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SILVER DAYTRIPPERS—SPRING 25



A very warm welcome to the Spring edition of the Silver daytrippers' newsletter. The days are lengthening, the temperatures are climbing and spring is on its way. Hurrah!

There is much to look forward to in our programme of outings for the next few months, including two brand new destinations! We will be visiting the very popular garden centres in March and April before the coastal trips start in earnest from May onwards. Please call us as soon as you can to make your bookings as these trips are always very popular. You may have a maximum of four live bookings at any one time.

Waterperry Gardens

On Wednesday 30 April we will be making our first ever visit to Waterperry Gardens, which is near Oxford. Waterperry covers over 20 acres and features beautiful ornamental gardens, a garden shop, museum, gallery and of course a tea room. Places for this trip are limited, further details on how to book can be found on page 2.

Ightham Mote

We will be visiting Ightham Mote on Monday 2 June. Ightham Mote is a handsome 14th Century manor house surrounded by gardens, lakes and woodland. It is situated near Sevenoaks in Kent and is owned by the National Trust. For further information on how to book for this outing please see overleaf.

Kew Gardens

On Tuesday 20 May we will be making our first ever visit to the magnificent Kew Gardens. We have managed to secure free tickets for members to visit Kew so please contact us as soon as possible if you wish to book. Entry tickets can cost around £20 alone so this trip will be popular.



Members enjoying last year's outing to Battle.

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. 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!

Thanks

Thanks to our longstanding supporter and Management Committee member June Collins for providing the photographs for this edition

Waterperry Gardens

On Wednesday 30 April we are making our first-ever trip to Waterperry Gardens, near Oxford. Waterperry Gardens can trace its origins to the 1920s and the school mistress Beatrix Havergal. Miss Havergal's dream was to establish a school of horticulture and she was a most determined lady. She acquired the lease of Waterperry from Magdalene College, Oxford in 1932 and spent the next five years clearing the grounds in order to establish her gardening school.

The advent of the Second World War saw Waterperry transform to becoming a market garden producing much-needed food for local people. With the assistance of the Women's Land Army, Waterperry offered courses throughout the war encouraging people to dig for victory.

Miss Havergal retired in the 1970s and the gardens are now owned by an educational charity. The gardens have been extensively remodelled over the years and are now regarded as one of the most important in the country.

**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 £24 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED. WE WOULD PREFER PAYMENT BY BANK TRANSFER IF POSSIBLE. THESE ADVANCE PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. OUR BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS ARE :
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PAYMENT BY CHEQUE IS STILL ACCEPTABLE. CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO "WANDSWORTH COMMUNITY TRANSPORT" AND SENT TO 1B YUKON ROAD, LONDON, SW12 9PZ. ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS WEDNESDAY 16 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 visits to garden centres. (Photos above and below). We have several



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



Ightham Mote—England's finest medieval manor house!

On Monday 2 June we will be returning to Ightham Mote for the first time in many years.

Ightham Mote is a part-timbered, moated medieval manor house dating from the 14th Century. Its first owner, Sir Thomas Cawne, fought in France with Edward the Black Prince and acquired the property in the 1360s. The house eventually passed to the soldier and Member of Parliament William Selby in 1590 and his successors owned Ightham Mote for the next 300 years. Like many similar properties, Ightham Mote fell into disrepair in the 20th Century and eventually passed in to the hands of the National Trust.

In the house you will be able to explore the Great Hall, library and drawing rooms. There are plentiful portraits of dignitaries dating from Tudor times and a delightful 17th Century fireplace.

The gardens will surely be in full bloom for our visit and you will be able to explore the formal gardens with ponds, streams and a lake. You will be able to enjoy some wonderful views across the grounds and further afield. There is also a secret garden where you can relax in peaceful surroundings. There is, as usual, a café to provide members with sustenance.

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 £25.10 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED. MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL TRUST PAY £8 AND MUST PRODUCE THEIR CARD AT THE PROPERTY ON THE DAY. WE WOULD PREFER PAYMENT BY BANK TRANSFER IF POSSIBLE. THESE ADVANCE PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. OUR BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS ARE :

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Members recharging their batteries at Hatchlands last year.

War Babies



We have been approached by local social historians and writers Chrissie Manby and Simon Robinson who would love to hear from people about their wartime childhood experiences.

They are writing a book about what it was like to be a child during the Second World War and they are interested in all your memories, whether it be about the Blitz, evacuation, or just what it was like to grow up at a time when sweets were rationed!

If you're interested in having your story recorded for posterity you can contact WCT in the first instance by email at info@wctbus.org.uk.

There is no fee payable but you will receive a finished copy of the book.

Photographs

We would love to see any photographs that you take on our outings. Particularly any featuring happy members in beautiful locations and of course some of the minibus (again with joyful members). The best can be published in the newsletter (with your permission of course!)

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SILVER DAY TRIPPERS AUTUMN 2025

Monday 24 March	Polhill Garden Centre, Nr Orpington	£10
Weds 9 April	Bagshot Garden Centre	£8
Weds 30 April	Waterperry Gardens, Nr Oxford	£24*
	(*Including admission to gardens)	
Thursday 8 May	Forest Lodge Garden Centre	£8
Monday 12 May	Brighton	£14
Tuesday 20 May	Kew Gardens (includes entry)	£10
Friday 30 May	Eastbourne	£14
Monday 2 June	Ightham Mote	£25.10*
	*(Including admission to property. NT Members pay £8)	
Monday 9 June	Margate	£14
Weds 18 June	Worthing	£14
Weds 25 June	Rye	£14
Monday 7 July	Herne Bay	£14
Thursday 10 July	Worthing	£14
Tuesday 15 July	Whitstable	£14
Thursday 17 July	Eastbourne	£14
Monday 28 July	Brighton	£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