

LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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OUTING 24A
SELF-DRIVE

THE MATHERS ORCHID FOUNDATION and
THE OLD VICARAGE (ngs), WASHINGTON

Wed 24 April 2024

The Mathers Orchid Foundation, Sylvan Nurseries, West Chilton Road, Near Pulborough, RH20 2PR



The Foundation is a charitable organisation which aims to conserve orchid species and hybrids. It is at the cutting edge of orchid research in the UK and looks to encourage a greater interest in these plants. It holds the Plant Heritage National Collection of Oncidium and Pleione.

We have been given the opportunity of an exclusive 'Behind the Scenes' tour with Jim the Nursery Manager, better known to many of us as Martin Durrant (or, the nice man who sometimes displays huge pots of spectacular orchids on the stage at our Flower Shows).

Jim's work has been highly decorated during his career with many appearances at Chelsea Flower Show, the London Orchid Show and many other RHS Shows around the country, so he knows his onions (or should I say orchids). Jim's tour will be filled with lots of useful information on how they grow orchids at Mathers and you will be wowed by the 17,000 orchids in the collection, dazzled by the range of colours and flower forms and maybe even come away knowing the difference between an Oncidium and a Miltoniopsis.

The Old Vicarage, The Street, Washington, Pulborough, RH20 4AS

This is a great place to see a stunning display of Spring colour. Each year thousands of spring bulbs, including 2000 tulips, are planted in the 3½-acre garden, which is set around an 1832 Regency house (not open) in the pretty village of Washington. The garden has many wonderful features to see including mature and specimen trees, a Japanese garden, an Italianate gazebo, water gardens and numerous creatively planted herbaceous borders. Throughout the garden, there are well placed seating areas to take in the stunning West Sussex scenery. The treehouse is much loved by young and old alike, from here the nature viewing platform opens on to the woodland copse area which incorporates a stream and architectural stumpery.

Everyone loves the topiary of characters who watch over the tennis court. Whatever the weather, there is a haven in the conservatory where refreshments will be available.



Accessibility:

Mathers Foundation: Plenty of parking and is fairly easy for disabled access too.

Old Vicarage: Front garden suitable for wheelchairs. Rear garden on a slope. (A gator is available at own risk).

Refreshments:

Mathers Foundation: None on site, but there are a number of places locally where you will be able to find a nice lunch. Further information will be provided nearer the day.

The Old Vicarage: Hot beverages and cake provided and included in the ticket price.

Itinerary:

09:00	Depart Lindfield
10:00	Arrive at Mathers Foundation
12:00	Depart for lunch
14:00	The Old Vicarage
16:30	Depart for Lindfield

TICKET PRICE: £25

Orchard Cottage, Boars Head Road, Boarshead, Crowborough, TN6 3GR (NGS Garden)

Mature 1.5-acre plantaholic's garden with a large variety of trees and shrubs, perennials and bulbs, many unusual. Gardened organically. Mainly colour themed beds, planted informally. Small woodland, meadow and deep pond to encourage wildlife. Kitchen garden with raised beds.
Hardy Plant Society member.

**Hollymount, Burnt Oak Road, High Hurstwood, Uckfield, TN22 4AE (NGS Garden)**

A 7-acre garden on a sloping hillside. Four large ponds, a stream, waterfalls, terraced beds, interesting planting (some tropical), large rhododendrons, wildlife - alpacas, chickens, ducks and fish.

The garden has a great variety of trees, two greenhouses, shepherd's hut, summerhouse, gravel paths, kitchen garden, many decks and wildflower terracing to the rear.

It is located in a very peaceful setting with great views.

There may be plants for sale.

Refreshments:

Orchard Cottage: Homemade tea/coffee and cake are included in ticket price.

Lunchtime: We can make a reservation for you at the lovely old inn, The Huntsman, Eridge, or please feel free to seek lunch elsewhere and meet up later at Hollymount.

Hollymount: Homemade tea/coffee and cake are included in the ticket price.

Accessibility:

Orchard Cottage: Access via gravel drive with wide, gently sloping, grass paths. Garden is suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters. (On-street parking and mobility parking in drive by prior arrangement). Accessible toilet available.

Holly Mount: Reasonable access.

