

## SILVER DAYTRIPPERS

### FREE TRIPS AND VOLUNTEERING SPECIAL

A very warm welcome to the Wandsworth Council funded **free trip** edition of our newsletter!

We are most grateful for the continued support of the Council, who have been funding this project for several years.

#### Free Trips

Members are welcome to choose ONE free trip from the outings listed overleaf. You will see the usual favourites such as Hastings, Eastbourne and Worthing. Please call us to book as soon as you can as these trips are very popular.

#### Standard Programme

From September we will be continuing with our regular programme. We are making our first-ever trip to Syon House in addition to a return trip to Hinton Ampner. Full details are on the reverse of this newsletter. You may book as many trips as you like. There will be no outings in January and February 2019. We would like to thank June for providing some wonderful photographs from recent outings.

#### 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 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! Do get in touch for further details.

#### VOLUNTEERING KEEPS YOU YOUNG

As you all know, we have many elderly and disabled members who use the Shopping Shuttle, Shopmobility and the door-to-door Road Runner outings.

Many of them need some kind of help and companionship and we are desperate for more volunteers. We keep on having to turn people away and cancel their days out down the coast or shopping because we can't find helpers.

#### BUT THIS IS WHERE YOU CAN HELP!

Our Silver Day Trippers are generally a hardy bunch of energetic pensioners who have loads to offer. We realise pushing a wheelchair might be asking too much, but many of our Road Runners just need someone to walk round with them or push the shopping trolley, so we won't give you anything you can't handle. If you want some inspiration, look at Joan's story below **and call Manuel on 020-8675 7460.**

We pay expenses, or maybe you would prefer some free trip vouchers?



*Believe it or not, Joan is 79 years old and volunteers at Shopmobility four days a week. She has been doing it since we opened in 1997 and is universally loved by all the passengers she takes out shopping.*

*"You are never too old to do something worthwhile and help other people, and it keeps me fit, active and involved with a great bunch down at Shopomobility. My advice is give it a try – you will love it!"*

*We all think Joan deserves a medal at the very least!*

# Wandsworth Council Free Trips

All trips will be collecting passengers from our standard minibus stops between 9am and 10.05am.  
If you are unsure which stop is best for you then please call us on 020 8675 3812.

**Wednesday 1 August**                      **Whitstable**

*Famous for its oysters, spend a delightful day at this charming seaside town in Kent.*

**Monday 6 August**                      **Bexhill On Sea**

*A return trip to this East Sussex seaside town. The highlight is the impressive Art Deco De La Warr Pavilion on the seafront which has exhibitions and a popular café*

**Friday 10 August &**                      **Eastbourne**  
**Thursday 30 August**

*Enjoy a lovely day out at this popular seaside resort. Take a stroll along the promenade or explore the shops and pick up a bargain or two!*

**Tuesday 14 August**                      **Brighton**

*No introduction is required to this busy, cosmopolitan resort. A pier, beaches, shops, and the sealife centre. There is so much to see and do!*

**Thursday 23 August**                      **Hastings**

*Hastings has museums, galleries and the remains of a Norman castle to visit. A haunt of pirates and smugglers, the Old Town has narrow streets and passageways to explore.*

**Tuesday 28 August**                      **Worthing**

*Worthing has a striking pier to visit and a promenade lined with palm trees. What a wonderful place to soak up the sun!*



## Syon House—One London's last great Houses

On Wednesday 5 September we are making our first visit to Syon House, in Brentford.

Syon House is the lavish home of the Duke of Northumberland and was built in the 1500s. The house includes a great hall based on a Roman Basilica and a bedroom used by Queen Victoria. The third Duke built the spectacular conservatory in the 1820s and it is believed to be the earliest of its kind in the country.

The gardens and lake were designed by Capability Brown and are delightful, containing many rare trees. You can see across the river to Kew Gardens, a view that inspired Turner in his painting "Zion House—Isleworth".



**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 £17 INCLUDING ENTRY. CHEQUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND SHOULD BE POSTED TO WCT, 1B YUKON ROAD, SW12 9PZ NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 24 AUGUST. SYON HOUSE IS NOT A NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTY.**

## Hinton Ampner—A delightful country house!

On Tuesday 18 September we are returning to Hinton Ampner, near Winchester.

This elegant house and beautiful gardens offer wonderful views of the South Downs and make an ideal autumn visit.

The house contains a number of fine paintings and ceramics and was notorious in the 18th Century for being haunted!

**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 £21.50 (£12 NT members) INCLUDING ENTRY. CHEQUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND SHOULD BE POSTED TO WCT, 1B YUKON ROAD, SW12 9PZ NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 31 AUGUST.**

### FRIENDSHIP PUB LUNCHES

Following the success of our initial trial, we will be running several pub lunches over the winter months after Christmas. Picturesque pubs by canals and in the countryside, with roaring fires and a warm welcome. See the insert for details.

### DATA PROTECTION POLICY

You have probably heard about the new data protection rules and the declaration on our membership form now reads:- "WCT will only use the personal information you have supplied to administer your membership and to keep you informed of our services. WCT will not pass your details to any third party and you can request that your details be permanently erased at any time. By signing this declaration you agree to this use of your data – see our Privacy Statement (on our website and on display at our offices) for full details." Your acceptance of this is now an integral part of your continued membership with us, but do rest assured, nothing has changed and you are safe with us.

# Wandsworth Community Transport

## Silver Daytrippers Standard Trips

**Monday 3 September**                      **Bexhill On Sea**                      **£12**

*Another chance to explore Bexhill and its famous De La Warr pavilion. Make the most of the last days of summer.*

**Wednesday 5 September**                      **Syon House**                      **£17**

*(including entry to house and gardens)*

*Please see overleaf for further information. Advance non-refundable payment is required for this outing.*

**Tuesday 11 September**                      **Worthing**                      **£12**

*The last seaside trip of the year. A final opportunity to have some fresh fish and chips and enjoy the bracing sea air before the onset of autumn.*

**Tuesday 18 September**                      **Hinton Ampner**                      **£21.50**

*(including entry—£12 for National Trust members)*

*Please see overleaf for further information. Advance non-refundable payment is required for this outing.*

**Monday 8 October &**                      **Polhill Garden Centre**                      **£8**

**Tuesday 13 November**

*A return to this ever-popular garden centre near Orpington. There is a nice cafe on-site to cater for us.*

**Tuesday 4 December &**                      **Winchester Christmas Market**                      **£12**

**Thursday 13 December**

*One of the most popular outings of the year. Book early to enjoy the wonderful arts and crafts at this traditional Christmas market. Enjoy a glass of mulled wine and watch the skaters glide across the ice-skating rink.*



**OUR NEXT EDITION WILL BE IN MARCH 2019**