



DACT DAYS OUT May - August 2015



Here Comes Summer

Note: Our last trip of 2014 was Christmas Lunch at the White Swan, Holcot. For a few people there were issues regarding their meals. However, more concerning was reports to us that 1 or more people were verbally abusive to the staff. We are disappointed that this may have happened on one of our trips, any abusive or unreasonable behaviour is not something we would want to be associated with. We have spoken to the White Swan and apologised. We will decide over the course of 2015 as to whether we should have any future Christmas lunch trips.

Now the good news! After a quiet start to 2015 we have a very packed schedule for May to August, including many new destinations,. We think we have managed to provide an even wider range of trips for you to choose from, a number of them being suggestions that you have given us, new pub destinations, more National Trust properties, new shopping destinations, model railways, food festivals, flower shows and much more.

With this number of trips it is inevitable that we are going to have some fill up very quickly but there will also be others that fail to have sufficient numbers. We try not to have to cancel any trips but we cannot run them at a loss to DACT. So please bear with us if any of your trips are cancelled. For those trips that fill up quickly we will always look to provide a 2nd bus if we think the numbers justify it. What causes us the most problems is late cancellations, so again we would request that in fairness to us and the other passengers you only book trips you are fully committed to going on.

For all our trips we do welcome your feedback, good or bad – it helps us in deciding what trips to offer in the future, how long to be somewhere etc.

