

# JG Theatre Club

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**I do have to confirm numbers and pay some weeks in advance for theatre and concert tickets. Please book promptly as I cannot guarantee that I can add more to my booking after the date I finalise the payment.**

30 April <b>Fully Booked</b>	<b>HATCHLANDS PARK (NT) AT BLUEBELL TIME.</b> Depart Heathfield 8.30, Uckfield 8.50, Maresfield 9.00, Forest Row 9.25, War Memorial Bus Stop 9.35, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 9.40, Felbridge 9.45. Home 5.00pm
3 May Friday £28.00 RHS Members £44.00 Non RHS members. <b>Separate Cheque please.</b>	<b>WISLEY GARDENS CONTEMPORARY CRAFT FAIR.</b> This event, one of our largest, will be held mainly in floored marquees within the beautiful surroundings of RHS Garden Wisley so visitors will be able to view and purchase contemporary craft and art whilst also enjoying the beautiful spring garden with its huge plant collection. In addition visitors will be able to discover a diverse range of sculptures, garden art and outdoor exhibits as they wander around the world renowned garden and up towards the state-of-the-art glasshouse. <b>With around 200 exhibitors, demonstrating artists and specialist food exhibitors.</b> Depart Heathfield 8.15, Uckfield 8.35, Maresfield 8.45, Forest Row 9.10, War Memorial Bus Stop 9.20, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 9.25, Felbridge 9.30. Home 5.45pm
8 May Wednesday <b>FULLY BOOKED</b>	<b>RIVER CRUISE AND THE ISABELLA PLANTATION.</b> Depart Heathfield 8.00, Uckfield 8.20, Maresfield 8.30, Forest Row 8.55, War Memorial Bus Stop 9.05, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 9.10, Felbridge 9.15. Home 6.00pm
15 May Wed. 7.30pm <b>Fully Booked</b>	<b>A VERY SPECIAL CONCERT WITH ANDRE RIEU AT THE OVO ARENA, WEMBLEY. Time to get refreshments prior to performance or you may prefer to bring a picnic to eat on the coach.</b> Depart Heathfield 2.30, Uckfield 2.50, Maresfield 3.00, Forest Row 3.25, War Memorial Bus Stop 3.35, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 3.40, Felbridge 3.45. Home midnight.
17 May Friday £44.00	<b>VALLEY GARDENS, WINDSOR GREAT PARK.</b> Located within the grounds of Windsor Great Park, a group visit by coach is perhaps the easiest way to experience the twisting trails of this flowering woodland. After leaving the coach, embark on a tour through undulating valleys known for their bold spring colours. On your tour you will discover: The Punchbowl of Japanese azaleas. The National Collection of Rhododendrons. The Heather Garden. We begin with time to explore the <b>Savill Garden</b> and get lunch before we board the coach for the 1.5 hour tour of <b>The Valley Gardens</b> . We then return to The Saville Gardens with time for tea before we make the journey home. Depart Heathfield 8.15, Uckfield 8.35, Maresfield 8.45, Forest Row 9.10, War Memorial Bus Stop 9.20, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 9.25, Felbridge 9.30. Home 6.30pm
25 May <b>FULLY BOOKED</b>	<b>ABBA VOYAGE.</b> Depart Heathfield 10.30, Uckfield 10.50, Maresfield 11.00, Forest Row 11.25, War Memorial Bus Stop 11.35, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 11.40, Felbridge 11.45. Home 6.45pm

