Welcome...

...to our programme of Day Excursions for Autumn/Winter 2019 with our usual mixture of old favourites and new destinations/tours. We return to Canterbury for the Food & Drink Festival in September, we go “to the dogs” at Brighton in November, take a ride on the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway with a fish & chip lunch at The Pilot and once again visit “Christmas at Kew”, which this year sounds bigger and better than ever (book early as we have a long waiting list already & if you’re not on the list, you may miss out). Our new trips include some Blue Badge guided tours, giving a different perspective on places you may already know. We have one to Eltham Palace, with a boat trip from Greenwich, a tour of the Surrey Hills & a tour round the Ancient Villages of Heathrow. For something a bit different, we have a “Finders Keepers” trip to Hythe with Alison Chapman (“The Honey with the Money”) from TV’s David Dickinson’s Real Deal and The Secret Dealer. We have trips to Frogmore Paper Mill, Osborne House, the Spinnaker Tower & the D-Day Story at Portsmouth, the Postal Museum & Mail Rail, plus trips to Winchester Christmas Market, Bluewater and the Christmas lunch boat trip, which has proved so popular over the last couple of years, that we have repeated it, there’s surely something for everyone’s tastes! For all this and more, read on...

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Tutankhamun & the Christmas Lights
Tutankhamun & the Roaring Twenties
Winchester Christmas Market with Carol Service in the Cathedral
Windsor
Wisley Gardens’ Flower Show & Sculpture Exhibition

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Thursday 1st August

**Henley-on-Thames & Boat Trip with Cream Tea**

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for the drive to Henley-on-Thames made famous by the Regatta, where there will be time for lunch and to browse. There’s a pub where Charles I drank, a Chantry house, a butcher that smokes his own meat and independent shops offering the personal touch. The main street has many Georgian frontages covering older buildings and among the 300 buildings within the town designated ‘of special architectural or historical interest’ are St Mary’s Church, the Town Hall, Market Place and Henley Bridge. Early afternoon we board the Hibernia, for a two hour river cruise with a live commentary from a qualified and experienced Blue Badge guide. The Hibernia’s glass saloon section offers a fabulous view whilst offering protection from the elements. During our cruise we shall be served with a cream tea. Return leave 4.00pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.30pm.

**Cost £53.95**
(Inclusive of Coach/Boat Trip with Blue Badge Guide/Cream Tea)

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Monday 5th August

**Scenic Essex Tour with Lunch at Jamie Oliver’s Parents’ Pub**

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to The Cricketers, Clavering, a delightful 16th-century free house in the heart of rural Essex. This country pub is where celebrity chef Jamie Oliver grew up. Although he no longer cooks at The Cricketers, it was here that he first started to cook at the age of eight, under the guidance of his parents, the owners, Trevor and Sally Oliver. Here we shall enjoy a three course lunch with tea/coffee before taking a scenic drive through Essex and heading home. Arriving back in Godstone approx. 6.00pm.

**Cost £51.50**
(Inclusive of Coach/3-Course Lunch/Tea/Coffee)
(Please advise at time of booking if you require a vegetarian meal)

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Wednesday 7th August

**Bournemouth & Compton Acres**

Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route A) for the popular coastal resort of Bournemouth, renowned for its mild climate, sandy beaches and fine coastal views. Here you will be at leisure to visit the extensive shopping centre or to simply enjoy the seafront, with its seven miles of golden sands. Besides the seafront there are acres and acres of public parks and gardens – making up one-sixth of the borough, thanks to plans in the 19th century for a ‘Garden City by the Sea’. After lunch you may, if you wish, journey on with us to Compton Acres, one of the finest privately owned gardens in the South which, due to its location, also provides spectacular views of Poole Harbour, Brownsea Island and the Purbeck Hills. View the water fountains, statuary and topiary in the Italian Garden, admire the elegance and beauty of Japanese horticulture in the Japanese Garden, wander along winding pathways and see dramatic waterfalls in the Wooded Valley, marvel at one of the country’s largest and most breath-taking Rock & Water Gardens and enjoy the Heather Gardens, one of the newest at Compton Acres. As well as its beautiful ten acres of gardens, there are exciting shopping opportunities, restaurants, plant sales, cookware, jewellery and much more. Return leave: Compton Acres - 5.10pm, Bournemouth - 5.30pm Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 8.30pm.

**Adult £32.75  Child £25.50 (Bournemouth only)**
**Adult £40.95  Sen Cit £39.95  Child £30.75**

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Compton Acres)

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Sunday 11th August

**Bowood House**

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to Bowood House, Wiltshire. Sitting within 100 acres of beautifully landscaped ‘Capability’ Brown Parkland, Bowood has been home to the Lansdowne family since 1754. Not simply landowners, the Petty-Fitzmaurices have served in public office almost continuously for over 200 years. The changing fortunes of the family, through difficult and easier times, are reflected in the evolution of Bowood. Explore the family Library and Chapel, the room where Joseph Priestley discovered Oxygen in 1774, the Sculpture Gallery, the Orangery and a range of exhibition rooms. Nearly 300 years of amazing artefacts and antiques from the family history are on display. Bowood is also recognised for its award-winning walled gardens, an Italian-inspired terrace garden, an ever-changing herbaceous border and the Arboretum. Designed by ‘Capability’ Brown in 1762, it retains much of his original vision and is full of interesting and unusual trees and shrubs, including 11 Champion trees – the tallest or largest of their kind in Britain. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 7.30pm.

