

**Tuesday 3 September**      **Bexhill On Sea**      **£12**

*Another chance to explore Bexhill and its famous De La Warr pavilion. Make the most of the last days of summer.*

**Thursday 5 September**      **Herne Bay**      **£12**

**Monday 9 September**      **Eastbourne**      **£12**

**Wednesday 11 September**      **Whitstable**      **£12**

*Famous for its delicious oysters, this attractive Kentish resort is a lovely place to visit.*

**Monday 16 September**      **Worthing**      **£12**

**Thursday 26 September**      **Syon House**      **£17**

*(including entry to house and gardens)*

*Please see overleaf for further information. Advance non-refundable payment is required for this outing.*

**Monday 14 October**      **Polhill Garden Centre, Orpington**      **£8**

**Wednesday 30 October**      **Forest Lodge Garden Centre, Farnham**      **£8**

**Thursday 14 November**      **Garsons Farm Shop, Esher**      **£7**

*A return to these ever-popular garden centres. There are nice cafes on-site to cater for us and a full range of retail opportunities.*

**Monday 2 December**      **Winchester Christmas Market**      **£12**

*One of the most popular outings of the year. Book early to enjoy the wonderful arts and crafts at this traditional Christmas market. Enjoy a glass of mulled wine and watch the skaters glide across the ice-skating rink.*

**OUR NEXT EDITION WILL BE IN MARCH 2020.**



## SILVER DAYTRIPPERS

### FREE TRIPS SPECIAL

A very warm welcome to the Wandsworth Council funded **free trip** edition of our newsletter!

We are most grateful for the continued support of the Council, who have been funding this project for several years.

#### Free Trips

Members are welcome to choose ONE free trip from the outings listed overleaf. You will see the usual favourites such as Hastings, Eastbourne and Worthing. Please call us to book as soon as you can as these trips are very popular.

#### Standard Programme

From September we will be continuing with our regular programme. We are returning to Syon House on Thursday 26 September in addition to a return trip to Winchester Christmas Market on Monday 2 December. Full details are on the reverse of this newsletter. There will be no outings in January and February 2020, except for the pub lunches shown on the enclosed insert.

#### Using the Shopping Shuttle

We often get asked whether Silver Day Trippers can use our door-to-door shopping shuttle and the answer is "YES". You might use buses without a problem, but carrying a couple of 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.

#### VOLUNTEERING KEEPS YOU YOUNG

As you all know, we have many elderly and disabled members who use the Shopping Shuttle, Shopmobility and the door-to-door Road Runner outings. Many of them need some kind of help and companionship and we are desperate for more volunteers. We keep on having to turn people away and cancel their days out down the coast or shopping because we can't find helpers.

#### BUT THIS IS WHERE YOU CAN HELP!

Our Silver Day Trippers are generally a hardy bunch of energetic pensioners who have loads to offer. We realise pushing a wheelchair might be asking too much, but many of our Road Runners just need someone to walk round with them or push the shopping trolley, so we won't give you anything you can't handle. If you are interested call Manuel on 020-8675 7460.

We pay expenses, or maybe you would prefer some free trip vouchers?



Enjoying a knickerbocker glory at the seaside.

# Wandsworth Council Free Trips

All trips will be collecting passengers from our standard minibus stops between 9am and 10.05am.  
If you are unsure which stop is best for you then please call us on 020 8675 3812.

## Thursday 1 August Herne Bay

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.

## Tuesday 6 August Broadstairs

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!

## Thursday 8 August Eastbourne

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

## Monday 19 August Hastings

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!

## Wednesday 21 August Worthing

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

## Friday 30 August Brighton

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

**CALL US ON 020 8675 3812 TO BOOK ONE FREE TRIP ONLY FROM THIS PAGE**



## Syon House—One London's last great Houses

On Thursday 26 September we are returning to Syon House, in Brentford.

Syon House is the lavish home of the Duke of Northumberland and was built in the 1500s. The house includes a great hall based on a Roman Basilica and a bedroom used by Queen Victoria. The third Duke built the spectacular conservatory in the 1820s and it is believed to be the earliest of its kind in the country.

The gardens and lake were designed by Capability Brown and are delightful, containing many rare trees. You can see across the river to Kew Gardens, a view that inspired Turner in his painting "Zion House—Isleworth".

**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 £17 INCLUDING ENTRY. CHEQUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND SHOULD BE POSTED TO WCT, 1B YUKON ROAD, SW12 9PZ NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER. SYON HOUSE IS NOT A NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTY.**



## Farewell Clive—Best wishes for a happy retirement!

Our wonderful driver Clive Holder retired in May, following nine years of excellent service.

I am sure most Silver Daytripper members will have met Clive and will testify to the fact that he is a very kind and caring man.

Clive was ever so reliable and could be counted on to deliver the goods in a professional manner. He regularly drove for the Battersea Park Rotary Club for their Christmas Day event and must have clocked up thousands of miles a year!

Clive continued driving six days a week for us into his late 70s and is fitter than many half his age.

He is very popular with his fellow drivers and there was a bumper turnout for his retirement bash at the Kings Head public house in Tooting. So, on behalf of all at WCT thanks Clive and have a very happy retirement!



*Clive, with his trademark flat cap, pictured on another Silver Daytrippers outing*

## FANCY A SING?

The Community Transport Choir goes from strength to strength and performed at our last AGM and at a fundraiser for the Mayor's Charity. We meet every second Thursday at Shop-mobility at 2.30 and have a lot of fun. All passengers, volunteers and staff are very welcome. Call Manuel on 020 8675 7460 to find out more.