

SILVER DAYTRIPPERS

A very warm welcome to our Spring newsletter. We have had a break for the past couple of months and hopefully the worst of the winter weather is now behind us. We are sure you are looking forward to booking your trips now that spring is here!

Outings Programme

We certainly have some exciting outings to look forward to, including several new destinations. We will be making our first ever visit to National Trust properties The Vyne and Knole, plus a return trip to Leonardslee Gardens. We require payment in advance for these trips so please carefully read the booking instructions overleaf. We have arranged several visits to garden centres in March and April so you will have plenty of opportunities to stock up for the spring planting season.

As usual during the month of June we will be operating our long-haul programme and visiting those venues that are slightly further afield. We will visit Herne Bay (pictured below) for the first time, so book early if you are feeling adventurous.

Using the Shopping Shuttle

We often get asked whether Silver Daytrippers can use our door-to-door shopping shuttle and the answer is "YES".



You might use London buses without a problem, but carrying shopping bags at the same time as hanging on for dear life is not recommended. So why not give the shuttle a try! Do get in touch for further details.

New Members

The Silver Daytrippers' club operates outings throughout the year for senior citizens residing in Wandsworth.

It is easy (and free) to register. Just call us on 8675 3812 for an application form.

These outings are for active pensioners (no wheelchair users, frames etc). We have a separate programme called "Road Runner" for people with mobility difficulties.

EMAIL Taking Over

Nearly half of you now have email addresses and this will soon become our regular way to send out information. If you haven't been receiving our regular emails, send Manuel a message on w.c.t@btconnect.com and he will update your record.



Members enjoying a day out at Wisley last year.

LONG HAUL TRIPS DURING JUNE

Variety is the spice of life—so the month of June is devoted to trips that are slightly further afield than normal. We will be using **one collection point** per vehicle for these trips so please choose which of the following suits you best.

9.15am Tooting Bec - Halfords Car Park (opposite Kwik-Fit) on Balham High Road

9.15am Clapham Junction— Boots car park on Falcon Lane, just off Falcon Road.

9.15am Roehampton— St. Joseph's Church car park on Roehampton Lane.

If you live near Yukon Road, Balham you may elect to meet us at the depot for these trips. No later than 8.50am please and let us know when you make the booking.

Monday 3 June Herne Bay £12

Our inaugural visit to this popular seaside town in Kent. Enjoy the splendid Victorian bandstand and lovely gardens on the promenade whilst you take in the sea air. The beach is two miles long and has won awards for its cleanliness and safety.

Thursday 6 June Southend £12

This lively Essex resort is a sure-fire winner. Golden sands, a famous pier and some great fish and chip restaurants. What more could you wish for?

Monday 10 June Broadstairs £12

This attractive town was once the home of Charles Dickens who wrote David Copperfield whilst staying here. Lovely beaches and a fascinating range of shops will contribute to a smashing day at the coast!

Wednesday 19 June Hastings £12

A brand new award-winning pier is one of the highlights of this perennial favourite! Full of character, you will be walking the same narrow streets as the pirates and smugglers of yore!

Monday 24 June Rye £12

This historic town, once part of the cinque ports federation, is a charming place to visit. The town is complemented by a number of historic buildings, including a 13th Century Ypres tower and a fortified gatehouse dating from 1329 (see below).



The Vyne—A Tudor mansion with stunning gardens!

On Wednesday 8 May we will be making our first ever visit to The Vyne, near Basingstoke.

The Vyne is a red-bricked Tudor mansion built in the 16th century for Lord Sandys, Henry VIII's Lord Chamberlain. The house is set in 13 acres of beautiful, relaxing gardens. Styles range from the formal summerhouse and stone gallery gardens with fine herbaceous borders, to the more natural wild garden and fruit trees of the orchard and walled garden.

IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING A PLACE ON THIS TRIP YOU WILL NEED TO PAY IN ADVANCE. PLEASE SEND A CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO "WCT" FOR £22.80 (NT MEMBERS £12). CHEQUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL AT WCT, 1B YUKON ROAD, SW12 9PZ

Knole—Archbishops Palace with a delightful collection of masterpieces!

On Tuesday 21 May we will be making the journey to Sevenoaks in Kent to visit the magnificent Knole.

Once home to Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, the house was remodelled in the 17th Century and has belonged to the Sackville family for generations.

The state rooms contain some splendid Stuart furniture and paintings by Van Dyck, Gainsborough and Reynolds.

The walled gardens are ideal for a stroll as is the parkland surrounding Knole, which is still populated by wild deer as it was hundreds of years ago.

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Leonardslee—The finest spring gardens in England!

Having been closed to the public for several years, we are thrilled to be able to return to Leonardslee (pictured below) on Wednesday 29 May.

You will be able to enjoy the beautiful gardens, first planted in 1801 and marvel at the outstanding spring displays of rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, magnolias and bluebells.

Explore the elegant 19th-century Italianate-style Mansion House, and the rare colony of wallabies, wildfowl and huge carp in the seven ponds.

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Wandsworth Community Transport

Silver Daytrippers Standard Trips 2019

Thursday 21 March & Forest Lodge Garden Centre, Farnham £8

Tuesday 23 April

A wonderful garden centre to visit in Farnham. A great opportunity to stock up on garden supplies for the spring! They have a very nice restaurant there, which comes highly recommended.

Friday 29 March Polhill Garden Centre, Orpington £8

A return to the ever-popular Polhill Garden Centre.

Friday 12 April Garsons Farm Shop & Restaurant £7

A short drive to this popular garden centre and refurbished restaurant in Esher.

Wednesday 8 May The Vyne, Basingstoke £22.80*

(£12 NT members) including entry

See overleaf for further details and booking arrangements.

Thursday 16 May Wakehurst Place, Nr Crawley £10

(Free entry to this venue)

Free entry to these beautiful gardens in Sussex which will be in full bloom! What more could you wish for? Book early as places are limited.

Tuesday 21 May Knole, Nr Sevenoaks £20.75*

(£8 NT members) including entry

See overleaf for further details and booking arrangements.

Wednesday 29 May Leonardslee Gardens, Nr Horsham £20 *

(includes entry)

See overleaf for further details and booking arrangements.

Friday 31 May Bexhill £12

See the splendid De La Warr Pavilion at this fine coastal resort.

Tuesday 2 July Brighton £12

Enjoy a stroll along "the lanes", visit the Aquarium or take a dip in the sea!

Monday 22 July Eastbourne £12

This traditional seaside town is a sure-fire winner with something for everyone!

Friday 26 July Worthing £12

Visit the pier, the wide variety of shops or just take a seat on the prom and soak up the rays!

We will be collecting from our regular bus stops for the outings on this page. Please refer to the timetable at wctbus.co.uk.

Our next newsletter will be distributed in July.

Bookings Line - 020 8675 3812