

Silver Daytrippers

Summer Newsletter & Programme of Outings

Welcome to the Summer edition of our newsletter!

I hope you are enjoying the first weeks of Spring! There is so much to look forward to in this edition, including a brand new initiative which I am sure will be very attractive.

Long Haul Trips

We are delighted to announce that the month of June will be devoted to our new “long haul” programme. These are trips to destinations a little too far away for the standard outings, but can be reached within two and a half hours. They will operate slightly differently so please refer to page two for further information.

Standard Programme

Our standard programme will be operating in May and July. The programme is on the reverse of this newsletter and includes a return visit to Uppark House and our ever-popular coastal trips.

Council Free Trips

Once again we hope to be operating the Wandsworth Council free trips programme in August. Full details will be despatched in late July.

Group Visits

When we visit stately homes, castles or gardens we often take advantage of the



Two members stocking up with fresh fruit and veg. on a trip to Garson's Farm.

“group rate”. This can result in a saving of a few pounds on the standard rate, I’m sure welcome news for many! However this does mean that we have to enter as one group—which may mean passengers having to wait for a few minutes for the other vehicles to arrive before entering the property. Please be patient and we will do our best to get you in just as soon as we can.

We would like to thank Wandsworth Council for supporting the Silver Daytrippers’ project

New Members

If you haven’t been on the outings before then just call us on 8675 3812 and we can register you immediately. You can then start to make bookings and will receive our regular newsletter.

For more information please turn to page 3.

Exciting New Premises for Shopmobility

We are delighted to announce that we will soon be in the new premises being built especially for us in the fantastic new Sainsbury's redevelopment at Wandsworth. We have been struggling in temporary accommodation for the last year and are really looking forward to moving into the state-of-the-art new unit.

To celebrate and to attract new passengers, we are offering a free shopping trip in May and hope to soon see all our old friends (and newcomers), enjoying the new facilities. Wandsworth Shopmobility loans out wheelchairs and mobility scooters, and volunteers are available for those who need help with their shopping or someone to push their wheelchair. A special door-to-door accessible minibus service is available to bring passengers into the Town Centre. To find out how to use the service or to volunteer, ring 020-8675 7460.

Nightingale Charity Walk

We are thrilled that the Nightingale Walk has chosen Wandsworth Community Transport as one of its beneficiaries for 2014.

The Nightingale Walk has already raised nearly £500,000 for charity since its inception in 1979 and this year is focusing on four local charities.

The walk takes place on Saturday 7 June and covers a beautiful stretch along the river from Kingston to Putney.

For more information please see their website, www.thenightingalewalk.com.

Information for new members

The Silver Daytrippers is an outings club for active, older Wandsworth residents (60+).

The aim of the club is to provide an interesting programme of day trips with an emphasis on exercise, lifelong learning and combating loneliness and isolation.

We visit a wide selection of destinations, including stately homes, garden centres, historic cities and the ever-popular seaside trips.

Passengers are collected from different points in the borough (please refer to the blue timetable enclosed and select the pick-up point most convenient to you).

New members are extremely welcome—please spread the word to friends and neighbours!



Members enjoying a cruise on the Thames.

Please note that these trips are not for people who have additional support needs or mobility problems, who should enquire about our door-to-door outings.

Sheffield Park and Gardens

On Friday 30 May, we will be visiting Sheffield Park and Gardens, near Haywards Heath in Sussex.

This magnificent garden was laid out in the 18th century by 'Capability' Brown and further developed in the early years of the 20th century.

The original four lakes form the centrepiece. There are dramatic shows of daffodils and bluebells in spring, and the rhododendrons and azaleas are spectacular in early summer.

You should visit the spectacular man-made waterfall, which is in operation on Fridays from 12 to 1pm.

There is a coach house café, which should cater for your refreshment requirements on the day.



If you are offered a place on this trip you will need to send us a cheque in the sum of £17.50 (£9.50 for NT members—please don't forget your card). This payment is non-refundable, should be made payable to "WCT" and must be received by us at 1 B Yukon Road, SW12 9PZ no later than Friday 16 May.

