Welcome...
...to our 50th anniversary Autumn/Winter 2017/18 Day Excursions brochure. As ever, we have tried hard to find new and interesting destinations, including a visit to the Broadstairs Food Festival, a chance to enjoy a fish & chip lunch followed by a cruise on Bewl Water, Crafts for Christmas at Detling Showground, Christmas on the Home Front at Kent Life, a Christmas Concert at the Musical Museum and a chance to see the “Diana: Her Fashion Story” exhibition at Kensington Palace. We also have tickets to the new Postal Museum in London. For something a bit different, our Christmas Lunch this year is on a circular cruise from Runnymede. We are also visiting Kew at Christmas; a chance to follow a winter trail boasting over one million twinkling lights! Our old favourites include a return to Adam’s Farm, visits to Waterperry Gardens, Hyde Hall & Beth Chatto Gardens, an Autumn Tints tour with a cream tea at Heaven Farm, Polhill Garden Centre & the Festival of Light at Longleat, where this year the theme is “The Magic of Storytelling”. We also return to Brighton Dogs for an evening of racing, Salisbury for their Christmas Market & Carol Concert or why not visit Bluewater in time to do Christmas shopping, take a tour of the Christmas Lights in London and, in January return to Brighton for the Ice Show. We look forward to welcoming you on board very soon.

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Wednesday 2nd 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 £39.95   Sen Cit £38.95
Child £33.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Boat Trip and Afternoon Tea)

Friday 4th August

Littlehampton or Bognor

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to either Littlehampton or Bognor to spend a day by the sea. The small, ancient port of Littlehampton, situated at the mouth of the River Arun, with its promenade, sandy beaches and funfair is known as a family seaside resort and yachting centre, although some of the old town survives on the east bank of the Arun. Bognor Regis, a seaside resort with a pier and five miles of hard sandy beach, began as a Saxon village, became a medieval fishing hamlet and then, from 1790, developed into a quiet and fashionable seaside watering place. The 'Regis' was added to Bognor after King George V convalesced at nearby Aldwick in 1928.

Return leave: Bognor Pier 5.00pm
Littlehampton 5.30pm
Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 7.00pm.

Adult £21.95   Child £19.95

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Saturday 5th August

**Agatha Christie’s Spider’s Web 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 Spider’s Web, directed by Brian Blessed. "Suppose I were to come downstairs one morning and find a dead body lying here, what would I do?” wonders Clarissa. And lo and behold, as is the way with all good Agatha Christie thrillers, she soon finds out. Clarissa has a vivid imagination but not even she could be prepared for the moment she stumbles upon a bloody corpse. Desperate to dispose of the body before her husband comes home with an important foreign politician - a man on his way to secret talks at 10 Downing Street! - Clarissa persuades her three house guests to become accessories and accomplices. But then the web of deceit becomes even more tangled as a mysterious phone-call tips off the police and brings the determined Inspector Lord to the scene. Clarissa soon realises he is convinced that one of them is the killer and finds her talent for storytelling put to the test as she fights to keep her friends and family from suspicion. At the same time her own life is in dire danger as the search for the real murderer comes closer and closer to being revealed. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

**Cost £71.50**

(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)

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Tuesday 8th August

**Churches of Romney Marsh tour with lunch & tea**

Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route A) for the drive to the Rose & Crown at Old Romney, where we meet our guide and have morning coffee. The Romney Marsh Historic Churches Trust has been conducting guided tours of the churches of Romney Marsh since it was founded in 1982 and this morning we shall visit two churches before returning to the Rose & Crown for a ploughman’s lunch, visiting a further two churches in the afternoon. We end the day with afternoon tea provided by the W.I. at Brookland. Return leave 5.00 pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.30pm.

**Cost £55.95**

(Inclusive of Coach/Morning Coffee/Ploughman’s Lunch/Afternoon Tea/Guided Tour)

(please advise at time of booking if you require a vegetarian meal)

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Thursday 10th August

**Perrywood Garden Centre & Layer Marney Tower**

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route A) for the drive to Perrywood Garden Centre & Nurseries, Essex. Here you will find an extensive range of gifts and items for the home, plus of course, plants. Perrywood grow three quarters of a million bedding, basket and vegetable plants for the Perrywood Grown range – which is only sold at Perrywood, and source high quality, great value shrubs, roses, trees, fruit, perennials, alpines, herbs and houseplants from trusted suppliers across the UK & worldwide. The coffee shop serves delicious hot lunches, made using local ingredients. After lunch we make the short journey to Layer Marney Tower, a Tudor Palace built as a statement house and still very much a family home. Here we shall have a guided tour, quite possibly given by one of the owners: tales of not only what has gone before, but how this amazing building has adapted and changed to enable it to survive and thrive five centuries after the first Tudor brick was laid. Most of the Tower was built in the reign of Henry VIII, who believed that important people should have large buildings to reflect their status. It is one of the few of that period left standing and although never completed, is a truly wonderful building. Our tour includes a visit to the nearby church with its magnificent Marney tomb and medieval wall painting and takes us into parts of the Tower not normally open to visitors. Following our tour we have time to wander around the gardens and visit the Long Gallery, built to stable Lord Marney’s horses. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.15pm.

**Cost £39.95**

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to & Guided Tour of Layer Marney Tower)

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Sunday 13th August

**Woburn Abbey & Gardens**

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for Woburn Abbey, the historic family home of the Earls and Dukes of Bedford for nearly 400 years. We shall be greeted with tea/coffee and home-made biscuits before being free to discover tales of imprisonment, beheadings, love affairs, grand tours, political reform and Royal visits. Explore the family’s fascinating stories set against the backdrop of over 250 works of art displayed in more than 20 rooms. Find out how Woburn came to display the largest collection of Venetian views by Canaletto; what was so extraordinary about Duchess Mary; the history behind the extensive silver and gold collections and Sèvres porcelain gift service; see the rooms Queen Victoria used when she stayed here and where former Prime Minister John Russell wrote his speeches. Enjoy 28 award-winning acres of gardens, inspired by the designs of landscape gardener, Humphry Repton, and developed by a dedicated team of gardeners. Explore the elegant horticultural designs, woodland glades and wild biodiversity areas. Discover the tropical Camellia House and take in the splendid views from the Rockery Pavilion. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Return to Godstone by approx. 6.45pm.