**Adult £43.50  Sen Cit £40.50  Child £30.75 (13-16)**

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to House and Gardens)

(HHA Members less Adult £9.25, Sen Cit £7.75, but must bring card)

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Tuesday 13th August

Beaulieu Motor Museum, Palace House & Gardens & Buckler’s Hard

Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route A) for Beaulieu in the heart of the New Forest. Discover Palace House, home of the Montagu family since 1538 and housing the Montagu family treasures, portraits and photographs. Visit the world-famous National Motor Museum, which is home to over 250 vehicles, including Bluebird CN7, the fastest vehicle in the museum. New for 2019, the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang exhibition, which tells the story of Chitty as the star of the fantastical family adventure and features an original screen Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, the Humber 8hp driven by Truly Scrumptious in the much-loved film and Coggins’ Garage has been recreated in the museum to house the amazingly inventive machines of Rowland Emett seen in the film. There is also the chance to see never exhibited before original film concept art, along with the solid silver Chitty model bought for producer Cubby Broccoli by his wife Dana. Take a ride on the Monorail for a high-level journey around the grounds, including a trip through the roof of the National Motor Museum, visit World of Top Gear, where you’ll find the cars that were modified, battered and generally ruined by the BBC’s Top Gear team. Later we visit Buckler’s Hard on the banks of the Beaulieu River. A village where time has almost stood still since the days when they built wooden ships here for Nelson’s fleet. Visit the Buckler’s Hard Story – the history of the Village, from its origins as a port importing sugar cane from the West Indies, to its shipbuilding history. The Historic Cottage displays give an insight into the life of the village workers, comparing lifestyle differences of families in the 18th-century with those of today. Refreshments available at both venues. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx 8.30pm.

Adult £42.50 Sen Cit £40.50 Child £30.75
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Beaulieu and Buckler’s Hard)

Thursday 15th August

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, celebrates the 200th anniversary of Queen Victoria’s birth, telling the story of how the young queen transformed Buckingham Palace from a private house into a working royal residence. 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 £45.75 Sen Cit £43.75 Child £30.80
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to the Palace)

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Saturday 17th August

Eastbourne & Airbourne - the biggest free 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, which boasts a 2 mile flying display line along the seafront. At the time of going to print, the following aerial displays have been confirmed (times and days not announced): Breitling Jet Team, Chinook, Tutor, RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, RAF BBMF Dakota, Typhoon, Tucano, The Blades, Tigers Parachute Display Team and the Wingwalkers. Return leave the Pierhead 5.30pm. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 7.30pm.

Adult £23.95 Child £21.95

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

Monday 19th August

Chapel Down Winery Tour & Tenterden

Depart Oxted 8.45am (Route A) for the drive to Chapel Down Winery near Tenterden set amongst 22 acres of vineyards, recognised as an ‘Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty’. Here we shall have a guided tour of the vineyards and winery together with a tutored tasting of their award-winning wines. Our tour will start with an introduction to Chapel Down followed by a short walk to the vineyards to learn about how they use the English climate to grow fantastic, ripe fruit. In the winery we’ll be shown the processes used to transform great fruit into great wines and how their sparkling wines are made using the intricate Traditional Method. To complete the experience, all tours include a tutored tasting of their award-winning sparkling and still wines. Their newly refurbished Winery Shop stocks the full range of Chapel Down wines, including some ‘cellar door’ exclusives, all of which are available to sample in store. It also stocks their range of Curious beers and cider together with a comprehensive range of high quality English produce from carefully selected suppliers. Following our tour we shall drive the short distance to Tenterden, where we shall be at leisure to find lunch and explore before leaving at 4.00pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.15pm.

Cost £35.95

(Inclusive of Coach/Winery Tour/Tasting)

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Thursday 22nd 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 £42.95**  
**Sen Cit £41.95**  
**Child £36.95**

(Inclusive of Coach/Boat Trip and Tea & Cake)

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Sunday 25th August

Henley Country Craft Show at Stonor House

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for the Henley Country Craft Show in the gorgeous grounds of Stonor Park Manor House. Bask in the sunshine as you explore marquees and outdoor markets filled with handmade jewellery, homewares, clothing and more – all lovingly created by specialist Craftspeople. Enjoy a wide selection of artisan food and drink providers, and relax in the striking landscape to live music. New for 2019 – have a go at Laser clay pigeon shooting with Clayzer. This fun, totally safe and risk free sport is suitable for all ages. Learn a new skill or perfect an existing one at one of the many workshops, have a go at traditional, heritage crafts as well as contemporary handicraft including willow weaving, raku firing demonstrations and pole lathe! Enjoy all that Stonor Park has to offer with a combined House & Gardens ticket. Home to the Stonor family for over 850 years, Stonor Park is one of the oldest family homes still lived in today - but it’s no museum. Discover art and treasures collected from across the globe and view historic maps and documents that reveal generations of service to the country and explore the three gardens – from the ponds and fountains of the 17th Century Italianate Pleasure Garden to the old Kitchen Garden designed and nurtured by Lady Camoys and the eclectically treed Arboretum. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.00pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.15pm.

**Adult £30.25**

(Inclusive of Coach/Show)

**Adult £40.25**

(Inclusive of Coach/Show/House & Gardens)

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Wednesday 28th 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 £23.25  Child £21.95**

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Thursday 5th September

**Wisley Gardens’ Flower Show & Sculpture Exhibition**

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for our drive to the Royal Horticultural Society Gardens at Wisley where their annual Flower Show is taking place, featuring a variety of specialist nurseries and trade stands with top quality plants and garden goodies. Gain expert advice and browse and buy from RHS Chelsea and Hampton Flower Show medal winners as well as enjoying the floral display by the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies and the National Dahlia Society annual show. Take time too to enjoy the 240 acres of glorious garden and ‘Sculpture at Wisley 2019’, featuring the work of six seminal 20th and 21st century artists to highlight the relationship between sculpture and the cultivated landscape: the first exhibition of its kind at an RHS Garden. There will be four Henry Moore artworks on display, including his vast Sheep Piece and six pieces from the Lynn Chadwick estate including Little Girl I, II and III and three of Chadwick’s series of Beasts. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.15pm.

