

SATURDAY 28TH APRIL

CAKE INTERNATIONAL –  
THE CAKE DECORATING AND BAKING SHOW

Departing Oxted 8.45am (Route A) we drive to the Excel Centre, London, for this brand new cake show. Enjoy the two Demonstration Theatres with some of the greatest sugarcraft and cake decorators from both home and abroad. Shesto/Cassie Brown's Cakes will be showcasing airbrushing and special effects; C.I.Rosgar.eu will demonstrate the latest rolling pin techniques and textures; Ann Pickard will show you how to model animals and people from sugarpaste; and the Paul Bradford Sugarcraft School will demonstrate how to create unique and stylish sugarpaste handbags. Join Paula Macleod in the Cake Decorators' Kitchen, where you can enjoy their mouth-watering demonstrations. There are exciting LIVE Baking Demonstrations: a great opportunity to watch and pick up cooking skills and tips! The cake demonstrations are short and easy to remember, including what to do with those leftover puddings and cakes. The range of supplies and products on offer is staggering, and with so many exhibitors gathered in one place, your search for those elusive cutters, glitters, tins, stands and piping nozzles may well be over! Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.30pm



Adult **£29.00** Sen Cit **£28.00** Child **£18.50**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Show)*

TUESDAY 1ST MAY

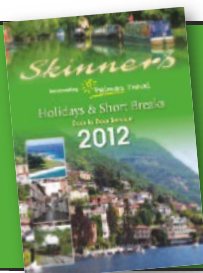
BLOSSOM TOUR WITH AFTERNOON TEA



Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route B) for a scenic ride enjoying the picturesque countryside as it awakens from the long, cold winter. A stop will be made for a leisurely lunch, completing the day at Chiddingstone Hoath, where the local WI will serve us with afternoon tea. Following tea we'll make our way home, arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 5.15pm

Cost **£23.75**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Afternoon Tea)*



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FRIDAY 4TH MAY

TULIP FESTIVAL AT PASHLEY MANOR GARDENS

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route B) for the drive to Pashley Manor Gardens at Ticehurst where this week they are holding their annual Tulip Festival. Lose yourself among the 25,000 blooms gracing this quintessential English Garden.



Each area of the garden holds stunning displays; some 100 varieties are shown from the vibrant red



and hot orange coloured tulips in the herbaceous borders to the cream, white, pale golden yellow and apricot tulips in the Elizabethan Garden and the pink and white tulips along the Terrace. There will be 2,000 cut tulips displayed in vases in a marquee in the gardens. Return leave 3.30pm. Refreshments available. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart approx. 5.00pm.

Cost **£26.50**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Pashley Manor Gardens)*

WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY

OLD TYME PLAYERS – MAGIC OF THE MUSICALS

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to Bashley in the New Forest where we shall enjoy a two course roast beef and apple pie lunch before our afternoon of fun and laughter with this sparkling new production with all your musical favourites! Performed by the South's leading Theatre Company. Full of songs, dance and loads of comedy, prepare to be entertained. During the interval we shall be served a cream tea. Return after performance. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.45pm.

Cost **£47.85**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Lunch/Show/Cream Tea)*

If anyone should require the vegetarian lunch option of vegetable lasagne or Mediterranean cheese & tomato Wellington please let us know at time of booking.



FRIDAY 11TH MAY

EASTBOURNE

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route B) for Eastbourne where you can enjoy a day by the Sea and/or visit the Arndale Shopping Centre. Eastbourne is one of the largest resorts on the South Coast enjoying a wonderful position on the edge of the English Channel. Return leave the Pierhead 5.15pm. Returning to Limpsfield Chart by approx. 7.00pm.

Adult **£18.50** Child **£16.50**



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SUNDAY 13TH MAY

COLUMBIA ROAD SHOPS & FLOWER MARKET



Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route C) for the drive to Columbia Road, London, sitting on the edge of the city with Shoreditch to the west and Brick Lane and Spitalfields nearby. On Sunday the street is transformed into oasis of foliage and flowers. Everything from bedding plants to 10 foot banana trees are up for grabs. The air is intense with the scent of flowers and the chant of the barrow boys

"Everthin' a fiver". Many of the flower sellers grow their own plants, others import them from around the world There is a vast choice, from herbs to bedding plants, perennials, alpiners, bamboo & semi-tropical plants. Columbia Road is one of the few streets in the country composed of sixty independent shops. Small art galleries sit next to cup-cake shops, vintage clothes stores, English and Italian delis, garden and antique shops. There are also great pubs, cafés and restaurants. Refreshments available. Return leave 2.00pm. Arriving back at Sanderstead by approx. 3.30pm.

Adult **£18.50** Child **£16.50**

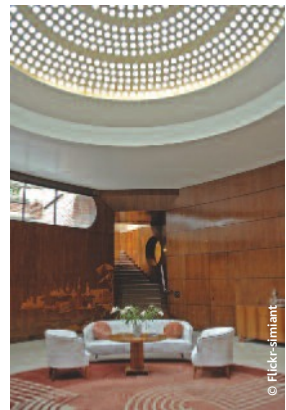
MONDAY 14TH MAY

ELTHAM PALACE – A MONUMENT TO SUMPTUOUS STYLE!