**Adult £47.95 Sen Cit £46.20 Child £27.95**

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Woburn Abbey & Gardens)
Tuesday 15th August

Arundel & St Mary’s House & Gardens, Bramber

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the West Sussex town of Arundel, which nestles in a gap in the Sussex Downs carved by the River Arun. The town is mainly Victorian, but there are many 18th-century houses and an 18th-century coaching inn, the Norfolk Arms, stands in the High Street. Here you will be at leisure to browse and find lunch. Early afternoon we take the short drive to St Mary’s House & Gardens, Bramber. This magnificent medieval house, situated in the picturesque award-winning downland village of Bramber was built circa 1470 and is still a lived in home. Here we shall be taken on a guided tour filled with fact and legend. The fine interiors, which include the King’s Room with its links with King Charles II’s dramatic flight through Bramber to exile in France; the unique Elizabethan ‘Painted Room’ with its intriguing trompe l’oeil murals; and the Octagonal Dining Room with its display of over eighty costume dolls. Take time to wander and relax in the gardens – the Topiary Garden where you will find a variety of box and yew shrubs trimmed into shapes of amusing animals and birds and the Terrace Garden with its fine herbaceous borders, rose beds, and a mysterious ivy-clad Monks’ Walk. Following the guided tour we shall enjoy a Country House Tea in the elegant setting of the Victorian Music Room before making our way home. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Cost £41.25
(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour of House & Country House Tea)

Thursday 17th August

Oxford or Blenheim Palace, ‘Britain’s Greatest Palace’

Depart Oxted 7.30am (Route A) for the drive to Oxford where you will be at leisure to wander the historic streets. Oxford’s 800 years of history have endowed the city with an astonishing legacy of impressive architecture that soars over a vibrant city centre alive with exciting shops and restaurants. You may like to take a tour of one of the Colleges, visit the Museum of National History, the Ashmolean Museum of Art & Archaeology or browse and shop in the high street and extensive shopping centre. OR you may wish to continue on to Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, the Oxfordshire stately home of the 12th Duke of Marlborough. Enjoy a guided tour of the impressive State Rooms where the delicate detail of stunning portraits, tapestries and furniture is set against the scale and ambition of the interior architecture. Explore the permanent Churchill exhibition taking you on the journey of his life, starting with his birth at Blenheim Palace. Discover more than 300 years of captivating stories from the Palace’s past in an animated and interactive visitor experience. Step into the splendour of the gardens, landscaped by ‘Capability’ Brown and featuring a huge 150-acre lake. Explore the award-winning Formal Gardens that include the Secret Garden, majestic Water Terrace and Rose Gardens or perhaps venture to the Pleasure Gardens with a miniature train (cost not included), Tropical Butterfly House and maze. Refreshments available. Return leave Blenheim 4.00pm, Oxford 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.30pm.

Adult £44.25  Sen Cit £41.55  Child £26.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Palace/Park/Gardens)
Adult £28.35  Child £20.10 (Oxford only)

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Saturday 19th 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 with a stroll along the pier to visit the Victorian Tea Rooms 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. The world famous Red Arrows aerobatic team are set to return for three days of displays at Airbourne. Early flying announcements also include the Typhoon and Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. No further details of the flying programme were available at the time of going to print. Return leave the Pierhead 5.30pm. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 7.30pm.

**Adult £21.95  Child £19.95**

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

Tuesday 22nd August

**Godinton House & Gardens**

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Godinton House and Gardens, nr. Ashford, Kent. Approached through the park, the house with its mellow brickwork and distinctive gables gives an initial impression of a rather modest stately home; calm, intimate, timeless. It is however one of the most important and fascinating houses in Kent. From its medieval origins, many generations of Tokes and subsequent owners have embellished and added to Godinton and the result is a charming house whose history is revealed through the variety of its style, taste and furnishings from the 14th century to the present day. A wealth of carved panelling of great quality is evident, and the exceptional collection of porcelain, pictures and furniture adds to the friendly and welcoming feel of this much loved house. The gardens also reflect the care and influence of successive owners. The yew hedges, formal topiary, pond and lawns were Sir Reginald Blomfield’s first garden design in the 1890s and have been softened and enhanced by subsequent plantings. In contrast are the wild garden, the intimate 1920s Italian Garden and the 19th-century walled garden. On arrival, we shall be greeted with tea/coffee and biscuits, before being taken on a guided tour of the house. We shall then enjoy a ploughman’s lunch followed by time to explore the gardens, before setting off for home. Return leave 3.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 4.00pm.

**Cost £42.95**

(Inclusive of Coach/Morning Coffee & Biscuits/Guided Tour of House/Ploughmans Lunch)
Friday 25th August

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard where we shall be free to explore. Your ticket allows entry to all the attractions, except the 36 Hours: Jutland 1916 Exhibition, for which there is an additional charge.

Get stunning views of the Mary Rose from all nine galleries of the museum, along with artefacts, rope and everyday items used by the crew. Visit the Victory, with never before seen areas now open to be explored. Step on board HMS M.33 and learn about the Gallipoli Campaign and explore HMS Warrior, the world’s first iron-hulled, armoured battleship. You may also visit the National Museum of the Royal Naval, Action Stations and take a 45 minute harbour tour (subject to availability), which offers unrivalled views of Britain’s modern frigates, destroyers and helicopter carriers, as well as historic buildings, sights and ships (Navy ships in port vary daily). Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.00pm.

Adult £47.30   Sen Cit £45.95
Child £32.95

(Inclusive of Coach/All Inclusive Ticket at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard)

Tuesday 29th August

Cotswold Capers, visiting Moreton-in-Marsh Market

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. In addition to the market, there are a plethora of antique shops, tea shops, restaurants, inns and hotels. After lunch we take a scenic tour through the picturesque countryside and 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 at Godstone by approx. 8.00pm.

