

# *Wandsworth Community Transport*

## **SILVER DAY TRIPPERS SPRING 2024**

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Thursday 21 March	South Downs Garden Centre	£12
Friday 5 April	Polhill Garden Centre	£10
Wednesday 17 April	Tunbridge Wells	£12
Thursday 25 April	Forest Lodge Garden Centre	£10
Thursday 9 May	Hatchlands Park Guildford **	£21.40
	including entry. National Trust members should pay £10)	
Tuesday 14 May	Hastings	£14
Wednesday 22 May	Battle Abbey (English Heritage) **	£23.60
	including entry. English Heritage Members should pay £14)	
Wednesday 29 May	Brighton	£14
Friday 31 May	Eastbourne	£14
Monday 3 June	Hastings	£14
Tuesday 11 June	Worthing	£14
Thursday 20 June	Broadstairs	£14
Thursday 27 June	Littlehampton	£14
Monday 8 July	Rye	£14
Thursday 11 July	Whitstable	£14
Tuesday 16 July	Herne Bay	£14
Friday 26 July	Brighton	£14
Monday 29 July	Eastbourne	£14

**YOU MAY HAVE A MAXIMUM OF FOUR LIVE BOOKINGS AT ANY ONE TIME. ASSUMING YOU WISH TO MAKE FOUR BOOKINGS, ONCE YOU HAVE ATTENDED THE FIRST TRIP YOU CAN BOOK ANOTHER ONE.**

**BOOKINGS HOTLINE 020 8675 3812**

A very warm welcome to the Spring edition of the Silver Daytrippers' newsletter. We hope you are looking forward to the warmer temperatures and long, sunny days that await! As usual we have plenty of seaside trips for you to enjoy and a couple of new trips on our historical outings programme.

### **Price Rises**

It is with some regret that we announce we have increased our prices with immediate effect. It is the first increase for at least ten years and we hope you will still be able to attend as many outings as before. Unfortunately, inflationary pressure of the past few years has meant we are having to increase prices across the board to ensure we are a viable concern moving forward.

### **Membership Renewal & Survey**

You will find enclosed a membership renewal and survey form. We need to keep our records up to date and we are also very keen to discover your opinion of the service. Please would you take some time to complete the form. It will ensure you keep your place on our mailing list and receive future newsletters.

### **Fundraising Appeal**

As mentioned above, the next few years could be very challenging. In the past you have been very generous with your donations and we would like to request your support once more. We would like to raise £10,000 in donations this year. If every member donated £15 then we would be able to achieve our target. We do not charge membership fees, and we haven't made an appeal like this for many years, so please help us if you can afford to do so.

### **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 £3 and we operate from Monday to Friday. Southside has loads of great shops and will soon even have a Lidl's! Do call us on 020 8675 3812 if interested.

### **Spread the Word**

We know word of mouth works best, so do tell everyone about our services and how good we are. We still find people who say we have changed their lives, but just wish they had found out about us earlier! It breaks our hearts!



We also provide minibus services for community groups operating in Wandsworth. Pictured above are the "Fit and Fab Walking Group" with our ever-popular driver Marcus, wearing his trademark shades and cap. The group were formed by Arlene Williams with the aim of promoting fitness and exercise for senior citizens. Arlene is now a shopmobility volunteer too. Thanks for your support Arlene.



## A visit to Hatchlands Park

We are looking forward to making our first-ever visit to Hatchlands Park, near Guildford, on Thursday 9 May.

The house was built in 1750 for Admiral Edward Boscawen, a celebrated naval commander who came to prominence during the Seven Years' War.

The house contains splendid interiors by Robert Adam, decorated in an appropriate nautical style reflecting the taste of its first owner. The house also contains the Cobbe collection of historical musical instruments. You will see objects owned by Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin and Elgar. The house is open from 12 noon to 4pm.

There are also 400 acres of parkland to explore, including more formal gardens and an eighteenth century classical stone folly. The landscape features designs by Humphry Repton who was at the height of his career when engaged to improve the park and garden in 1800. Hopefully the bluebells will be in full bloom for our visit.

There is a café offering food and drink where you can recharge your batteries.



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**WANDSWORTH COMMUNITY TRANSPORT, 1B YUKON ROAD, LONDON, SW12 9PZ. PAYMENT CAN ALSO BE MADE BY INTERNET TRANSFER-PLEASE CALL US TO DISCUSS. ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS MONDAY 22nd APRIL. IF WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR PAYMENT BY THIS TIME YOUR BOOKING WILL BE CANCELLED.**

## THANKS TO WBC

We would like to acknowledge the support of 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.



*Members enjoying a visit to a garden centre. We have three visits to garden centres planned for March and April. You will be able to stock up on supplies, buy fresh produce or just enjoy a hearty meal in the on-site restaurants.*

## Battle Abbey

Our historical buildings outings programme continues on Wednesday 22 May when we visit Battle Abbey in Sussex.

Follow in the footsteps of King Harold and William the Conqueror on England's most famous battlefield.

You will have the opportunity to explore the atmospheric ruins of William the Conqueror's Abbey.

You will want to walk through the battlefield and picture it full of life (and death) on the day that England's history changed forever. Today peaceful with wild flowers and birdsong, this evocative landscape once played host to thousands of men, fighting for the future of king and country.

There is an information centre with a film and exhibitions which will add to your enjoyment of the trip. You will also want to visit the Battle Abbey café for refreshments.

You will have time to visit the town of Battle too. The high street has an eclectic range of cafes, independent shops and hostleries.

Book early for this trip as this is our first ever visit to Battle.



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## Tunbridge Wells

On Wednesday 17 April we will be making our first visit to the famous spa town of Royal Tunbridge Wells.

You will be able to enjoy the independent shops, galleries and cafes in this historic town.

Most famous of all are The Pantiles (see below), the Georgian Colonnade where you can take a step back 250 years when the town entertained thousands of people coming for its spring waters.

We think this trip will prove popular so please book in advance.