Itinerary:

09:20	Depart (allow 45 mins drive from High Street Lindfield)
10:00	Meet at Orchard Cottage
12:00	Depart Orchard Cottage
12:15	Lunch at The Huntsman, Eridge (or seek your own elsewhere)
14:00	Arrive Hollymount
16:30	Depart Hollymount
17:15	Anticipated arrival in Lindfield

TICKET PRICE: £24

OUTING 24C
COACH OUTING

**CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS &
A LITTLE 'ITALIAN EXPERIENCE' AT GORING ON SEA**

Wed 05 Jun 2024



The Festival of Flowers is a spectacular event held in Chichester's 940-year-old Cathedral.

You will have the opportunity to experience 60 impressive floral arrangements handcrafted by talented florists and flower enthusiasts from across the country.

The festival will also feature an exhibition of sculptures by celebrated Sculptor Philip Jackson. Whether you are a keen gardener or simply appreciate the beauty of flowers, there will be something to inspire and delight you.

If you like to enter the floral art classes of our own Flower Shows or create arrangements at home, you may be interested in seeing the foam free demonstrations using sustainable flower mechanics.

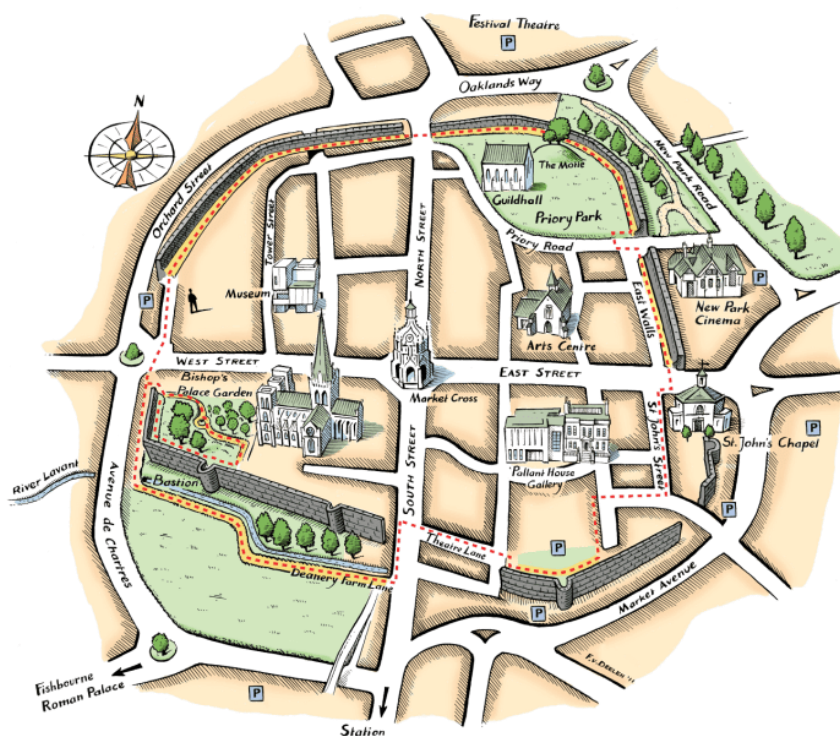
Visitors can browse through an exclusive range of stalls within the on-site Market located in the cloisters.

Cloisters Kitchen & Garden offers teas, coffees, cakes and light lunches. The tranquil garden setting provides a serene atmosphere to enjoy a leisurely cup of tea or simply unwind amidst the natural beauty of the Cathedral's surroundings.

Accessibility: Very good throughout.



CHICHESTER CITY MAP



If you have time after enjoying the Flower Festival, you might like to take advantage of your visit to Chichester by exploring a little of what the city has to offer, such as...

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| 1. Bishop's Palace Gardens (West of the Cathedral) | <u>Free Entry</u> |
| 2. Roman City Walls Trail, a 1.5 miles circuit (red dashed line shown on the plan) | <u>No Charge</u> |
| 3. The Novium Museum of Chichester (Tower Street, to the N of the Cathedral) | <u>Free Entry</u> |
| 4. Pallant House Gallery of modern art (SE quarter of the city) | <u>£12.50</u> |
| 5. Shops and cafés can be found in North Street, East Street & South Street | |



A Mystery Stop in Goring by Sea (Goring's not boring):

We shall end the day with a short stop in Goring by Sea before heading home to Lindfield... all will be revealed on the day.