<p>5 June Wed. 2.30pm £66.00</p> <p><b>NEW</b></p> <p><b>I have to finalise this by the end of April so please book promptly.</b></p>	<p><b>CORAM BOY AT CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE.</b> Angels and abandoned children, glorious music and murder most foul whirl through this enthralling, moving and richly colourful tale of 18th century England. At Gloucester Cathedral, Alexander Ashbrook, heir to an aristocratic estate, has his heart set on becoming a composer; but his stern father refuses to listen and despite his love for the beautiful Melissa, flight seems his only option. Far darker conflicts are at play for Meshak, son of the brutal Otis Gardiner who preys on young unmarried mothers – promising to deliver their babies to Coram's new Foundling Hospital but instead meting out a terrible fate. Their stories entwine eight years later in London, where two Coram orphans, Toby and Aaron, find themselves on parallel adventures, and the great Handel is at work on a new score, Messiah, embodying the hope of love and salvation over evil. Helen Edmundson's adaptation of Jamila Gavin's Whitbread Award-winning novel premiered at the National Theatre in 2005 before transferring to Broadway. Nominated for several Olivier and Tony Awards, it won the Time Out Live Award for Best Play. Anna Ledwich, formerly writer in residence at CFT (Pinocchio) and Artistic Director of Theatre on the Fly (2012), whose recent directorial work includes Anthropology (Hampstead).</p>  <p><b>Time for lunch prior to performance.</b> Depart Heathfield 9.15, Uckfield 9.35, Maresfield 9.45, Forest Row 10.10, War Memorial Bus Stop 10.20, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 10.25, Felbridge 10.30. Home 7.00pm. <b>We are doing this route due to the bridge on the A272 being closed to the coach.</b></p>
<p>13 June Thursday £44.00</p>	<p><b>GREAT COMP GARDEN &amp; NETTLESTEAD PLACE.</b> Great Comp Garden, near Sevenoaks, has built up an enviable reputation over the years as being one of Kent's finest gardens to visit... A tranquil garden space that effortlessly showcases 7 acres of beautiful and rare plants that unfold and flower as the seasons move and change. Home to an Italian Garden, romantic ruins, enchanting woodland walks, <b>The Old Dairy Tearooms</b> and Dyson's Salvias. <b>There will be time to explore and get lunch</b> at Great Comp before we make the short drive to <b>Nettlestead Place</b>. Set on the west side of the valley, thus affording panoramic views of the river and surrounding farmland, the gardens are on many levels leading down to the River Medway. In 1921/22 the medieval Manor House was refurbished and enlarged and the basic structure of what is now the inner part of the gardens, including the large sunken pond and the Rose Garden, was established. Please note there are no refreshments available at Nettlestead. Depart Heathfield 8.30, Uckfield 8.50, Maresfield 9.00, Forest Row 9.25, War Memorial Bus Stop 9.35, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 9.40, Felbridge 9.45. home 5.45pm</p>
<p>20 June Thursday £49.00</p>	<p><b>HATFIELD HOUSE.</b> Built by Robert Cecil, 1st Earl of Salisbury and Chief Minister to King James I, from 1607 to 1611. There is a marvellous collection of pictures, furnishings and historic armour on display. Hatfield House is the home of the 7th Marquess of Salisbury. The Royal Palace of Hatfield (c 1485) in the West Garden is where Elizabeth I spent most of her childhood. The garden at Hatfield House dates from the early 17th Century when Robert Cecil employed John Tradescant the Elder to collect plants for his new home. The West Garden includes a scented garden, herb garden and knot garden. Visitors can enjoy the extensive park surrounding the house. <b>The Coach House Kitchen</b>, Serving breakfast, brunch, lunch and afternoon teas. The seasonal menu includes sustainable produce and monthly specials created by our team of dedicated chefs. Depart Heathfield 8.15, Uckfield 8.35, Maresfield 8.45, Forest Row 9.10, War Memorial Bus Stop 9.20, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 9.25, Felbridge 9.30. Home 6.30pm</p>

