Day Excursions
Spring / Summer 2019

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Welcome...

...to our programme of Day Excursions for Spring/Summer 2019, with a host of old favourites and exciting new destinations, including the long awaited Kent Mining Museum, The Silverstone Experience & Leonardslee Gardens, all of which have had delayed openings for various reasons. We also have visits to Chapel Down Winery, Ascott House, the country residence of the de Rothschild Family the Henley Country Craft Show at Stonor House & Park & the Epping & Ongar Railway, where we can travel on three different forms of transport (4 if you count the coach) in a day. We return to Buckingham Palace, where the special exhibition celebrates the 200th anniversary of Queen Victoria’s birth, Goodnestone Park for the snowdrops, Buckler’s Hard & Beaulieu Motor Museum, where there is a special Chitty Chitty Bang Bang exhibition to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the classic film. With Sunday lunches at Heaven Farm and the Moorings, boat trips, houses, gardens and trips to the seaside, we hope there is something there for everyone and look forward to welcoming you on board soon.
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Wednesday 2nd January

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)

Limited availability

Tuesday 15th January

Phantom of the Opera, Her Majesty’s Theatre, London

Depart Oxted 4.30pm (Route C) for the journey to London for the 7.30pm performance of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s romantic musical, based on Gaston Leroux’s classic novel of life beneath the main stage of the Paris Opera House. With lavish sets, costumes and special effects, this haunting musical traces the tragic love story of a beautiful opera singer and a young composer shamed by his physical appearance into a shadowy existence. This beautiful story is set against one of the West End’s most memorable scores that includes hit songs such as “The Music of the Night”, “All I Ask of You”, “Think of Me”, and of course, “The Phantom of the Opera”. Return after performance. Arriving back at Sanderstead approx. 11.30pm

Cost £66.75
(Inclusive of Coach/Front Stalls Seats at Show)

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### Saturday 9th February
**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 Limpshfield Chart by approx. 6.15pm.

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### Sunday 10th February
**Canterbury & Snowdrops at Goodnestone Park Gardens**

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to Canterbury, where we shall have some time to explore and find lunch before, early afternoon, making our way to Goodnestone Park Gardens, where Jane Austen was a frequent visitor. Here we shall have time to walk down the fabulous Lime Avenue, carpeted with a million and more snowdrops and enjoy the rest of the extensive gardens and woodlands in winter. Described by Hugh Montgomery-Massingberd of The Field “One of the loveliest gardens in Kent”, this 14 acre garden has a beautifully kept 17th century walled garden, an 18th century landscape park, 20th century woodland, a Millennium parterre, and a gravel garden. See the early miniature daffodils, hellebores, daphnes, witch hazels, mahonias and bold winter views. Refreshments available. Return leave 3.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.00pm.

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*(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Goodnestone Park Gardens)*

### Thursday 14th February
**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. Return leave 3.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 4.15pm.

**Cost £16.95**

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Wednesday 27th February

Kew Gardens Orchids Festival

Colombia’s landscape is as diverse as the flora and fauna that inhabit it, from tropical beaches to snow-capped mountains and everything in between. Home to more orchid species than anywhere else in the world, Colombia’s unparalleled biodiversity and vibrant culture is the inspiration for Kew’s 24th annual Orchids Festival.

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Kew Gardens, where, in the Princess of Wales Conservatory, you will be transported to an entrancing paradise evoking the sights, smells and sounds of Colombia. The experience is an immersive journey through the different zones of the glasshouse where you will encounter staggeringly beautiful orchid displays which each represent aspects of Colombian wildlife and culture. Famed for its wildlife diversity, Colombia boasts the greatest number of bird species of any country in the world and to celebrate this, the central display of the festival will be a ‘carnival of animals’ depicting a toucan in flight, a hanging sloth and swimming turtle, all composed of stunning orchids, bromeliads and other tropical plants. The Caño Cristales, rainbow river, will be represented through a breath-taking cascade of hundreds of colourful hanging vandas; there will be an enchanting forest scene complete with life-sized jaguars, a dazzling display of hundreds of colourful butterflies suspended from the glasshouse ceiling and the legend of El Dorado will be depicted through an intricate golden floating display bursting with bright yellow orchids in the glasshouse pond.

Take time too to wander through Kew’s collection of over 35,000 different types of plants and discover inspiration in every corner, or take advantage of the ‘Kew Explorer’, (cost not included) a hop-on/hop-off “train” which circles the gardens all day. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx 5.30pm.

Adult £36.25 Sen Cit £34.55
Child £25.25
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Gardens & Orchid Festival)

Saturday 2nd March

The Spring Knitting & Stitching Show, Olympia

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route C) for the drive to Olympia, London. The Spring Knitting & Stitching Show champions creativity with hundreds of workshops, demonstrations, interactive features on offer as well as 200 of our most loved exhibitors selling specialist craft supplies. Spend a day re-stocking your yarn stash, learning to knit, mastering the art of tailoring and more. There has never been a better excuse to get involved in craft! Return leave 4.30pm, arriving back at Sanderstead approx. 5.45pm.

