

SILVER DAYTRIPPERS

A very warm welcome to our Spring newsletter! There is so much to look forward to in the coming months, including a new venue to visit and the return of the popular long-haul series of outings in June.

Contract Success

We are delighted to announce that our contract for the provision of Community Transport services has been extended to March 2020. This includes the Silver Daytrippers' club, which is a project we are immensely proud of and is now in its tenth year. However, our funding has been reduced by £20,000 per annum, which is something we were expecting in the current economic climate. We will be asking for your support to help make up the shortfall.

Membership Survey

It is time for our biennial membership survey and renewal. If you wish to continue being a member of the Silver Daytrippers' club you will need to complete and return the form enclosed. Please take some time to complete the survey on the reverse, it is your club and your opinion is extremely important. **Please return the forms to us by 31st May to ensure that you are eligible to make bookings and continue to receive our newsletter.**

Fundraising

We are seeking your support for our fundraising initiative. We are hoping to raise £8,000 from our Silver Daytrippers' membership. This would help safeguard the project for the foreseeable future. This

equates to around £10 per member. You have been extremely generous in the past and your support is very much appreciated.

Using the Shopping Shuttle

We often get asked whether Silver Day Trippers can use our door-to-door shopping shuttle and the answer is "YES". You might use London buses without a problem, but carrying a couple of bags at the same time as hanging on for dear life is not recommended. So why not give the shuttle a try—it is only £2.50 return and makes life so much easier. Call 020-8675 3812.

New Members

The Silver Daytrippers' club operates a range of outings throughout the year for senior citizens residing in Wandsworth.

It is easy (and free) to register. Just call us on 8675 3812 for an application form.

We are unable to take items such as frames and trolleys. If you need a mobility aid to get around our Road Runner service is for you.



Our driver Chris enjoying the sunshine in Broadstairs with a lucky Silver Daytripper!

Silver Daytrippers' Long Haul Programme

We are delighted to announce that the month of June will herald the return of our long haul programme of trips. We will be visiting some wonderful destinations, which are all slightly further afield than usual.

To make these trips manageable, we will be using three minibuses and there will be ONE pick up and drop off point only for each vehicle. So, when you call us to book you will need to select one of the collection points below. Each trip will include a brief comfort stop en-route.

We will be using the following stops only:

Balham High Rd , Nr Tooting Bec Tube –Entrance to Halfords	Departing at 9.15am for all trips in June
Clapham Junction—Entrance to Boots car park, Falcon Lane	Departing at 9.15am for all trips in June
Roehampton Lane—St. Joseph's Church car park	Departing at 9.15am for all trips in June

Thursday 8 June **Southend** **£12**

A wonderful start to our long haul programme with a trip to this famous Essex seaside town. Boasting the longest pier in the country, this resort has plenty to offer.

Tuesday 13 June **Broadstairs** **£12**

We return to this quaint seaside town in Kent. There is a beautiful sandy beach to soak up the rays and maybe you may wish to explore the cooling waters for a quick dip. This trip proved particularly popular last year, so please book early!

Thursday 15 June **Rye** **£12**

The Sussex town of Rye was one of the 'cinque ports' and has a wealth of historic buildings and narrow cobbled streets to explore. Of particular interest are Rye Castle Museum and Ypres Tower. Buses will set down and collect passengers by Rye rail station, a ten minute walk from the centre.

Monday 19 June **Hughenden, Nr High Wycombe** **£22 (inc entry)**
(£12 for NT members)

A wonderful opportunity to visit the home of Benjamin Disraeli (pictured below). The historic house has an extensive collection of Disraeli's artefacts and the gardens are delightful. Please see overleaf for more information.

Monday 26 June **Whitstable** **£12**

This seaside town in Kent is world famous for its oysters! It has a bustling harbour, a fascinating high street and some lovely walks by the beach. On a clear day you can see the Maunsell Forts, nine miles out to sea, which were built during the Second World War.



