Jenny’s Jaunts November 2019 to May 2020

We try to have a variety of trips, some of which may be more accessible than others. If you have any mobility or other issues that you feel might affect your enjoyment of a trip, please contact Jenny before booking, to help you decide whether the trip is suitable for you. It is important that we have emergency contact details for everyone on a trip in case of accident or illness, and you will be asked to provide these if you have not already done so.

**November 21st November 2019 -A Dickens Kentish Xmas.** A visit to Rochester exploring some of Dickens haunts.
**THIS TRIP IS FULLY BOOKED**

**2020**

**Monday 20th January - A visit to Canterbury Cathedral**

**Canterbury Cathedral** is one of the oldest and most famous Christian structures in England. It forms part of a World Heritage Site.

Founded in 597, the cathedral was completely rebuilt between 1070 and 1077. The east end was greatly enlarged at the beginning of the 12th century, and largely rebuilt in the Gothic style following a fire in 1174.

We will be welcomed with refreshments on arrival and start with an audio visual presentation which will explain the history of the cathedral. This will take approx. 20 minutes. We will then be able to use the audio guide to wander around the cathedral in our own time. There will be time to spend in Canterbury for lunch and/or shopping.

Touring the cathedral is expected to take 1 – 2 hours, depending on the level of interest and speed. It is a medieval building with well worn stone floors and steps built over several levels. There is a lift to access the Trinity Chapel which is available by steps, with a handrail.

Cost £48 (includes refreshments on arrival, talk on history of cathedral, audio guide, coach and tip for driver.)

Pick up Xcel Centre 9.15am. Return approx. 6.30/7pm

**Tuesday 18th February – The Charterhouse and Southwark Cathedral.**

**Morning tour of Southwark Cathedral, London**

An Augustinian priory, **Southwark Priory**, dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Following the dissolution of the monasteries, it became a parish church, with the new dedication of St Saviour's. The present building retains the basic form of the Gothic structure built between
1220 and 1420, although the nave is a late 19th-century reconstruction. A tour of the cathedral, taking approx. one hour, will explore its close ties with Shakespeare’s theatrical world. There will be time for refreshments on arrival in the refectory (not included in cost), followed by a tour of the cathedral. There will be time for lunch in the refectory if you wish after the tour.

The flooring of the cathedral is old and can be a bit uneven. There are a number of steps around the cathedral with handrails.

**Afternoon tour of The Charterhouse,**

*Founded in 1084, was a significant presence in the* religious life of London. Not only the largest Carthusian monastery in England, it was also one of the most well endowed, benefiting from its nearness to a wealthy population. At its height the Charterhouse accommodated around 26 monks. They were greatly revered by London’s citizens who gave money and goods to the monastery in return for prayers. Today the Charterhouse is home to The Brothers, a group of elderly gentlemen. One of The Brothers will be taking us on a tour.

Due to the nature of the building, some dating back to 1370, there are a few uneven surfaces and steps. The floor varies from room to room but any hazards will be pointed out by the guide. There is only one floor not at ground level and this can be accessed by one flight of stairs or a lift. The Masters Court is outside and can be slippery in wet weather. The Court is cobbled and uneven. Please wear appropriate clothing and shoes.

Cost £38.00 (Includes tours in Cathedral and Charterhouse, coach and tip for driver)

Pick up Xcel Centre 8.45am. Return approx. 5.00pm

**SUNDAY 1st March - A day trip to Cambridge**

Following the successful trips to Cambridge for the last two years, Janet and John have kindly agreed to take another trip.

Janet says:

I have been asked if it is possible to arrange a Cambridge trip which includes the opportunity to attend a service in Kings College Chapel at which the young Choristers are singing. Since the Chapel only publishes its services term by term and occasionally makes them ticketed, nothing can be guaranteed BUT we have planned a Sunday visit to Cambridge and those wishing to hear the Choristers sing, by attending a service, can do so at 3.30pm. Other people on the jaunt can visit other colleges, the FitzWilliam Museum, go punting, take afternoon tea or go shopping!
On our way to Cambridge we will stop at a service station near Cambridge for Coffee etc. When we arrive in Cambridge we will divide into two groups (fast and slow walkers!) for an insider’s walking trip around the centre of town, some of the colleges, and “the backs” taking approximately 1.5 hours. Cambridge has cobbles and some uneven paving stones so comfy shoes that can cope with uneven surfaces will be essential for a happy day. There are numerous coffee shops and restaurants as well as an M&S food store in the town centre for lunch (not included).

It is possible to visit Kings College Chapel but not attend the service (at an extra cost of £10) but visitors will have to be out of the Chapel by 3pm.

Cost £35  (Includes tour of Cambridge, coach, tip for driver)

Pick up Xcel Centre 8.30am. Return approx.7/ 8pm

**Thursday 23rd April - Day trip to Arundel Castle and gardens**

**Arundel Castle** is a restored and remodelled medieval castle in Arundel, It was established by Roger de Montgomery on Christmas Day 1067. Roger became the first to hold the earldom of Arundel by the graces of William the Conqueror. The castle was damaged in the English Civil War and then restored in the 18th and 19th centuries.[2]

From the 11th century, the castle has served as a home and has been in the ownership of the family of the Duke of Norfolk for over 400 years. It is the principal seat of the Howard family, whose heads have been first Earls of Arundel and then Dukes of Norfolk. It is a Grade I listed building.[3]

The Castle is built on a hill and there are some steep stairs and narrow passages. The main entrance is up a steep slope but there is a passenger buggy available at the ticket office, which will also be available to access the garden.

The Ground Floor is Accessible via a ramped entrance and passenger lift. The first floor is also accessible via passenger lift .

It will be a self guided tour of the castle with guides in each room you visit. There is a cafeteria to purchase refreshments., on the ground floor. The Castle is close to Arundel town for those wishing to tour the town. Opposite the castle is a museum which will be free by showing your ticket to the castle.

Cost £38 (Includes coach and tip for driver)

Pick up Xcel Centre9.30am. Return approx. 6pm

**FUTURE EVENT**
SATURDAY IN MAY – Date and time to be confirmed –

The **Culham Centre for Fusion Energy** (CCFE).

This is a Government facility at Abingdon and a working Laboratory providing research for clean energy. In May, the CCFE is having an open day offering a talk and tour of the Laboratory. There is a lot of walking which will take approx. 2 ½ to 3 hours.

Numbers are limited, so if you are interested, please give your names to Jenny who will confirm the details to you as soon as we are notified of date and time.