Adult £33.95 Child £22.35
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Show)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Wednesday 6th March

Calendar Girls the Musical & Supper at the Orchard Theatre, Dartford

Depart Oxted 4.00pm (Route A) for the drive to the Orchard Theatre, Dartford, where we shall enjoy a two-course meal before taking our seats for the 7.30pm performance of Calendar Girls the Musical by Gary Barlow and Tim Firth. This award-winning production is based on the true story of the calendar girls – a group of ordinary ladies who achieved something extraordinary. This marvellous musical comedy, which received fantastic five star reviews in London’s West End now comes to Dartford with an all star cast: Fern Britton, Karen Dunbar, Anna-Jane Casey, Sara Crowe, Ruth Madoc, Rebecca Storm and Denise Welch. Return after performance. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 11.00pm

Cost £73.50
(Inclusive of Coach/2-Course Dinner/Show)
(Stalls Seats at Show)

Sunday 10th March

Scenic Drive with Sunday 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 Sunday lunch. After lunch we make our way home arriving back at Limpsfield 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)

Thursday 14th March

Rye

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route B) for enchanting Rye which, in Elizabethan times was a port, heavily armed with cannon, but such defences were useless against the town’s ageless enemy, the sea. Silting was a constant problem, and as the sea receded it left the town high and dry. It is now some two miles inland. Here you will be at leisure to explore and find lunch. Wander the cobbled streets, admire the beautiful buildings, many of which are Elizabethan, some with Georgian frontages, and enjoy the superb range of shops and restaurants which characterise this famous Cinque Port whose buildings cluster around the top of a little sandstone hill watching over Romney Marsh and guarding the coastline. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 6.15pm.

Adult £23.95 Child £21.95

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Tuesday 19th March

**Bletchley Park – WWII Codebreaking**

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

**Cost**  
**Adult £43.25  Child £32.45**  
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Bletchley Park/Multimedia Guide)

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Saturday 23rd March

**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 (Easter’s coming!) 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 £59.95**  
(Inclusive of Coach/Eurotunnel)

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Sunday 24th March

**Daffodil Weekend Thriplow**

Depart Oxted 9.30am (route A) for the drive to Thriplow, a traditional village 8 miles south of Cambridge, where the annual ‘Daffodil Weekend’ celebration is held. The tradition began in 1969 when the church required major roof repairs and residents decided to raise funds by opening their gardens and making cups of tea for their visitors. Since then the event has become a staple part of the Thriplow calendar. Step back in time as you walk the beautiful traffic free lanes and connecting footpaths, visit residents ‘Open Gardens’, Craft Barns, Marquees, Stalls and Demonstrations, and experience the warm and friendly atmosphere. There are over 100 varieties of daffodils planted in the village including some heritage varieties newly planted for 2019. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.00pm. Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 5.30pm.

**Adult £29.95  Child £22.95**
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry)

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**Monday 1st April**

**Kent Mining Museum**

*At last, the long awaited Kent Mining Museum has an opening date – 30th March – so we have booked to go down just 2 days later! Be one of the first to see this exciting new museum.*

Depart Oxted 8.15am (Route A) for the drive to Betteshanger Park & the new Kent Mining Museum built on the site of Kent’s last working coal mine. The museum will share and celebrate the story of energy in Kent – from coal mining through to sustainable energy, with exciting, interactive displays telling how coal was discovered, how it was mined and about the day-to-day lives of the miners who worked at the collieries and the communities that surrounded them. The unique collection includes captivating photographic records, fascinating personal stories and memories, formal records and documents plus remarkable artefacts. The Museum will also provide a focus for the four Kent collieries and their communities; Betteshanger, Snowdown, Tilmanstone, Chislet, Mill Hill, Aylesham, Elvington and Hersden. The Museum will take visitors on a journey through the Kent Coalfield from the first discovery of coal in 1890 to the last pit closing at Betteshanger in 1989. Highlights will include a ‘journey’ of mine cars from Tilmanstone Colliery especially for the Museum, DOSCO roadheader interactive, original tools and clothing, and most importantly, the history of the coalfield told through voices of the actual people who lived and worked here. In addition to the Museum, there will be the Royal Horticultural Society Gold Medal winning mining-themed garden ‘Green Seam’, that Hadlow College exhibited at the 2015 Hampton Court Show and an energy-themed heritage trail around the site of Betteshanger Colliery. Refreshments available. Return leave at 2.30pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 4.15pm.

**Adult £31.15  Child £22.95**

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Limited availability

Wednesday 3rd April

Highgate Cemetery Guided Tour & Lunch

Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route A) for Highgate Cemetery, final resting place of many famous people where we meet our guide for a fascinating 90 minute tour of the West Wing, in which we will see iconic graves and the first ever plot in the cemetery, as well as the Egyptian Avenue, the Catacombs and the Circle of Lebanon. We will then have time to explore the East Wing, where the graves of many well-known figures reside, such as world-famous philosopher and sociologist, Karl Marx. Following our tour, we shall enjoy a two-course lunch in a nearby restaurant after which you may wish to return to the cemetery for further exploration or perhaps browse the local shops. Return leave 3.30pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.30pm.

