# JG Theatre Club

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Please could I ask you not to send post dated cheques as I am always worried I will mislay them and please do not give bookings or cheques to the drivers as I often do not see Guy from one week to the next and they can get misplaced.

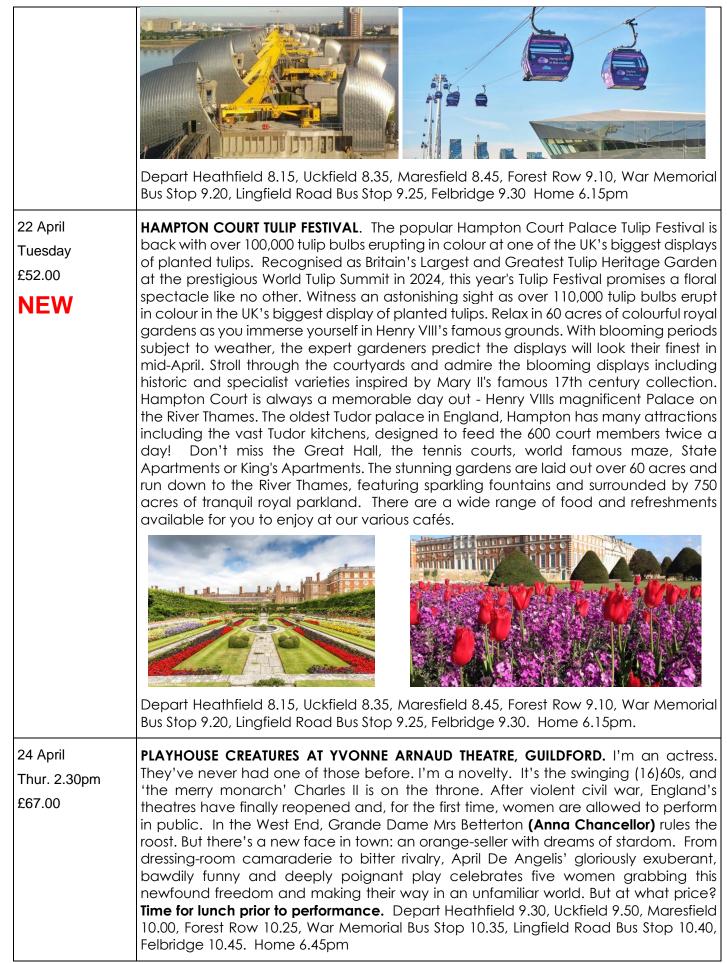
23 February Sun. 3.00pm £50.00 Separate cheque please.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA – NEW WORLD SYMPHONY at Congress Theatre, Eastbourne. Chevalier de Saint-Georges Symphony No. 2 (11'). Mozart Concerto for Flute and Harp (29'). Dvořák Symphony No. 9 (From the New World) (40'). Artists: Matthew Lynch, Conductor*, Juliette Bausor, Flute, Alexander Boldachev, Harp. The movie Chevalier popularised the incredible life story of Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges, but his music is even more exciting, and today it's just the start of an adventure that begins in 18th-century Paris and ends with the glorious melodies of Dvořák's 'New World' Symphony. It's popular for a reason, but for pure elegance and enchantment it's hard to top Mozart's Concerto for Flute and Harp, performed by the LPO Principal Flute Juliette Bausor plus the incredible Alexander Boldachev – a harpist with the charisma of a rock star. LPO 2024/25 Fellow Conductor Matthew Lynch completes a dream team: this should be magical. Depart Felbridge 12.30, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 12.35, Barclay Bank Bus Stop 12.40, Forest Row 12.45, Maresfield 1.10, Uckfield 1.20, Halland 1.30. NO HEATHFIELD PICK UP. Home 6.15pm
27 February 2025 Fully Booked	<b>A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS</b> at <b>YVONNE ARNAUD</b> , <b>GUILDFORD</b> . <b>Time for lunch prior to</b> <b>performance</b> . <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 6.45pm
5 March Wednesday £48.00 EH members £35.50	<b>DOWN HOUSE (EH) AND RAF BIGGIN HILL MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND CHAPEL.</b> With a unique place in the history of science and evolution, Down House was Charles Darwin's family home – and today it is a site of outstanding international significance. Step into the very rooms where Charles Darwin worked and lived, including the study where he wrote On the Origin of Species, and trace his story with a fascinating exhibition about his life and work. The house is surrounded by beautiful gardens that acted as Darwin's 'living laboratory' - see recreated experiments and discover how his observations helped him develop his groundbreaking theories. We have time to explore and get lunch before we move on to RAF Biggin Hill, a small museum that tells the story of RAF Biggin Hill through the personal experiences of those who served there, and the community who supported them. The museum journey begins over 100 years ago when RAF Biggin Hill was just farmland. One of Britain's oldest aerodromes, RAF Biggin Hill is still internationally recognised as Sir Winston Churchill's 'strongest link'. The museum is situated on the same site as St George's RAF Chapel of Remembrance, built in 1951 to preserve the legacy of those who served and died at Biggin Hill during the Second World War. The museum safeguards the future of this important building. Refreshments available at the Nightingale Café. 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