Itinerary:

09:00	Depart Lindfield
10:30	Arrive at Chichester Cathedral
14:00	Depart Chichester
15:00	Goring Mystery Stop
17:00	Depart Goring
18:00	Arrive Lindfield

TICKET PRICE: £39.50 (incl coach travel + driver's tip)

N.B. EARLY BOOKING IS REQUIRED. See Application Form for dates



Come and enjoy the panoramic views of the Kent and Sussex Weald, one reason why the Churchills chose Chartwell as their home.

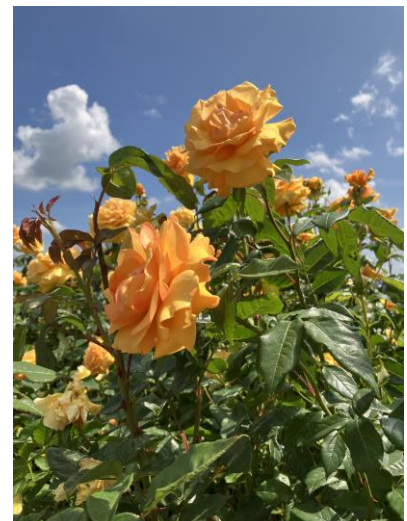
You can visit the house on a free flow basis and we will pre-book tickets for you. Please note your interest in the house on the application form. On your self-guided tour of the house, you will get a feel for what life was like for the Churchills and their young family. You can admire the museum rooms filled with gifts to the Churchills and see the personal possessions that Winston and his family kept there. Don't forget to visit Winston's Art Studio which contains the largest single collection of his paintings.

Our visit will commence with a personal 1-hour guided walk with one of the garden volunteers who will tell us about the development of the garden and ongoing work. We will see the working kitchen garden with walls built by Winston, the formal rose garden designed by Lady Churchill and more.



The Golden Rose Avenue should be full of colour and fragrance, with catmint adorning the borders.

See if you can spot the inscription on the plinth reading '*Here lies the Bali Dove*', Clementine's beloved pet dove that she brought to Chartwell from Bali in 1936.



Accessibility: Unfortunately, the house is not accessible to wheelchairs and only some areas of the gardens can be reached due to steps and steep gradients. A courtesy shuttle bus can take less able people from the ticket office up the steeply sloping path to the house and upper gardens.

Car Parking: £4 per car, but NT Members can park free by scanning your NT membership card at the machines in the car park.

Refreshments: Available at the café (opposite the Ticket Office), also in the garden tea room. Picnics are also acceptable.

Itinerary:

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| 10:00 | Meet outside the Ticket Office |
| 10:30 | Garden tour (45 mins) |
| 11:40 / 11:50 | Timed entry to the house (time tba), followed by free time in the gardens, studio and wider estate and to find lunch and/or refreshments |
| 17:00 | Garden closes |

TICKET PRICES: NT Member £8.50 / Non-NT Member £28.50

OUTING 24E
COACH OUTING

ELTHAM PALACE &
POLHILL GARDEN CENTRE

Fri 09 Aug 24

Explore 19 acres of lovely award-winning gardens and look around the striking art deco mansion.



Once a favoured medieval palace and then a Tudor royal residence, which in the 1930s was transformed by eccentric millionaires Stephen and Virginia Courtauld. Get a taste of the Courtaulds' extravagant lifestyle as you explore their unusual and stylish art deco interiors. There's a quirky mix of medieval and modern in the gardens too. Admire stunning herbaceous borders, walk through formal rose gardens and relax in the rock garden, with its pools and cascades running down to the moat.

There should be time to stop off at the award winning Polhill Garden Centre at Badgers Mount, which over decades has grown into an extensive shopping village, where you can browse the plants, outdoor living, ornaments & gifts and buy locally produced foods at the farm shop, or just relax and have a chat over a coffee and cake.



Accessibility:

Eltham Palace: Most areas of the house are accessible by wheelchair, including the shop and café. There is a lift to the first floor for wheelchair users. There are extensive grounds and gardens with some changes in level.

Polhill Garden Centre: Accessible throughout.

Refreshments:

Eltham Palace: Light lunches, snacks, cakes and beverages are available to purchase at the café.