Cost £51.95

(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour/2-Course Lunch)

Please note: there are two flights of stairs on the normal route. If you have access requirements, please be sure to let us know in advance.

Please choose from chicken & chips, fish & chips, or vegetable tagine. Crème brûlée, lemon tart or ice cream

Thursday 4th April

Don’t Panic! An Encounter with the Home Guard

Depart Oxed 3.00pm (Route A) for the drive to the Tereza-Joanne, a huge white boat permanently moored in the Royal Albert Dock, with fantastic views across the water to the Docklands and the City skyline. On arrival we shall take our seats for an early supper of pie and mash with liquor or gravy, with tea or coffee to accompany (bar drinks can be purchased separately). After we’ve had our supper, the show starts...Don’t Panic is a variety tribute show in the style of Dads Army, based on the outbreak of the second World War. This light hearted sing along, laugh along fun show features all of your favourite characters, along with a musical Maestro, who provides some stirring renditions of wartime favourites on the old Joanna, along with some magic and human puppetry. Audience interaction is a big part of the show and guarantees some hilarious moments with the quick witted cast. There will be an interval where desserts and coffee can be purchased. Return leave 8.30pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 9.45pm.

Cost £59.95

(Inclusive of Coach/Show/1-Course Supper/Tea/Coffee)

(Please advise at time of booking if you require a vegetarian meal)
Saturday 6th April
Gaslight 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 Gaslight, a spine-chilling psychological thriller by Patrick Hamilton. Bella Manningham is convinced that she’s losing her mind just as her mother did before her. And, like her Mother, she is terrified that she will end up in an asylum. She is haunted by the memory of an aunt violently murdered and sees ghostly apparitions; she hears floorboards creaking overhead; familiar objects disappear and then inexplicably reappear. While her handsome, domineering husband - Jack - is out in the evening the gaslight eerily dims and flickers. Does the terror exist in her imagination or are dark secrets living in her home? The surprise arrival of Rough, a retired detective leads to a shocking discovery that will shake her respectable Victorian marriage to its core. The intimate atmosphere of The Mill’s auditorium will have you on the edge of your seat as the creepily atmospheric tension of the play builds and you will - believe me - be horribly frightened and entertained all at the same time. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

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

Wednesday 10th April
Canterbury on Market Day

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for the drive to Canterbury, a walled city full of medieval character and history. Visit the cathedral - a UNESCO World Heritage Site, meander through the narrow streets or experience Chaucer’s famous tales of medieval misadventures at the “Canterbury Tales”, a fabulous recreation of medieval life; a unique introduction to Canterbury and its famous literary connection (entry not included). Canterbury boasts a fine reputation for shopping, with high street names, trendy boutiques, antique stores and picture galleries. On Wednesdays there is a general market in St George’s Street, so why not take the opportunity to stock up on Fruit and Veg? The mainly traffic free city is small, less than a mile in diameter from wall to wall. Return leave 4.15pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.30pm.

Adult £25.50  Child £20.95

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Tuesday 16th April

**Greenwich**

Depart 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Greenwich, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most historically rich areas of London, where we shall be free to explore. You may wish to visit the Royal Observatory, the iconic sailing ship Cutty Sark, National Maritime Museum and Queen’s House art gallery, visit Greenwich Market, fondly regarded as one of London’s best covered markets or maybe take a boat trip on the river (cost not included). Leaving at 3.30pm, we arrive back at Godstone approx. 4.30pm

**Cost**

Adult £23.95  Child £21.95

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Friday 26th April

**Ascott House**

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for the drive to Aylesbury, where we shall have time to explore and find lunch. There are many well-known high street retailers, as well as a fantastic range of independent shops and a great selection of cafes and restaurants. Friday is market day, so you might find some fabulous bargains and buy fresh fish and meat at the Foodie Friday market. Early afternoon we make the short drive to Ascott House, an ‘Old English’ half-timbered manor, dating back to the 16th century. It was transformed by the Rothschilds towards the end of the 19th century and houses an exceptional collection of paintings, fine furniture and superb oriental porcelain. The extensive gardens are an attractive mix of formal and natural, with specimen trees, shrubs and beautiful herbaceous borders. Here we shall be free to explore. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm, arriving back in Godstone approx. 6.45pm.

**Cost** £39.95

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Ascott House & Gardens)
(Nat Trust members less £12 but must bring card)

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Tuesday 30th April

Cliveden

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for the drive to Cliveden House, once the home of the Astors, now leased as a private hotel with the motto “Nothing ordinary ever happened here, nor could it.” We shall have a guided tour of part of the stunning Italianate mansion, with highlights that can include the impressive Great Hall, ornate French Dining Room and rich stories of passion, politics and pleasure (tours vary depending on functions in the hotel). Cliveden has recently been featured in the Channel 4 documentary, “A Very British Country House” and Meghan Markle spent the night before her wedding to Prince Harry here. High above the River Thames with panoramic views over the Berkshire countryside, the gardens capture the grandeur of a bygone age. Over the course of 350 years, each family added their own extravagant touch, creating a series of distinct gardens. From carpets of spring bulbs and vibrant floral displays on the elaborate Parterre, to the intimate Rose Garden and oriental Water Garden, each area is designed purely for enjoyment, and all echo Cliveden’s rich history of politics, passion and pleasure. Miles of walks meander through majestic woodlands and along riverbank paths and there’s a giant yew-tree maze to explore too! Refreshments available. Return leave 3.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.00pm.

