



NEWSLETTER February 2023

Hello everyone,

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter, with the programme of trips for the next 3 months. We've increased the variety of trips, including suggestions from the feedback forms we've received. Come along and invite your friends, especially those who are new to Billingshurst.

Please book early and advise of any cancellation at least 24 hours in advance, but not before 08:30 am. – shorter notice requests are difficult to respond to and may not be able to be dealt with.

Kind regards, Steve O'Dowd : Local Coordinator (Telephone 01403 784428)

Bookings for trips in this newsletter cannot be made until 08.30am on Thursday 23rd February.

AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 4th March - 2.30pm to 4.30pm in St. Gabriel's Church Hall.

We'll hold this social event for our members and volunteers, as well as for others to find out more about us in a relaxed setting. There will be tea, cakes and other refreshments and a raffle. If you need transport let us know - the minibus will be available to bring you to this event. We are looking forward to seeing as many of our members as possible. **Please bring your friends!**

DONATIONS NEEDED - Please let us know if you can donate cakes, preserves or raffle prize.

TANGMERE AVIATION MUSEUM Wednesday 29th March. A chance to see this famous collection of military aircraft at this key Battle of Britain airfield. Visit the Cockpit Café for a range of delicious food and drink. Pay Museum admission (from £9) on the door plus Minibus (£8) on the day.

MYSTERY DRIVES

Mark and Richard will run an Afternoon Scenic Drive (14th March) and are organising an ever popular 'Mystery Drive' (16th May). Tim will also run 2 'Mystery Drives' (26th April and 30th May)

SHOPPING TRIPS We continue to run weekly trips to Horsham and Sainsbury's or to Tesco Broadbridge Heath. There are also trips to Holmbush M&S and Tesco and to the new Lidl in Billingshurst. We also continue to run trips to Chichester to coincide with Market Days and Cathedral concerts.

VINEYARD VISIT – DENBIES – Wednesday 3rd May

We're hoping to run a joint trip with Wisborough Green to Denbies Vineyard for the 50-minute outdoor train tour. This takes visitors at a leisurely pace to some of the most beautiful viewing points in the vineyard with a recorded commentary to enhance the trip. We'll stay for a light lunch at their café / restaurant.

Book early to secure your place. No refunds on tickets, as we pay in advance!

SEASIDE TRIPS We're running day trips to the coast! We're off to Worthing and Haskins for lunch (7th March, 24th April), Worthing Sea Lane Café (26th May), to Bognor (18th April), to Eastbourne (10th and 31st May) and to Bosham (23rd May).

SILENT POOL GIN DISTILLERY – Friday 24th March

We have pencilled in a trip to the Silent Pool Distillery for their immersive 90-minute tour and tasting. Nestled in the heart of the Surrey Hills, it's the last place you'd think to find a distillery!

Early booking is essential. No refunds on tickets, as we pay in advance!

LUNCH / AFTERNOON TEA VISITS There's lots to choose from! We'll visit Hilliers in Horsham (28th March, 8th May), The Hummingbird Café at Shoreham Airport on (1st March, 2nd May), Houghton Bridge Café (20th April), Old Barn Nurseries (10th March, 14th April) and The Crown at Cootham (15th March).

SPREAD THE WORD!

Keeping passenger numbers up will allow us to increase our range of trips and keep our fares down. Please let your friends and neighbours know about us or, better still, bring them on a trip!

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Passengers are required to have a valid annual subscription to travel on our trips. The subscription charge for 2023 is £10. Subs for 2023 can be paid to the escort on your next journey.

For volunteer, associate membership, donation or sponsorship enquiries email
billingshurst.minibus@btinternet.com or ring Steve on (01403) 784428

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Billingshurst Community Minibus Schedule

March to May 2023



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01-Mar	Wed	10.00am	Lidl Billingshurst	£2
01-Mar	Wed	1.00pm	Shoreham airport	£8
02-Mar	Thu	1.00pm	Tesco Broadbridge Heath	£4
04-Mar	Sat	2.30pm	Tea Afternoon – St Gabriel’s Church Hall	£1
07-Mar	Tue	10.00am	Worthing & Haskins	£8
08-Mar	Wed	10.00am	Chichester Market Day	£8
09-Mar	Thu	9.00am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4
10-Mar	Fri	11.00am	Old Barn Garden Centre for lunch & tea	£4
14-Mar	Tue	12.45pm	Afternoon scenic drive and tea	£10
15-Mar	Wed	11.30am	The Crown Cootham for lunch	£4
16-Mar	Thu	1.00pm	Tesco Broadbridge Heath	£4
21-Mar	Tue	10.00am	Chichester	£8
22-Mar	Wed	2.00pm	Lidl Billingshurst	£2
23-Mar	Thu	9.00am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4
24-Mar	Fri	1.00pm	Silent Pool Distillery tour / tasting (2.30 tour)	£6 + £10
28-Mar	Tue	1.00pm	Hilliers Horsham	£4
29-Mar	Wed	10.00am	Tangmere Aviation Museum	£8 + Entrance
30-Mar	Thu	1.00pm	Tesco Broadbridge Heath	£4
04-Apr	Tue	10.00am	Chichester	£8
05-Apr	Wed	10.00am	Lidl Billingshurst	£2
06-Apr	Thu	9.00am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4
12-Apr	Wed	10.00am	Chichester	£8
13-Apr	Thu	1.00pm	Tesco Broadbridge Heath	£8
14-Apr	Fri	11.00am	Old Barn Garden Centre for lunch & tea	£4
18-Apr	Tue	10.00am	Bognor Regis	£8
19-Apr	Wed	10.00am	Holmbush – M&S and Tesco	£8
20-Apr	Thu	9.00am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4
20-Apr	Thu	1.00pm	Houghton Bridge - Riverside café	£8
25-Apr	Tue	10.00am	Worthing & Haskins	£8
26-Apr	Wed	10.00am	Mystery drive	£12
27-Apr	Thu	1.00pm	Tesco Broadbridge Heath	£4
02-May	Tue	1.00pm	Shoreham airport	£8
03-May	Wed	9.30am	Denbies Vineyard (11.00 tour) & stop for lunch	£8 + £9.95
04-May	Thu	9.00am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4
05-May	Fri	1.00pm	Hilliers Horsham	£4
09-May	Tue	2.00pm	Lidl Billingshurst	£2
10-May	Wed	9.00am	Eastbourne & paradise park	£12
11-May	Thu	1.00pm	Tesco Broadbridge Heath	£4
12-May	Fri	11.00am	Old Barn Garden Centre for lunch & tea	£4
16-May	Tue	10.00am	Mystery Drive	£12
17-May	Wed	10.00am	Worthing & Haskins	£8
18-May	Thu	9.00am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4
23-May	Tue	10.00am	Bosham	£8
24-May	Wed	10.00am	Chichester Market Day	£8
25-May	Thu	1.00pm	Tesco Broadbridge Heath	£4
26-May	Fri	11.00am	Sea Lane Café at Goring by Sea	£8
30-May	Tue	10.00am	Mystery Drive	£12
31-May	Wed	9.00am	Eastbourne & paradise park	£12
01-Jun	Thu	9.00am	Horsham & Sainsburys	£4
01-Jun	Thu	2.00pm	Lidl Billingshurst	£2
02-Jun	Fri	1.00pm	Hilliers Horsham	£4

**BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE FROM THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY AFTER 08:30 AM
BY CALLING GERALDINE ON 01403 786147**

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