Polhill Garden Centre: Choice of cafés.

Itinerary:

09:00 Depart Lindfield at 09:00
10:45 Arrive at Eltham Palace
14:30 Depart Eltham Palace (to arrive at Polhill Garden Centre at 15:00)
16:30 Depart Polhill Garden Centre
18:00 Arrive Lindfield

TICKET PRICES:

Concessions (65+)	£37
Standard Adult	£39
English Heritage Member	£25
Art Pass Holder	£25

The gardens at Gravetye Manor are an oasis of calm set over 35 acres of beautiful flower gardens large productive kitchen garden and meadows, surrounded by our lovely Sussex countryside.



The gardens were originally created by William Robinson in 1885 and are now considered to be one of the most important historic gardens in England. We are so lucky to have been given the opportunity for 20 people to spend the morning being shown around by Head Gardener, Tom Coward. Tom will talk to us of the life and work of the revered gardener William Robinson and tell us about the history of Gravetye's buildings and gardens. Tom's love of these gardens and his passion for everything growing there from the largest tree down to the tiniest meadow flower will, I am sure, come across loud and clear.

Accessibility: Good

Itinerary:

- 10:15 Meet up in Gravetye Manor car park
- 10:30 Tea, coffee and biscuits
- 11:00 Garden tour with the Head Gardener
- 12:30 Tour ends and we depart

NB This opportunity is limited to a maximum of 20 people, therefore the invitation is extended initially to LHS Members only. We anticipate this is likely to be a very popular trip, so to give ALL Members an equal opportunity of securing a place, we have decided that the names of those interested will be entered into a TICKET DRAW to be held at our SUMMER AFTERNOON TEA on Sunday 11 August. To enter the draw for a ticket, please complete and return the attached Draw Entry Form. Payment for this visit is not required until after the ticket draw, when you discover if you have been lucky.

TICKET PRICE: £25

OUTING 24G
COACH OUTING

RHS WISLEY 'FESTIVAL OF FLAVOURS'

Thu 10 Oct



You can never be disappointed with a visit to the diverse 240 acres of wonderful gardens at RHS Wisley. There is always plenty to see, the Cottage Garden; Mediterranean Terraces; Orchard; Pinetum; Jubilee Arboretum; Walled Garden; Bonsai Walk; Rock Garden; Glasshouse with Desert; Tropical & Temperate Climates; Lake; Wild Garden; Walled Garden; Alpine Houses and for the first time in over a century, you can step back in time inside the Old Laboratory.

There will be talks, demonstrations and interactive sessions at Hilltop Live, where you can get garden advice from the experts.

You might like to visit the new World Food Garden created by RHS Chelsea Gold Medal-winning designer Ann-Marie Powell (see aerial view).



Our visit to Wisley is during the RHS 'Festival of Flavours'.

Prepare to be tempted by quality food and drink stalls, pick up advice, be wowed by displays and exhibitions and much more.

Accessibility:

Very good. A limited number of mobility scooters are available to book so please note on your application form if you would like one to be reserved for you.

Refreshments:

Various cafés, restaurants and food stalls.

Itinerary:

09:00	Depart Lindfield
10:30	Arrive Wisley
16:00	Depart Wisley
17:30	Arrive Lindfield

TICKET PRICE: £16.50

APPLICATION FORM

OUTING 24A
SELF-DRIVE

THE MATHERS ORCHID FOUNDATION, RH20 2PR &
THE OLD VICARAGE (NGS), WASHINGTON, RH20 4AS

Wed 24 April 2024

Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):

Address:

Telephone Number(s):

Email Address:

Applicant 2

Applicant 3

Applicant 4

LHS Ticket Price is £25 per person

- I attach my cheque made payable to LHS to the total value of £
- I can offer a lift for people
- I would like a lift for people

Information for suggested lunchtime spots will be provided nearer the day.

N.B.