Adult £36.50 Child £26.50

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Thursday 31st August

Compton Acres, Poole Harbour
Cruise and Cream Tea

Depart Oxted 7.30am for the drive to Compton Acres, near Bournemouth. Mr Simpson, a margarine entrepreneur purchased the property as a seaside residence in 1920 and dreamed of building a garden with a difference. His concept was to create a series of gardens to embody the vision of his worldwide travels and interest in horticulture. Within the 10 acres, there are seven distinct gardens to wander around and enjoy, including the famous Italian and Japanese Gardens. The gardens have undergone extensive refurbishment in the past few years, with over 1,000 different new plants added to recapture the genius of the original gardens. As well as its ten beautiful acres of gardens, there are two cafes, a specialist Plant Centre and Shops. Early afternoon we travel the short distance to Poole Quay, where we board a boat for a 90 minute cruise out to Old Harry Rocks and around the islands of Poole Harbour, including the famous Brownsea Island and its castle while the captain provides an informative commentary, highlighting local points of interest. During our cruise we shall enjoy a traditional Dorset Cream Tea. Return leave 4.15pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 7.15pm

Cost £61.55
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Compton Acres/Boat Trip/Cream Tea)

Saturday 2nd September

Adam Henson’s
Cotswolds Farm Park

Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route A) for the drive to “Adam’s Farm”, the home of Rare Breeds Conservation. Here we shall be given a brief introduction to the park, followed by time to explore the rare breeds within the Farm Park or maybe take one of the 2 Wildlife Walks, marked with arrows and information boards: a 2 mile long one or, for the less energetic, a short walk of around a mile. Visit the Touch Barn and make friends with the Farm’s smaller residents, the Demo Barn where you can get hands on with seasonal activities and experience them first hand and, of course, don’t miss the Rare Breeds – the Highland, White Park and Gloucester Cattle, the Tamworth, Iron Age and Gloucestershire Old Spot Pigs, Soay and North Ronaldsay Sheep, plus goats, horses, ponies and much more. You may also wish to take a tractor & trailer ride around the farm. A range of hot and cold food, drinks and snacks are prepared fresh every day. Return leave 4.00pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 7.30pm.

Adult £44.65  Sen Cit £44.15  Child (4-15) £33.50  Child (2-3) £8 if seated on adult’s lap
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Farm Park)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Wednesday 6th 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 six day Flower Show, with flower arranging displays, a sculpture trail, expert advice 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 £32.50 Child £22.50
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Gardens)
(RHS members & companion less: Adult £11.00, but must bring card)

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)

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Thursday 7th 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, Royal Gifts, will tell the story of The Queen’s reign through a wide-ranging display of official gifts presented to Her Majesty during the past 65 years. With gifts representing every continent, including those from world leaders such as former US President Ronald Reagan, former South African President Nelson Mandela and President Xi Jinping of the People’s Republic of China, the exhibition will present a spectacular display of craftsmanship from across the globe. 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 £42.25   Sen Cit £40.35   Child £26.75
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to the Palace)

Saturday 9th September

Waverley - Steam Round the Isle of Wight

Celebrating 70 years since Waverley’s maiden voyage

Depart Oxted 7.15am (Route A) for the drive to Southampton where we shall board Waverley, the last sea-going paddle steamer in the world. This year, Waverley is celebrating 70 years since her maiden voyage on June 16, 1947. Our cruise takes us around the Isle of Wight: see the spectacular Needles and lighthouse, the towering cliffs of Tennyson Down and St Catherine’s point; Waverley steams on past Ventnor and Sandown, past Osborne House and the world famous waterfront of Cowes. A full commentary will be given along the way. On board, stroll around the promenade sun-decks, visit the self-service restaurant offering choices and prices for all appetites and relax in the comfortable lounges. An old tradition on steamers was to ‘go down to see the engines’ and on board the Waverley you can 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! Whether enjoying an enchanting new experience or bringing back happy memories — there’s something for everyone on a Waverley cruise. Refreshments available. Returning to Southampton 8.45pm for our journey home. Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 11.00pm.

Cost £74.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Boat Fare)
(Please note that you can pre-book the restaurant for a £1 per person reservation fee on 0141-243-2224)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Tuesday 12th September

**Thame on Market Day (including Farmers’ Market) & Waterperry Gardens**

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to the small picturesque town of Thame which was old at the time of the Doomsday Book. Its mile-long main street is so wide that a whole group of buildings, including the Town Hall, have been set down in the middle of the road. A cheery and colourful market is held, by ancient Charter, on Tuesdays, including a Farmers’ market every second Tuesday in the month. After lunch those who wish may journey on with us to nearby Waterperry Gardens, where you will be free to explore, relax and enjoy the 8 acres of trees, shrubs and gardens with the River Thame flowing gently through the grounds. Waterperry Gardens are a magical place where you are surrounded by beautiful trees, shrubs and flowers, classical borders, modern planting, secret corners and long vistas. You’ll find a Formal Garden, the Mary Rose Garden, a Waterlily Canal, the Long Colour Border, a small arboretum in the meadow area beyond the canal and the NCCPG National collection of Kabschia Saxifragas. Waterperry Gardens offers visitors the chance to savour a bygone age in the Country Life Museum or visit the Saxon Church. There is also an extensive garden centre, with many plants from the gardens, and a teashop. Return leave Waterperry Gardens 5.00pm, Thame 5.15pm. Returning to Godstone approx. 6.45pm.

**Cost £27.85**  
(Thame only)

**Cost £34.99**  
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Waterperry Gardens)

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Friday 15th September

**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 £45.75**  
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Gardens)  
(RHS Members: less £8.00 but must bring Card)

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For bookings call (01883) 713633
Sunday 17th September

**Chatham Historic Dockyard – Salute to the '40s**

Depart Oxted 9.00am (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 with 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. 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.

**Cost**

**Adult £38.20  SenCit £36.70  Child £26.50**

(Including Coach/Entry to Dockyard/Salute to the 40s Day)

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Tuesday 19th September

**Pub Lunch & Boat Cruise on Wey & Arun Canal**

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route A) we take a scenic drive to the Onslow Arms at Loxwood, where we shall enjoy a one-course lunch. After lunch, we board the Wiggonholt electric boat for a 2½ hour cruise on the Wey and Arun Canal: London’s Lost Route to the Sea. Built to link the Rivers Wey and Arun and provide access to the London markets from Surrey and Sussex, it fell into decline with the coming of the railways and was formally abandoned in 1871. Since 1970 the Wey & Arun Canal Trust has been working to reopen navigation along the 23 mile waterway. During our cruise we shall be served with tea/coffee. Returning to Godstone by approx 6.00pm. (As the seats on the boat are not padded, you may wish to bring a small cushion.)