9 March Sun. 3.00pm £50.00	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA – BEETHOVEN AND BRAHMS. R Schumann Overture, Genoveva (9'). Beethoven Violin Concerto (42'). Brahms Symphony No. 4 (40'). Adam Hickox, Conductor. Hyeyoon Park, Violin. Music doesn't get much more beautiful than Beethoven's radiant Violin Concerto: a sunlit, soaring masterpiece in which the soloist almost seems to take flight. There's certainly nothing earthbound about our soloist – <b>the award-winning Korean violinist Hyeyoon Park has been</b> <b>described as 'a marvel'</b> . Her performance is the big, warm heart of a concert that opens with Schumann's swashbuckling overture and ends with Brahms's last symphony – tragedy, tenderness and defiance, told straight from the heart. Depart Felbridge 12.30, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 12.35, Barclay Bank Bus Stop 12.40, Forest Row 12.45, Maresfield 1.10, Uckfield 1.20, Halland 1.30. NO HEATHFIELD PICK UP. Home 6.15pm
15 March Sat. 3.00pm £74.00 Limited space separate cheque please	THE RPO PRESENTS 'FILM MUSIC GALA' AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL. Join the Orchestra on the red carpet alongside conductor Stephen Bell and a special guest vocalist for a night to remember, filled with music from your favourite Hollywood blockbusters. Featuring songs from much-loved movies and musicals, including La La Land, The Sound of Music, Schindler's List, Breakfast at Tiffany's, The Lord of the Rings, E.T., The Bridge on the River Kwai, Star Wars, Jaws, Out of Africa, Titanic, Chariots of Fire, Aladdin, West Side Story, The Lion King to name but a few. Time for lunch prior to performance or you can bring a picnic to eat on the coach. 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 8pm
19 March Wed. 2.30pm £68.00 Separate cheque please	<b>PICTURE YOU DEAD at RICHMOND THEATRE.</b> The late Queen's favourite literary detective, DSI Roy Grace is back in this brand new adaptation. After a chance purchase at a car boot fair, couple Harry and Freya discover they might have made the deal of a lifetime when the tattered old painting they bought turns out to be thought to be lost 1770 masterpiece. But as Harry and Freya begin to enjoy their potential windfall, some in the art world will stop at nothing, even murder, to take it off their hands. Will DSI Grace be able to save them? Or will this masterpiece become a mess? <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
8 April Tuesday £64.50 To include both tours and tea/coffee on arrival.	<b>NATIONAL HORSERACING MUSEUM AND THE NATIONAL STUD, NEWMARKET.</b> We begin with tea/coffee on arrival before our guided introduction to this fascinating museum. The National Horseracing Museum is a 5-acre site in the heart of Newmarket. It comprises three complementary attractions; National Horseracing Museum in the Trainer's House and King's Yard Galleries, the Packard Galleries of British Sporting Art in Palace House, and a chance to meet former racehorses in the flagship home of Retraining of Racehorses. So much more than a museum! There is a fabulous restaurant and gift shop on-site. There will be free time for lunch before we drive to The National Stud where we enjoy a guided tour, some on the coach and some flat walking. Guided tours of The National Stud are delivered by our partners at Discover Newmarket and are a fantastic way of learning more about what goes on behind the scenes of a Thoroughbred stud farm. Depending on the season visitors can expect to see mares with their young foals, yearlings and stallions all in the truly beautiful grounds of the National Stud. On your guided tour you will also hear about the history of the stud, and an overview of the work that goes into producing the future champions of the turf. There are no refreshments at The National Stud so we suggest you bring a flask and something for the journey home if you wish.





