

# HITCHIN FRIENDSHIP CENTRE AND U3A TRAVEL GROUP



## PROGRAMME 2024

**Wednesday 8 May – Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens**

**£ 45.50**

**plus an optional guided tour £5**

**Leonardslee** is an English landscape and woodland garden in Lower Beeding, near Horsham, West Sussex, England. The Grade I listed garden is particularly significant for its spring displays of rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, magnolias, and bluebells, with the flowering season reaching its peak in May. There are also a sculpture park for art enthusiasts, wallabies for animal lovers and even a Dolls House Exhibition.

**Tuesday 11 June – Norwich**

**£ 32**

You have a free day to explore the city at your own pace. The city centre is easy to walk around and has a river at its heart. As well as being the most complete medieval city in the UK with stunning Norman Cathedral and Castle, it has a flourishing arts, music and cultural scene, superb independent as well as High Street shopping and a quaint covered market.

For art lovers, the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, just a short bus ride away, is a genre-defying art museum with world-class collections and a unique perspective on how art can foster cultural dialogue and exchange.

**Tuesday 16 July – Banbury & Broughton Grange**

**£ 45**

The morning is free to explore the lively town of Banbury on the river Cherwell with its charming streets and historic buildings alongside new developments - such as the Castle Quay Shopping Centre in the recently regenerated Oxford Canal area.

In the afternoon we head for Broughton Grange which won the European Garden Heritage Network award in 2018 for the best development of a historic park or garden. The centrepiece is an impressive three-terraced walled garden created by Chelsea gold medal-winning designer Tom Stuart-Smith. There are many other areas to see including a stumpery, woodland garden, knot garden, wildflower meadows, water meadow, parterre and rose garden and a large arboretum full of interesting trees.

**Thursday 12 September – Bletchley Park**

**£ 42**

Immersive films, interactive displays, museum collections and faithfully recreated WW2 rooms will guide you on a journey to discover the past at Bletchley Park, the principal centre of Allied code-breaking during the Second World War. Exhibitions, set within beautifully restored historic buildings, tell the story of this once top-secret operation. Find out more about the brilliant minds and complex machines that made this vital work possible and discover the global impact Bletchley Park had on the outcome of WW2.

### **Booking conditions**

1. Full payment to be made at time of booking.
2. Payment by cheque preferred, made payable to **Hitchin Friendship Centre Travel Group**
3. If paying by cash please ensure that you have the exact money as no float is carried.
4. If you are a non-Hitchin u3a member and have not travelled with us before, you need to fill in a form so that we have your correct contact details
5. Coach seats will not be allocated. If you have a particular need, please speak to a member of the Travel Group.
6. No refunds will be paid unless the seat is sold or the trip cancelled.
7. If you are unable to hand in your cheque at a meeting please send it to: **Angela Cooke, 45, Westwood Avenue, Hitchin, SG4 9LL**
8. Regulations state that seat belts must be worn on the coach.

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