Hughenden—The home of Benjamin Disraeli

We are delighted to announce that we will be visiting Hughenden on Monday 19 June. The stunning red-brick mansion, near High Wycombe, was once the home of Victorian Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli.

The house has an extensive collection of memorabilia and artefacts to enable you to discover more about this influential statesman. There are stunning views of the formal gardens and surrounding woodland from the third floor of the house. You will have an opportunity to explore the grounds, including the beautiful walled garden at your leisure.

The house was used as a secret base for intelligence staff during the Second World War and there is an interesting display in the basement with further information.

The café will cater for all our refreshment needs, or you may wish to take a picnic in the grounds as the sun is sure to be shining.

IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING A PLACE ON THIS LONG HAUL TRIP YOU WILL NEED TO PAY IN ADVANCE. PLEASE SEND A CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO "WCT" FOR £22 (£12 FOR MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL TRUST). CHEQUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND SHOULD BE POSTED TO WCT, 1B YUKON ROAD, LONDON SW12 9PZ NO LATER THAN 26 MAY.



Two happy passengers fastening their seatbelts for the return journey to London.

Sissinghurst—A refuge dedicated to beauty

On Thursday 13 July we are making a return visit to Sissinghurst Castle Garden, in Kent (pictured below).

The poet and novelist Vita Sackville-West and her husband Harold Nicolson fell in love with Sissinghurst Castle in the 1930s and created a world renowned garden.

Harold's architectural planning of the garden rooms and the colourful, abundant planting in the gardens by Vita, reflect the romance and intimacy of her writing. It was the backdrop for a diverse history; from the astonishing time as a prison in the 1700s, to being a home to the women's land army. Don't miss the vast panoramic views from the top of the Tower, the working farm and the 450-acre wider estate.

There is a restaurant on site, as well as a plant and souvenir shop for those wishing to buy a memento of their trip.

IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING A PLACE ON THIS TRIP YOU WILL NEED TO PAY IN ADVANCE. PLEASE SEND A CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO "WCT" FOR £22.25 (£11 FOR MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL TRUST). CHEQUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND SHOULD BE POSTED TO WCT, 1B YUKON ROAD, LONDON SW12 9PZ NO LATER THAN 16 JUNE.



Wandsworth Community Transport

Silver Daytrippers Standard Trips

Wednesday 31 May **Wakehurst Place, Nr Crawley** **£10 (inc entry)**

Wakehurst Place is Kew's country estate and boasts formal and ornamental gardens, woodlands, wildlife and a nature reserve. We have been offered free admission for this trip, so do book early. There is a restaurant, café and gift shop so lots of opportunities for refreshments and retail therapy.

Wednesday 5 July **Eastbourne** **£12**

Our most popular seaside destination, a lovely traditional resort with so much to see and do. There is a lovely promenade for a bracing stroll and if you are lucky you may catch a performance from the local brass band!

Monday 10 July **Brighton** **£12**

Enjoy the hustle and bustle of this popular seaside town. There are plenty of shopping and sunbathing opportunities and of course the famous pier. Visit the famous "Lanes" for some lovely arts and crafts shops.

Thursday 13 July **Sissinghurst Gardens** **£22.25 (inc entry)**
(£11 for NT members)

Our first visit to this beautiful garden since 2011. Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson fell in love with Sissinghurst Castle and created a world renowned garden. See overleaf for further details.

Wednesday 19 July **Worthing** **£12**

More relaxed than Brighton, Worthing is a lovely choice for a day at the seaside with beautiful gardens and parks to explore. Take a stroll to the end of the art deco pier and enjoy some lovely views!

Friday 28 July **Hastings** **£12**

Enjoy the museums and follow in the footsteps of smugglers at this historic seaside town. Don't forget to have some delicious fish and chips in the local restaurants! Freshly caught by the Hastings fleet, the fish will melt in your mouth!



Fun at Garsons Farm



8 MPH Scooter for sale – £450 with new batteries

All trips on this page will be picking up passengers between 9am to 10am from the regular stops. Our timetable is published on our website, www.wctbus.co.uk

Bookings Line - 020 8675 3812