

JUNE 2024

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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.

Can I also ask everyone to return the slip at the bottom of your invoice to me when making a payment. Thank you so much.

13 June
Thursday
£44.00

GREAT COMP GARDEN & NETTLESTEAD PLACE. 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, **The Old Dairy Tearooms** and Dyson's Salvias. **There will be time to explore and get lunch** at Great Comp before we make the short drive to **Nettlestead Place**. 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. Nettlestead Place is surrounded by 10 acres of gardens of much beauty interest and variety and were awarded a star rating in the Good Garden's Guide. The features of the gardens have been planned to provide specific and beautiful vistas of open countryside beyond and views of the Manor House, gatehouse and adjoining church. 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

20 June
Thursday
£49.00

**Limited space
separate cheque
please.**

HATFIELD HOUSE. 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. The estate has been in the Cecil family for 400 years - one of England's foremost political families. 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. In the park, an oak tree marks the place where the young princess Elizabeth first heard of her accession to the throne. 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. **The Coach House Kitchen**, 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

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<p>5 July Friday FULLY BOOKED</p>	<p>DORNEYWOOD, AN EXCLUSIVE VISIT. We will enjoy Tea and Cake 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 FULLY BOOKED</p>	<p>PARSONAGE FARM GARDEN AND A CRUISE ON THE WEY & ARUN CANAL. We begin at Parsonage Farm. Please bring a picnic to eat on the day. 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 FULLY BOOKED</p>	<p>SPEAKER'S HOUSE GUIDED 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 FULLY BOOKED</p>	<p>SPEAKER'S HOUSE GUIDED 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 Limited space separate cheque please</p>	<p>LONGFORD CASTLE, SALISBURY. A SPECIAL INTEREST GUIDED TOUR. Longford Castle is one of the grandest stately homes in Britain and has been the residence of one family for over 300 years. It contains enough grand master paintings to make most major galleries sigh in envy. 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. Please note you cannot take large bags into the Castle but they can be left on the coach. No photography is permitted within the Castle. 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. 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. Mat FULLY BOOKED</p>	<p>OLIVER AT CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE. Time for lunch prior to performance. 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. We are doing this route due to the bridge on the A272 being closed to the coach.</p>
<p>5 September Thursday £43.00 NEW</p>	<p>EMSWORTH AND A PRIVATE CHICHESTER HARBOUR TOUR. Emsworth, located in the far east of Hampshire, is a picturesque old fishing village nestling on the north end of Chichester harbour, with narrow streets, Georgian houses, walled gardens and a mill pond. The village is popular with sailors, artists and naturalists and its stunning waterside views, makes it an attractive place to visit. The small town retains an old world charm and has several architectural styles. It's a great place to walk and browse, with interesting antique shops as well as several independent food shops. In the Middle Ages, Emsworth was a busy port, importing wine for the noble classes. Later the village used tidal power to grind flour and also became known for its oyster beds, boat building, rope making and brewing. The town's oyster production is no more but you can still follow the Oyster Trail, a historic walk starting at the Emsworth Museum. Attractions in Emsworth: The Emsworth Museum in North Street tells the fascinating history of the village, from its most famous resident, P.G. Wodehouse, who incorporated several local names into his books, to the films and oral history recordings made by other local residents. Pleasure boating is now one of Emsworth's main attractions, along with its art galleries and lovely coastal walks, offering views over Chichester Harbour. Food and Drink in Emsworth: Anyone visiting Emsworth will find a</p>

good selection of restaurants, pubs and cafés to choose from. Restaurants such as 36 on the Quay, overlooking the harbour and Fat Olives in a former fisherman's cottage, have enviable reputations, but there are plenty of welcoming hostelrys to choose from. **Private 1 hour cruise on The Solar Heritage.** A trip on The Solar Heritage catamaran is a wonderful way to see the harbour as, due to the solar power, she virtually silently glides through the water giving a very serene experience and lovely way to see the local landscape and wildlife. Each sailing offers the opportunity to get up close to many of the birds and habitats that make this place so special. Knowledgeable guides provide commentary whilst you travel. Passengers are welcome to bring refreshments but we ask that **no glass drinking vessels** are brought on board. The boat is very accessible with a large, stable deck, plenty of seating and space to move around and take in the stunning views. There is lift access for anyone with mobility issues.



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 6pm.

