

## Booking Forms for Second Group of Visits Summer 2023

### CONDITIONS OF BOOKING FOR VISITS

**Note: As last year, pick-ups will be the Beacon Centre, Holtspur Way, and Waltrose/Town Hall In the New Town.**

#### **1. Booking**

Members should book before the date specified in the trip description, by completing a booking slip and sending it, together with the specified payment (see 4, below), to the name and address printed on the booking slip page. Please include a mobile phone number in case we need to contact you on the day. There is also space for an optional 'Emergency' number that we can use in case of illness on the day.

Bookings will be taken as from the official release of this document. All applications received will be treated on a first-come first-served basis. If any outing is over-subscribed the latest applicants will be notified and be given the option of going on the waiting list.

#### **2. Non-members and late bookings**

Applications from, or on behalf of, non-members will only be entertained from 14 days before the date of the visit and only if spaces are available. Late applications from members during that 14 day pre-visit period may also be accepted, but they will have no priority over allocations already made to non-members.

#### **3. Confirmation of bookings**

If an email address is provided on the application form, we will use that to confirm your booking. If you don't have email and want a confirmation of your booking, please send a stamped addressed envelope with your applications. All members will be advised if their application is NOT successful so that they can indicate if they wish to go on the waiting list or not.

#### **4. Payment**

All applications must be accompanied by the appropriate payment. **Please send a separate cheque for each outing, with the name of the relevant outing on the back of the cheque.** Make cheques payable to "Beaconsfield Historical Society". Cheques may be dated up to 14 days prior to the date of the outing. You may pay by cash if you wish, but do not send cash through the post.

#### **5. Cancellations**

A full refund will be given if you cancel at least 14 days before the outing. Refunds after that date cannot be promised but will be made if possible. Cancellation notifications should be made to the organiser. Should the Society cancel any outing, all payments will be refunded.

#### **6. Surcharges**

The Society reserves the right, in exceptional circumstances, to make any necessary surcharges. (This may apply to non-senior members of our Society). If required these will be collected on the coach.

#### **7. Pick-up points**

Please indicate your chosen pick-up point on the booking slip. It is a good idea to mention if you will be bringing a wheelchair or walking aids.

**Please Note: Many properties do not allow photography indoors. Please do not wear stiletto heels.**

<b>Sculpture Park and Chevenage House in Gloucestershire</b> <b>Book by 17th May 2023</b>	<b>Fri 2 Jun 2023</b> <b>£46</b>
<p>Our first stop is the Sculpture Park in Cirencester. The Park is full of sculptures from dozens of different artists of all sizes, you can stroll around the park at your leisure and take in all the works of art, all of which are for sale if they take your fancy. There is somewhere there to get refreshments. We will then move on to Chevenage and its historical interest goes back to the civil war when the house was built. The family do their own tours and are a little eccentric to say the least and tell the stories of their home well. After that, another member of the family will have been preparing a full Gloucester Cotswold Tea for us, all homemade (included), almost worth going there for that, it will be delicious. You will have seen the house in films and on television notably Wolf Hall and Trenwith in Poldark and many others but just not know it at the time.</p>	
<p>Coach leaves: Waitrose: 9:15am; Beacon Centre: 9:30am;  ETA Beaconsfield: 6:30pm</p>	
<b>Whitchurch Silk Mill and Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery</b> <b>Book by 30th June 2023</b>	<b>Thu 27 Jul 2023</b> <b>£45</b>
<p>Our first stop of the day is the silk mill museum. After refreshments (included) we have a tour of their Victorian machinery. There is a shop if you want to purchase any of their wares. We will then move on to Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery where you can get lunch in their café. Then we start our tour and you can make your own Gin and Tonic and see how they distil the blue bottle Gin and how they come up with the flavours from the botanicals in the green houses and dry room. If gin is your tippie you can call into the shop on your way out to stock up.</p>	
<p>Coach leaves: Waitrose: 9:00am; Beacon Centre: 9:15am;  ETA Beaconsfield: 6:30pm</p>	
<b>Althorp House</b> <b>Book by 15th July 2023</b>	<b>Wed 9 Aug 2023</b> <b>£39</b>
<p>Althorp is the ancestral home of the Spencer's and the current Earl is an historian and author and the house is full of history over its 500 years. It was Diana's family home before marrying Prince Charles and is now her final resting place. On arrival you will disembark near the house and you will be free to go and view the house from 11am. There is also a book shop and a café and you are free to walk in the grounds. We will re-join the coach at 4pm for our journey home..</p>	
<p>Coach leaves: Waitrose: 9:00am; Beacon Centre: 9:15am;  ETA Beaconsfield: 6:00pm</p>	
<b>Houses of Parliament</b> <b>Book by 1st August 2023 – Limited to 40 places</b>	<b>Mon 4 Sep 2023</b> <b>£25</b>
<p>This is an early start for a trip but the only way of fitting things in before the house sits, but we will leave early as well. We will arrive 9 – 9.30 and refreshments (included) have been arranged as soon as we have gone through the security. Security is obviously tight and I have to supply a list of names in advance. You will be advised if I am asked for any ID before we go. We will enter through gate 8 which is not the main entrance, after which we will divide in two groups for a tour of both houses. When the tours are over you can have tickets to the gallery to listen to the debate in the commons. There is a café near Westminster Hall for lunch and refreshments as you wish. We will re-join the coach at 3pm to return home.</p>	
<p>Coach leaves: Waitrose: 7:30am; Beacon Centre: 7:45am;  ETA Beaconsfield: 4:30pm</p>	

Enquiries: Ann Snapes: Mob: 07971 584978; Email: [trips.bhs@yahoo.com](mailto:trips.bhs@yahoo.com)

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Please return all forms and cheques to: Ann Snapes, 21 Woodside Ave, Beaconsfield, Bucks, HP9 1JJ