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SILVER DAYTRIPPERS—AUTUMN 24



A very warm welcome to the Summer/Autumn edition of the Silver Daytrippers' newsletter. We hope you are looking forward to the final weeks of the summer and planning to make the most of the sunny days by booking one of our coastal trips. Due to popular demand, we are delighted to add Margate to our programme. Please book early for this one as new destinations are always popular!

Christmas at Hever Castle

On Monday 9th December we are visiting Hever Castle in Kent to view their famous Christmas light display. Wrap up warm, enjoy a walk under the stars and witness the enchantment of the Castle, gardens and lake festooned with fabulous twinkling lights, capturing the spirit of Christmas. Please note that we will be collecting from our usual collection points THREE HOURS LATER than usual. Please see inside for more information.

Survey response and donations

Thanks to everyone who completed and returned our passenger surveys and in particular those of you who sent us a donation. Your generosity is greatly valued by all of us at WCT. We received £3000 in the first two months of our fundraising campaign which is fantastic.

We have set up a fundraising page via the website www.peoplesfundraising.com. If you enter "Wandsworth Community Transport" in their search engine you will be able to make a donation.



Volunteer driver John, pictured on the right, with members on our recent outing to Hatchlands Park.

Shopping and Shopmobility

We are still 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 a brand new Lidl's which is proving very popular. Do call us on 020 675 3812 if interested.

New Website

We would like to thank our IT expert Steph for all his help in setting up our new website. It can be found at <https://wctbus.org.uk> and has lots of new information about us and photographs too. Do check it out!

Down to Margate....

In our recent survey, many of you requested Margate (pictured below) as a destination you would like to visit. Therefore we are delighted to add Margate to the programme and will be visiting the seaside town on 14th and 30th August.

Enjoy the golden sands, quirky independent shops and the Turner contemporary art gallery. Book early for these trips.



A Return to Chiddingstone Castle!

Following our highly successful visit last year, we are delighted to return to Chiddingstone Castle on Monday 30th September.

Chiddingstone Castle has Tudor origins and was remodelled in the 19th Century to resemble a medieval castle. It has been owned by an eclectic mix of people including the collector Denys Eyre Bower whose extensive range of art and antiquities is displayed in the house.

There are very pleasant gardens to explore and a tea room to cater for us.

It should make for a fascinating day!

PLEASE CALL US ON 020 8675 3812 TO BOOK A PLACE ON THIS TRIP. IF YOU SECURE A PLACE ADVANCE PAYMENT IN THE SUM OF £19 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED THESE ADVANCE PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO "SILVER DAYTRIPPERS CLUB" AND SENT TO

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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 several visits to garden centres planned for this programme, including Bagshot Garden centre which is a new addition. You will be able to stock up on supplies, buy fresh produce or just enjoy a hearty meal in the on-site restaurants.

Christmas at Hever Castle

On Monday 9th December we will be visiting Hever Castle to see their famous Christmas lights.

Dating back to the 14th century, Hever Castle was once the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, second wife of Henry VIII and mother of Elizabeth I. It formed the unlikely backdrop to a sequence of tumultuous events that changed the course of Britain's history, monarchy and religion.

You will be able too wrap up warm witness the enchantment of the Castle, gardens and lake festooned with fabulous colours and twinkling lights, capturing the spirit of Christmas.

We aim to arrive at Hever Castle around 1.30 to 2pm and spend four hours there leaving around 6pm.

To facilitate this our buses will be collecting from all the usual bus stops **THREE HOURS LATER** than usual.

For example, the south area bus will depart Balham base at 12 noon, collecting from Halfords at Tooting Bec at 12.15 Tooting Broadway at 12.25, Earlsfield Library at 12.35, etc. The north area bus will depart from Balham base at 12 noon, collecting from Northcote Road at 12.13, Boots Clapham Junction at 12.20, Wandsworth Town Hall at 12.40 etc.



As mentioned earlier, we will be available to collect from all the bus stops so double-check the correct time when you make the booking..

PLEASE CALL US ON 020 8675 3812 TO BOOK A PLACE ON THIS TRIP. IF YOU SECURE A PLACE ADVANCE PAYMENT IN THE SUM OF £26. THESE ADVANCE PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYBALE TO "SILVER DAYTRIPPERS CLUB" AND SENT TO 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 18 NOVEMBER. IF WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR PAYMENT BY THIS TIME YOUR BOOKING WILL BE CANCELLED.



Long-standing members Julie and Jackie enjoying the sunshine at Hatchlands.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR FANTASTIC VOLUNTEER JUNE FOR PROVIDING SOME WONDERFUL PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THIS AND PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE NEWSLETTER.

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SILVER DAY TRIPPERS AUTUMN 2024

Wednesday 14 August	Margate	£14
Friday 16 August	Worthing	£14
Tuesday 27 August	Eastbourne	£14
Friday 30 August	Margate	£14
Wednesday 4 September	Brighton	£14
Monday 16 September	Bagshot Garden Centre	£8
Monday 30 September	Chiddingstone Castle, Edenbridge	£19*
<i>*(including admission to the property)</i>		
Thursday 3 October	Canterbury	£14
Wednesday 16 October	Polhill Garden Centre	£8
Friday 1 November	Bagshot Garden Centre	£8
Monday 25 November	Polhill Garden Centre	£8
Wednesday 4 December	Winchester Christmas Market	£14
Monday 9 December	Hever Castle Christmas Lights	£26*

**(including admission to the property. Please note this is an afternoon/evening visit with buses departing from all stops three hours later than usual)*

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