9 September
Monday
£52.00

NEW

GREAT MAYTHAM HALL'S SECRET GARDEN AND DAHLIAS AT PASHLEY MANOR. In the early 1900s, American authoress, Frances Hodgson Burnett discovered an iron gate covered in ivy, and beyond it she saw glimpses of an overgrown walled garden. Peeking through the bars at the neglected blooms and tangled vines, a story began to form – of a secret garden waiting to be discovered... The story which followed, *The Secret Garden* (1911), has become a much-loved children's classic. For over 100 years the garden, hidden inside the grounds of the fictional Misselthwaite Manor, has inspired children and adults alike with its young orphan girl finding a home, and a passion for gardening, within its walls. Follow in the footsteps of Frances Hodgson Burnett and her much-loved cast of characters with a walk through the original secret garden at Great Maytham Hall. **There are no refreshments at Great Maytham Hall so suggest you bring a flask.** We then make the short drive to Pashley Manor where you can get lunch and enjoy the gardens at leisure. As summer turns to autumn the gardens at Pashley, on the border of Sussex and Kent, are ablaze with colour, provided by thousands of dazzling dahlias, during the Dahlia Days event. Over 70 varieties of this diverse perennial are planted throughout the garden; pinks in the Rose Garden, sunny yellows in the Golden Beds, whites in the Elizabethan Garden, purples in the Pool Garden and more. The pièce de resistance is the hot reds and oranges, interspersed with darker burgundy and complemented by the second flowering of roses, canna lilies, late flowering perennials and other annuals, in the magnificent herbaceous borders, which are at their best at this time of year. The café, with terrace, serves locally sourced and homemade cakes, scones and light lunches; the shop has gorgeous gifts, souvenirs and plants, and there are exhibitions of garden sculpture and floral art.



Depart Felbridge 9.05, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 9.10, Barclay Bank Bus Stop 9.15, Forest Row 9.20, Maresfield 9.45, Uckfield 9.55, Halland 10.05, Heathfield in High Street 10.15. Home 5.45pm

11 September
Wed. Mat.
£78.00
NEW

FAWLTY TOWERS AT THE APOLLO THEATRE, SHAFTESBURY AVENUE. Nearly 50 years since it first hit our TV screens, the 'greatest British sitcom of all time' (Radio Times) is now a brand-new stage play, adapted by comedy legend **John Cleese** and directed by Caroline Jay Ranger. Starring **Adam Jackson-Smith** as the inimitable Basil, **Anna-Jane Casey** as the iconic Sybil, and **Paul Nicholas** as the bumbling Major, this 18-strong cast take on the iconic characters at Torquay's most chaotic hotel – Fawlty Towers! "John Cleese has recreated the magic" i News "This is theatrical time travel of the most joyful variety." London Theatre. Featuring your favourite scenes from the sitcom's unforgettable twelve episodes, this really is the stage comedy event of the year! **Time for lunch prior to performance.**



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 7.00pm.

25 September
Wed. 2.30pm
£68.00

HERE YOU COME AGAIN – THE NEW DOLLY PARTON MUSICAL at RICHMOND THEATRE. 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. **Time for lunch prior to performance.** 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

10 October
 Thur. 2.30pm
 £68.00

NEW

FILUMENA AT THE THEATRE ROYAL, WINDSOR. Starring FELICITY KENDAL. Eduardo De Filippo's classic Italian comedy sparkles with optimism, affection, and a fierce determination for family, no matter what it takes. Amidst the heat of a Neapolitan spring, Filumena Marturano lies on her deathbed, waiting to marry the man who has kept her as his mistress for twenty-five years. No sooner than Filumena and Domenica are wed, she makes a miraculous recovery, much to the surprise of her new, unwilling husband and his younger lover! Filumena holds on to a secret from her past life in the brothels of Naples, revealing one of her three grown-up sons is Domenico's. But which one? Will he accept all three? **Time for lunch prior to performance.**



Depart Heathfield 9.45, Uckfield 10.05, Maresfield 10.15, Forest Row 10.40, War Memorial Bus Stop 10.50, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 10.55, Felbridge 11.00. Home 7.00pm



17 October
 Thur. 2.30pm
 £66.00


NEW

REDLANDS AT CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE. These kids – they're taking over the world – they're the new aristocracy, man and the old guard don't like it. In the quiet market town of Chichester, the most famous members of the most infamous rock group in the world are on trial. 1967. At Keith Richards's country house, Redlands, in deepest West Sussex, the Rolling Stones are enjoying a bohemian night in with the likes of Marianne Faithfull and George Harrison, until the constabulary swoop down and charge Keith and Mick Jagger with drug offences. Only one man can defend the two icons of the 60s revolution: Michael Havers, leading QC and future attorney general. But the furore also brings into the spotlight his own relationship with his son, aspiring teenage actor Nigel Havers, who's been drawn into Marianne's orbit... This riotous, psychedelic and hugely entertaining account of possibly the most bizarre English court case ever held evokes a turning point in cultural history and the clash between the generations. A fictional account, inspired by the famous 'Redlands' trial of the Rolling Stones. **Time for lunch prior to performance.**