<p>5 July Friday £59.00</p> <p>Including house, gardens, guide book and afternoon tea.</p>	<p><b>DORNEYWOOD, AN EXCLUSIVE VISIT.</b> We begin with time in Windsor so you can explore and get lunch before we visit Dorneywood. We enjoy a free flow tour of the house before time in the garden. Dorneywood House is an official government residence, reserved for a Minister of the Crown or the Secretary of State. As such, it is not open to the public. It was bequeathed to the National Trust by Lord Courtauld-Thomson in 1942 on the provision that it be used by the current Prime Minister or a senior cabinet minister. At the moment it is the grace and favour residence of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The house interior boasts paintings from the government's own collection of art as well as paintings owned by the National Trust. Dorneywood Garden is a combination cottage and kitchen garden in 1930s style, set around an 18th-century house. The garden features a lily pond, a stylish conservatory, a rose garden, and herbaceous borders. In 1910 the house was badly damaged by fire. It was rebuilt and the gardens laid out in 1942. There are 215 acres (87ha) of garden, parkland, woods, and farmland. In the past, the house was closed to visitors but in recent years there has been a limited opening period in the summer. <b>We will enjoy Tea and Cake</b> served in a Gazebo on the lawn. Depart Heathfield 8.15, Uckfield 8.35, Maresfield 8.45, Forest Row 9.10, War Memorial Bus Stop 9.20, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 9.25, Felbridge 9.30. Home 7.00pm</p>
<p>16 July Tuesday £54.00</p>	<p><b>PARSONAGE FARM GARDEN AND A CRUISE ON THE WEY &amp; ARUN CANAL.</b> We begin at <b>Parsonage Farm.</b> A major garden in a beautiful setting developed over 30 years with a fruit theme and many unusual plants. This stunning garden is formally laid out on grand scale with long vistas. Features include a C18 walled garden with borders in apricot, orange, scarlet and crimson. Topiary walk, pleached lime allée, tulip tree avenue, rose borders and the vegetable garden with trained fruit. There is also a turf amphitheatre, informal autumn shrubbery, yew cloisters and a jungle walk. We then make our way to the Wey &amp; Arun Canal for our lovely cruise beginning and ending at Loxwood. The boats travel through locks and countryside with a chance of seeing wildlife plus an abundance of wild flowers. <b>Please bring a picnic to eat on the day.</b> Depart Heathfield 9.00, Uckfield 9.20, Maresfield 9.30, Forest Row 9.55, War Memorial Bus Stop 10.05, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 10.10, Felbridge 10.15 . Home 6.00pm</p>
<p>8 August Thursday £49.00</p> <p>Limited numbers.</p> <p><b>FULLY BOOKED</b></p>	<p><b>SPEAKER'S HOUSE GUIDED TOUR.</b> During this guided tour you will visit the State Apartments of Speaker's House, the part of the Palace of Westminster where the Speaker conducts official business and lives. You will discover the history and traditions of the role of the Speaker and see the magnificent artworks on display including a unique set of 46 portraits of Speakers through the years. This 75-minute fully accessible tour includes the Grand Staircase, the Crimson Drawing Room, the State Dining Room, and the State Bedroom. There will be no seating in Speaker' House for the duration of the tour. There will be free time for exploring and/or lunch prior to our timed tour. Depart Heathfield 8.45, Uckfield 9.05, Maresfield 9.15, Forest Row 9.40, War Memorial Bus Stop 9.50, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 9.55, Felbridge 10.00. Home 7.00pm</p>
<p>19 August Monday £49.00</p> <p>Limited numbers</p> <p><b>SECOND DATE</b></p>	<p><b>SPEAKER'S HOUSE GUIDED TOUR.</b> During this guided tour you will visit the State Apartments of Speaker's House, the part of the Palace of Westminster where the Speaker conducts official business and lives. You will discover the history and traditions of the role of the Speaker and see the magnificent artworks on display including a unique set of 46 portraits of Speakers through the years. This 75-minute fully accessible tour includes the Grand Staircase, the Crimson Drawing Room, the State Dining Room, and the State Bedroom. There will be no seating in Speaker' House for the duration of the tour. There will be free time for exploring and/or lunch prior to our timed tour. Depart Heathfield 8.45, Uckfield 9.05, Maresfield 9.15, Forest Row 9.40, War Memorial Bus Stop 9.50, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 9.55, Felbridge 10.00. Home 7.00pm.</p>

