

MINIBUS OUTINGS

On 2nd May the minibus visited the home of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. The weather was typically Wimbledon, a mix of sunshine and showers, but as much of the guided tour took place inside this did not matter. An excellent tour guide took us on a behind-the-scenes tour of this famous sporting venue – the museum was both fascinating and informative on the history of the game; we also visited the Centre Court and the Aorangi Terrace, now affectionately known as Murray Mound or Henman Hill, whilst learning about the rich heritage of Wimbledon. We went inside the press interview room and visited the exclusive Millenium Building usually reserved for only high-profile tennis players. Thank you to Kate for once again organising a great day out.



The following outings have been organised for the remainder of 2018. Please call Kate on 701004 if you are interested in participating.

Wednesday 4th July 9.30 - Gosport Submarine Museum (£25 pp incl. entry and fare)

Travel to Portsmouth Dock Yard and take the water bus to Gosport. Visit the museum to understand the history of submarines. Go on board the newly restored HMS Alliance - the only remaining WW2-era submarine. There is a small kiosk serving drinks and snacks for lunch.

Wednesday 1st August 9.30 - A day in Eastbourne (£12 fare)

You are free to do as you choose – walk along the seafront, visit the pier, the 1930s bandstand or an art gallery and so on. This trip could include a stop at Beachy Head if so desired.

Wednesday 5th September 9.30 - Hever Castle and Gardens (£25 incl. entry* and fare)

Experience 700 years of history at the double-moated 13th century castle, once the childhood home of Anne Boleyn. Discover magnificent award-winning gardens set in 125 acres, see the giant topiary chess set and the Pompeian Wall and classical statuary in the Italian garden. Various cafes and restaurants to find something for lunch etc. (*£12 for RHS members)

Wednesday 3rd October 9.30 -Marwell Zoo and Tropical House (£25 pp incl. entry* and fare)

Explore the Zoo and get closer to the wonders of the natural world of hundreds of animals. Visit the new Tropical House, spanning two levels offering fantastic vantage points where you can see a diversity of wildlife and exotic plants in a tropical climate. Cafe and coffee corner for food and drinks - or take a picnic. (*Carers £7.50 fare only)

Wednesday 14th November 9.30 - Shoreham Lifeboat Station (£10 incl. RNLI donation & fare)

The modern lifeboat station opened in 2010. We will visit the station and its state of the art Tarmar all weather lifeboat. There is a large boat hall, crew training room, drying facilities for wet crew, changing facilities and a viewing platform for the public. Afterwards we will have a pub lunch.

Wednesday 5th December evening - Wisley Christmas Glow (£25 pp incl. entry* and fare)

Throughout December the gardens will be decorated with Christmas lights etc in the trees and flower beds. You will be able to walk around the gardens and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere. Hopefully we can get a mulled wine and mince pie! (*£10 for RHS members)