Cost £37.50
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Cliveden/Guided Tour of House)
(Nat Trust members less £12 but must bring card)

Thursday 2nd May

Scenic Tour and Broadview Gardens with Cream Tea

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route B) for a scenic drive enjoying the countryside as it awakens from the long, cold winter. A stop will be made for a leisurely lunch, before making our way to Broadview Gardens, Hadlow, a unique garden originally designed and maintained as a teaching resource for students at Hadlow College. Set in the peaceful picturesque Kent countryside, the 8 acres of gardens are divided into individually themed areas, each one focusing on a particular style of planting structure, which will give you all the inspiration you need for your own garden. Throughout the gardens there is an extensive range of unusual plants and collections, in addition to more familiar plants used in unconventional ways. Broadview Gardens holds two National Collections (Hellebores and Japanese anemones). Following a look around the gardens, we shall enjoy a cream tea in their tearooms. Be sure to visit the Garden Centre, which stocks everything you need to successfully design or landscape your garden including a variety of different plants and shrubs, a number of which have been grown in the College Nursery. Return leave 4.15pm. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 5.00pm.

Cost £25.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Garden Visit/Cream Tea)
(Entry to Gardens is Free of Charge)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Monday 6th May

**Leonardslee Gardens and Dolls House Exhibition**

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route A) for the drive to the newly re-opened Leonardslee Gardens. Closed to the public in 2010, the gardens are now owned by Penny Streeter, the owner of the Benguela Collection vineyard and Mannings Heath Golf Course and Wine Estate who has said, “We will restore the gardens to their former glory and create new facilities on site, including tea rooms and dining facilities...” A kaleidoscope of colour sweeps throughout the grounds, listing the garden as Grade I in the English Heritage Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England. Set in a steep-sided valley; the ponds contain a colony of Carp fish and the combination of parkland, lawn and forest land inhabits a rare colony of wallabies and a number of deer species who wander semi-freely throughout the estate. The rich flora in the garden was planted by Sir Edmund Loder, a Victorian plant collector. First planted in 1801, the gardens are noted for spring displays of rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, magnolias and bluebells. There is a unique doll’s house exhibition, depicting the Edwardian estate and neighbouring villages at 1/12th scale. Farm shop and refreshments available. Return leave 4.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.00pm.

**Adult £31.95  Sen Cit £30.45  Child £21.30**

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Gardens & Dolls House Exhibition)

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Thursday 9th May

**River Thames Cruise and Windsor**

Depart Oxted 8.45am (Route A) for Boulters Lock, Maidenhead, one of the liveliest locks on the River Thames where we join a boat for a trip down the river passing the houses of the stars, going through Boveney and Bray Locks, past Oakley Court and Monkey Island. The boat continues past Windsor Racecourse, with spectacular views of Windsor Castle, arriving lunchtime in Windsor, where the remainder of the day will be at leisure to maybe explore Windsor Castle; or wander through the picturesque centre, perhaps to Peascod Street and St. Leonard’s Road, with their fishmongers, bakers, delicatessens, boutiques and craft shops. Return leave 5.15pm. Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 6.30pm.

**Adult £39.90  Child £31.70**

(Inclusive of Coach/River Cruise)

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For bookings call (01883) 713633
Tuesday 14th May
**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 Limpfields Chart by approx. 6.30pm.

**Adult £23.95  Child £21.95**

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Friday 17th May
**Sheffield Park Garden**

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route B) for the drive to Sheffield Park Garden where you will be at leisure to wander through the 120 acres of this beautiful and extensive ‘garden for all seasons’ with its large lakes linked by cascades and waterfalls. Spring means colour at Sheffield Park, with dramatic views around every bend and an explosion of colour from the bold displays of rhododendrons and azaleas. The garden was laid out in the 18th century by the famous landscape gardener Lancelot ‘Capability’ Brown. Refreshments available. Return leave 1.30pm. Arriving back at Limpfields Chart by approx. 2.30pm.

