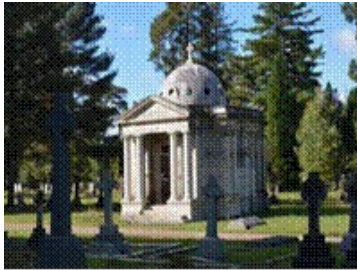
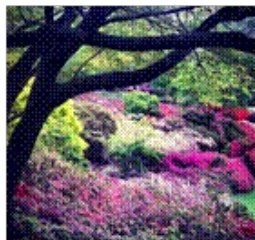


**Visit to Brookwood Cemetery and Savill Gardens, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**



Our next trip will be a dual centre visit to the remarkable Brookwood Cemetery near Woking followed by Savill Gardens (with an optional cream tea), part of Windsor Great Park.

Brookwood Cemetery was opened in 1854 as an overflow for the City of London and at the time was the largest cemetery in the world and is still the largest in Western Europe. Over 2000 acres of common land were made available and even though only about 500 acres were used, the site is so vast that at one time it even had its own dedicated railway from Waterloo with two stops inside the cemetery. It was planned to inspire and now has mature avenues of giant sequoia trees, planted with rhododendrons, magnolia and azalea amongst others and is a wildlife haven and refuge. Famous artists and musicians rest there along with others such as the scandalous Duchess of Argyll. It is also a Commonwealth War Grave Commission site and fourteen Victoria Cross holders lie there.



It is a huge site that cannot be completely visited in one day but we will have a **90 minute tour** of the military section led by one of the local volunteers. Please note the tour will cover a distance of  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile.

We will then move to Savill Gardens, arriving in time for you to have lunch in one of the food outlets if you wish. The gardens are extensive with 35 acres and should be in full bloom at this time of year. They were created in the 1930's and comprise several gardens and woods that are dedicated to seasons such as the summer garden which we would expect to be resplendent with its rose and bedding plant displays.

As part of our visit we have arranged for an optional cream tea at a small additional cost which you will need to confirm with us at the time of your booking. Depart Green St 9.00, briefly stopping at the bus stop opposite the White Horse

- Arrive Brookwood 10.00 in time for Military Section Tour
- Depart Brookwood approx. 12.00 and arrive Savill Gardens by 12.45
- Optional afternoon tea 3.30
- Depart Savill Gardens approx. 4.30
- Arrive back in Chorleywood 5.15 – 5.30

*For payment, it would help us if you can pay electronically. This is because we now get charged by the bank to cash a cheque. However, we will still accept cheques.*