<p>27 August Tuesday £48.00</p>	<p><b>LONGFORD CASTLE, SALISBURY. A SPECIAL INTEREST GUIDED TOUR.</b> Longford Castle is <b>one of the grandest stately homes in Britain</b> and has been the residence of one family for over 300 years. Originally built in the late 16th century during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I by the Gorges family to an unusual triangular plan. The castle was built with the proceeds of the contents of one of the Duke of Medina-Sidonia's galleons which sank in the wake of the Spanish Armada. In the 18th century the 2nd Earl of Radnor, employed the architect James Wyatt to transform it into a hexagonal palace; a project which was abandoned. It was left to the 4th Earl of Radnor and Victorian architect Anthony Salvin to complete Longford. <b>It contains enough grand master paintings to make most major galleries sigh in envy.</b> It is a private home that a few years ago, started opening to the public, but only for guided tours on a very limited number of days each year. <b>Please wear comfortable shoes as the tour lasts two hours. You will then have a chance to stroll in the formal gardens. After our tour we will visit Salisbury where you can get lunch and explore. If you are bringing a guest I do need their full name for the Castle security please.</b> Depart Heathfield 6.45, Uckfield 7.05, Maresfield 7.15, Forest Row 7.40, War Memorial Bus Stop 7.50, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 7.55, Felbridge 8.00. Home 6.00pm</p>
<p>3 September Tue. 2.30pm £65.00 <b>NEW</b></p>	<p><b>OLIVER AT CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE.</b> This spectacular new production of Lionel Bart's iconic musical has been fully reconceived especially for CFT by director and choreographer <b>Matthew Bourne</b> and Cameron Mackintosh and promises to be one of the most unforgettable shows ever at the Festival Theatre. The cast includes <b>Simon Lipkin</b> (Guys and Dolls, Avenue Q) as Fagin, <b>Shanay Holmes</b> (Miss Saigon, The Bodyguard) as Nancy, <b>Aaron Sidwell</b> (Henry VI, Wicked) as Bill Sikes, <b>Billy Jenkins</b> (Les Misérables, BBC's Dodger) as the Artful Dodger and <b>Philip Franks</b> (The Rocky Horror Show, Witness for the Prosecution) as Mr Brownlow. The orphaned Oliver escapes the harsh Victorian workhouse and takes refuge in London's murky underworld with the wily gang leader Fagin and his team of resourceful pickpockets led by the Artful Dodger. He finds a friend in the kind-hearted Nancy and when he's wrongly arrested for stealing, Oliver meets an unexpected saviour; but is happiness truly within his grasp? With a sensational score, including Food Glorious Food, Consider Yourself, You've Got to Pick-a-Pocket or Two, I'd Do Anything, Oom Pah Pah, As Long As He Needs Me and many more, the Oliver, Tony and Oscar-winning masterpiece vividly brings to life Dickens' ever-popular story of the boy who asked for more.</p>  <p><b>Time for lunch prior to performance.</b> Depart Heathfield 9.15, Uckfield 9.35, Maresfield 9.45, Forest Row 10.10, War Memorial Bus Stop 10.20, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 10.25, Felbridge 10.30. Home 7.00pm. <b>We are doing this route due to the bridge on the A272 being closed to the coach.</b></p>