**Adult £27.60  Child £21.80**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Gardens)*

*(Nat Trust & RHS Members less Adult: £11.00 but must bring card)*

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Sunday 19th May
Red House and Danson House, Bexleyheath

Depart Oxted 9.45am (Route A) for The Red House which is of international significance in the development of the Arts and Crafts movement. Commissioned by William Morris and designed by Philip Webb, two of the founders of the Arts and Crafts movement, the house is a landmark in the history of domestic architecture and the garden inspired Morris’s early designs of wallpaper and fabric. Completed in 1859, Morris lived there with his wife Jane for five years. Red House was designed to express a set of social, architectural and cultural values drawn from history. It was Webb’s first private commission and, with its garden, was planned as a single entity. Morris believed that the garden should ‘clothe’ the house linking it with the countryside which then surrounded it. The house was constructed of warm red brick, under a steep red-tiled roof, with an emphasis on natural materials. The sense of space and light was a radical departure from the high Victorian style of the day and much of the interior was decorated by Morris and Webb with Rossetti and Burne-Jones. Due to both the Red House and Danson House only being able to accommodate small groups, the party will be split in two, changing over at lunchtime. Danson House, is a palladian-style villa built of Oxford stone between 1762 and 1767 to a design by Sir Robert Taylor (architect to the Bank of England). A rich city merchant’s suburban villa or weekend retreat, the house was commissioned by John Boyd, a director of The East India Company and the owner of a sugar plantation on St Kitts. The house is one of the finest of its type in the south-east. It is a very characteristic example of Taylor’s style: a meticulously planned compact villa with just four rooms on the principal floor surrounding a central elliptical staircase to a top-lit well with eight ionic columns below a dome. The subsequent history of the house, like that of many of its kind, is one of slow decline. Sold by the Boyds in 1807 it passed through several hands, then in 1995, to safeguard its future, the house was leased to English Heritage who described it as “the most significant house at risk in London” and carried out a ten year restoration project. The house is now managed by the Bexley Heritage Trust. Refreshments available at Danson Stables in Danson Park. Return leave approx. 4.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 4.45pm.

Cost £33.75
(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tours of Red House and Danson House)
(Nat. Trust Members less Adult: £7.80, Eng Heritage Members less £3.50, but must bring card)
Please note: it is approx. half a mile walk between the properties and the coach will park by Danson House

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Tuesday 21st May

**Kew Gardens, Kew Palace & Chihuly at Kew: Reflections on Nature**

This summer, 32 unique art installations by Chihuly, the world’s most celebrated contemporary glass artist will be situated across the Gardens in a wide variety of locations.

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for Kew Gardens and Kew Palace. More than just a garden, the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew is home to stunning vistas, an impressive arboretum, ornate glasshouses and listed buildings, not to mention some of the rarest plants on the planet. Here we shall be free to explore the 300 acres of gardens and maybe gain an insight into the family life of ‘Farmer George’ (George III) at Kew Palace and the Georgian royal kitchen. Get a birds’ eye view of Kew from the Xstrata Treetop Walkway (there is a lift), see the famous Palm House, with many rainforest species and plants useful to man; the Evolution House with prehistoric sights, scents and sounds; the traditional Japanese Minka house; the Princess of Wales Conservatory with 10 different climatic zones; Museum No. 1, home to the exhibition ‘Plants and People’; the Davies Alpine House, designed to provide the ideal, cool and dry conditions for alpine plants and The Hive, a unique, multi-sensory experience designed to highlight the extraordinary life of bees.

At Kew, Chihuly’s artworks will truly sing – unrestrained bursts of colour commanding a space of luscious greenery, showing visitors one of London’s few UNESCO world heritage sites in an entirely different way; its rolling vistas and ornate glasshouses transformed into a contemporary outdoor gallery space like no other. Kew’s Shirley Sherwood Gallery of Botanical Art (the world’s only gallery dedicated to botanical art), will host 12 bodies of work developed over 40 years, as well as a film detailing Chihuly’s creative process. Other stunning locations for the artworks include the ornate Waterlily House, and the resplendent Palm House lake. The iconic Temperate House – the world’s largest surviving Victorian glasshouse which has recently undergone a major restoration project – will be home to a brand new, specially designed sculpture, inspired by the cathedral like space, as well as nine other installations. Wander through Kew’s collection of over 35,000 different types of plants and discover inspiration in every corner, or take advantage of the ‘Kew Explorer’ (cost not included) a hop-on/hop-off “train” which circles the gardens all day. The restaurant and shop can be found behind the Orangery. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back in Godstone approx. 5.30pm.

**Adult £37.50  Sen Cit £35.00  Child £20.20**

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Kew Gardens/Kew Palace & Royal Kitchens)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Saturday 25th May

**Epping & Ongar Railway with Fish & Chip Lunch**

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for the drive to North Weald Station, home of the Epping & Ongar Railway. Here we shall have time to take morning coffee in the Anglia Coach café before boarding a Diesel DMU train for a picturesque return trip through parts of Epping Forest. We shall have some time to visit the railway shop before boarding a steam train. Sitting in our reserved carriage, we can enjoy the countryside views on our way to Ongar, passing through the now closed Blake Hall Station, London Underground’s least used station, with only 6 passengers a day! At Ongar Station, we shall be served with fish and chips and can watch the locomotive being uncoupled and prepared for its return trip to North Weald, where you can, if you wish, board the 339 Heritage bus for a return trip to Epping underground station. Return leave 2.30pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 3.30pm.