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<p>23 October Wednesday £36.00 English Heritage Members £28.00 NEW</p>	<p>GREENWICH AND RANGERS HOUSE, THE WERNHER COLLECTION. Greenwich is a beautiful, historic, buzzing area of London, where hemispheres meet and Royal heritage blends with cutting edge architecture. There's absolutely loads to do while you're here. Stand on the Meridian Line at the Royal Observatory, experience life on board Cutty Sark, the world's last remaining tea clipper, see the fabulous baroque artistry of the Painted Hall at the Old Royal Naval College, explore Britain's naval history at the National Maritime Museum, shop the fabulous designer-maker arts & crafts in historic Greenwich Market, gaze at a fantastic mix of Medieval and Art Deco architecture at Eltham Palace and Gardens. Time for lunch before we visit The Ranger's House. Ranger's House is an elegant Georgian villa on the boundary of Greenwich Park and Blackheath which houses The Wernher Collection, a world-class art collection amassed by the 19th-century businessman, Sir Julius Wernher. Over 700 works of art are displayed across a dozen panelled interiors, and include medieval sculptures, glittering enamels, ornate jewellery, Renaissance paintings including Madonna of the Pomegranate (Madonna della Melagrana) from Sandro Botticelli's workshop, Dutch Old Masters and French tapestries. Not only are many of these pieces unique examples of their kind, but the stories they tell reveal much about the making, meaning and movement of art on a world stage. With new and enhanced interpretation highlighting the outstanding quality of these objects, the Wernher Collection at Ranger's House provides a remarkable opportunity to see one of the greatest surviving private art collections ever assembled in Europe.</p>  <p>Depart Heathfield 8.15, Uckfield 8.35, Maresfield 8.50, Forest Row 9.15, War Memorial Bus Stop 9.25, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 9.30, Felbridge 9.35 Home 5.45pm.</p>
<p>1 November Friday £25.00 NEW</p>	<p>GUY'S MYSTERY AUTUMN TINTS TOUR. Guy will do a good old fashioned Autumn tints mystery tour. He will go in search of the best autumnal colour and this could be anywhere! A suitable stop will be made for morning coffee and wherever we stop for lunch will have a choice of eateries.</p>  <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 5.15pm.</p>

<p>5 December Thur. 3pm £75.00 NEW</p>	<p>JOHN RUTTER CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL. John Rutter, Conductor. The Bach Choir. Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Full of John Rutter's own works and arrangements, alongside glorious symphonic and choral and sing-along carols, we are pleased to present the performances of this festive extravaganza. Conducted and presented by John Rutter himself, this ever-popular festive concert – featuring John's Christmas quiz – is guaranteed to fill you with sparkle and cheer. Suggest you bring a picnic to eat on the coach.</p>  <p>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.</p>
<p>21 December Sat. 3pm £95.00 Seated tickets.</p>	<p>OUR FOURTH AND FINAL VISIT TO ABBA VOYAGE AT THE ABBA ARENA, LONDON. 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. 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). 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. Time to get something to eat at the Arena prior to performance. The ABBA Arena has a great variety of food and drink options for you to enjoy. 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. 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>
<p>Notes</p>	<p>On 15 May I received an empty brown envelope. I have no idea who this was from but if you did make a booking about that time and used a large brown envelope please give me a ring. The envelope was sealed but empty.</p>
<p>Thursford 4 – 6 December 2024.</p>	<p>Did everyone get the information regarding the Thursford Christmas Spectacular? I have had very few bookings so I am wondering if some of the post got lost.</p>

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JG THEATRE CLUB DAY TOUR BOOKING FORM.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TEL NO: _____

PICK UP POINT: _____ / 2nd Pick Up If Applicable _____

E-mail address: _____ mobile no: _____

JUNE 2024	DATE	PRICE £	NUMBER OF TICKETS	TOTAL £	+ £2.50 PER GUEST
Great Comp and Nettlestead Place	13 June	44.00			
Hatfield House Separate cheque please	20 June	49.00			
Longford Castle Separate cheque please	27 Aug	48.00			
NEW Emsworth and Private Harbour Cruise	5 Sept	43.00			
NEW Great Maytham Hall and Pashley Manor	9 Sept	52.00			
Leeds Castle Sculpture Trail	10 Sept	47.00			
NEW Fawlty Towers at The Apollo	11 Sept	78.00			
Here You Come Again	25 Sept	68.00			
NEW Filumena at Windsor	10 Oct	68.00			
NEW Redlands at CFT	17 Oct	66.00			
NEW Greenwich and The Ranger's House	23 Oct	36.00			
Greenwich and The Ranger's House EH members		28.00			
NEW Guy's Mystery Autumn Tint Tour	1 Nov	25.00			
NEW John Rutter Christmas Celebration	5 Dec	75.00			
Abba Voyage	21 Dec	95.00			
TOTAL £					

IF YOU REQUIRE AN EMAIL CONFIRMATION PLEASE TICK HERE _____ or enclose an SAE for a printed copy.

TO REDEEM A CREDIT VOUCHER PLEASE ENTER VOUCHER ID NUMBER HERE.
voucher without this number. Please keep them safe.

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

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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 and do not put holiday and day trip payments on the same cheque.

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