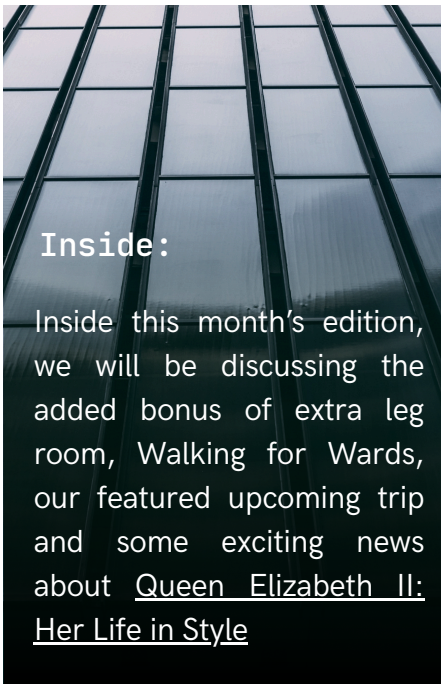


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Inside:

Inside this month's edition, we will be discussing the added bonus of extra leg room, Walking for Wards, our featured upcoming trip and some exciting news about [Queen Elizabeth II: Her Life in Style](#)

A word from us

Welcome to our new monthly newsletter, created to keep you updated with all our latest day trips, special events, travel news, and exciting upcoming excursions.

Every edition will include details of great days out, new destinations, seasonal highlights, and important travel updates. We'll also share exclusive previews of upcoming trips and experiences before they appear in our brochures.
David & Paola

Feature Spotlight

Dorset Queen Fish & Chip Cruise combined with Compton Acres

An exciting PRIVATE CHARTER two destination day trip especially for Great Days Out. More info on page 2

Our Stars Appeal Coffee Mornings continue to be a huge success! We set ourselves a target of raising £800 for this fabulous charity that supports our wonderful Salisbury community, and thanks to your incredible generosity, we are already past the halfway mark with two coffee mornings still to go. Thank you to everyone who comes along and supports us — we truly appreciate it.

The Stars Appeal thanks all at
Great Days Out
for raising a wonderful
£205
from your Coffee Morning
15th April 2026
bringing your total raised so far to a marvellous
£430
Thank you for your support!

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Feature Spotlight

Dorset Queen Fish & Chip Cruise combined with Compton Acres




Join us on 25th June for a wonderful day out visiting the beautiful Compton Acres followed by a relaxing Dorset Queen Fish & Chip Cruise. Spend time exploring the stunning gardens and peaceful surroundings of Compton Acres before enjoying spectacular harbour views and delicious fish and chips onboard the cruise.

Dorset Queen was built by Noble & Sons in Scotland in 1938, named 'Gay Queen' and spent her first 2 years cruising the Kyles of Bute & Loch Striven.

In 1940 she was requisitioned by The Royal Navy for war duties and is believed to have taken part in the Dunkirk rescue missions.

Dorset Queen is now the only vintage motor yacht on the South Coast of England and a proud member of the UK Historic Ships' Register and is often featured in period dramas, commercial filming and photo shoots.

 Price: £74 per person — includes cruise fish & chips and entry to the Compton Acres.

Please note that as this is a private charter exclusively for Great Days Out, we require a minimum of 20 passengers for the trip to go ahead. This is a requirement from Dorset Cruises, who operate the Dorset Queen.

We currently have 13 confirmed places, so we are still a little short. Thank you to everyone who has booked so far, and we hope to secure the remaining places soon so the trip can go ahead as planned.





Compton Acres

Extended Leg Room

We understand that comfort matters, and we have listened carefully to your feedback.

To improve your onboard experience, we have removed two seats from the coach, allowing us to add an extra 6 inches of leg room between all the double seats.

As a result, our coach capacity will be reduced from 22 seats to 20 seats, this will also help reduce the time required for pickups and drop-offs on each trip.

While this means fewer passengers onboard, we believe providing a more comfortable and enjoyable journey is far more important.

We look forward to welcoming you onboard and hope you enjoy the additional space and comfort on your future travels with us.

Lost Property

Our lost property box is growing and we would like to reunite some of the unclaimed items left on board with their owners. We have a gold coloured thermos type cup and 8 other items shown at the foot of the newsletter. Please contact Paola on 01722 665544 if you recognise any of the items.



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Walk for Wards 5th July

Firstly, thank you to everyone who has already donated and helped us smash our target. We originally set it at £200 and had to increase it almost immediately! We are now at an amazing £452 raised and we are so grateful to each and every one of you for your ongoing support.

We are getting in as many long walks as we can, and this weekend will see us complete 9k as we slowly but surely make our way towards our 15k finish line. Thank you again for all of your encouragement, donations and kindness — it really does mean so much to us!

Anyone wishing to donate can do so via this link

<https://salisburydistricthospitalstarsappeal.enthuse.com/pf/paola-carvallo>



Auction Time!

Queen Elizabeth II: Her Life in Style

As many of us now know, The King's Gallery will be showcasing a one-off exhibition featuring Queen Elizabeth II's extraordinary and stylish wardrobe. This exhibition will not be repeated, and we have been incredibly fortunate to secure not one or two dates, but an impressive three!