1. **LHS Members' priority booking ends on 31 March**
2. Non-member bookings commence 01 April
3. Sole LHS Members may book for an accompanying non-member with their initial application

YOUR COMMENTS:

Please return your completed application slip & cheque to:

*Heather Hitchcock, 81 William Allen Lane, Lindfield, RH16 2ST.
01444 453202 / 07971 857182, Email: outings.lhs@gmail.com*

APPLICATION FORM

OUTING 24B
SELF-DRIVE

ORCHARD COTTAGE, CROWBOROUGH and
HOLLYMOUNT, HIGH HURSTWOOD

Fri 17 May 2024

Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):

Address:

Telephone Number(s):

Email Address:

Applicant 2 (Name)

Applicant 3 (Name)

Applicant 4 (Name)

Refreshments Options:

We will be happy to make a reservation for you to have lunch at **The Huntsman** at Eridge.

See <https://huntsmanpuberidge.co.uk/> for menu etc. (You will be responsible for settling your own bill).

However, please feel free to make your own arrangements to lunch elsewhere and we can meet up afterwards at Hollymount at 14:15. There are a number of pubs and cafes in Crowborough and the surrounding area.

Please complete/delete the following statements as appropriate

- **I/my party would like to have lunch at The Huntsman**
- **I/my party will seek lunch elsewhere**
- **I can offer a lift for people**
- **I would like a lift for people**

LHS Ticket Price is £24 per person

- **I attach my cheque made payable to LHS to the total value of £**

N.B.

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2. **Non-member bookings commence 01 April**
3. **Sole LHS Members may book for an accompanying non-member with their initial application**

COMMENTS:

If dining at The Huntsman, please advise any dietary requirements here:

Please return your completed application slip plus cheque to:

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APPLICATION FORM

OUTING 24C

**CHICHESTER FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS
& GORING ON SEA**

Wed 05 Jun 2024

Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):

Address:

Telephone Number(s):

Email Address:

Applicant 2

Applicant 3

Applicant 4

LHS Ticket Price is £39.50 inclusive of coach travel & driver's tip.

- **I attach my cheque made payable to LHS to the total value of £**
- **I am interested in additional tickets for non-members (See note 2 below)**

PLEASE NOTE:

1. **LHS MEMBERS' PRIORITY BOOKING ENDS ON 10 MARCH** as Chichester Cathedral require final numbers and payment in full by 31 March.
2. Non-member guests may apply for tickets from 11 March.
3. ALL applications are to be received no later than 24 March.
4. Sole LHS Members may book for an accompanying non-member with their initial application.

YOUR COMMENTS:

Please return your completed application slip plus cheque to:

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APPLICATION FORM

OUTING 24D
SELF-DRIVE

CHARTWELL (NT), WITH GUIDED GARDEN TOUR

Wed 3 Jul 2024

Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact): **NT Member:** Yes / No

Address:

Telephone Number(s):

Email Address:

Applicant 2 **NT Member:** Yes / No

Applicant 3 **NT Member:** Yes / No

Applicant 4 **NT Member:** Yes / No

LHS Ticket Prices:

National Trust Member* **£ 8.50**

Non-NT Member* **£28.50**

*ALL tickets include the guided garden tour, entry to Winston Churchill's Art Studio and timed entry to the House.

- **I attach my cheque made payable to LHS to the total value of £**
- **I confirm that I require no. timed house entry ticket(s) for myself/my party.**
(You will be advised of the time when known. It should be 11:40 or 11:50 as we are likely to be split into 2 groups, depending on our number)
- **I can offer a lift for people**
- **I would like a lift for People**

N.B.

1. LHS Members' priority booking ends on 31 March
2. Non-member bookings commence 01 April
3. Sole LHS Members may book for an accompanying non-member with their initial application

YOUR COMMENTS:

Please return your completed application slip plus cheque to:

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APPLICATION FORM

OUTING 24E
COACH OUTING

ELTHAM PALACE & POLHILL GARDEN CENTRE

Fri 09 Aug 24

Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):

English Heritage Member / Concession 65+/ Standard Adult

Address:

Telephone Number(s):

Email Address:

Applicant 2 Concession (65+)/ Standard Adult / English Heritage or Art Pass

Applicant 3 Concession (65+)/ Standard Adult / English Heritage or Art Pass

Applicant 4 Concession (65+)/ Standard Adult / English Heritage or Art Pass

LHS Ticket Prices:

Concessions (65+) **£37 (to include entry, coach travel & tip)**

Standard Adult **£39 (to include entry, coach travel & tip)**

English Heritage/Art Pass **£25 (to cover coach & tip)**

- **I attach my cheque made payable to LHS to the total value of £**

N.B.

