

## SILVER DAY TRIPPERS

A very warm welcome to the Autumn edition of the Silver Day Trippers' newsletter. We hope you have had an opportunity to enjoy one (or more) of our seaside excursions or stocked up on plants on one of our popular garden centre visits. We are very pleased with the response to our Spring programme so thanks to all of you for your support. These trips are a real lifeline, offering folk a chance to get out and about and make new friends.

### New Booking Procedure

We have introduced a new booking procedure for this programme. You will be able to have a **maximum of four live bookings** on our system at any one time. We have noticed that some members have unfortunately been booking every trip only to cancel them on the day. This means it is too late to find replacements. We understand that people may cancel at the last minute due to illness or appointments, but on our recent trip to Worthing we had a dozen cancellations on the day. Assuming you wish to book four trips, as soon as you return from the first trip you can book another one. Hopefully this will give people every chance of booking (and attending) the trips of their choice.

### New Programme

Due to popular demand we are making our first ever visit to Canterbury on Monday 10 October. We are also visiting National Trust properties Polesden Lacey and Hughenden so please check overleaf for further information on these outings. We will be revisiting the South Downs Garden centre on 19 October. Members gave this venue wonderful feedback following our April visit. Thanks to June for providing photos for the newsletter from this venue.

We unsuccessfully applied for additional funding for

the project from a fund set up to combat loneliness.

However, we would like to incorporate some of our application's aims and objectives within our project. So, we ask you to promote the Silver Day Trippers' club to any Wandsworth senior citizens whom you believe would benefit. Also, if you meet a new member on the minibus, or someone who is alone, please be welcoming and offer support and encouragement.

### Shopping and Shopmobility

We are looking to recruit new members to our door-to-door shopping shuttle. If you find it difficult doing your weekly shop we have the solution! Our minibuses will collect you from your home and take you to Sainsbury's at the top of Garratt Lane, opposite the Southside Shopping Centre. The fare is £2.50 and we operate from Monday to Friday. Do call us on 020 8675 3812 if interested.



*Members with shopping bags full of produce at the South Downs Garden Centre.*

## Polesden Lacey—An Edwardian Country House with beautiful gardens

We are delighted to announce that on Wednesday 7th September we will be visiting Polesden Lacey.

Just a short drive away in Dorking, Polesden Lacey is one of the National Trust's most popular properties.

There has been a house on the site since the 14th Century, the current property was extensively remodelled in 1906 by the owner, Margaret Greville, a well-know Edwardian socialite. Her collection of fine paintings, furniture, porcelain and silver is displayed in the reception rooms and galleries, as it was at the time of her celebrated house parties.

In 1923 Margaret invited the Duke and Duchess of York to spend their honeymoon at Polesden Lacey and the royal couple subsequently spent two weeks there.

The house is surrounded by beautiful countryside for members to explore. It includes two working farms, ancient woodland and rolling downland, offering a diverse range of places for wildlife to live.

There is a lovely café to cater for all our refreshment needs in addition to a shop selling local produce and a second-hand bookshop.

Book early for this one as places are strictly limited.

**PLEASE CALL US ON 020 8675 3812 TO BOOK THIS TRIP. IF YOU SECURE A PLACE PAYMENT IN THE SUM OF £19.80 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED. MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL TRUST ARE ENTITLED TO FREE ADMISSION TO THIS PROPERTY AND SHOULD PAY £6.50 FOR THE MINIBUS FARE. THESE ADVANCE PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO "SILVER DAYTRIPPERS CLUB" AND SENT TO WANDSWORTH COMMUNITY TRANSPORT, 1B YUKON ROAD, SW12 9PZ. PAYMENT CAN ALSO BE MADE BY INTERNET TRANSFER—PLEASE CALL US TO DISCUSS. PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY FRIDAY 19th AUGUST TO CONFIRM YOUR PLACE.**



*Two photographs showing Polesden Lacey in all its glory. Enjoy a day out at this historic property on Wednesday 7th September.*





# Hughenden—Country home of Benjamin Disraeli

On Thursday 6th October our programme continues with a visit to Hughenden, near High Wycombe.

Hughenden offers a vivid insight into the charismatic personality and colourful private life of the Victorian Prime Minister, Benjamin Disraeli, who lived here from 1848 to 1881. You can browse among an extraordinary collection of personal memorabilia in rooms on the ground and first floor. On the top floor there is a special exhibition space with a timeline of Hughenden's history for you to explore.

The formal garden has been recreated based on the original designs of Mary Anne Disraeli and there are woodland walks surrounding this country home throughout rolling parkland.

A secret wartime past is revealed in a fascinating immersive exhibition in the bunker.

There is a café on site to cater for us and a National Trust shop selling a wide variety of items.

***The grand entrance to Hughenden.***



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## THANKS TO WBC

A special thanks to Wandsworth Borough Council. They have funded us since the 1980s and have supported the Silver Day Trippers programme since its inception, more than 15 years ago. We look forward to continuing our partnership in the years ahead.

***Happy shoppers at the garden centre.***



# Wandsworth Community Transport

## SILVER DAY TRIPPERS AUTUMN 2022

Monday 15 August	Southend	£12
Wednesday 24 August	Bexhill	£12
Friday 26 August	Eastbourne	£12
Monday 5 September	Hastings	£12
Wednesday 7 September	Polesden Lacey	£19.80*
<i>*(Including entry. National Trust members pay £6.50 for minibus fare)</i>		
Monday 12 September	Brighton	£12
Wednesday 28 September	Polhill Garden Centre	£8
Thursday 6 October	Hughenden	£20.35*
<i>*(Including entry. National Trust members pay £8 for minibus fare)</i>		
Monday 10 October	Canterbury	£12
Wednesday 19 October	South Downs Garden Centre	£10
Tuesday 25 October	Guildford	£6
Monday 14 November	Polhill Garden Centre	£8
Thursday 24 November	Winchester Christmas Market	£12
Monday 5 December	Winchester Christmas Market	£12

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**BOOKINGS HOTLINE 020 8675 3812**