<p>10 September Tuesday £47.00 <b>NEW</b></p>	<p><b>LEEDS CASTLE SUBLIME SCULPTURE TRAIL.</b> In celebration of 50 years as your Leeds Castle we invite you to celebrate the grounds and gardens and uncover these spectacular sculptures along the way. Enjoy the breathtaking artwork created by a diverse group of local and international artists. The sculptures will be placed in various locations throughout the grounds, with some hidden in unexpected corners and others hanging from the treetops above. <b>Queens' with Means:</b> Immerse yourself in the world of Leeds Castle's seven historic queens. Gifted, educated, cultured and intelligent conversationalists, these Queens with means were women born and raised to marry English Monarchs. Allow us to take you on an untold journey through Medieval and Tudor times. <b>Glide Into The 1930s Castle:</b> Leeds Castle has embarked on a new adventure with displays introducing you to one of the most sophisticated and enigmatic female owners of the Castle. Glide into the 1930s castle and return to the past in one of the most glamorous historic tours in Kent. You are cordially invited to the exotic and glamorous 1930s house party of Lady Baillie, the Anglo-American heiress who transformed Leeds Castle into one of the most desirable country houses of the 20th century. Learn the story of her guests and of her staff preparing for the weekend ahead, where music, dancing and dangerous liaisons were the order of the day. The Maze and underground Grotto will challenge and delight you. During daytime hours, the <b>Castle View Restaurant</b> is exclusively for Leeds Castle admission ticket holders and accommodation guests. Take time out from exploring Leeds Castle and our enchanting grounds to enjoy a light lunch, afternoon tea or delicious homemade meal from our seasonal menu. Choose from hot or cold dishes, bursting with flavour and variety, or indulge in a choice of cakes and desserts, produced by our dedicated pastry team.</p> <div data-bbox="368 949 651 1252" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="715 949 1118 1252" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1182 949 1442 1252" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Depart Heathfield 8.30, Uckfield 8.50, Maresfield 9.00, Forest Row 9.25, War Memorial Bus Stop 9.35, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 9.40, Felbridge 9.45. Home 5.45pm</p>
<p>25 September Wed. 2.30pm £68.00</p>	<p><b>HERE YOU COME AGAIN – THE NEW DOLLY PARTON MUSICAL at RICHMOND THEATRE.</b> Packed with the iconic songs Jolene, 9 to 5, Islands in the Stream, I Will Always Love You, Here You Come Again and more, this lively and touching new musical tells the story of a diehard fan whose fantasy version of international icon Dolly Parton gets him through trying times. With her wit, humour and charm, Dolly teaches him a whole lot about life, love and how to pull yourself up by your bootstraps ... even if your bootstraps don't have rhinestones! This is one musical that is sure to make you smile. <b>Time for lunch prior to performance.</b> Depart Heathfield 9.30, Uckfield 9.50, Maresfield 10.00, Forest Row 10.25, War Memorial Bus Stop 10.35, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 10.40, Felbridge 10.45. Home 7.15pm</p>
<p>21 December Sat. 3pm £95.00 Seated tickets. <b>NEW</b></p>	<p><b>OUR FOURTH AND FINAL VISIT TO ABBA VOYAGE AT THE ABBA ARENA, LONDON.</b> See ABBA on stage in a concert 40 years in the making. Blending cutting-edge technology, spectacular lighting, and some of the most beloved songs ever written, ABBA take to the stage in a whole new way. <b>In a stunning, purpose-built arena, one of the most popular groups in history appear as digital avatars in a 'ground-breaking' (Metro) concert that really 'needs to be seen to be believed' (BBC).</b> The concert has been carefully planned by all 4 members of ABBA. Although not physically in the Arena, they have created the kind of concert they always wanted – blurring the lines between the real and the digital to give you the best version of themselves. <b>Time to get something to eat at the Arena prior to performance.</b> The ABBA Arena has a <b>great</b></p>

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**variety of food and drink options for you to enjoy.** On the main concourse you will find two main bars and a Prosecco bar, plus two further bars located in the main auditorium. The bars will serve a wide range of drinks including cocktails, wine, draught beer, spirits, and soft drinks. On the main concourse you'll also find a dedicated food area serving a selection of hot & cold options for you to choose from, as well as a selection of drinks. **Please note that we have to pay for this long before the date of performance so I do need you to book now if you are interested. Once I release any unsold tickets I will not be able to increase the numbers. This event ends at the beginning of January so we will not be able to get another date.**



Depart Heathfield 10.30, Uckfield 10.50, Maresfield 11.00, Forest Row 11.25, War Memorial Bus Stop 11.35, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 11.40, Felbridge 11.45. Home 6.45pm

## DAY TOUR BOOKING CONDITIONS.

**For routine enquiries please telephone 01825 732211 during office hours (9 – 5 Monday to Friday),** there is an answerphone if you wish to leave a message.

