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SILVER DAYTRIPPERS—SPRING 26



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!

Farewell Manuel

Our Managing Director, Manuel Button is retiring after 40 years' service. He was originally a volunteer driver in the 1980s and joined the staff team as Operations Manager in 1986. When long-serving Managing Director Steve Smythe left in 1997 Manuel was appointed to his position and he has been in that role since then. WCT has expanded considerably since then and we now provide a range of transport and ancillary services for Wandsworth residents. It is largely due to Manuel's efforts that the work has been so successful and he leaves with our gratitude. We are sure that you will join with us to wish Manuel a very happy retirement.

Outings

There is much to look forward to in our programme of outings for the next few months. 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 Tuesday 19 May we will be returning to Waterperry Gardens, near Oxford. Waterperry covers over 20 acres and features beautiful ornamental gardens, a garden shop, museum, gallery and of course a tea room. This trip was very popular last year and places are limited, further details on how to book can be found on page 2.

Kew Gardens

On Thursday 30 April we will be making another visit to the magnificent Kew Gardens. We have managed to secure a limited number of 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.

Penshurst Place

We will be visiting Penshurst Place in Kent on Wednesday 6th May. You will be able to visit the stunning medieval house and enjoy the wonderful gardens. Please see inside for more information about this trip.

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. Do call us on 020 8675 3812 if interested.



Thanks Manuel and best wishes for your retirement!

Waterperry Gardens

On Tuesday 19 May we will be returning to Waterperry Gardens (pictured below), near Oxford. Waterperry Gardens can trace its origins to the 1920s and the school mistress Beatrix Havergal. Her 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 TUESDAY 5 MAY. 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.



A jolly group of Silver Daytripper members waiting for the trip home after visiting a garden centre. We have some trips to garden centres in the Spring to look forward to.

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!

Penshurst Place—

On Wednesday 6th May we will be returning to Penshurst Place near Tonbridge in Kent. It is our first visit for a few years so I am sure the trip will be popular.

Penshurst Place and Gardens have stood in the historic village of Penshurst since the 14th century.

The stately home and gardens were once used as a hunting lodge for King Henry VIII, and now feature opulent staterooms that have been showcased in popular TV and film productions. The house contains a collection of beautiful family portraits from across the centuries, antique furniture, skilfully crafted tapestries and much, much more.

You will be able to visit the extensive and beautiful gardens. The garden is divided into a series of rooms by over a mile of yew hedge. Profusion of spring bulbs, a formal rose garden and famous peony border. There are some woodland trails for the more energetic members. There is a café on site offering hot and cold snacks and a chance for members to recharge their batteries.

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Penshurst Place in all its glory.



Looking forward to spending a day at the coast in the sunshine.

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SILVER DAY TRIPPERS SPRING 2026

Tuesday 24 March	Polhill Garden Centre , Nr Orpington	£8
Wednesday 15 April	Bagshot Garden Centre	£8
Monday 20 April	Garson's Farm Shop , Esher	£7
Thursday 30 April	Kew Gardens	£10*
<i>(*Price includes entry to gardens)</i>		
Wednesday 6 May	Penshurst Place	£25*
<i>(*Price includes entry to house and gardens)</i>		
Thursday 14 May	Worthing	£14
Tuesday 19 May	Waterperry Gardens. Nr Oxford	£24*
<i>(*Price includes entry)</i>		
Friday 29 May	Eastbourne	£14
Monday 15 June	Brighton	£14
Wednesday 17 June	Broadstairs	£14
Thursday 25 June	Herne Bay	£14
Monday 6 July	Whitstable	£14
Friday 17 July	Rye	£14
Friday 24 July	Margate	£14
Tuesday 28 July	Bognor Regis	£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