Depart Heathfield 7.15, Uckfield 7.35, Maresfield 7.45, Forest Row 8.10, War Memorial Bus Stop 8.20, Linafield Road Bus Stop 8.25, Felbridge 8.30. Home 6.45pm 13 April LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA - JAN LISIECKI PLAY BEETHOVEN. Repertoire: Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 5 (Emperor) (38'). Sibelius Symphony No. 2 (44'). Artists Sun. 3pm Tarmo Peltokoski, Conductor. Jan Lisiecki, Piano. Imagine a swelling river of sound; a £50.00 musical voyage that begins amid the tranquillity of nature and ends in a surge of triumph. That's Sibelius's Second Symphony, and there are few experiences in classical music more invigorating, or more stirring. For the young Finnish conductor Tarmo Peltokoski, Sibelius is a national hero, and Canadian pianist Jan Lisiecki takes centre stage to showcase the grandeur and glory of Beethoven's mighty 'Emperor' Concerto - a work dedicated to the composer's patron and friend, Archduke Rudolf. Depart Felbridge 12.30, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 12.35, Barclay Bank Bus Stop 12.40, Forest Row 12.45, Maresfield 1.10, Uckfield 1.20, Halland 1.30. NO HEATHFIELD PICK UP. Home 6.15pm. 16 April SPITFIRE GIRLS AT THE DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE, EASTBOURNE. By Katherine Senior. INSPIRED BY REMARKABLE TRUE EVENTS. 'It's built for us, isn't it?' The Spitfire. Built for Wed. 2.30 women." New Year's Eve, 1959. Decades after answering the call, two women £52.50 separated by the war, meet gagin as the rain hammers down on the windows of The Spitfire pub. As we hear their story, we're transported back to a time when female pioneers defied expectations and soared through the skies. Spitfire Girls is inspired by the extraordinary true stories of the women who dared to fly during WWII and the incredible bond that tied them together. Funny and heart-warming, this is an untold story of strength, courage and loss. But above all else, hope. Spitfire Girls was developed with the support of the National Theatre's Generate programme. Time for lunch prior to performance. Depart Felbridge 10.15, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 10.20, Barclay Bank Bus Stop 10.25, Forest Row 10.30, Maresfield 10.55, Uckfield 11.05, Halland 11.15. Home 6.00pm 17 April THAMES BARRIER GUIDED VISIT INCLUDING A TEST CLOSURE AND THE THAMES CABLE **CAR.** The Thames Barrier, one of the largest movable flood barriers in the world, spans Thursday 520 metres across the Thames, near Woolwich. Its ten, movable steel gates protect £49.00 125 square kilometres of central London from tidal-surge flooding. When raised, the 3300-tonne main gates stand as high as a five-storey building and as wide as the Including Tour opening of Tower Bridge. The Thames Barrier Information Centre is a small exhibition, and Cable Car. where you can learn how the Thames Barrier was designed, built and works. There is a Limited numbers working model of the Thames Barrier, video on the construction, virtual technical tour allowed. film plus other films and displays about flooding and the environment. Our quides will cover topics including, the history of the river and the risk of flooding in London, the NEW environment and wildlife of the Thames. Our visit coincides with a Test Closure of the Barrier (subject to operational conditions). The tour takes about 90 minutes. There are no refreshment facilities at the barrier so please bring a flask. After our tour we go to O2 where there will be **free time for lunch** (there are plenty of places to eat). We then take The Cable Car, admiring the terrific views, across to The Royal Docks (cafes there as well). There will be time to have a wander around The Royal Docks before returning to the coach at about 15.30 for our homeward journey.



