

Spring and Summer

Celebrate the longer days and warmer weather with a selection from our forthcoming days out.

Polesden Lacey

The house was extensively remodelled in 1906 by the Hon. Mrs Ronald Greville, a well-known Edwardian hostess. Her collection of fine paintings, furniture, porcelain and silver is displayed in the reception rooms and galleries. There are extensive grounds, a walled rose garden, lawns and landscape walks through part of the estate of 1,400 acres. The future King George VI and Queen Elizabeth spent part of their honeymoon here in 1923.



Groombridge Gardens

Experience magic and mystery, history and romance. Set in 200 acres, Groombridge Place features a magnificent series of award-winning traditional walled gardens, set against the backdrop of a 17th century moated manor. See peacocks strut in the grounds and black swans glide along the moat while in the ancient woodland of the Enchanted Forest there's enigma, innovation and excitement for all ages. Plus birds of prey flying displays and canal boat cruises.

Pashley Manor Gardens

'One of the finest Gardens in England', Pashley offers a sumptuous blend of romantic landscaping, imaginative plantings and fine old trees, fountains, springs and ponds. This is a quintessential English Garden of a very individual character, with exceptional views to the surrounding valleyed fields. Many eras of English history are reflected here, typifying the tradition of the English Country House and Garden. The gardens were brought to their present splendour with the help of eminent landscape architect, Anthony du Gard Pasley.



Kent County Show

The six-acre Forestry Area is the setting for exhibits on wildlife, conservation, country crafts and the environment. A wide variety of breeds of horses, cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and poultry are also on display, along with agricultural and horticultural machinery. Other attractions include showjumping, rural crafts, an antiques fair, international sheep shearing and over two miles of shopping, bars and refreshments. Expect performances from the Dancing Diggers JCB team and Titan the eight foot robot.

Group hires. Group hires now cost £70 with our driver and £60 without our driver.

Excursions. Trips must have a minimum of eight passengers to run or they may be cancelled at short notice.

Can you help? The Villager runs with help from a number of volunteers. This makes a big difference to the service. If you, or someone you know, would like to become a volunteer driver then please call the Villager to find out more. We would be pleased to hear from you, even if you are only able to drive occasionally.

Bookings can be made by calling: **01634 890100** or by
Email to the following address: **rural.projects@medway.gov.uk**

Date	Zone	Destination	Cost	First pick-up	Further information
Tue 28 Apr	C+D	Battle and its attractions & then onto Hastings	£11	08:30	Visit all our Yesterdays, the Abbey or the Almonry
Wed 29 Apr	A+B	Clacton	£13.50	08:30	Seaside Town & attractions
Tue 5 May	A+B	Folkestone & Samphire Hoe.	£10	08:30	Coastal shops,the views,then onto this man made area.
Thu 7 May	C+D	Rye Market	£12	08:30	Popular seaside market
Tue 12 May	C+D	Clacton	£13.50	08:30	Seaside Town & attractions
Wed 13 May	A+B	Polesden Manor & Gardens	£14	08:30	Regency House, Walled Rose gardens & more.
Tue 19 May	A+B	Pashley Manor&Gardens	£12	08:30	Gardens,ponds,paintings,etc
Wed 20 May	C+D	Deal & Quex House & Gardens	£10	08:30	Morning in Deal & onto to Quex afternoon
Tue 26 May	C+D	Eastbourne	£12:50	08:30	Very Popular costal Town
Wed 27 May	A+B	Southend	£10	08:30	Shops,Seaside,Funfair.....
Tue 2 June	C+D	Leonards Lee Gardens	£11	08:30	Gardens, Animals & more
Wed 3 June	A+B	Eastbourne	£12.50	08:30	Very Popular costal Town
Tue 9 June	A+B	Groombridge Gardens & Cream Tea	£9	08:30	Stop at Teapot Island for a Cream Tea
Wed 10 June	C+D	Tenterden & Godington House & Gardens	£11	08:30	Quaint town of Kent & onto these splendid gardens
Tue 16 June	C+D	Southend	£10	08:30	Shops,Seaside,Funfair.....
Wed 17 June	A+B	Hastings	£11	08:30	Beach,Shops,Aquarim.....
Tue 23 June	C+D	Brighton	£12.50	08:30	Sea Life or shop in the Lanes
Thu 25 June	A+B	Rye Market Day	£12	08:30	Popular seaside Market
SUN 28 June	All	HEVER CASTLE	£9	09:00	Rose, Herbs & Wine
Mon 29 June	A+B	Hylands House & Estate	£11	08:30	Grade II listed in 574 acres
Wed 1 July	C+D	Canterbury Market	£7.50	08:30	One our most popular Cities
Tue 7 July	A+B	Eastbourne & option to go to Beachy Head	£12:50	08:30	Very popular, Option to spend 1 hour at BeachyHead
Wed 8 July	C+D	Clacton & Frinton	£13.50	08:30	Option for Frinton-on-Sea
Wed 15 July	C+D	Polesden Lacey Estate	£14	08:30	Regency House & garderns
Thu 16 July	A+B	Rye Market & Cream Tea Lathe Barn	£12	08:30	Popular market & favourite cream tea stop
SUN 19 July	All	KENT COUNTY SHOW at Detling	£7	09:00	Over 300 exhibitors, with a wide variety of goods for sale.
Tue 21 July	A+B	Brighton	£12.50	08:30	Seaside & The Lanes plus
Thu 23 July	C+D	Rye Market & Lathe Barn for a Cream Tea	£12	08:30	Popular market & favourite cream tea stop
Tue 28 July	A+B	Southend	£10	08:30	Shops,Seaside,Funfair.....
Wed 29 July	C+D	Eastbourne & option to go to Beachy Head	£12.50	08:30	Very popular, Option to spend 1 hour at BeachyHead
Tue 4 Aug	A+B	Battle and its attractions & then onto Hastings	£11	08:30	Visit one or more of the spectacular attractions.
Wed 5 Aug	C+D	Brighton	£12.50	08:30	Seaside & The Lanes

PLEASE NOTE: Entrance fees, Lunch, Tea Costs are not included in the cost of the trip

- Zone A Cliffe, Cliffe Woods, Cooling, Wainscott
- Zone B Cuxton, Halling, Upper Halling
- Zone C Middle/Upper Stoke, Kingsnorth, Hoo, Hoo Marina, Chattenden, Upnor
- Zone D Grain, Lower Stoke, Allhallows, St Mary Hoo, High Halstow

Please remember that although trips are advertised as running from particular zones, we are always willing to be flexible if there is lots of demand from another area. If you'd like to travel on a trip from a different zone, we can probably still pick you up from your usual bus stop. Don't be afraid to ring us and ask!