Depart Oxted 10.30am (Route A) for Eltham Palace, Eltham. Immerse yourself in 1930s Art Deco decadence at Eltham Palace. Built by the wealthy Courtauld family next to the remains of Eltham Palace, childhood home of Henry VIII, it's among the finest examples of Art

Deco architecture in England. The stunning entrance hall, marvellous panelled dining room, luxurious bathroom, and the magnificent medieval Great Hall, are just some of the highlights. The gardens are a rare and very fine example of 1930s garden design and incorporate elements of the medieval palace, which adds a further intriguing dimension. The sunken rose garden features early hybrid tea and hybrid musk varieties from the 1930s and leads onto a series of garden rooms. Eltham has extensive tree and shrub plantings making the site a plantsman's paradise. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.00pm.



Adult **£24.85** Sen Cit **£23.95** Child **£18.00**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Eltham Palace)*

*(Eng Heritage members less: Adults: £7.91, Sen Cits: £7.14, Children: £4.76 but must bring card)*

THURSDAY 17TH MAY

THAMES CRUISE & WINDSOR

Depart Oxted 8.45am (Route A) for Boulter's Lock, Maidenhead, one of the liveliest locks on the River Thames where we join a boat for a trip down the river passing under Maidenhead Bridge then Brunel's finest railway crossing of the river at the village of Bray. As the river bends to embrace the village, the flinty tower of the 13th-century church reminds the boatman of the famous Vicar of Bray – Simon Alwyn – who repeatedly changed his views to keep his living



under Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth I.

Once through Bray Lock we pass Monkey Island and Dorney Court before arriving lunchtime in Windsor, where the remainder of the day will be at leisure to maybe explore Windsor Castle; or wander through the picturesque centre, perhaps to Peascod Street and St. Leonard's Road, with their fishmongers, bakers, delicatessens, boutiques and craft shops. Return leave 5.15pm. Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 6.30pm.



**Adult £31.10 Child £19.40**

*(Inclusive of Coach/River Cruise)*

FRIDAY 18TH MAY

THAMES BARRIER INFORMATION CENTRE & GREENWICH



Depart Oxted 8.30 am (Route A) for The Thames Barrier Information Centre where we shall have time to enjoy a cup of coffee in The Terrace Café which offers spectacular views of the Barrier itself, before being taken on a guided tour of the Information Centre, learning about the history of the river and the risk of flooding in London as well as the environment

and wildlife of the Thames and find out how the Thames Barrier was designed and built and how it works. One of the largest moveable flood barriers in the world, the Thames Barrier protects 125 square kilometres of central London. That's 1.25 million people, historic buildings including the Houses of Parliament, offices, power supplies, tube lines and hospitals to name a few. It is also one of London's most striking and famous landmarks. With its distinctive stainless steel piers it spans 520 metres across the River Thames. Late morning we take the short drive on to Greenwich where you will be at leisure to explore; maybe visit the recently restored famous clipper, the Cutty Sark (due to re-open Spring 2012), stroll through Greenwich Park, visit the Planetarium or the Old Royal Observatory, through which the Meridian line runs. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 6.00pm.

**Adult £27.10 Child £22.50**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to and Guided Tour of Information Centre)*

SATURDAY 19TH MAY

LYNDHURST & EXBURY GARDENS



Depart Oxted 8.15am (Route A) for Lyndhurst in the heart of the New Forest, giving time for lunch before driving on to Exbury Gardens, a spectacular 200 acre site, world-famous for the Rothschild Collection of rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias and rare trees and shrubs. Situated by the River Beaulieu, they are a place of tranquillity and inspiration. Discover Exbury's hidden beauty and escape the cares of the world as you explore a myriad of pathways. Let the train take the strain on a 20 minute

journey or ride a chauffeur driven buggy to tour the Gardens (cost not included). Refreshments are available in the Smithy Restaurant and the Tennis Court Tearooms. Visit the well-stocked Plant Centre with its knowledgeable staff on hand, and the Gift Shop with its range of gifts and souvenirs. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 7.30pm

**Adult £36.40 Child £27.00**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Gardens)*

TUESDAY 22ND MAY

LEE VALLEY OLYMPIC TOUR

Depart Oxted 8.15am (Route A) for the drive to meet our guide at the Excel Exhibition Centre in London's Royal Docks which needs no further construction work to host the Boxing, Judo, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Table Tennis and Taekwondo. From here we will drive to the Lower Lee Valley to a viewing point for the Olympic Park, from where we get a good view of the 80,000 seat Stadium and also see the futuristic Velodrome, the Aquatic Centre with its wavy roof and the Olympic Village. This huge project is totally transforming the Lower Lee Valley. We'll drive on through the East End, past the Hackney Marshes and up through Churchill's Woodford constituency and Epping Forest to the attractive market town of Waltham Abbey for lunch. After lunch we drive past the site for the 2012 Canoe and Kayak events and board our boat at Broxbourne for a gentle ninety minute cruise through quiet countryside in the Lee Valley Park which has a larger area covered by water than the Norfolk Broads. Whilst on board we shall enjoy a cream tea. Return leave 5.15pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.30pm.