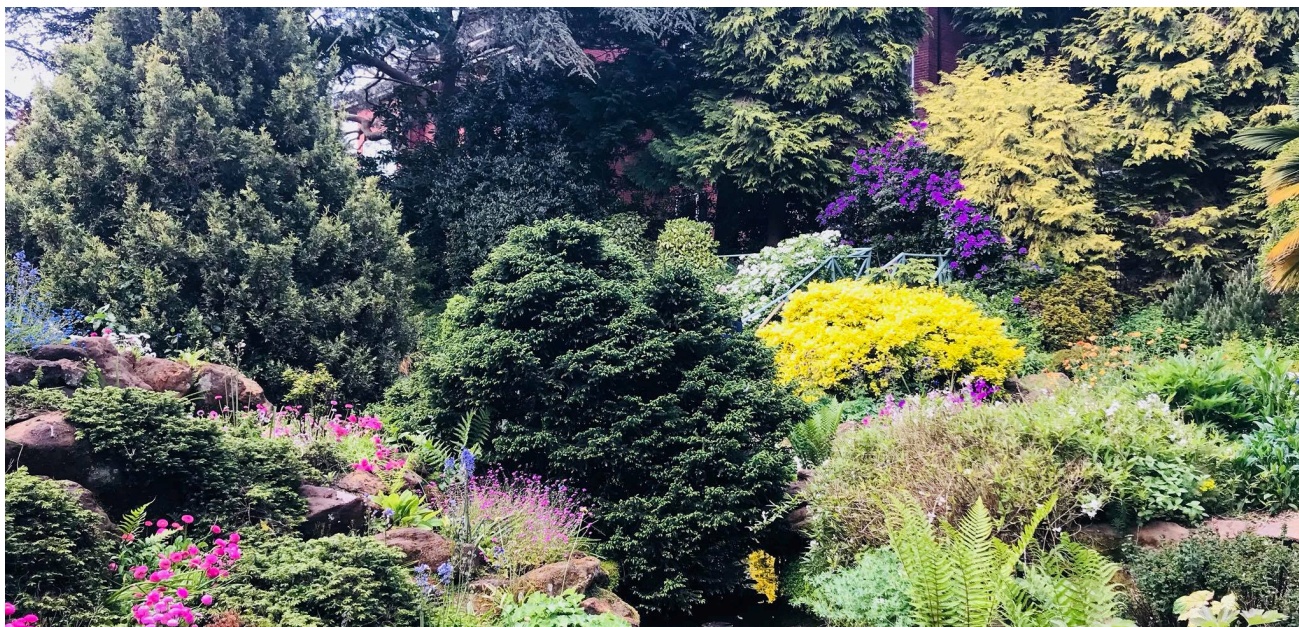
The exciting news is that all three dates have now completely sold out — with the exception of just four tickets remaining for 23rd September, which have recently become available again, and due to the high demand for these sought-after tickets, we have decided to auction them to help raise additional funds for our chosen charity. We will be auctioning these tickets, and any monies raised over and above the seat and ticket price of £68.00 will be donated to our chosen charity, Stars Appeal.

These tickets truly are like gold dust. Having spoken directly with Buckingham Palace, we understand that all dates from May through to October now have either extremely limited availability or none at all. We are offering the tickets as two sets of two.

If you would like to place a bid, please email gdo bookings@gmail.com with "OUR BID" in the subject line. The closing date for bids is Sunday 24th May, with the winners being announced on Monday 25th May.

The King's Gallery is set to host a truly spectacular and historic exhibition celebrating the fashion, elegance, and enduring style of Queen Elizabeth II. This extraordinary one-off exhibition will showcase a remarkable collection of garments worn throughout Her Majesty's lifetime, offering visitors a rare and intimate glimpse into the wardrobe of one of the most iconic women in modern history. From dazzling evening gowns and beautifully tailored coats to ceremonial outfits and timeless daywear, the exhibition highlights not only the Queen's impeccable sense of style but also the craftsmanship and artistry behind each piece. Many of the garments on display were created by some of Britain's most celebrated designers and couturiers, reflecting decades of royal history, diplomacy, and tradition.

More than simply a fashion exhibition, this unique event tells the story of Queen Elizabeth II's reign through clothing — charting key moments from state occasions and royal tours to family celebrations and historic milestones. Visitors will have the opportunity to appreciate the detail, symbolism, and care that went into every ensemble, many of which became instantly recognisable around the world. As this is a one-off exhibition with extremely limited availability, demand for tickets has been exceptionally high, making attendance a very special and memorable experience for all fortunate enough to visit.



The Cost of Fuel Charges

Due to the continued increase in fuel charges and operating costs, we unfortunately have no option but to introduce a £1.00 surcharge per booking on all trips featured in our second brochure, covering August through to December. **This has now become standard practice across the travel and coach industry as companies continue to face rising fuel and transport costs.** We have worked hard to avoid passing these increases on to our customers, however the ongoing rises have made this unavoidable. We sincerely hope you understand the necessity of this small adjustment and would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Payment of Invoices

A gentle reminder to all customers that invoices should be paid within 7 days of receipt to help us manage bookings and payments efficiently. Please also note that all day trips are required to be paid for in full at the time of booking. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and continued support.

The New Brochure

We know many of you are eagerly awaiting the launch of our new second brochure, featuring day trips from August through to December. We are continuing to work very hard behind the scenes to bring you a fantastic programme which will include some firm favourites alongside many exciting new trips.

We have listened carefully to your suggestions and have tried to include a wide variety of destinations and experiences that we hope will appeal to everyone. The new brochure is expected to land towards the end of June.

As before, we will not be producing a full printed brochure. Instead, we will be issuing our popular leaflets and index, alongside a complete digital brochure which will be available to download from our website.

One particularly exciting development is that we have managed to secure two day trips aboard the world-famous PS Waverley in September. Further details will be released next month — so keep your eyes peeled!