**Adult £34.75**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Gardens)*

*(RHS members & companion less: Adult £11.50, but must bring card)*

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Saturday 7th September

**Eurotunnel to Le Touquet & Montreuil**

Depart Oxted 6.15am (Route A) for Folkestone where we shall board ‘Eurotunnel’ for our ‘voyage’ through the Channel Tunnel to Coquelles, France. We then drive on to the elegant seaside town of Le Touquet where there will be time to have a meal or just soak up the atmosphere before, early afternoon, making the short drive to the medieval walled town of Montreuil. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 8.15pm. (Passports required.)

**Cost £59.95**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Eurotunnel)*

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Tuesday 10th September

**Osborne House, Isle of Wight**

Depart Oxted 8.45am (Route A) for Southampton and the ferry to East Cowes from where we make the short drive to the stunning Osborne House, Queen Victoria’s palace by the sea. After first visiting Osborne House, Queen Victoria wrote: ‘It is impossible to imagine a prettier spot’. Built in the style of an Italian villa, Osborne House was the much-loved home of Queen Victoria and her family, a residence which afforded them some privacy and seclusion from public life. When the estate and seaside home were purchased in 1845, the original house was not substantial enough to accommodate a large family, and Prince Albert designed a replacement. By 1851 the new Osborne House, based on the Prince’s ideas and assisted by Thomas Cubitt, was a gargantuan affair. Although primarily a family home to be enjoyed with the children, Osborne House was still a Royal residence, where affairs of State had to be dealt with. In the Council Room, the Queen’s Privy Council of Ministers met, and the badge of the Garter can be seen at the centre of the ceiling. To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birthdays of both Victoria and Albert, new exhibitions look at their time at Osborne and explore what this palatial seaside mansion reveals about their private lives. Stroll through the majestic landscape gardens and explore Queen Victoria’s private beach, and her bathing machine; visit the Swiss Cottage, built to teach the royal children domestic skills and enjoy the magnificent views across the Solent from the Italianate terrace. Refreshments available. Following our visit we return to East Cowes for the ferry to Southampton. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 8.30pm.

**Adult** £60.40  **Sen Cit** £58.85  **Child** £44.75

(Inclusive of Coach/Ferry/Entry to Osborne House)

(Eng Heritage Members less: Adult £15.73, Sen Cit £14.20, Child £9.44, but must bring card)

Thursday 12th September

**Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway with Fish & Chip Lunch at The Pilot**

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to Dungeness, one of the largest expanses of shingle in the World and classified as Britain’s only desert by the met office. Here we shall sit down to a fish and chip lunch with tea/coffee at the Pilot Inn in the heart of the breath-taking Dungeness National Nature Reserve and a stone’s throw from the sea. Following our lunch we make the short journey to board the steam pulled RH & D train to Hythe at the other end of the line. If you think all tourist railways are the same you’re in for a surprise. The Romney Hythe & Dymchurch railway is a mainline railway built for a millionaire racing driver in the heady days of the 1920s, with all the locomotives and carriages just one third full size, which makes the RH&D one of the railway wonders of the world. The 13½ miles of track runs through ever changing countryside from the shingle headland at Dungeness through New Romney, the headquarters of the RH&D and Dymchurch to the Cinque Port town of Hythe where there will be time to take refreshment before making our way home. Return leave 3.45pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.15pm.

**Adult** £48.95  **Child** £39.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Fish & Chip Lunch with Tea/Coffee/Train Fare)

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

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Saturday 14th September

The Silverstone Experience

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to Silverstone, where we shall have some time to find lunch and look around the gift shop before our timed entry into The Silverstone Experience, housed in the site’s only remaining WWII hangar, which has been fully refurbished and reclad. This unique building will provide a memorable backdrop to your exciting 3 hour journey through the past, present and future of Silverstone and British motor racing. State of the art interactive displays will tell the fascinating stories of human endeavour, great sporting rivalries and engineering innovation. Explore the transformation from Benedictine Priories and WWII airfields to the home of British motor racing. Step into Silverstone’s glorious heritage that is recognised and admired around the world by discovering Silverstone’s racing heritage since the first racing event in 1948, amid straw bales and ropes. Celebrate the motor racing legends of eras past and learn how the technology behind British motor racing works and be inspired by the achievements of the brilliant engineers of Motorsport Valley. Your visit culminates in a thrilling seated end show, speeding around Silverstone alongside your motor racing heroes. There is also a Heritage Track walking trail of Bridge and Luffield available to Exhibition ticket holders (subject to availability). Refreshments available. Returning leave 4.00pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.45pm.

Adult £55.50  Sen Cit £51.85  Child £35.50

At the time of going to print (July 2019), the opening of the Silverstone Experience has been delayed due to the main building contractor going into administration. We are hoping that it will be open by the above date, but we may have to change the date of the visit to later in the year.

Monday 16th September

Eltham Palace & Thames River Cruise

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for Eltham Palace, where we shall meet our guide and have a chance to buy refreshments before a very entertaining morning that takes us from the Tudors to the Twenties. Textile millionaires Stephen and Virginia Courtauld built their 1930s mansion onto the Great Hall of Eltham Palace, the childhood home of Henry VIII creating an Art Deco masterpiece. We tour the house as an invited guest of the Courtaulds: walk into Ginie’s wardrobe to try on her hats and breathe in her perfume. Take a peek in the golden tiled bathroom and experience the glitz and glamour of the cocktail hour. This is a house full of quirky details: a built-in vacuum cleaner and a suite of rooms for Virginia’s pet lemur. Stephen’s rather menacing PA speakers in every room so that he could bark orders at the servants and page his wife! It’s great fun - Art Deco meets Hollywood with a twist of Cunard Liner. Late morning we drive to Greenwich for free time to find lunch in the buzzy and compact small town by the river. At 3.30pm we board a boat for a one-hour return cruise to the Thames Barrier and back which takes us past the Docklands and the Old Millennium Dome to see the vast new developments. There’s a skipper’s commentary and a bar on board where you can buy hot and cold drinks. Return leave Greenwich 4.30pm, arriving back in Godstone approx. 5.30pm.