**Cost £46.25**

(Inclusive of Coach/Boat Trip/1-Course Lunch/Tea/Coffee on Boat)

Please make your menu choice at the time of booking – scampi, chips & peas; ham, egg & chips; mixed bean stew with rice (V), ham & Cheddar ploughmans

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**For bookings call (01883) 713633**
Wednesday 27th September

The Charterhouse, London

Depart Oxted 11.00am (Route C) for the drive to London, where we shall make the short walk to the Charterhouse from our drop off point (approx. 5 minutes). We shall have some time to find lunch before our tours: there is a small café at the Charterhouse and others in the vicinity. The Charterhouse is a former Carthusian monastery in London, located between Barbican and Smithfield Market, and to the north of what is now Charterhouse Square. Since the dissolution of the monasteries in the 16th century, the site has served as a private mansion, a boys’ school and an almshouse, which it remains to this day. Residents of the almshouse are known as ‘Brothers’, which is a purely traditional term acknowledging the Charterhouse’s monastic past. We have a professional guide led tour to see the highlights of the Charterhouse, taking in the Great Hall where the Brothers sit together to eat their meals, the Great Chamber where Queen Elizabeth I held court during the first days of her reign, Wash-house Court associated with the medieval monks of the Charterhouse and Master’s Court which reveals the opulence of Lord North’s Tudor mansion. Our expert guide will explain the history of the site and pull out some highlights from the collection (half the group will do the tour, with the remainder visiting the museum, chapel and shop, then swapping over). We also have time to visit the museum, which tells the story of the Charterhouse from the Black Death to the present day, the chapel and the shop. Following our tour, we make the short walk back to the coach, leaving approx. 4.30pm. Returning to Sanderstead approx. 6.00pm.

Cost £33.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour of The Charterhouse)

Friday 29th September

Broadstairs Food Festival

Depart Oxted 8.45am (Route A) for the drive to Broadstairs Food Festival. This popular three day food festival features a range of Thanet and Kentish foods including cheeses, meats, artisan breads, pickles, cakes and pastries, all washed down with Kent wines, ciders and ales. Now in its ninth year, the Broadstairs Food Festival is cooking up a few surprises for 2017 - Celebrity chats; cookery workshops; childrens activities PLUS over 100 stalls of Kent’s finest food and drink. Try out new tastes, new flavours; meet the producers - then stock up with loads of lovely goodies. Set in Victoria Gardens, overlooking the sea, there is also a pop-up restaurant, food trail and cookery demonstration theatre. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.15pm.

Adult £29.95 Child £21.95

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Monday 2nd October

Beaulieu Motor Museum, Palace & Abbey

Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route A) for Beaulieu in the heart of the New Forest. With a stately home, a world famous motor museum and a 13th century abbey surrounded by picturesque gardens, there are over 800 years of heritage to be seen, including unlimited rides around the park on the open top Veteran Bus and the high-level monorail. Explore Palace House, one of the Treasure Houses of England and home to the Montagu family since 1538, where costumed guides give a flavour of life ‘below stairs’. The conserved ruins of the once vast medieval abbey include an exhibition on its history and the monks who once lived there. Lose yourself in the grounds and gardens, from the formality of the Victorian Kitchen Garden to the serenity of the Millpond Walk. Uncover Beaulieu’s history as a top secret ‘finishing school’ for Special Operations Executive agents in WWII. In the National Motor Museum, learn the story of motoring on the roads and circuits of Britain, from pioneering origins to the present day. The stylish, the elegant, the fast, the famous and the plain functional are all on show in one of the finest collections of cars, motorcycles and motoring memorabilia in the world. In The World of Top Gear exhibition, as well as cars that were battered, modified and ruined by Clarkson, May and Hammond, the exhibition has been brought bang up-to-date with fresh, new exhibits from filming with Matt LeBlanc, Chris Harris and Rory Reid. Refreshments available. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 8.00pm.

Adult £48.70  Child £31.50 (5-12 incl)
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Beaulieu)

Thursday 5th October

Eastbourne

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route B) for Eastbourne where you can enjoy a day by the sea with a stroll along the pier to visit the Victorian Tea Rooms 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 4.45pm. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 6.30pm.

Adult £21.95  Child £19.95
Saturday 7th October

Discover Bruges for a day with Eurotunnel

Depart Oxted 6.00am (Route A) for Folkestone where we shall board the Eurotunnel for France, then onto Bruges, capital of Flanders. Take the time to see much of the remaining medieval architecture from Bruges’ Golden Age between the 12th and 15th century, visit one of the many museums or walk along the network of canals which carve their way through rows of ancient buildings, churches, cobbled streets, gates and bridges. Visit the lace and chocolate shops or simply unwind in one of the many pavement cafés before returning to Calais to board the Eurotunnel. Returning to Godstone approx. 11.00pm. (Passport required.)

Please note that the coach park is on the outskirts of Bruges with an approx. 20 minute walk alongside the Minnewater to reach the town centre.

Cost £54.50
(Inclusive of Coach/Eurotunnel)

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Wednesday 11th 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 £35.90   Child £24.50
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Show)
Thursday 12th October

The Postal Museum & Lunch

Depart Oxted 9.00 (Route C) for the drive to the newly opened Postal Museum, London. The museum’s galleries will take you on a journey through five-centuries of world-class curiosities, providing a different, previously unseen view on some of the world’s most significant historical events, and an insight into the quirky beginnings of the earliest social network. Once you have explored the museum, your ticket will then grant you access to a subterranean world that – up until now – remained hidden from public view. Descend into the old engineering depot of Mail Rail – the one hundred year old little-known Post Office railway – and board a miniature train designed to transport people through its narrow tunnels for the first time. The train ride will pass through and stop at the original Mount Pleasant station platforms 70 feet underground, where an impressive audio visual display will take riders back in time, giving an insight into the heyday of the railway. Following your visit to the Museum, sit down, relax and have a two course lunch with tea or coffee in the St Paul’s area. Return leave 3.00pm, arriving back at Sanderstead approx. 4.30pm.