30 April Wednesday £76.00	<b>THE GREAT STINK WITH A BLUE BADGE GUIDE.</b> The day includes a top-notch Blue Badge Tour Guide, a Thames Cruise, the tour at Crossness plus morning coffee and a cup of tea at the end of the afternoon. Two thousand years ago the Romans enjoyed indoor plumbing but until a couple of hundred years ago Londoners were still emptying their chamber pots out of the window. In 1858 the long hot summer turned into The Great Stink with the Thames little more than an open sewer. Something had to be done. We begin in central London tracking London's lost rivers, cruise the Thames to Greenwich and drive across the old Thames marshes to the extraordinary Cathedral of Sewage built to house the Crossness Engines. Bazalgette stopped London's waste running into the Thames by building massive intercepting sewers beneath new Embankments created by pushing back the mighty Thames behind stone walls. On Bazalgette's Victoria Embankment, we board a Thames Pleasure Cruiser to Greenwich. From Greenwich the coach whisks us further east past Woolwich to the Thames Marshes and the Cathedral of Sewage. Discover some of Britain's most spectacular ornamental Victorian cast ironwork and possibly the world's largest surviving beam engines. There's a museum and a social story here too – the workers lived on site in terraced cottages built right above the massive sewage storage tank. Mesh at the windows kept the flies at bay. It must have stunk to high Heaven but my goodness they grew good tomatoes! <b>Please bring a picnic to eat during the cruise.</b> Depart Heathfield 7.15, Uckfield 7.35, Maresfield 7.45, Forest Row 8.10, War Memorial Bus Stop 8.20, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 8.25, Felbridge 8.30. Home 6.30pm.
6 May Tuesday £47.00 <b>NEW</b>	EXBURY GARDENS, SOUTHAMPTON. The gardens were created by Lionel de Rothschild in 1919 and are still lovingly managed by the family today. They offer woodland walks, world famous displays of rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias, art and sculpture exhibitions and a miniature steam railway that follows a scenic route through parts of the gardens previously inaccessible to the public (not included in price). More than 100 years in the making, Exbury's glorious gardens, designed and curated by the de Rothschild family, have the power to delight and inspire in equal measure. This spectacular collection of landscaped woodland, herbaceous, contemporary, formal and wildflower gardens provide an ever-changing palette of colour that will entice you back to witness the seasons unfold. The Little Kitchen Company provides visitors with a variable menu based around quality produce and locally sourced ingredients.
	Depart Heathfield 7.45, Uckfield 8.05, Maresfield 8.15, Forest Row 8.40, War Memorial Bus Stop 8.50, Lingfield Road Bus Stop 8.55, Felbridge 9.00. Home 7.00pm
8 May Thur. 2.30pm £60.00	HANDBAGGED AT YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE, GUILDFORD. Moira Buffini's clever and fiercely funny comedy is a fly-on-the-wall look at what might have happened when Queen Elizabeth II and Margaret Thatcher came face-to-face in the privacy of the palace. Over the course of a decade did the Monarch and the Iron Lady ever find a common ground, or did their stiff upper lips reign supreme? This highly entertaining Queen's Theatre Hornchurch and Theatre Nation Partnerships production explores the intense relationship between two of history's most revered female leaders, and the legacy they each left behind. 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 6.45pm