Adult £58.55  Sen Cit £55.48

(Inclusive of Coach/Blue Badge Guide/Entry to Eltham Palace/Boat Trip)
(Eng Heritage Members less: Adult £13.00, Sen Cit £12.00, but must bring card)

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Wednesday 18th September

**Portsmouth: Spinnaker Tower, Gunwharf Quays and the D-Day Story**

Departing Oxted 9.00 (Route A) we make our way to the Waterfront City of Portsmouth, where you may wish to spend the day exploring/shopping, or you may join us as we visit the Spinnaker Tower and the D-Day Story. Upon arrival we shall visit the Spinnaker Tower, the iconic 170m (557ft) tall viewing tower in the heart of the city’s harbour offering unrivalled views of the sea and landscape around. Located next to the tower is Gunwharf Quays, home to about 100 premium retail outlet stores offering famous brands at discount prices and an array of cafes and restaurants perfect for finding a spot of lunch before we travel to the D-Day Story in the early afternoon. The recently re-opened D-Day Story is the only museum in the UK dedicated to the Allied Invasion in June 1944 and tells the unique personal stories behind this epic event; whether they were individuals on the shore in Portsmouth, or those who went over to Normandy. The museum contains many exhibits not previously displayed to the public, in refurbished galleries that feature the words and perspectives of those involved. There’s a unique and dramatic film show, extensive displays featuring maps; uniforms and other memorabilia; several vehicles and even a real LCP landing craft. At the centre of the museum sits the Overlord Embroidery, which was commissioned by Lord Dulverton of Batsford as a tribute to the sacrifice and heroism of those men and women who took part in Operation Overlord. The embroidery is 272 feet (83 metres) in length, and is the largest work of its kind in the world. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.00pm. Returning to Godstone 6.00pm.

**Adult £43.05  Sen Cit £40.45  Child £28.95**
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Spinnaker Tower/D-Day Story)

**Adult £25.35  Child £18.75**
(Portsmouth only)

Sunday 22nd September

**Dagenham Sunday Market**
(as seen on TV!)

Depart Oxted 8.15am (Route A) for the drive to Dagenham Sunday Market recently featured in “Good Morning Dagenham”, a 10-part series on BBC 1. Launched in 2002, the market has over 600 stalls and has developed a reputation as a fashion market but you will find almost everything else! Refreshments available. Return leave 1.30pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 2.45pm.

**Adult £19.95  Child £14.95**
(The Market is outdoors, please dress appropriately for the weather)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Friday 27th September

**Canterbury Food & Drink Festival**

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for Canterbury and the Food and Drink Festival, the biggest celebration of food, drink and culture in Kent, with over 100 local traders offering a wide range of food, drinks and crafts. There will be live music including DJ’s, bands and buskers plus live street performers. Experience the finest street food inspired from places around the world, buy local produce and crafts and quench your thirst at the festival bar, offering everything from craft beer to wine and Pimms. Set in the beautiful Dane John Gardens, the festival is just a few minutes walk from 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 4.15pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.30pm.

**Cost**  
Adult £25.50  Child £20.95  
(Exclusive of any entry fees that may be charged)

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Saturday 28th September

**Agatha Christie’s Towards Zero at The Mill, Sonning**

Depart Oxted 9.45am (Route A) for the drive to The Mill, Sonning, where we shall enjoy a freshly home-cooked lunch before taking our seats for the matineé performance of Agatha Christie’s Towards Zero. Summer is the time when the inimitable Brian Blessed visits The Mill to direct one of Agatha Christie’s classic thrillers. The combination of Christie & Blessed has proved a winning formula for the theatre, helped by the special relationship that Brian had with the queen of the thriller genre. He met and worked with her when he was a young actor at Nottingham Repertory Theatre. Their conversations informed Brian about how she would have liked to see her plays directed. She told Brian that TOWARDS ZERO was acclaimed by the novelist Rupert Graves as by far her best and most dramatic novel. And in 1956, Gerald Verner adapted it into a play. Christie explains in her own words the meaning of the intriguing title: “When you read the account of a murder, real or imagined, you usually begin with the murder itself,” said the big Inspector Battle. “That’s all wrong. The murder belongs a long time beforehand. A murder is the culmination of a lot of different circumstances all converging at a given time at a given point. It’s Zero Hour.” Five puzzled faces turned to him. There has been a murder - a brutal murder of an invalid matriarch as she lay in bed. There had apparently been no premeditation on the part of her family and friends who had gathered at her home for their yearly visit. No one seemed to have had any reason for killing her, nor did anyone gain by her death. Inspector Battle paused. “It’s Zero Hour now,” he snapped. What then happens brings about the conclusion of the most amazing detective story of Agatha Christie’s many mysteries. Full of suspense, brooding atmosphere and outrageous twists and turns. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

**Cost**  £78.50  
(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Wednesday 2nd 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 4.30pm. Arriving back at Limpfield Chart by approx. 6.15pm.