Cost £49.95

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Postal Museum/2-Course Lunch with Tea/Coffee)

(Chicken escalope - breaded chicken with French fries and salad garnish, Quiche - light vegetable quiche served warm with French fries and rocket salad, Sausage and Chips - spiced lamb and beef sausages, with French fries and thyme gravy, Creme Brulee - traditional set vanilla pod custard with caramelised top, Ice Cream - 2 scoops of: vanilla, Chocolate or Strawberry ice cream, Profiteroles - vanilla filled choux buns, with chocolate sauce). Please note that the trains on the mail rail ride are small & may not be accessible to everyone. There is however a video of the experience for those who don’t ride the train.

Saturday 14th October

Apple Festival at the Brogdale Collections, Faversham

Depart Oxted 9.45am (Route A) for the drive to Brogdale Collections, home of the National Fruit Collection and works to provide access and education about the National Fruit Collection. Set in over 150 acres of farmland, there are over 4000 varieties of fruit trees here from apples, pears, quinces and plums to cherries and more. The Collections orchards are a living history & heritage of fruit. There are Apples galore during this weekend celebrating over 2200 different varieties! Discover something new and tasty with ‘try before you buy’ rare and heritage apple varieties, fill a bag with your favourites to take home! Guided walking and trailer tours of the orchards, horticultural talks, apple pressing demonstrations and a programme of cooking demonstrations are available all weekend. Enjoy local food, browse and buy the craft and produce on offer and meet the experts to have your apples identified. Enjoy freshly cooked local produce in the Courtyard Café, bring home your own fruit tree (or veg plant, herb etc.) from their garden centre or maybe visit Tiddly Pomme, where you will find local ciders and ales, fruit wine and liqueurs, English wine and much more. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.30pm.

Cost £34.95

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Festival)
Tuesday 17th October
Borde Hill Gardens

Depart Oxted 10.30am (Route A) for the drive to Borde Hill Gardens, near Haywards Heath. This heritage Garden is renowned for its rare shrubs and champion trees, created from specimens accumulated by the great Victorian plant collectors and tended with passion by four generations of the Stephenson Clarke family. It captivates and delights, with a series of intimate ‘living garden rooms’, fine woodland, parkland, lakes and outstanding views across the Sussex High Weald. Overlooked by an impressive Elizabethan Tudor mansion, which dates from 1598, there are 17 acres of formal gardens to explore, with nine gardens in all, each one planted as a distinctive ‘garden room’.

Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Returning to Godstone approx. 5.15pm.

Adult £27.50 Child £19.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Gardens)

Saturday 21st October
Perfect Wedding 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 Robin Hawden’s Perfect Wedding. Imagine... A bridegroom wakes in the bridal suite on his wedding morning, with his bride-to-be about to arrive at any moment, and finds beside him – a naked girl. What’s more, an extremely attractive naked girl whom, in the depths of his post stag night hangover, he can’t remotely remember having been introduced to. Imagine also that during the ensuing panic to get the stranger dressed, the bride arrives and the girl is trapped in the bathroom. Imagine further that the only way out of the dilemma is to persuade the best man to pretend that the hidden girl is his girlfriend but that his real girlfriend is to be kept ignorant of the fact! By the time the bride’s parents and half the hotel staff get in on the act the chaos reaches nuclear proportions. This hilarious play moves at the speed of light with a riot a minute that will leave you aching with laughter. The perfect medicine for all those thinking of getting married! Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Cost £71.50
(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Sunday 22nd October

**Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre & Parham House & Gardens**

Depart Oxted 8.45am (Route A) for the Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre tucked away in the South Downs between Storrington and Arundel. The museum aims to reflect the industrial and transport heritage of Sussex, with a fire station, village garage and the Southdown bus garage, with additional exhibitions on the history of communications and the discovery of electricity (see how many of the domestic electrical appliances you remember). Hop on and off the bus or the narrow gauge railway to move around the site if you don’t fancy the walk. Further exhibits include the working printshop, lime kilns, road steam engines, radio and TV exhibition, standard gauge line, stationary engines and more. The Museum is home to traditional craftspeople demonstrating their crafts: you may see the potter, blacksmith, stained glass maker or woodturner. At 2.00pm we make the short journey to Parham House. One of the country’s finest Elizabethan Houses, it was built of local stone for London Merchant Sir Thomas Palmer in 1577. Idyllically set in the heart of an ancient deer park, below the South Downs, the Elizabethan house contains an important collection of needlework, paintings and furniture. The spectacular Long Gallery is the third longest in England. The gardens include a four-acre Walled Garden with stunning herbaceous borders, plus Pleasure Grounds. Parham has always been a well-loved family home, and only three families have lived here since its foundation stone was laid in 1577. Its tranquillity and timeless beauty have changed little over the years. Here we shall be free to explore the house and gardens. Refreshments available at both venues. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.15pm.

**Adult £44.95  Sen Cit £43.95  Child £32.20**

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre & Parham House & Gardens)

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Wednesday 25th October

**Cruise on Bewl Water & Fish & Chip Lunch**

Depart Oxted 10.15am (Route A) for the drive to Bewl Water, the largest stretch of open water in south east England. Home to a huge variety of wildlife, the 800 acre site is set in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, in the heart of the High Weald. In the sky, on the water and in the trees are over 200 species of birds. Watch the woods and fields for Goldcrests, Long Tailed Tits, Wagtails, Skylarks and Lapwings. Look out for Kingfishers, Herons and the elegant Great Crested Grebe along the water’s edge. It’s not just about the birds – along with the fish in the lake, the banks and margins are home to all sorts of mini-beasts, frogs, newts, dragonflies and voles - you could even catch sight of a mink! And don’t forget the plant life: the ancient, semi-natural woodland is made up of English favourites like Oak, Sweet Chestnut, Birch, Hornbeam, Alder and Hazel. Here we shall enjoy a fish & chip lunch with tea/coffee before boarding the Bewl Belle for a 45 minute cruise on the reservoir. Following our cruise we take a scenic ride back to Godstone, arriving approx. 4.30pm.