Uppark House—A place of love affairs and decadence!

Due to popular demand, on Monday 7 July we will be making another visit to the wonderful Uppark House!

Situated near Petersfield, just an hour and a half from London, Uppark is a picture perfect Georgian Mansion with elegant rooms and beautiful furniture.

The house was the scene of lavish parties to entertain the rich and famous—including a scandalous romance that shocked society!

Set on the crest of the South Downs, you will be able to enjoy sweeping lawns and a woodland walk. On a clear day you are able to see the sea!

As usual there is a restaurant to cater for our passengers (and drivers!)



If you are offered a place on this trip you will need to send a non-refundable cheque made payable to "WCT" in the sum of £18 (£10 for NT members). The cheque should be posted to 1 B Yukon Road, London SW12 9PZ and must be received by Friday 13 June.

Blenheim —"Britain's Greatest Palace"

On Monday 2 June, the first outing in our new long-haul programme is to the delightful Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire.

The birthplace of Winston Churchill, the Palace contains stunning portraits, tapestries and an exquisite collection of furniture.

There are 2,000 acres of beautifully landscaped parkland and gardens to visit and a maze to explore!

As usual there are plenty of refreshment opportunities available.

If you are offered a place on this trip you will need to send us a non-refundable cheque

made payable to "WCT" in the sum of £24. The cheque should be posted to 1 B Yukon Road, London SW12 9PZ and must be received by Friday 16 May. Please note that Blenheim Palace is not a National Trust property.



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DATE	DESTINATION	COST	PICK UP FROM
Monday 19 May	Eastbourne	£12	9am to 10am
<i>Our first coastal trip of the year! Enjoy a bracing walk along the promenade or a dip in the sea (if you're feeling brave!).</i>			
Wednesday 28 May	Brighton	£12	9am to 10am
<i>A great place to visit whatever the weather! Enjoy shopping in "The Lanes", a stroll to the end of the famous Pier or you can pop into the Sealife Centre.</i>			
Friday 30 May	Sheffield Park & Garden	£17.50*	9am to 10am
<i>(Price includes admission. National Trust and RHS Individual Members pay £9.50)</i>			
<i>A treat for garden lovers. See the Rhododendrons and Azaleas in full bloom at this beautiful Garden near Haywards Heath in Sussex. We require a non-refundable advance payment for this trip-see page 4 for more information.</i>			
Monday 7 July	Uppark House, Nr Petersfield	£18*	9am to 10am
<i>(Price includes admission. National Trust Members pay £10)</i>			
<i>Our April trip sold-out within days. A final chance to visit this beautiful Georgian property with wonderful views. We require a non-refundable advance payment for this trip-see page 4 for more information</i>			

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Friday 11 July	Hastings	£12	9am to 10am
Friday 18 July	Eastbourne	£12	9am to 10am
Wednesday 23 July	River Trip to Greenwich	£5	10am to 11am

(Additional charge for boat trip of around £7 is payable on the day)

Our buses will pick you up in reverse order (see the blue timetable enclosed) and drop you off at Westminster Pier where Paul will be waiting for you. You will board the boat to Greenwich and spend a couple of hours there taking in the sights (and lunch) before being collected and taken back to Wandsworth.

Tuesday 29 July	Watercress Railway	£24*	9am to 10am
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(Price includes return trip on the railway)

Our annual trip to the Watercress Heritage railway, in Hampshire. Enjoy a return trip in beautiful countryside from Alresford to Alton. Tuesday is market day in Alton so there will be lots to see. We require a non-refundable advance payment for this trip.



The “Three Musketeers!” - Simon, Chris and Clive—our regular drivers on the Silver Daytrippers’ programme.

Our next newsletter (including the free trips sponsored by Wandsworth Council) will be sent out in late July.

Please note that we reserve the right to cancel a trip should it fail to attract sufficient passengers. In the unlikely event of this happening, any money paid in advance for the trip in question will be refunded.

Booking Line 020 8675 3812