**Adult £23.95  Child £21.95**

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Friday 4th October

**Dover Castle**

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for Dover Castle, the most iconic of all English fortresses commanding the gateway to the realm for nine centuries. Dominating the skyline on the famous White Cliffs, Dover Castle proudly stands in ground that is steeped in 2000 years of history, from the Iron Age to the Nuclear Age. The mighty keep and bailey, built by Henry II, are the finest of their kind, while the panoramic views out across the English Channel from the lookout are astonishing. There are many discoveries to be made in the Castle and also included is a tour deep underground into the maze of Secret Wartime Tunnels. It was from here in 1940 that Vice Admiral Ramsay and Sir Winston Churchill masterminded the evacuation from Dunkirk. You will visit the telecommunications room, underground hospital and anti-aircraft room, and enjoy audio-visual effects, film clips, sounds and smells of Britain at War. The easiest way around the castle’s 70 plus acres is to take a free ride on the land train. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.45pm. Returning to Godstone approx. 6.15pm.

**Adult £44.15  Sen Cit £42.35  Child £28.55**

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Dover Castle/Guided Tour of Wartime Tunnels)

(Eng Heritage Members less Adults £17.77, Sen Cit £15.98, Children £10.65, but must bring card)

Due to the nature of the site, this trip is unsuitable for people with mobility issues.

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For bookings call (01883) 713633
Tuesday 8th October

**Frogmore Paper Mill, with Boat Trip & Fish & Chip Lunch**

Depart Oxted 8.45am (Route A) for the drive to Frogmore Paper Mill, site of the world’s first mechanised paper machine. We shall be served with a cup of tea/coffee followed by an introductory presentation about the history of a most overlooked and taken for granted commodity - paper, Frogmore mill and the work of the trust that runs the mill. During our visit we shall have a tour of the mill, a papermaking demonstration, a boat trip down The Gade River, to join the Grand Union Canal, then turning near Lock 67 for the return journey and a fish and chip lunch. Departing from the museum at 4.30pm we return to Godstone, arriving approx. 6.30pm.

**Cost £45.50**

(Inclusive of Coach/Tea/Coffee/Mill Tour/Boat Trip/Fish & Chip Lunch)

Thursday 10th 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 £38.60  Child £28.90**

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Show)

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Tuesday 15th October

Windsor

Depart 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to Windsor where you will be at leisure to explore the picturesque centre. This largely Victorian town owes much to the great Royal Castle which dominates it. There will be time to visit the castle (cost of entry not included) or stroll around the town centre. A short walk over the River Thames takes you to Eton or you may prefer to take a boat trip from the promenade. Return leave 4.30pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.45pm

**Cost**  
£24.95 **Adult**  
£22.95 **Child**

Friday 18th October

Finders Keepers

Depart Oxted 7.30am (Route A) for the drive to the Cinque Port town of Hythe, for a day out with a difference! The challenge is to scour the antique, bric-a-brac emporia and charity shops on the compact High Street searching for the best finds. We start the day with morning coffee and biscuits during which we will be joined by the very entertaining TV antiques expert from Dickinson’s Real Deal, Alison Chapman – “the honey with the money” - for a team briefing and some top tips. Each person will be given a crisp ten pound note and you can search on your own or in small groups, before gathering again for a leisurely two course lunch. It may well look easy enough on the telly but how well will you do under pressure? After lunch and over coffee, our expert returns for an entertaining evaluation of your finds. If no-one has managed to discover a priceless Ming vase, the winner or winners will be chosen for the most unusual object, the most aesthetically pleasing junk or the find with the best potential profit. And the winning individual or team? Well apart from the obvious Kudos, there’s a Finders Keepers trophy and everybody gets to take their own finds home - Finders Keepers, see! We head for home at 3.00pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.30pm

**Cost** £78.00

(Inclusive of Coach/Morning Coffee/Biscuits/2-Course Lunch with Coffee & £10 per person to spend)  
(Please advise at time of booking if you require a vegetarian meal)

Tuesday 22nd October

Scenic Drive with Lunch at the Moorings, Pevensey

Depart Oxted 10.15am (Route B) for a scenic drive to The Moorings, a traditional English restaurant located on the beach in Pevensey, where we shall enjoy a three course lunch. After lunch we make our way home arriving back at Limpshield Chart by approx. 4.45pm.

**Cost** £32.95

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

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Friday 25th October
High Beeches Garden, Handcross

Depart 11.15 (Route A) to High Beeches for lunch in their tearoom before entering the gardens. This hidden gem in the High Weald of West Sussex has 27 acres of woodland, water gardens, and a collection of rare, exotic and award-winning plants. A botanical treasure trove and classic English idyll make it one of the finest woodland gardens in the South East. Autumn is a time of breathtaking displays of colour, amongst the best in the country, provided by the many spectacular Nyssas, Maples and Liquidambers growing throughout the garden and contrasting with the conifers. The beds of cyclamen glow in the Autumn light. Return leave 4.00pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 4.45pm.

Cost £24.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Gardens)

Monday 28th 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 Foresta’ 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.

Adult £34.75 Child £22.90

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Wednesday 30th October

The Ancient Villages of Heathrow

Peaceful, remote Heath Row had just about the best farming soil in the country. At night the carts trundled six hours east carrying fruit and veg to Covent Garden and returned full of the city’s night soil to empty onto the orchards. Life ticked over slowly in the sleepy Middlesex Parish of Harmondsworth until the Vicar sold his farm land and they built an airport on it. Join us to hear the story of the ancient villages of Heathrow and what has and may yet become of them.