**Cost £42.95**

(Inclusive of Coach/Train Fares/Fish & Chip Lunch/Bus Fare)

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Wednesday 29th May

**Brighton, Hove or Worthing**

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to either the fashionable resort of Brighton with its 3 miles of beachfront, the Royal Pavilion, the narrow twisting Lanes, and its extensive shopping areas; to Hove, with its Regency terraces with bow fronts and tall pilasters, broad lawns and a refined air; or drive on to Worthing, a small fishing village until in 1798 Princess Amelia, youngest daughter of George III, came to stay, so giving Worthing the royal seal of approval, resulting in rapid building creating the centre of today’s resort. Return leave: Worthing 5.00pm, Hove 5.20pm, Brighton 5.30pm Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 6.45pm.

**Adult £23.95  Child £21.95**

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For bookings call (01883) 713633
Friday 31st May

**Guildford & Horse Drawn Boat Trip on the River Wey with Cream Tea**

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for Guildford which nestles in the gap in the North Downs carved by the tranquil and picturesque River Wey. Here you will be at leisure to see the medieval Guildhall with its ornate gilt clock which dominates the cobbled High Street, and browse and shop in the extensive High Street and shopping centres. Early afternoon we take the short drive to Godalming where we shall board ‘Iona’ for a relaxing two hour trip along both natural river and canal sections of the River Wey and Godalming Navigations, passing through one of the oldest barge locks in the country. Being pulled by an experienced heavy horse, you will travel quietly and comfortably in the time-honoured way, just as generations of river bargemen have throughout history. Whilst on board we shall enjoy a cream tea. Return leave 4.30pm. Returning to Godstone approx. 5.30pm.

**Cost £43.90**

(Inclusive of Coach/Boat Trip/Cream Tea)

Saturday 1st June

**A Belly Full 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 A Belly Full. Sally Hughes (MD of The Mill) says – “I have long been looking for a play that matches the success and popularity of STEPPING OUT and CALENDAR GIRLS. Well, I have found it in this wonderfully funny and heart-warming play charting the lives of 7 women who join a local Belly Dancing Class. Can you imagine the comic potential in that situation? I am delighted to welcome back playwright and director Marcia Kash who, along with fellow writer Mary Chisholm, has created this uplifting world premiere for The Mill.” When Marnie drags her much put-upon bestie Jane to a belly dancing class they are swept into a shimmying circle of sometimes endearing, sometimes outrageous women. Their friendship is tested through the demands of their spouses, babies, work lives and the arrival of some unexpected roommates. But through all the belly aches, dilemmas, betrayals and some very “special” cakes, the two friends learn to face life’s challenges as they prepare for a special charity night at their local Turkish restaurant. You are guaranteed to leave The Mill with full hearts and dancing bellies – or is that full bellies and dancing hearts? Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

**Cost £78.50**

(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Sunday 2nd June

Rochester Summer Dickens Festival

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for Rochester to enjoy the fun and atmosphere of their Summer Dickens Festival, held every year since 1978. Charles Dickens spent five years of his childhood in Medway from 1817 to 1822. He was a national legend when he returned for the last 13 years of his life, dying at Gad’s Hill in 1870. Rochester was the inspiration for many of his greatest works. Indeed, Restoration House was Satis House in Great Expectations where Miss Havisham lived. The Festival is a spectacular event of colour, music, costume, drama and street theatre with parades making their way through the main street. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.30pm.

Adult £23.45  Child £20.45

Tuesday 4th June

Daks over Normandy, Duxford

Tickets for this event go on sale on 1st February and we expect them to sell fast. Please let us know before then if you are interested. At the time of going to print, we don’t have prices or timings.

June the 6th 1944 - one of the most important dates in modern history: the date on which almost 160,000 Allied troops stormed the Normandy beaches to start the liberation of Western-Europe. The assault was preceded by 24,000 troops who parachuted in or came by glider. Over 800 Douglas C-47 Skytrains (Dakotas) carried men into battle across the English Channel. June 2019 marks the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion and may well be the very last large commemoration of this historic day. Daks over Normandy will be a once in a lifetime event. Over thirty DC-3/C-47’s will come together, flown in from all over the Globe. On the 4th June, there will be a mass practice jump in the United Kingdom in preparation for about 250 men and women to fly across the English Channel and to jump into the historic drop zones of Normandy on the 5th June. During the Airport open days everyone can see and touch the aircraft and see them fly. See the paratroopers in their WW2 style uniforms and find and buy all kinds of aviation related items at the air market.

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Thursday 6th June

Tyntesfield

Depart Oxted 7.45am (Route A) for the drive to Tyntesfield near Bristol. Here we shall be free to explore this near-complete Victorian Gothic country house and estate. This extraordinary home and working landscape was created for the Gibbs family as a place where they could celebrate their achievements, raise their children and share their passions for family and faith. The richly decorated and furnished house is home to more than 60,000 of the family’s possessions – a remarkable collection. Every part of the estate, every possession, tells a story about the Gibbs family, their estate workers and the world they lived in. Today you are welcomed into this cherished place to discover an ornate private chapel, flower-filled terraces, towering trees, abundant kitchen garden and views across the Somerset hills. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.00pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 7.15pm.