If you need to **cancel a trip for the following day and it is out of office hours** please phone Sallie on 07889359367

**No bookings or reservations can be taken over the telephone or by email.**

Please add £2.50 extra for each guest on each trip

**If you wish to be seated on the coach or in theatres or concerts with other members please let me know on the booking form.**

If booking for other members please list their names on the booking form as this avoids confusion.

**Tickets will be given out on the coach**

Please note: credit notes can only be given if your booking(s) can be resold and they are valid for one year from date of issue.

**Home times are approximate and are there for guidance only. Home refers to the Maresfield area.**

Please note that JG cannot be responsible for any cast changes in theatre productions

**Postal confirmations will only be sent if a DL SAE is enclosed with the booking. If you have email and wish for an email confirmation please just tick the space on the bottom of the booking form and I will do this.**

Please make cheques out to JG Theatre Club.

**JG Theatre Club cannot accept any liability for accident or injury to any member or guest in the course of the excursions.**

**Emergency** Contact numbers: Guy 07908 720170. Sallie 07889 359367

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# JG THEATRE CLUB DAY TOUR BOOKING FORM.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TEL NO: \_\_\_\_\_

PICK UP POINT: \_\_\_\_\_ / 2<sup>nd</sup> Pick Up If Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ mobile no: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>APRIL 2024</b>	DATE	PRICE £	NUMBER OF TICKETS	TOTAL £	+ £2.50 PER GUEST
Hatchlands Park(NT) <b>NT members</b>	30 April	<b>27.00</b>	<b>FULL</b>	<b>FULL</b>	
Hatchlands Park (NT) <b>non NT members</b>		<b>37.50</b>	<b>FULL</b>	<b>FULL</b>	
Wisley Contemporary Craft Fair <b>RHS members</b>	3 May	<b>28.00</b>			
Wisley Contemporary Craft Fair <b>Non RHS members</b>		<b>44.00</b>			
River Cruise & Isabella Plantation	8 May	<b>38.00</b>	<b>FULL</b>	<b>FULL</b>	
Andre Rieu at Wembley	15 May	<b>158.00</b>	<b>FULL</b>	<b>FULL</b>	
Valley Gardens at Windsor	17 May	<b>44.00</b>			
Abba Voyage third date	25 May	<b>95.00</b>	<b>FULL</b>	<b>FULL</b>	
<b>NEW</b> Coram Boy at Chichester	5 June	<b>66.00</b>			
Great Comp and Nettlestead Place	13 June	<b>44.00</b>			
Hatfield House	20 June	<b>49.00</b>			
Dorneywood, an exclusive visit	5 July	<b>59.00</b>			
Wey & Arun Canal and Parsonage Farm	16 July	<b>54.00</b>			
Speaker's House guided tour	8 Aug	<b>49.00</b>	<b>FULL</b>	<b>FULL</b>	
Speaker's House <b>Second date</b>	19 Aug	<b>49.00</b>			
Longford Castle	27 Aug	<b>48.00</b>			
<b>NEW</b> Oliver at Chichester	3 Sept	<b>65.00</b>			
<b>NEW</b> Leeds Castle Sculpture Trail	10 Sept	<b>47.00</b>			
Here You Come Again	25 Sept	<b>68.00</b>			
<b>NEW</b> ABBA Voyage fourth and final date	21 Dec	<b>95.00</b>			
<b>TOTAL £</b>					

IF YOU REQUIRE AN EMAIL CONFIRMATION PLEASE TICK HERE \_\_\_\_\_

TO REDEEM A CREDIT VOUCHER PLEASE ENTER VOUCHER ID NUMBER  HERE

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Seats in theatre & on coach **plus any mobility issues** or dietary requests if a meal is included: