

## U3A planned excursions for 2020 from Bridport with Crossways Travel

**Sunday 26th March**

**Finch Foundry Dartmoor NT**

**£32.00**

**Finch Foundry is a 19th-century water-powered forge situated in the village of Sticklepath near Okehampton.** It was originally used to produce agricultural and mining hand tools and at its peak produced around 400 edge tools a day. It is the last working water-powered forge in England – experience the sights, sounds and smells of three thundering water wheels powering massive hammers, shears and sharpening stone.

Afterwards Crossways will show you a little of Dartmoor.

**Wednesday 13th May**

**Sandhurst Military Academy**

**£52.00**

The Standard Tour lasts about 3 hours and includes Prestige Rooms of Old College including the Indian Army Memorial Room and Old College Grand Entrance, the RMAS Museum, the Royal Memorial Chapel and Roman Catholic Chapel. Guidebooks, postcards, mugs and many other RMAS souvenirs are on sale during the tour.

Those with limited mobility are welcome, but please be aware that Old College is an old building and there is only 1 disabled entrance and uneven flagstones throughout. There are no wheelchairs available for hire at the RMAS.

**Sunday 5th July**

**South Devon Railway 1940's Festival**

**£42.00**

The festival, previously The South Devon Railway 1940s Weekend, is held at Buckfastleigh Station. It has **grown and** developed greatly and now boasts a large amount of displays, vehicles, trade stands, entertainment and atmosphere that you won't find anywhere else! We work closely with the Devon Area Military Vehicle Trust and the South Devon Railway to ensure that you will experience a fun filled day out that will transport you back to the 40s.

**Wednesday 15th July**

**Highgrove Royal Estate**

**£45.00**

The private residence of TRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall. Since 1980 his Royal Highness has devoted much energy in transforming the garden, which are renowned as some of the most inspiring and innovative in the United Kingdom. Created with imagination and passion by the Prince over the last 38 years, the series of interlinked organic gardens reflect his deep commitment to sustainability, as well as a natural artistic ability.

**Wednesday 19th August**

**Downton Abbey/Highclere Castle**

**£43.00**

Highclere Castle, stately home in Hampshire, England, owned by the earls of Carnarvon. The castle has more than 200 rooms and stands on a tract of about 1,060 acres (430 hectares). Recently it gained fame as the setting for the television series Downton Abbey.

**Wednesday 2nd September**

**Tiverton Horse drawn canal**

**£39.50**

The Tiverton is a beautiful wide beam, 75-seater horse-drawn Barge, one of the last remaining in Great Britain. The trip offers a truly unique and memorable living heritage experience of a time before steam. It is a 2½ hr return trip, 1½ to East Manley where it moors allowing you the opportunity to take a short walk to see the aqueduct (designed by Brunel's team of railway engineers), or talk to the horse as he rests for a while under the shade of a tree. Then turns around for the return journey.

**Saturday 5th September**

**Polesden Lacey House & Garden NT**

**£44.00**

Marvel at the glittering Gold Saloon designed to impress kings and maharajahs, or the extensive collection of art and ceramics ranging from world-famous Dutch old masters to sparkling Fabergé objects.

There are glorious views across the rolling Surrey Hills and acres of countryside to explore. The gardens offer something for every season, including climbing roses which are at their best in June, a beautiful herbaceous border and a winter garden bursting with yellow aconites. The wider estate has four waymarked trails with plenty of space to let off steam on a walkthrough woodland or over rolling hills.

**Saturday 17th October**

**Chichester Planetarium & Market**

**£38.00**

Using our special star projector, images are projected on the inside of the dome and show the stars and other objects in the night sky. Full dome shows feature stunning immersive video and breathtaking images. You can explore the past present and future of the universe and the magic of the night sky in warmth & comfort with live expert commentary delivered by our professional astronomers.

Chichester is a cathedral city in West Sussex, in South-East England. It is the only city in West Sussex and is its county town. It has a long history as a settlement from Roman times and was important in Anglo-Saxon times. It is the seat of the Church of England Diocese of Chichester, with a 12th-century cathedral.

**Saturday 28th November**

**Buckfast Abbey food/craft fair or Exeter shopper**

**£27.00/£23.50**

**CANCELLED ~ Replacement to be decided**

**Wednesday 16th November**

**Otter Garden centre**

**£21.00**

A family-run garden centre founded in 1964 and still going strong!

Quote from visitor: - "This is a huge garden centre that doesn't just sell garden orientated things. The choice huge and includes furniture, clothes, gifts and a large popular restaurant. Prices are variable and although not the cheapest on some things the quality is always good! Well worth visiting."