**Adult £53.50  Child £39.95**

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to House, Garden & Estate)

(National Trust members less Adult £15.60 but must bring card)

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Sunday 9th June

Scenic drive with Sunday Lunch at Heaven Farm

Depart Oxted 10.30am (Route B) for a scenic drive to Heaven Farm on the Ashdown Forest, where we shall enjoy a two-course Sunday lunch. Please let us know your choice for main course at time of booking - Beef, pork or nut roast. Pudding you choose on the day. Return leave 2.45, arriving back at Limpstone Chart approx. 3.30pm.

**Cost £29.95**

(Inclusive of Coach/2-Course Sunday Lunch)

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Tuesday 11th June

Churches of Romney Marsh Tour with Lunch & Tea

Following very successful tours in August 2017 & June 2018, we are repeating it, but visiting the last four churches...

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 today we are visiting Lydd, Dymchurch, Newchurch and Snaves churches, returning to the Rose & Crown for a ploughman’s lunch and afternoon tea. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.30pm.

**Cost £58.95**

(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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For bookings call (01883) 713633
Sunday 16th June

Wings & Wheels at Dunsfold

Depart Oxted 7.00am (Route A) for the drive to Dunsfold, nr. Cranleigh, Surrey for an exciting family day out both on the ground and in the air. Full details were not available at the time of going to print, but in previous years, there has been a five hour airshow and a two hour motoring show in a 32-acre Arena packed with things to do. The Arena includes aviation and motoring simulators, children’s inflatables, a fairground, military outlets, interactive car shows and a retail village with over 80 stands selling a wide variety of products and gifts. The Wheels Zone is unique to the event, providing a heady mix of nostalgic, adrenaline pumping motoring demonstrations, arena displays, static exhibitions and a motoring paddock. The Military Zone brings you re-enacters, a living history zone, live battles and the popular military vehicles parade. There are over 70 military vehicles, five re-enactment groups, the history of Dunsfold Aerodrome and Army, Navy and RAF recruitment stands for your entertainment. Whether a wide-eyed first timer, a seasoned veteran, aviation buff or motoring enthusiast, the Wings & Wheels experience will leave you breathless! Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.00pm.

Adult £49.95  Child £29.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Show)
(Please note that displays are subject to weather conditions & serviceability)

Wednesday 19th June

Arundel and Corpus Christi Flower Festival

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the West Sussex town of Arundel, which nestles in a gap in the Sussex Downs carved by the River Arun. For centuries the gap has been guarded by Arundel Castle, home of the Dukes of Norfolk, Earls Marshal of England for 500 years. 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. For over 100 years the feast of Corpus Christi has been marked at Arundel Cathedral by a spectacular Carpet of Flowers up the central aisle. Here you will be at leisure to enjoy the magnificent floral displays in the Cathedral and explore this attractive Sussex town situated on the River Arun and, if you wish Arundel Castle and the Wildfowl & Wetlands Centre (entry not included). Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.00pm.

Cost £25.35

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Saturday 22nd June

**Margate, Broadstairs (Dickens Festival) or Ramsgate**

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for our drive to the Kent coast stopping at the seaside town of Margate with its sandy beach, or on to Broadstairs where this weekend they are holding their Dickens Festival. First held in 1937, the event showcases the town’s most famous visitor: Charles Dickens, who visited regularly between 1837 and 1859. Join in the celebrations of his life, times and works with talks, performances, fairs and walks, plus demonstrations of what everyday life was like in the Victorian era. Highlights include spotting the marvellously costumed ladies and gentleman strolling around town, the festival play, a Victorian country fair and the unforgettable, annual Dickensian beach party. It is still the quaint town that he encouraged his friends to visit; or, if you prefer, journey on to Ramsgate with its sandy beaches sheltered by chalk cliffs and its busy harbour/marina. You may choose in which seaside town you wish to spend the day.

Return leave: Ramsgate - 5.00pm
Broadstairs - 5.10pm
Margate - 5.30pm
Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 7.00pm.

**Adult £31.95  Child £23.95**

Friday 28th June

**Royal Garden & River Cruise with Lunch & Cream Tea**

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to Savill Garden near Windsor. Developed in the 1930s from an unkempt area of Windsor Great Park, it owes its existence to the foresight of Sir Eric Savill and his staff, with the support of King George V and Queen Mary. Neither a botanical garden, nor a kitchen garden attached to a great house, it is a garden for the garden’s sake, enjoyed by horticulturalists and enthusiasts alike. Here we shall have time to explore before enjoying our lunch. Early afternoon we make the short journey to Runnymede Boat House to board our boat for a 2 hour cruise along the Thames, during which we can sit back, relax and enjoy the commentary about the Magna Carta, which King John sealed at Runnymede 800 years ago and see the memorials and other points of interest. During our journey we shall also enjoy a cream tea. Return leave 4.45pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.00pm.

