiques

2017

21-25 Aug
North Devon Delights

24-28 March
Sidmouth

10-14 Sept
Gower Peninsula

15-18 April
Rutland at Easter

21-25 Sept
Norfolk Treasures

11-16 May
Isle of Man

29 sept - 1 Oct TBC
Peterborough Antiques

19-22 May
Lyon by Train

4-10 Oct
Royal Deeside

14-18 Jun
Springtime in Sidmouth

End Nov TBC
Thursford Christmas Spectacular

30 June to 14 July
Wonders of Iceland Cruise

4-8 Dec
Turkey & Tinsel in Shropshire

5-11 Aug
Killarney

15-18 Dec
Three Countries Christmas Markets

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2. Your choice of picking up/setting down point must be notified to us at the time of booking. Please ensure you are waiting at the correct point in plenty of time. We cannot be held responsible for any loss or expense suffered by late arrival at a picking up point.

3. Seats on the coach are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Early booking is therefore advisable. You will keep the same seat throughout the day. As we have coaches with different seating arrangements, we reserve the right to allocate seats other than those you have booked, although this will be avoided as far as possible.

4. Under British law, smoking is not permitted on the coach.

5. Unless otherwise stated, children’s fares apply under 14 years of age.

6. Should we have to make a significant change to a day trip or excursion we will notify you immediately, and offer you the option of accepting the changes or a prompt and full refund of all monies paid. This will be the extent of our liability.

7. Every effort will be made to operate all the outings advertised in this brochure. Should we have to make a cancellation, we will give you a prompt and full refund of all monies paid. This will be the extent of our liability.

8. You may cancel your booking at any time prior to departure subject to the following conditions:
   a) For cancellations notified to us more than 7 days prior to departure, a cancellation charge of up to 33% of the fare charged will be made. Please note that where we have had to purchase tickets in advance, we may not be able to refund the price of these.
   b) For cancellations notified to us less than 7 days prior to departure, no refund can be made, unless the seat is re-sold. In this event the extent of refund will be at our discretion.

9. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this brochure, the facilities and displays available at the venues we visit are beyond our control, and as such we are unable to accept liability for variations.

10. By popular request we have given approximate return times for each excursion, but please note that these can only be taken as a guide.

11. Please note that it is now mandatory to wear seatbelts on coaches.

12. We reserve the unconditional right to refuse a booking or terminate a client’s booking in the event of unreasonable conduct which in our opinion is likely to cause damage, distress, danger or annoyance to other clients, employees, property or to any third party. If you are prevented from travelling or continuing your excursion by such a termination our responsibility for your excursion thereupon ceases. Full cancellation charges will apply and we will be under no obligation for any refund, compensation or loss which you may incur.

13. We are pleased to be able to offer travel insurance for day excursions & recommend this for all continental & higher cost day excursions. Please see our website or holiday brochure for full details. E & OE

Price of tickets at shows:
- Brighton Ice Show: Adult £28.00  Child £15.00
- Blithe Spirit: £45.50  The Hollow: £45.50  The Play That Goes Wrong: £25.00
- Kinky Boots: £32.50

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