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Windsor Farm Shop where we shall have time to buy morning refreshments and meet our guide. One of the biggest questions facing London, and some might say UK PLC, in recent years has been Should Heathrow have a third runway? We aren’t going to argue in favour of one side over the other but instead show you the lie of the land. We begin by driving on back roads via Runnymede the short distance to the airport to see where the runway might be built before touring the ancient villages of Heathrow which have experienced different impacts over the years. We sample the many faces of this unique area as one minute massive jets skim the sky above us at rooftop level and the next we’re listening for birdsong in a little snippet of rural idyll just off the Old Bath Road. It’s fascinating. We arrive for lunch (drinks not included) in the rather shockingly rural English village of Harmondsworth, just half a mile from the duty free temples of Heathrow. Part of the village may disappear with the proposed Third Runway project. Right now it’s very peaceful as it’s not on the flight path and we find a picture postcard village - an old pub on the village green opposite a Domesday church where Morris Men dance each summer. It’s so unexpected you could easily believe that it has been moved here brick by brick as a Little England theme park for visitors who don’t have time to stray far from the airport. A two course buffet lunch is included in your tour. After lunch we visit Harmondsworth Barn, one of our greatest medieval buildings, built 600 years ago by the same skilled carpenters who built our medieval cathedrals. We’ll also visit the church and seek out the grave of Richard Cox, the Orange Pippins man, before one last cuppa (included) at the pub after which we head for home at 4.30pm. Returning to Godstone approx. 5.30pm

Cost £56.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour/Buffet Lunch/Cup of Tea/Coffee)

Saturday 2nd November

Leeds Castle Fireworks Spectacular

Depart Oxted 1.00pm (Route A) for the drive to Leeds Castle near Maidstone, where we shall have time to enjoy the live music, falconry display, maze. play areas and variety of delicious food options before the fireworks begin at 5.30pm: 25,000 starbursts will fill the sky above the Castle for the biggest and best firework display in the South East of England. Refreshments available. Return leave after fireworks. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 7.30pm.

Adult £39.95  Child £28.95 (5-15)
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Firework Display & Pre-Fireworks Entertainment)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Tuesday 5th November

The Beautiful Surrey Hills

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for the drive to Polesden Lacey where, in the servants’ hall, we shall have morning coffee and pastries and meet our Blue Badge Guide. Polesden Lacey was the home of one of Edwardian Britain’s richest society hostesses, a friend to monarchs, maharajas and millionaires but also a woman described as a “fat slug filled with venom”! During the morning we’ll take a scenic drive to hear old tales of the Surrey Hills as we wend our way to the picture postcard village of Shere for lunch. Visit the church to hear the story of the young girl who lived bricked up in a cell in the chancel wall. Enjoy browsing this timeless village where the Tilling Bourne bubbles through the centre and every building is of great age and interest. A two-course lunch with coffee is included at an ancient pub in the heart of the village. In the afternoon we sweep through more beautiful landscapes as we head towards one of the best views in England, Box Hill and hear about a whole cast of characters, from TV pioneer John Logie Baird to the eccentric Major who was buried upside down. We end the day at Bocketts Farm Park with time to buy tea before heading home at 4.45pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.30pm.

Cost £58.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour/Morning Coffee & Pastry/2-course Lunch with Coffee)

Monday 11th November

Tutankhamun & the Roaring Twenties

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the discovery of Tutankhamun’s tomb, 150 priceless artefacts will visit London one final time while a new permanent resting place for the treasures is constructed at the Grand Egyptian Museum in Cairo. Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route C) for the drive to the National Army Museum, Chelsea. Here we shall have time to find morning refreshments. We meet our Blue Badge Guide and our tour begins with the amazing story of adventurers and chancers scrabbling for treasure in the desert against the backdrop of Napoleon’s Egyptian Campaign. We leave the Museum to drive through Kensington & Chelsea and turn the clocks back to the Roaring Twenties. We see where Howard Carter was born and where he died and discover how the fashion for Tutankhamun and Ancient Egypt influenced everything from art and architecture to shopping. From the first Thomas Cook package tours to the Middle East to the novels of Agatha Christie - it’s an irresistible combination of high adventure, romance, and history. There will be time to find lunch on the fashionable King’s Road before arriving on foot at The Saatchi Gallery and the TUTANKHAMUN: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh exhibition featuring more than 150 original artefacts from Tutankhamun’s tomb, including 60 on their first journey outside Egypt (not the death mask). Through nine immersive galleries that incorporate digital content, contextual material, audio and custom soundscapes, follow Tutankhamun’s passage into everlasting life, discovering how his funerary objects were used on the perilous journey. This is the final opportunity to experience the magic and mystery of Tutankhamun before his treasures return to Egypt forever. Return leave 4.30pm, arriving back in Sanderstead approx. 6.00pm.

Cost £66.25
(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour/Entry to Exhibition)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Thursday 14th November

Living Crafts for Christmas at Blenheim Palace

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and the Oxfordshire stately home of the 12th Duke of Marlborough. Over this weekend Living Crafts for Christmas is at Blenheim. Explore the Churchill and Marlborough Pavilions in the Great Court, where over 180 British designer-makers will be showcasing high quality contemporary crafts. Discover the perfect presents for all the family from special commissions to simple stocking fillers; millinery, ceramics, studio glass, leather work, sculpture, textile crafts, photography, toys and puzzles, fashion, soaps, designer jewellery and more. You may wish to tour the palace: see The Untold Story, which brings dramatic events from the history of the Palace to life, the Churchill Exhibition or perhaps explore the gilded State Rooms and priceless collections set against striking stonework, and experience the beauty and magnificence of this Grade I listed building. Blenheim’s own shops will also provide a variety of Christmas gifts. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.45pm.