**Cost £38.75**

(Inclusive of Coach/Fish & Chip Lunch/Tea/Coffee/Cruise)

(Please advise at time of booking if a vegetarian meal is required)
Fridy 27th October

**Autumn Tints Tour of the New Forest**

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to the New Forest, which is approximately 150 square miles in size. In 1079 when William the Conqueror named the area his ‘new hunting forest’, little could he imagine that nearly 1000 years later his ‘Nova Foresa’ would still retain its mystery and romance. Even the system he established to protect and manage the woodlands and wilderness heaths is still in place today through the efforts of Verderers, Agisters and Commoners - literally the judges, stockmen and land users of the forest.

Besides the forest, there are great heaths, stretches of bogs and deep ponds, grazing lands, little old churches and thatched cottages. Few forests in Britain have such a variety of trees and such rich colouring. In the vast woodlands, five varieties of deer run wild; red, roe, fallow, Japanese and Manchurian. There are also wild donkeys and some 2,000 ponies. We shall spend a leisurely day meandering through the forest, enjoying the heathland and woodland scenery, making stops for refreshments along the way. Returning to Godstone by approx. 7.30pm.

**Cost:**

**Adult £34.75  Child £22.90**

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Wednesday 1st November

**Autumn Tints Tour with a Cream Tea at Heaven Farm**

Depart Oxted 10.30am (Route B) for a scenic ride enjoying the autumn colours of the picturesque Kent and Sussex countryside and woodland. A stop will be made for lunch, completing the day with a cream tea at Heaven Farm, on the Ashdown Forest. Return leave 4.45pm, arriving back at Limpsfield Chart approx. 5.30pm.

**Cost:**

£26.85

*(Inclusive of Coach/Cream Tea)*

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Saturday 4th November
Crafts for Christmas at Detling Showground, Maidstone

Depart Oxted 9.45am (Route A) for the drive to the Detling Showground and Crafts for Christmas. Here we shall find around 100 craft stands and demonstrations with talented makers and designers from all over the UK: a great opportunity to find unique presents for your special people and the perfect place to work your way enjoyably through your Christmas list. Indulge yourself, your family and friends with stunning fashions and accessories, leather bags and belts, dazzling jewellery from sparkly treats to graceful diamonds, lustrous velvets and satins in scarves and luxurious soaps and skincare. Celebrate the festive season and entertain in style. Decorate your home and table with elegant candles, platters and bowls and tasty treats. Visit the Specialist Food area, which is brimming with scrumptious cakes, wines, cheeses and meats. Add that extra spice with olives, dips, chutneys and preserves. Fill your festive Christmas cupboard with delicious delights. The show is held within permanent and semi-permanent buildings which are heated, floored and carpeted. Entertainment is presented by Michael Vaughan, pianist from Suffolk, whose wit, wisdom and ability to play any piece is a delight. Refreshments available. Return leave 3.00pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 3.45pm.

Adult £25.95 Sen Cit £25.25
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Show)

Tuesday 7th November
Mid Week Shopping in Maidstone on Market Day

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for our drive to the bustling market town of Maidstone, county town of Kent, which stands on the rivers Medway and Len in the heart of the ‘Garden of England’. Situated almost midway between London and Dover, the town was a main route for pilgrimages and a bustling centre for local and national trade. Despite many changes throughout the centuries, the ambience of old Maidstone can still be captured when walking through the town. Here you will be at leisure to explore and enjoy the wide and varied shopping opportunities which Maidstone offers. Leading off the High Street is Week Street, the main pedestrianised shopping street. From here you can easily wander into Fremlin Walk, a stylish open air shopping centre with a House of Fraser anchor store, where you will find many well-known high street brands. The Mall Chequers is a spacious indoor shopping centre that can be accessed off King Street with a great variety of quality stores. On the other side of the River Medway, you can find St. Peter’s Wharf: the location of large homeware, clothes and crafts stores, the Broadway Shopping Centre and at Lockmeadow one of Kent’s oldest and largest outdoor markets. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx 5.30pm.

Adult £21.95 Child £19.95

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Thursday 9th 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 £33.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Admission/2 Course Meal)

Tuesday 14th November

Eastbourne

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route B) for Eastbourne where you can enjoy a day by the sea with a stroll along the pier to visit the Victorian Tea Rooms 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 4.45pm. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 6.30pm.

Adult £21.95  Child £19.95

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Monday 20th November

Christmas Concert at the Musical Museum

Depart Oxted 10.30am (Route A) for the drive to Wyevale Garden Centre, Syon Park, where we shall have time for a light lunch before making the short journey to the Musical Museum. Here we shall have time for a quick look around the museum before taking our seats for the Christmas Concert, which this year features music from stage and screen including favourites, White Christmas, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas and other iconic numbers to get you into the festive spirit. The museum’s resident organist, Chris Barber, plays the Mighty Wurlitzer which rises from beneath the stage in a blaze of sound and colour. He is joined by soprano, Eleanor Rastall and guests in a show that features spectacular lighting and projection to create a Hollywood Christmas special. During the afternoon, we shall be served a seasonal afternoon tea, plus Christmas crackers and a glass of prosecco. Return leave 5.00pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.00pm.

Cost £46.45
(Inclusive of Coach/Concert Ticket/Afternoon Tea/Glass of Prosecco)

Thursday 23rd November

Kensington Palace – including Diana, Her Fashion Story Exhibition

Depart Oxted 7.15am (Route C) for the drive to Kensington Palace. A royal residence since the 17th century, the palace is currently the official London residence of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. Explore Queen Victoria’s long and fascinating life in her childhood home in ‘Victoria Revealed’, visit the sumptuous King’s and Queen’s state apartments and see the King’s Staircase and the King’s Gallery, dominated by a copy of Van Dyck’s noble portrait of Charles I on horseback at its east end. Celebrate the life of Diana, Princess of Wales, and trace the evolution of the Princess’s style, from the demure, romantic outfits of her first public appearances, to the glamour, elegance and confidence of her later life. Don’t miss an extraordinary collection of garments, including the iconic velvet gown, famously worn at the White House when the Princess danced with John Travolta. Refreshments Available. Return leave 2.00pm. Arriving back at Sanderstead approx. 3.00pm.