15 May Thur. 2.30pm £83.50 Very limited space, separate cheque please	<b>HAMILTON AT THE VICTORIA PALACE THEATRE, LONDON.</b> Hamilton is the story of America's Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant from the West Indies who became George Washington's right-hand man during the Revolutionary War and helped shape the very foundations of the America we know today. The score blends hip-hop, jazz, blues, rap, R&B and Broadway - the story of America then, as told by America now. Hamilton has book, music and lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda, is directed by Thomas Kail, with choreography by Andy Blankenbuehler and musical supervision and orchestrations by Alex Lacamoire and is based on Ron Chernow's biography of Alexander Hamilton. Winner of 11 Tony Awards including Best Musical, 7 Olivier Awards including Best New Musical, the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the 2016 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theatre Album. <b>Time for lunch prior to performance.</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 7.45pm
5 June Thur. 2.30pm £55.00 <b>NEW</b>	<b>THE PAJAMA GAME AT YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE, GUILDFORD.</b> The Unmissable Broadway Musical Comedy. A union strike at a pajama factory generates plenty of 'steam heat' in this energetic 1950s retro musical comedy love story! The Pajama Game was awarded the 1955 Tony for Best Musical, and over half a century later claimed the award for Best Revival of a Musical. The hit 1957 film starring Doris Day, and the 2014 London West-End production further prove this musical is truly timeless. Conditions at the 'Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory' are anything but peaceful, as sparks fly between handsome new superintendent, Sid Sorokin, and feisty Union rep, "Babe" Williams, while the workers strike for a 7 ½ cent pay increase! The Pajama Game features energetic songs and dances and plenty of fun and splashy production numbers, including hit 50s pop standards "Hey There", "Hernando's Hideaway" and "Steam Heat". This perennial favourite is a sure-fire crowd-pleaser and a glowing example of classic American Musical Comedy. <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 6.45pm
12 June Thursday £51.00 includes garden entry and a Ploughman's Lunch. <b>NEW</b>	<b>GODINTON HOUSE DELPHINIUM FESTIVAL AND A PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH.</b> A unique festival celebrating Godinton's exceptional collection of Delphiniums. Members of The Delphinium Society will be on hand at select times during the festival to offer expert advice. The Delphinium Society will also have Delphiniums for sale in the Walled Garden. Predominantly Sir Reginald Blomfield's design of 1896, the twelve acres of tranquil gardens surrounding Godinton House are enclosed by a vast yew hedge and showcase features added by different owners over time. Terraced lawns bordered by a vast yew hedge and topiaried box have been softened over the last century by the addition of long, curvy-edged herbaceous borders and ornamental tree and shrub plantings. All areas of the garden continue to be restored and maintained to a high standard. Members of The Delphinium Society will be on hand at select times during the festival to offer expert advice. The Delphinium Society will also have Delphinium society will also have Delphiniums to a high standard. Members of The Delphinium Society will be on hand at select times during the festival to offer expert advice. The Delphinium Society will also have Delphiniums



We have been offered 30 places for a two night stay at a 4 star hotel in Bristol including a luxury steam hauled train journey's and dinner on The SS Great Britain. To see if it is worth running please could we have an expression of interest. See booking form for expression of interest please.

## Includes:

2 x nights at the 4 star Radisson Hotel Bristol 3 course set dinner on The SS Great Britain Luxury Pullman Steam Hauled return journey from Bristol to Plymouth with Saphos Trains (www.saphostrains .com) Full Champagne breakfast on the train Full five course dinner on the return journey Steward service whilst on board Excursion in Plymouth Return Coach Travel Financial Failure Insurance

# 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 tick the box 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

# JG THEATRE CLUB DAY TOUR BOOKING FORM.

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

E-mail address:	mobile no:

FEBRUARY 2025		DATE	PRICE £	NUMBER OF TICKETS	TOTAL £	+ £2.50 PER GUEST
New World Symphony, Eastbourne Separate Cheque		23 Feb	50.00			
Down House & RAF Biggin Hill	Non EH members	5 Mar	48.00			
Down House and RAF	EH members		35.50			
Beethoven & Brahms at Eastbour	ne	9 Mar	50.00			
RPO Film Music Gala at RAH	Separate Cheque	15 Mar	74.00			
Picture You Dead at Richmond	Separate Cheque	19 Mar	68.00			
NEW National Horseracing Museum and The Stud		8 Apr	64.50			
Jan Lisiecki plays Beethoven at E	astbourne	13 Apr	50.00			
Spitfire Girls at Devonshire Park Th	neatre	16 Apr	52.50			
NEW The Thames Barrier Tour		17 Apr	49.00			
NEW Hampton Court Tulip Festival		22 Apr	52.00			
Playhouse Creatures at YA		24 Apr	67.00			
The Great Stink		30 Apr	76.00			
NEW Exbury Gardens and Steam Railway		6 May	47.00			
Handbagged at YA		8 May	60.00			
Hamilton	Separate Cheque	15 May	83.50			
NEW The Pajama Game		5 June	55.00			
NEW Godinton House Delphinium Festival		12 June	51.00			
Starlight Express		10 July	85.00			
				TOTAL £		

IF YOU REQUIRE AN EMAIL CONFIRMATION PLEASE TICK HERE \_\_\_\_\_ or enclose SAE for printed one

# 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:

I am interested in the 2 night trip to Bristol and would like to bring \_\_\_\_\_ people

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