Adult £45.95   Sen Cit £43.90   Child £28.10  
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Palace and Living Crafts)

Adult £37.45   Sen Cit £35.90   Child £22.40  
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Living Crafts/Gardens & Park)

Saturday 16th November

Run For Your Wife at The Mill, Sonning

Depart Oxted 9.45am (Route A) for the drive to The Mill, Sonning, where we shall enjoy a freshly home-cooked lunch before taking our seats for the matinée performance of Run For Your Wife. A serving of delicious farce is once again on the menu at The Mill at Sonning. If you enjoyed MOVE OVER MRS MARKHAM last year you will be delighted to welcome back the King of Farce, Ray Cooney who will again direct his own play - RUN FOR YOUR WIFE - his funniest and most acclaimed ever! John Smith is a happy London Cabbie working shifts. But he has one little problem. He is married. Twice! He has one wife, Mary, in Wimbledon. And at the same time, another wife - Barbara - in Streatham. John keeps to a rigorous schedule so that never the twain shall meet. Everyone is blissfully happy - especially John Smith! One day, gallantly intervening in a mugging, he is taken to hospital with concussion. The police become involved. John panics and enlists the help of neighbour, Stanley. Bad choice! Stanley is sham bolic, disorganised and when it comes to conniving - clueless! The hapless duo embark on a series of wildly implausible explanations. The more they lie the deeper the hole they dig and the more the situation all starts to go horribly but riotously wrong. This is classic Cooney at his absolute best. RUN FOR YOUR WIFE has delighted audiences with smash hits all over the world! So come along to laugh and laugh until you cry. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Cost £78.50  
(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Thursday 21st November

Greyhound Racing

Depart Oxted 4.15pm (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 £36.35
(Inclusive of Coach/Admission/2 Course Meal)

Saturday 23rd November

The Postal Museum, Mail Rail & Lunch

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route C) for the drive to London where we shall have a 2-course lunch at Belgo, before walking (approx. 5 minute walk) the short distance to the Postal Museum. This museum, located in the former Royal Mail Mount Pleasant Depot, tells the story of our postal service. Discover a host of objects such as post boxes, uniforms, greeting cards and stamps. Read letters sent from thousands of miles away with Writing Home, a collection of post sent home by soldiers in conflict, survivors of human trafficking, or those who left in search of a better life across the globe. Included in your visit is a trip on Mail Rail – the Post Office’s exclusive underground railway originally used to move London’s mail between 6 sorting offices and 2 mainline railway stations 70 feet beneath the busy London streets. The carriages are very small, having been adapted from the original rolling stock and run through tunnels only 7 feet in diameter and are therefore not suitable for people uncomfortable in enclosed spaces. The entrance to each train is only 80cm (2’ 7”) wide and the carriages are only 130cm (4’ 3”) high. The journey lasts approximately 20 minutes and includes flashing lights. For those who the ride experience is not suitable, there is a Mail Rail film which can be viewed as an alternative. Return leave 4.00pm, arriving back at Sanderstead approx. 5.30pm.

Cost £51.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Postal Museum/2-Course Lunch with Tea/Coffee)

Please choose from Toulouse Sausages and Homemade Mashed Potatoes served with onion gravy, Traditional Fish and Chips served with Tartar Sauce, Homemade Seasonal Vegetarian Quiche served with a garden salad. Dessert: Dame Blanche (Vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce), Chocolate Eclairs served with Belgian chocolate sauce, Fruit Salad topped with whipped vanilla cream.

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Tuesday 26th 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 4.30pm. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 6.15pm.

**Adult £23.95 Child £21.95**

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Thursday 28th November

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

Depart Oxted 4.30pm (Route A) for the drive to Kew Gardens, which have been transformed into a magical after dark explosion of festive colour. This winter, more twinkling and fantastical than ever before, Christmas at Kew returns, inviting visitors to experience the night-time beauty of a brand new trail, illuminated by over one million lights. The route will include some incredible showstoppers, such as the recently restored Temperate House – the largest surviving Victorian glasshouse in the world – which will form the canvas for a kaleidoscopic laser show. The centrepiece of this year’s event will be four spiralling columns of light cascading from the Treetop Walkway in the canopy above: a mesmerising 10 minute display with dazzling reflections and a ‘Sea of Light’ at your feet. See the 30-metre-long promenade of LED vines that you can walk through, touch and interact with, Kew’s own natural splendours illuminated from different angles and branches wrapped with tiny blossom shaped lights, plus, of course, The grand finale... At the final stop, the renowned Palm House will once again have festive projections playing across a giant screen of water in the centre of the lake, and across the iconic glasshouse itself. Santa and his helpers will be on hand to entertain youngsters, and a mini food village complete with fairground rides will be a perfect stop-off point for little ones. Sweet smells of mulled wine, mince pies and other festive treats will greet visitors from stalls along the trail, and the beautiful new Pavilion Bar and Grill will be open for dining. Refreshments available. Return leave 9.30pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 10.30pm.

**Adult £37.45 Child £25.95**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Christmas at Kew)*
Thursday 5th December  
**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 4.45pm – by popular demand, later departure. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.30pm.

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Saturday 7th December  
**Rochester Dickensian Christmas & Christmas Market**

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route A) for Rochester where the streets are alive with entertainment, readings, songs and dancing 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. There’s a Craft Fair in the Castle moat, Farmers’ Market in the King’s Head car park and 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. 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. Refreshments available. Return leave 6.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 7.15pm.