Adult £41.45   Sen Cit £38.15   Child £17.90
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Palace/Diana Exhibition)
Friday 24th November

Black Friday at Gunwharfl Quays, Portsmouth

Calling all shopaholics, Christmas gift givers, party goers and savvy bargain hunters! Don’t miss the shopping event of the year with exceptional Black Friday offers at Gunwharf Quays!

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. 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. For those who don’t wish to shop, 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. 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  £24.65  Child  £19.75

Sunday 26th November

Christmas on the Home Front at Kent Life, Nr Maidstone

Depart Oxted 9.45am (Route A) for the drive to Kent Life, near Maidstone, where, this weekend, you can experience the sights, sounds and tastes of life during World War II at Christmas. See how families in Kent prepared for a 1940’s wartime Christmas. Find out how to ‘make do and mend’, by preserving fruit and vegetables and re-styling clothes from the era. Discover how to rustle up some genuine 1940s recipes issued by the Ministry of Food – including a sponge cake made with liquid paraffin instead of fat – at a wartime cookery demonstration. Other activities include drill displays by the Home Guard, a 1940s school lesson, shops from the era and a rehabilitation centre for injured RAF pilots. You might even spot a German POW or two being put to work mending bicycles... Take a peek inside the Lenham Cottages, one of which has been converted to recreate life in World War II, complete with sticky tape on the windows to reduce bomb blast damage, a bathtub with a water ration line, and a mangle to do the washing. You can even check out an Anderson Shelter in the garden to see how families protected themselves during bombing raids. At the time of going to print the details of the 2017 event are yet to be finalised, but it is likely to be broadly along the lines of the 2016 event described above. Refreshments available. Return leave 3.30pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 4.30pm.

Adult  £28.95  Sen Cit  £27.95  Child  £20.55

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Kent Life)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Tuesday 28th 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 £19.95  Child £15.65

Thursday 30th November

Christmas at Kew - As twilight falls, the magic begins...

Depart Oxted 3.15pm (Route A) for the drive to Kew Gardens, which have been transformed into a magical after dark explosion of festive colour. There’s something for everyone as the one mile sparkling path winds its way through the world famous botanical gardens in a magical after dark experience. Now in its fifth year, the new 2017 winter trail boasts over one million twinkling lights. Welcome to an enchanting world festooned with seasonal cheer as you wander beneath unique tree canopies drenched in Christmas colour. Follow the path lit by one thousand illuminated globes towards glittering trees dripping with silvery shards of light, snowflakes and stars. The mesmerising voices of the Singing Trees can be heard in the distance as you stroll towards the Lake and pause at the waterside reflections and underwater lights that playfully glow. It’s a place where fairy-tale meets fantasy. There are hidden surprises too – watch out for the woodland walk along Bubble Path, giant baubles where you least expect them and clusters of trees wrapped in ever-changing ribbons of light. This year The Fire Garden flickers as an avenue of Christmas trees surrounded by festive flames, whilst the Gardens and the Broad Walk are magically transformed, replanted with bright larger-than-life neon reeds, vibrant petals and gigantic flowers. Christmas at Kew wouldn’t be same without the Palm House Pond springing to life with brightly coloured criss-crossing laser beams, jumping jets of light that dance in time to much-loved Christmas classics and new for 2017, kaleidoscopic projections play across a giant water screen. Why not complete your treat under the stars with spiced cider, mulled wine or hot chocolate whilst the aroma of roasting chestnuts fills the air. Gather to toast your own marshmallows and enjoy Kew’s well stocked gift shops and other traditional fare. For the young ones, the playful atmosphere of White Peaks will welcome you with a Victorian carousel*, helter-skelter* and other family rides* and don’t forget to look out for Santa and his elves at the North Pole along the way (* additional charges apply). Refreshments available. Return leave 7.30pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 8.30pm.

Adult £35.40  Child £24.25

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Christmas at Kew)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Saturday 2nd December

Longleat Festival of Light –
The Magic of Storytelling

Once upon a time, in a land surrounded by wonder; where lions roar, Christmas trees sing, and stories come to life, there was a festival of light...

Depart Oxted 8.30am (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 meddling monkeys. Following the safari we shall be free to enjoy all that Longleat has to offer, including the Festival of Light, which this year celebrates the magic of storytelling. Drawing inspiration from tales new and old, including popular stories like Little Red Riding Hood, the Nordic influenced Little Mermaid and the local legend of Somerset’s “Gurt Worm” dragon. Travel through a mysterious world peppered with captivating scenes and characters from well-known tales, evoking a sense of fantasy & nostalgia for all ages. See Cinderella’s horse-drawn pumpkin carriage and Snow White’s encounter with the peddler woman, marvel at the heights of Rapunzel’s tower, hide from the Snow Queen, make friends with the Ugly Duckling and lose yourself in Thumbelina’s toadstool valley. The luminous Enchanted Christmas Tree Show is the culminations of the incredible adventures across Longleat’s festive fairytale land, with a captivating story of yuletide joy. Your ticket also gives entry to Longleat House, dressed in traditional Edwardian festive décor; with characters roaming the house breathing an enchanting and immersive life into the grand interiors. Refreshments available. Return leave 6.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 8.45pm.

Adult £57.90   Sen Cit £54.90   Child £40.30
(Inclusive of Coach/Longleat Day Ticket)

Sunday 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 £21.95 Child £18.95

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Thursday 7th 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 £15.75**

Saturday 9th December

**St Albans Christmas Market & Charter Market**

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to St. Albans, with its extensive modern shopping centre and bustling street market – being held today – one of the largest in the south east of England, with over 160 stalls. Widely renowned as one of the best in the area, the St Albans Market has won many awards for the quality of products and produce available. Blending into the historic surroundings are two modern pedestrianised shopping centres, and there is a wealth of small independent shops to explore as well as top brand names. After 1,000 years of a regular market, St Albans now has a Christmas one with over 50 stalls in and around the beautiful Vintry Garden - a walled garden adjacent to the magnificent 11th-century St Albans Cathedral. Entertainers, twinkly lights and plenty of Christmas cheer will add to the festive atmosphere. Return leave 4.30pm.