**Cost £41.95**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour/Boat Fare/Cream Tea)*

THURSDAY 24TH MAY

SWANAGE & SWANAGE RAILWAY



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Depart Oxted 7.45am (Route A) for the drive through the New Forest to Sandbanks and the ferry to Swanage with its sandy beach lining the wide sweeping bay. Swanage delightfully combines the charm of a Victorian seaside town with the conveniences and attractions of a modern tourist resort. The Victorian era saw Swanage come alive and transform from a small quarrying town to a popular seaside resort. Many of the Barges taking stone to London returned with unusual gifts from local benefactors: the Wellington Clock Tower, which stands close to the Lifeboat House, once adorned the southern approach to London



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Bridge. Those who wish may, mid afternoon, join us on a 1 hour round trip on the Swanage Railway. The ride will take us from Swanage Station via Harmans Cross, past the dramatic ruins and beautiful village of Corfe to Norden where there will be a 10 minute break before retracing our steps to Swanage. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx 9.00pm.

Adult **£31.25** Child **£21.95**

Adult **£39.75** Child **£28.45**

*(Swanage only)*

*(Inclusive of Coach/Rail Fare)*

SATURDAY 26TH MAY

WELLS OR CHEDDAR



Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route A) for the drive to Wells, at the foot of the Mendip Hills. Here you will be at leisure to browse and shop. Maybe visit the Cathedral with its famous astronomical clock, one of the earliest of its kind in the world. The moat surrounding the Bishop's Palace receives its water from the 'Wells' in the Bishop's garden, from which the city derives its name. Or journey on to enjoy the spectacular limestone Gorge of Cheddar where you will see some of Britain's most beautifully illuminated show caves – the cathedral-like caverns of Gough's Cave, carved out by the melt waters of the last Ice Age, and the delicate stalactites and brilliant colours of Cox's Cave. Visit "The Crystal Quest" – a dark walk fantasy adventure deep within a cave – and the Cheddar Gorge



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Heritage Centre with its 9000 year old Cave Man; see local craftsmen at work – the Cheddar Glassblower, the Cheddar Sweet Maker and the Original Cheddar Cheese and Cider depot. Refreshments available. Return leave: Cheddar 4.45pm, Wells 5.15pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 8.15pm.

Wells Adult **£33.20** Child **£25.50**

Cheddar Adult **£48.95** Child **£37.50**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Caves & Gorge Explorer Ticket)*

**TUESDAY 29TH MAY**

**MYDDLETON HOUSE GARDENS & BOAT TRIP WITH CREAM TEA**

Depart 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to the newly restored Myddelton House Gardens, where we shall be at leisure to explore the enchanting six acres and discover the compelling story of one of Britain's most famous self-taught gardeners, artists and expert botanists – Edward Augustus Bowles. He lived in Myddelton House from 1865 to 1954 and dedicated much of his life to transforming the gardens with his love of unusual and exotic plants. Explore the unusual plants of the Lunatic Asylum, newly restored Kitchen Garden and colourful Alpine Meadow. Refreshments available. Early afternoon we make the short journey to Broxbourne where we shall board the Lady of Lee Valley for a 2 hour river cruise in the Lee



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Valley Park, whilst enjoying a traditional Cream Tea. Return leave 5.00pm.

Arriving back in Godstone approx. 6.30pm

**Cost £33.20**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Visit to Garden/Boat Trip with Cream Tea)*

**THURSDAY 31ST MAY**

**LULLINGSTONE CASTLE, CHURCH & GARDENS**



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Depart Oxted 1.00pm (Route A) for the drive to Lullingstone Castle which, set within 120 acres of beautiful Kent countryside is one of England's oldest family estates, dating back to the time of Domesday. The present manor house and gate house, which overlook a stunning 15 acre lake, were built in 1497 and have been home to the Hart Dyke family ever since. Henry VIII and Queen Anne are both known to have been regular visitors. Here we shall be taken on a guided tour of the House, with its fine state rooms, family portraits and armour, the adjacent parish church of St Botolph's, which contains some of the oldest

stained glass windows in England and the World Garden of Plants. We shall learn of the development of the World Garden, from conception in the mind of Tom Hart Dyke whilst being held hostage in Columbia in 2000, to the wealth of plant species – nearly 8,000 displayed in their respective countries of origin. An example of the Dinosaur Tree (Wollemi Pine), the oldest tree in the world, is planted close to Ayers Rock (Uluru) in the Australian border. There are innumerable horticultural delights for visitors to see, smell and touch, including the stinky Dog Pooh plant (*Hoodia gordonii*) the world's most dangerous plant, the Queensland Stinger (*Dendrocnide moroides*) and the hottest chilli – Dorset naga. Tea/coffee and biscuits available in the grounds, more substantial refreshments available at the Visitors Centre, 1 km from the House. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx 5.45pm.



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**Cost £24.50**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Guided tour of Lullingstone Castle, Church and Garden)*