**Cost £59.95**

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Savill Garden/One-Course Lunch/Boat Trip/Cream Tea)
(Please advise at time of booking if you require a vegetarian meal)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Tuesday 2nd July
The Georgian Town of Bath

Depart Oxted 7.45am (Route A) for the Spa town of Bath, one of the oldest and best-preserved Georgian cities in Britain, famous since Roman times for its warm mineral springs. Here you can enjoy the Georgian architecture of which the Royal Crescent is a fine example, visit the compact shopping centre, the Roman Baths, explore the nearby Abbey or maybe cross the River Avon over the shop-lined Pulteney Bridge, designed by Robert Adam in 1770. Return leave 4.45pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 7.45pm.

**Cost**
Adult £37.75  Child £29.75

Thursday 11th July
Houghton Lodge House & Gardens with lunch

Depart Oxted 8.15am (Route A) for the drive to Houghton Lodge in the Test Valley, where we shall be greeted with morning tea/coffee. We shall be split into two groups: guided tour of the house and free flow tour of the gardens, swapping over later. We shall learn about the history of cottage orné, this beautiful genre of architecture and landscape design, of which Houghton Lodge is the best surviving example in England. Behind the doors we shall see the beauty of the exquisite rooms, and listen to the stories and history that have been part of this house since it was built in 1790. There are both formal and informal gardens, with a charming example of an 18th-century informal garden designed in a ‘Natural Style’, a traditional kitchen garden enclosed within chalk cob walls, an orchid house, topiary dragon and peacock garden.

Enjoy the scents and colours of the magnificent 300ft herbaceous border and make friends with the ever-friendly Alpacas, Tom, Dick, Harry and Herbert! We shall have a light lunch with a selection of sandwiches, pork pie, fruit and tea/coffee in the orangery with time afterwards to further explore the gardens before leaving for home. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 4.00pm.

**Cost** £59.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour of House/Entry to Gardens/Tea/Coffee/Sandwich Lunch)
(Please advise at time of booking if you require a vegetarian meal)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Wednesday 24th July

**Bexhill or Hastings**

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route B) for either Bexhill or Hastings to spend a day by the sea. Hastings, noted for its Battle in 1066, offers all the traditional amusements of the seaside, yet retains the character of its past. Bexhill offers two miles of promenade and the De la Warr pavilion - an entertainment centre overlooking its gently shelving shingle beach. Discover the hidden history of Bexhill from earliest days to medieval village, smuggling, Napoleonic barrack town, Victorian/Edwardian resort and the birthplace of British motor racing in 1902 in the Bexhill Museum. Return leave: Hastings 5.00pm, Bexhill 5.20pm. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 6.30pm.

**Cost**

Adult £23.95  Child £21.95

Saturday 27th July

**Nôel Coward’s Private Lives 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 Nôel Coward’s Private Lives. 1930. Deauville, France. After a tumultuous and fiery marriage the divorced couple, Elyot & Amanda, find themselves in adjacent suites while honeymooning with their new partners - Sybil & Victor respectively. The view from their adjoining balconies is all shimmering sea and moonlight. So romantic! And when Amanda overhears a familiar voice singing Some Day I’ll Find You, old passions reignite and the estranged lovers run away together to Paris to flirt and fight repeatedly before being tracked down by their jilted spouses - with explosive and hilarious consequences. Since its opening at London’s Phoenix Theatre in August 1930, Private Lives has retained its remarkable appeal, captivating audiences worldwide. After his huge success at The Mill with BLITHE SPIRIT, The Mill is delighted to welcome back Tam Williams to direct another of Nôel Coward’s glittering comedies. Together with the clever and talented production team he is guaranteed to give you an elegant and glamorous evening in the theatre, full of razor sharp wit, bubbling with sex and promises like a glass of sparkling vintage champagne. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

**Cost** £78.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)
Tuesday 30th July

**Cotswold Capers, visiting Moreton-in-Marsh Market**

Depart Oxted 7.45am (Route A) for Moreton-in-Marsh where on Tuesdays the town hosts 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.

**Cost**

- Adult £36.50
- Child £26.50

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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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For bookings call (01883) 713633
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, before 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)

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 maybe 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)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
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)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
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 fantastamagorical 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)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
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)*

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. No 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 £23.95**  **Child £21.95**
*(Exclusive of any entry charge that may be incurred)*
*(All flying is subject to weather, serviceability and operational commitments)*

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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)

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)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
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**

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Thursday 5th September

Wisley Gardens’ Flower Show

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, with its wooded slopes and pinetum, rock garden, herbaceous borders, alpine house, model fruit and vegetable gardens and range of greenhouse displays. 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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For bookings call **(01883) 713633**
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

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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. Prices & details not confirmed at time of going to print.

**Adult** £TBC  **Child** £TBC

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Show)

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Waverley
The Waverley will be sailing again this year. As yet they haven’t released their programme, but if you are interested in sailing in her, please contact us and we will let you have further details when we have them.

Christmas at Kew
Following another sell out trip in November 2018, we are planning to run this again in November 2019. We have asked for 2 slots on 28th November 2019. Please contact us if you are interested and we will let you have further details when we have them.

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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.

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   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.

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