

SILVER DAYTRIPPERS

A very warm welcome to our Spring newsletter. We have had a break for the past couple of months and hopefully the worst of the winter weather is now behind us. We are sure you are looking forward to booking your trips now that spring is here! There are some treats in store for you with several brand new destinations!

Outings Programme

Our outings are printed on the reverse of this newsletter. You will see there is a new garden centre, Forest Lodge, recommended by our ever-popular driver Chris. This is the first trip of the year, on Wednesday 7 March, so we will be starting on a high!

We will also be visiting Claremont Landscape Gardens and Mottisfont – both new venues. We have been fortunate to secure free tickets to visit Wakehurst Place on Monday 21 May. This will be very popular so please book early! Further information regarding prices and booking arrangements are included in this newsletter.

Using the Shopping Shuttle

We often get asked whether Silver Daytrippers can use our door-to-door shopping shuttle and the answer is “YES”. You might use London buses without a problem, but carrying shopping bags at the same time as hanging on for dear life is not recommended. So why not give the shuttle a try! Do get in touch for further details.

New Members

The Silver Daytrippers’ club operates 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.

These outings are for active pensioners (no wheelchair users, frames etc). We have a separate programme called “Road Runner” for people with mobility difficulties.

SING SING SING SING

Everybody likes to sing and we keep on hearing how good it is for us. So why not join the new WCT choir? It will meet on Thursdays at 2.30 at Wandsworth Shopmobility (at the back of Sainsbury’s on Garratt Lane, SW18). At the moment, we are gauging whether there is enough interest to make it worthwhile, so do call us and put your name down and we will tell you more.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of ability or experience – we will do old favourite sing-a-long numbers and it should be a lot of fun.



An overcoat and an ice cream! A typical English summer’s day being enjoyed by our Silver Daytrippers!

LONG HAUL TRIPS DURING JUNE

Variety is the spice of life—so the month of June is devoted to trips that are slightly further afield than normal. We will be using **one collection point** per vehicle for these trips so please choose which of the following suits you best.

9.15am Tooting Bec - Halfords Car Park (opposite Kwik-Fit) on Balham High Road

9.15am Clapham Junction— Boots car park on Falcon Lane, just off Falcon Road.

9.15am Roehampton— St. Joseph's Church car park on Roehampton Lane.

If you live near Yukon Road, Balham you may elect to meet us at the depot for these trips. No later than 8.50am please and let us know when you make the booking.

Friday 1 June

Whitstable

£12

The historic Kentish coastal town of Whitstable is our first port of call in this year's long-haul programme.

Monday 4 June

Mottisfont, Nr Romsey, Hants

£22*

(£10 for NT members)

Pictured below. Price includes entry. Please see overleaf for full details. Non-refundable advance payment is required.



Thursday 7 June

Southend

£12

This lively Essex resort is a sure-fire winner. Golden sands, a famous pier and some great fish and chip restaurants. What more could you wish for?

Tuesday 12 June

Hastings

£12

A brand new award-winning pier is one of the highlights of this perennial favourite! Full of character, you will be walking the same narrow streets as the pirates and smugglers of yore!

Monday 25 June

Broadstairs

£12

This attractive town was once the home of Charles Dickens who wrote David Copperfield whilst staying here. Lovely beaches and a fascinating range of shops will contribute to a smashing day at the coast!

Claremont Landscape Gardens

On Monday 16 April we will be visiting Claremont Landscape Gardens, in Esher. Steeped in 300 years of history, this green oasis in the heart of Surrey has so much to offer.

Many of the great names in landscape design history have played a part in the creation of the estate. Over the years Sir John Vanbrugh, Charles Bridgeman, William Kent and 'Capability' Brown all put their own distinctive stamp on the pleasure grounds. In 1866, Queen Victoria acquired the estate to save it from development.

There are many unique and unexpected features to discover, including the large turf amphitheatre, serpentine lake, Camellia Terrace and Belvedere Tower.

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 £15.40 (NT MEMBERS £7). CHEQUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 2 APRIL AT WCT, 1B YUKON ROAD, SW12 9PZ

Weald and Downland Museum

On Wednesday 9 May we make a return visit to this fascinating outdoor museum near Chichester.

You will find a fascinating array of historic buildings, workshops, a watermill and a Victorian smithy! There are beautiful gardens to explore and a lovely café for lunch.

The museum tells the story of rural life in England over the past 1000 years in a very entertaining way and is highly recommended.

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Mottisfont Abbey and Gardens

On Monday 4 June, as part of our long haul programme, we are visiting Mottisfont Abbey near Romsey in Hampshire.

This historic priory and country estate is world-famous for its stunning roses, which will surely be in full bloom for our visit.

There is an art gallery to explore and a café where we can recharge our batteries.

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The dramatic landscape at Claremont gardens. We are visiting on Monday 16 April.

Wandsworth Community Transport

Silver Daytrippers Standard Trips 2018

Wednesday 7 March Forest Lodge Garden Centre, Farnham £8

A brand new garden centre to visit in Farnham. A great opportunity to stock up on garden supplies for the spring! They have a very nice restaurant there, which comes highly recommended.

Monday 19 March Polhill Garden Centre, Orpington £8

A return to the ever-popular Polhill Garden Centre.

Monday 16 April Claremont Gardens, Esher £15.40*

(*Price includes entry. NT members pay £7)

Our first ever visit to these beautiful gardens in Esher. Non-refundable advance payment is required. See overleaf for booking information.

Wednesday 9 May Weald & Downland Living Museum £22.25*

(*Price includes entry—Museum is near Chichester)

This fascinating museum explores the history of English rural life. Non-refundable advance payment is required. See overleaf for booking information. This is not a National Trust property.

Monday 21 May Wakehurst Place, Nr Crawley £10

(Free entry to this venue)

Free entry to these beautiful gardens in Sussex which will be in full bloom! What more could you wish for? Book early as places are limited.

Thursday 24 May & Eastbourne £12

Friday 20 July

Our first seaside trip of the season. This traditional seaside town is a sure-fire winner with something for everyone!

Monday 2 July Brighton £12

Enjoy a stroll along "the lanes", visit the Aquarium or take a dip in the sea! Or, you can relax on the pier with an ice cream and watch the world go by.

Tuesday 10 July Worthing £12

Visit the pier, the wide variety of shops or just take a seat on the promenade and soak up the rays!

We will be collecting from our regular bus stops for the outings on this page. Please refer to the timetable at wctbus.co.uk.

Our next newsletter will be distributed in July.

Bookings Line - 020 8675 3812