1. LHS Members' priority booking ends on 31 March
2. Non-member bookings commence 01 April
3. Sole LHS Members may book for an accompanying non-member with their initial application

YOUR COMMENTS:

Please return your completed application slip plus cheque to:

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OUTING 24F
SELF-DRIVE

LHS VISIT TO GRAVETYE MANOR GARDENS

Fri 27 Sep 2024

LHS TICKET PRICE - £25 per person

LHS has been given the opportunity for a small group of people to have a guided tour of the renowned William Robinson gardens at Gravetye Manor, conducted by the Head Gardener, Tom Coward. This is a 2-hour visit, from 10:30 until 12.30.

This is a self-drive outing. Car sharing will be encouraged and lifts arranged as necessary.

Gravetye Manor restricts the number on group tours to just 20 people, so in fairness to all, applicants' names will be entered into a draw for tickets. Due to the limited number of places available, entry is only open to individual LHS Members. Couples are very welcome to apply, but with 2 individual applications.

If you would like to apply, please detach and complete the entry form below and submit it to:

Heather Hitchcock, 81 William Allen Lane, Lindfield, RH16 2ST
or email it to: outings.lhs@gmail.com

Entries to be received no later than 30 June 2024.

No payment is required until after your name has been drawn.

N.B. The LHS Standard Outings Application Procedures do not apply to this ballot for tickets.

The Ticket Draw will take place at our 'SUMMER AFTERNOON TEA', a new event, to be held at King Edward Hall on Sunday, 11 August 2024, to which all LHS Members, their families and guests are very welcome to come along. You will receive further information on this event with a members' Newsletter nearer the time.

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GRAVETYE MANOR GARDENS VISIT
TICKET DRAW - ENTRY FORM

NAME:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

APPLICATION FORM

OUTING 24G

RHS WISLEY FESTIVAL OF FLAVOURS

Thu 10 Oct 2024

COACH OUTING

Applicant 1 (Main Point of Contact):

Address:

Telephone Number(s):

Email Address:

Applicant 2

Applicant 3

Applicant 4

LHS Ticket Price is £16.50 inclusive of coach travel & driver's tip.

- **I attach my cheque made payable to LHS to the total value of £**

NOTES:

1. LHS Members' priority booking ends on 31 March
2. Non-member bookings commence 01 April
3. Sole LHS Members may book for an accompanying non-member with their initial application

YOUR COMMENTS:

Would you like a mobility scooter to be reserved on your behalf? YES / NO

Please return your completed application slip plus cheque to:

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LHS STANDARD OUTINGS APPLICATION PROCEDURES 2024

1. Application forms together with separate cheques for each outing (payable to LHS) should be submitted to the Outings Organiser. Cheques will be held on file until 2 to 3 weeks before the date of the outing when they will be banked with prior notice to the payee, unless advised otherwise.
2. Where numbers are limited, applications will be dealt with on a first come first served basis unless stated otherwise.
3. Bookings are open to LHS members only up until 31st March 2024 (unless Clause 5 applies).
4. Applications for any spare tickets for non-members of LHS will be considered from 01 April 2024, unless stated otherwise on the application form. If successful, a further payment will be required. You may register your interest in obtaining spare tickets on your application form.
5. Single or sole LHS members are permitted to apply with their initial application for one additional ticket for an accompanying guest who is not a member.
6. Bookings cancellations should be made at the earliest opportunity to allow your tickets to be resold. Cancellations made up to 4 weeks before the outing will incur no penalty cost. However, after that time, refunds can only be made if we are able to resell your ticket. Any reasonable request made for a refund due to exceptional circumstances will be considered.
7. The ticket price includes for the cost of admission fees and coach travel where applicable, inclusive of the driver's tip.
8. Full details of the arrangements for the day, including departure and approximate return times, will be provided to you no later than 2 weeks prior to the outing. If you do not receive a notification by email or phone by then, you should contact the Outings Organiser without delay.

The coach pick-up point is the bus stop by the United Reform Church, Lindfield High Street, unless advised otherwise.
9. If you have purchased a ticket(s) based on your membership of the National Trust, RHS, HHA, Kew, Wakehurst, or any other organisation, you must have your valid membership card with you on the day. If not, you may be liable to pay the full entrance fee.

If you have any queries, please contact:

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