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Tuesday 10th 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**

Adult £17.95  

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Friday 13th December

**Tutankhamun & the Christmas Lights**

*In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the discovery of Tutankhamun’s tomb, 150 priceless artefacts will visit London one final time while a new permanent resting place for the treasures is constructed at the Grand Egyptian Museum in Cairo.*

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route C) for the drive to King’s Road, London, where we shall have time to find lunch before making our way on foot to The Saatchi Gallery and the TUTANKHAMUN: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh exhibition featuring more than 150 original artefacts from Tutankhamun’s tomb, including 60 on their first journey outside Egypt. Through nine immersive galleries that incorporate digital content, contextual material, audio and custom soundscapes, follow Tutankhamun’s passage into everlasting life, discovering how his funerary objects were used on the perilous journey. Here the TUTANKHAMUN: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh exhibition will transport you to Ancient Egypt accompanying Tutankhamun on his journey to the afterlife and quest for immortality. Over 150 stunning authentic tomb objects, 60 on display outside Egypt for the first time (not the death mask), showcase the spectacular artistry of the boy king’s 3,300-year-old treasure. This is the final opportunity to experience the magic and mystery of Tutankhamun before his treasures return to Egypt forever. At 3.45pm, we meet our Blue Badge Guide for a guided tour of the Christmas Lights and Sights, finishing at Somerset House around 5.30pm. From here we make our way back to Sanderstead, arriving approx. 7.00pm.

**Cost** £62.00
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Exhibition/Guided Tour)

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Sunday 15th December

**Winchester Christmas Market with Carol Service in the Cathedral**

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 to visit the town itself, with its tempting array of independent shops, boutiques and well known High Street stores. For those who wish, there is a family carol service in the cathedral at 3.30pm (no charge). The doors open at 2.45pm and it’s recommended that you are there in good time as it is a popular event. Return leave 4.45pm (after carol service). Returning to Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

**Adult £25.25  Child £19.75**
Wednesday 18th 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)

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Saturday 21st 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** £23.95    **Child** £18.95

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Saturday 28th December

**Singin’ in the Rain at The Mill, Sonning**

Depart Oxted 9.45am (Route A) for the drive to The Mill, Sonning, where we shall enjoy a freshly home-cooked lunch before taking our seats for the matinée performance of the greatest movie musical of all time, Singin’ in the Rain. A brilliant script, show-stopping choreography and a hit-parade score of Hollywood standards including Make ‘em Laugh, You Are My Lucky Star, Good Mornin’ and of course the one that you will all be waiting for... Singin’ in the Rain - and yes, there will be real rain!! All brought to you by the talented team of Director Joseph Pitcher & Musical Director/Arranger Charlie Ingles. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

**Cost** £82.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)

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Monday 30th December

Christmas Glow, Wisley

Depart Oxted 1.45pm (Route A) for our drive to the Royal Horticultural Society Gardens at Wisley, where, as evening falls, you will see Wisley in a different light. Enjoy the atmosphere of the seasons with the jigantics light installation around the garden as it blooms with magical, giant illuminated flowers. Follow the fairy lights along the trail and see the light playing on the iconic trees, floating installations creating rippling reflections on the water, and stunning views of the Laboratory reflected in the Jellicoe Canal. The Winter Walk is a circular path around the lake which is planted for winter display, including many scented plants and shrubs with colourful stems and leaves. Marvel at the century old conifers in the Pinetum and warm up in the glasshouse where there is always something exotic to admire. Entering the Glasshouse is like walking into a jungle, surrounded by tree ferns, towering palms, lush-leaved creepers and dazzling flower displays. As you follow the path, the environment and climate gradually changes, taking you on a tour through the world of plants, including many difficult to grow and endangered species. Return leave 5.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Adult £23.45 Child £17.25
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Wisley Gardens)
(RHS Members less £5.75 but must bring card)

Tuesday 5th May

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 (entry not included). 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 and forthcoming film were filmed on location at Highclere Castle. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.15pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.00pm.

Adult £43.95 Child £33.55
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Castle/Gardens)

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**Waverley**

As many of you will have gathered, the Waverley is not running this year as she needs new boilers. There is a “Save the Waverley” campaign to raise the £2.3 million needed to replace the boilers, boiler room equipment & re-commission her for 2020. For full details, go to https://www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk/save-the-waverley-boiler-appeal/

**Brighton Ice Show**

At the time of going to print (July 2019) there are no plans for Holiday on Ice to tour the UK in 2019-20

**Kent Mining Museum**

As those of you who had booked to visit with us in April will know, the Kent Mining Museum was due to open at the end of March this year, however the owners went into administration and the opening was indefinitely postponed. At the time of going to print, there are hopeful signs, but no firm details as to when the museum will open. There might be more positive news by the end of August, so please let us know if you would like to be notified of a possible visit!

**2019 holidays still to come**

- 15 – 17 August
- 8 – 10 September
- 15 – 21 September
- 22 – 25 November
- 29 – 30 November
- 8 – 12 December
- Newark Antiques
- Kentish Explorer
- Steam & Sail in Fort William
- Harrogate Christmas Market
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular
- Sidmouth Festive Break

**Some holiday ideas for 2020**

- 20 – 24 March
- 10 – 13 April
- 20 – 24 April
- 25 – 29 May
- 26 – 30 July
- 16 – 20 August
- 4 – 7 September
- 14 – 18 September
- TBC
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- Sidmouth Spring Break
- Easter in Cardiff
- Great Yarmouth
- Sidmouth
- Isle of Wight
- Edinburgh Tattoo
- Zundert Flower Parade (Holland) TBC
- Gateway to the Heavenly Dales/North Yorkshire
- 2 Antiques weekends
- Tenby
- Lake District
- North Devon

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For your convenience, we have included the table below to enable you to work out your pick up time. The pick up time, as always, will be on your ticket. To work out your pick up time, take the brochure time (which is always the coach yard time), and add/subtract the number of minutes indicated in the table for the relevant route. Also indicated are the coach transfer points (#) and the scheduled last pick up point (*).

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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. Please also ensure that you are at the correct place to re-join the coach in good time for the return or onward journey. 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 prohibited on the coach. We respectfully ask that you refrain from using electronic cigarettes whilst on board.

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 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

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**Price of tickets at shows:**

- **Towards Zero** £51.00
- **Run for your Wife** £51.00
- **Singin' in the Rain** £54.00

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