**Adult £24.75 Child £16.25**

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Tuesday 12th 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 2.30pm 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 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.30pm.

**Adult £29.50 Child £24.50**

*(Salisbury only)*

**Adult £41.95 Child £36.95**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Carol Concert/Mulled Wine and Mince Pie)*

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Friday 15th December

**Winchester Christmas Market**

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to Winchester Christmas Market. 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 £24.25 Child £18.75**

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Sunday 17th 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 £21.95  Child £16.95

Tuesday 19th December
Santa Special Boat Cruise with Christmas Lunch
Depart Oxted 11.00am (Route A) for Runnymede Boathouse, where we board a boat for a 3 hour cruise on the Thames. As we board, we shall be greeted with a glass of mulled wine. We shall go upstream as far as Old Windsor Lock and then downstream through Bell Weir Lock passing Runnymede, the Memorials and Staines. The boat usually turns at Penton Hook Lock for the return to Runnymede. Whilst on board, we shall enjoy a traditional 3-course Christmas lunch followed by tea/coffee & mince pies, while seasonal music is played throughout the journey. Father Christmas will surprise you along the way. A really fun cruise guaranteed to fill everyone with festive cheer! Return leave Runnymede 4.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.15pm.
Cost £59.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Boat Fare/3-Course Christmas Lunch/Glass of Mulled Wine/Tea/Coffee & Mince Pie)
(Please advise at time of booking if a vegetarian meal is required)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Saturday 6th January

Brighton Ice Show – Time

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, TIME. This production is extraordinarily ambitious, poetic, magical and acrobatic, and it’s based on the theme of TIME. On a mirror-like stage, acrobats and skaters celebrate the TIME that passes, that cuts us short, that makes us grow up, and that makes us fall in love. TIME that stands still when we experience something for the first time, like our first kiss, our first true love... These unforgettable moments in life are immortalized on ice by top-class artists. Experience the wonder of a brand new world of music, light and visual effects in a trailblazing Holiday on Ice extravaganza. You’ll have the TIME of your life! Embrace the magic in a story book spectacle of world-class performances and dazzling choreography. Return after performance. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.30pm.

Adult £49.95  Child £30.75
(Inclusive of Coach/South Stalls Seats at Show)

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Saturday 13th January

My Fair Lady 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 My Fair Lady. The story of Eliza Doolittle – the Cockney flower girl who speaks in ‘yowls’ and not ‘vowels’, plucked off the streets of London by the arrogant Professor Higgins declaring he can pass her off as a Duchess in six months – has rightfully captivated audiences for decades. Add to this an unforgettable score including songs Wouldn’t It Be Loverly?, On The Street Where You Live, I Could Have Danced All Night and Get Me To The Church On Time and My Fair Lady’s phenomenal success worldwide is readily understood. Following the record-breaking success of High Society last Christmas, The Mill is delighted to welcome back the same creative team: Director & Choreographer Joseph Pitcher along with Musical Director Charlie Ingles. My Fair Lady promises to be a truly momentous production. This is a theatrical event not to be missed! Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Cost £73.50
(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)
Saturday 27th January

**War Horse, Brighton Centre**

Depart Oxted 11.00am (Route A) for Brighton, giving time to find lunch before making your way to the Brighton Centre for the 2.30pm performance of the National Theatre’s acclaimed play War Horse. At the outbreak of World War One, Joey, young Albert’s beloved horse, is sold to the Cavalry and shipped to France. He’s soon caught up in enemy fire, and fate takes him on an extraordinary journey, serving on both sides before finding himself alone in no man’s land. Albert, who remained on his parents’ Devon farm, cannot forget Joey. Though still not old enough to enlist he embarks on a treacherous mission to find him and bring him home. Based on the beloved novel by Michael Morpurgo, this powerfully moving and imaginative drama, filled with stirring music and songs, is a show of phenomenal inventiveness. At its heart are astonishing life-sized horses by South Africa’s Handspring Puppet Company, who bring breathing, galloping, charging horses to thrilling life on stage. War Horse is an unforgettable theatrical event which takes audiences on an extraordinary journey from the fields of rural Devon to the trenches of First World War France. Refreshments available. Return after performance. Arriving back in Godstone approx 6.30pm.

**Cost £57.95**
(Inclusive of Coach/South Balcony Seats at Show)

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Saturday 3rd March

**Hound of the Baskervilles 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 The Hound of the Baskervilles. Sir Charles Baskerville dies in mysterious circumstances. A look of fear and terror on his face. Legend has it there is a curse on the family – a curse in the form of a gigantic, ferocious, glowing Hound of Hell – that brings death to each successive head of the Baskerville family. And when Sir Henry Baskerville returns from overseas to claim his inheritance and property on the treacherous terrain of darkest Dartmoor, he calls on the renowned Sherlock Holmes to help him solve the mystery of his uncle’s violent death. Is there really a revenge-seeking Hound? Or are there other evil motives at work? Holmes and Watson’s most chilling case is brought imaginatively to the stage in the style of the West End hit The 39 Steps. This legendary plot has been given a new life by father and son team, Simon and Tam Williams. You will be shocked. And scared. As well as amused. And entertained. As this intriguing story full of horror and thrills unfolds before you. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

**Cost £73.50**
(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)

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**DAY EXCURSIONS 2018**
Thursday 30th August
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 £41.95    Child £31.55**
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Castle/Gardens)

Kent Mining Museum &
East Kent Railway
Now due to open Spring/Summer 2018, this new
museum in Betteshanger Park on the site of the former
Betteshanger Colliery will have interactive displays
showing how the coal was found, how it was mined &
the day-to-day lives of the miners. There will also be a
Green Energy Centre. Please contact us if you are
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1. Bookings for day outings made in writing must be accompanied by full payment. Bookings will be held for 4 days pending receipt of payment.

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:**
- Spider’s Web £46.00 | Perfect Wedding £46.00 | My Fair Lady £47.00
- War Horse £35.00 | Hound of the Baskervilles £47.00
- Brighton Ice Show Adult £28.00 Child £15.00

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