<u>May</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Type of Trip</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Return</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Information</u>
Sat 2 nd	Melton Mowbray, Artisan Cheese Fair	Shopping	9.15 am	2.30 pm	£12	The 5th year of the Artisan Cheese Fair, the largest dedicated festival of cheese in the UK. Held undercover within the halls of Melton Mowbray's Cattle Market, the fair showcases cheese makers from all over the British Isles. It is expected there will be over 50 Cheese Makers who between them produce 250+ cheeses, including some of the UK's rarest cheeses, with talks, tastings and demonstrations. Entrance cost is just £2. In addition there should also be the normal street market operating on this day.
Tues 5 th	Stratford –on-Avon Garden Centre	Garden Centre	11.15 am	3.30 pm	£10	A very popular tourist attraction on the banks of the River Avon. Visitors can enjoy the park area either side of the river, take a river cruise, wander around the shops or visit one or more of the historic attractions such as Shakespeare's House
Wed 6 th	Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings, Bromsgrove / Alcester	Museum	10.45 am	3.30 pm	£12	First stop is Alcester, an ancient Roman town. About 1 hour to look round or grab a bite to eat. Then a short trip to Avoncroft, a unique collection of historic buildings rescued and rebuilt. The buildings range from a 1940s prefab to a medieval merchants house and a windmill – in all there are 25 historic buildings, a telephone box collection and an Edwardian Tearoom. Set in 15 acres with period gardens attached to some of the buildings, an orchard and wildlife pond. Entry: Adult £8.80, Seniors £7.70.
Thurs 7 th	Winterbourne House & Gardens, Birmingham	House & Gardens	11.15 am	3.45 pm	£11	The estate covers 7 acres with a grade 2 listed botanical garden and a fully restored Edwardian Suburban Villa with rooms full of arts & crafts, antiques and furniture. The gardens have over 6000 plant species from around the world. There is a woodland walk, walled garden, rock garden, Japanese bridge and more. There is a tea room. Entry: Adults £5.45, Seniors £4.45 (excl Gift-aid).
Fri 8 th	Hinckley	Shopping	11.15 am	3.00 pm	£9	Market day in Hinckley. The Friday market is described as offering a wide range of goods plus fresh fish. There is a pedestrianised shopping area and the relatively small Britannia indoor shopping centre
Sat 9 th	Malvern Spring Flower Show	Flower Show	9.15 am	3.15 pm	£13	RHS annual flower show held at the Three Counties Showground, at the foot of the Malvern Hills. Show includes flower marquee, floral art, plant pavilions, show gardens, a host of retail outlets and talks and demonstrations from a number of TV gardeners. We have tickets that we will hand out on the day - cost £15.50 (so there is no need for you to book online).
Mon 11 th	St. Ives, Cambridgeshire	Historic Town / Shopping	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£12	On a Monday Market Hill in St Ives is described as being full of market stalls. St Ives is a riverside market town and a tourist destination. A focal point is it's 15th Century Bridge with chapel spanning the Great Ouse River, one of only three such surviving bridges in England.
Tues 12 th	Birmingham Botanical Gardens	Gardens	10.30 pm	3.00 pm	£11	The Botanical Gardens have 4 greenhouses – tropical, sub-tropical, mediterranean and arid. Outside there are a number of themed garden areas including Japanese & Bonsai, a shrubbery, herbs and much more. Also there is a tea room, shop, art gallery and horticultural library. Entry: £6 for adults, £4 Seniors (Assuming we have a minimum of 10 passengers).
Wed 13 th	The Green Man, Lavendon	Pub Lunch	11.15 am	2.30 pm	£9	A pleasant thatched roof pub in the village of Lavendon, between Northampton and Bedford. Part of the OldEnglish group of pubs. There is the Main Menu plus a special Golden Years menu offering 2 courses for £5.29 and 3 courses for £6.79.
Thurs 14 th	Hidcote Manor Gardens / National Herb Centre	Gardens	10.30 am	3.30 pm	£11	First stop is the National Herb Centre. A chance to have a drink or snack, walk round the extensive range of herbs and shrubs, browse the shop and enjoy the scenery. Then on to Hidcote, described as one of England's great gardens. It is made up of garden 'rooms' each with it's own character. A garden for all seasons. Nestled in the Cotswolds with sweeping views across the Vale of Evesham. Our National Trust special rate applies - £5.23 per person.
Fri 15 th	Market Harborough / Wistow Rural Centre	Shopping	10.45 am	3.30 pm	£9	First stop is Market Harborough for a wander round and lunch. Today the indoor market should be open. After a couple of hours it's a short journey to Wistow Rural Centre. Situated in the countryside Wistow has a garden centre, a bistro, a deli and a number of small shops selling things such as pet products, handbags, jewellery, silk flowerers, ceramics, paintings etc.
Mon 18 th	Tissington / Ashbourne, Peak District	Well Dressing	10.15 am	3.30 pm	£15	First stop is Ashbourne for lunch and/or a look round the shops. Then a short scenic ride to Tissington to see the centuries old art of well dressing. Should be around 6 wells that will be dressed. Dressing consists of erecting boards covered in clay, into which thousands of flower petals are pressed to create a tableaux of some biblical or topographical scene, Entry is free.
Tues 19 th	Kathy Browns Gardens, Stevington / Bedford	Gardens	10.45 am	3.45 pm	£11	First stop is Bedford town centre, an opportunity for a lunch, shopping and/or a look round. Then a short journey to Kathy Brown's Gardens. These are 4.5 acres of gardens created by Kathy over 20 years at Stevington Manor house. There are over 18 different areas of interest including a formal garden, cottage garden, wisteria walk, various herbaceous borders, container garden displays, dedicated edible flower border, a wild flower meadow etc. There is a guided tour at 2pm and then tea and cakes on the lawn for those that want them (£3.50). Entry is £4.50.
Wed 20 th	Shrewsbury	Historic Town / Shopping	9.30 am	3.00 pm	£15	Described as one of England's finest medieval market towns. The town centre has many timber-framed black & white buildings, steep narrow streets and alleyways. The River Severn forms a loop around the town centre offering gentle riverside walks or you can enjoy a trip on the new pleasure boat Sabrina. Next to the river is Quarry Park with it's lovely formal gardens. Add to this a variety of shopping areas and the market and there is lots to see and do.
Thurs 21 st	Waterperry Gardens, Nr. Oxford	Gardens	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£11	Recently featured on BB2 TV Waterperry Gardens has an eight acre area of ornamental gardens, a plant centre & garden shop, picture gallery and gift barn, nursery, orchards, museum and tearoom. The gardens have been developed over the last 20 years and include a formal garden, rose garden, a water-lily canal, a long colour border and a recently planted small arboretum. Entry: £5.30 (This is the group rate price).
Fri 22 nd	Warwick / Hatton Country World	Shopping	10.30 am	3.15 pm	£11	First stop is Warwick town centre for lunch and/or a look round. Then on to Hatton Country World with it's garden centre, antiques shop, restaurant and an array of independent speciality shops housed in Victorian farm buildings.
Sun 24 th	Greenwich / O2 Arena	Tourist Attraction	9.30 am	4.00 pm	£17	1) Greenwich is a World Heritage Site and home of Greenwich Mean Time. Famous landmarks include Greenwich Park, The Royal Observatory, Cutty Sark, National Maritime Museum, Old Royal Naval College and the O2 Arena. River cruises are a good way to see parts of London. Some attractions are free (eg National Maritime Museum) and some have entry fees.

						2) O2 Arena - For those interested there will be a separate drop off at the O2 where there is an Elvis Exhibition with over 300 Elvis artefacts, mostly brought over from Graceland. Cost of entry is approx £22.25 adults and £17.50 seniors – it is advised that you obtain the tickets in advance - online or call 0844 824 4824 – we suggest booking a time slot for around 1.00pm. We are told tickets should be available to purchase on the day.
Tues 26 th	RAF Cosford, Nr. Wolverhampton	Museum	10.15 am	3.15 pm	£13	RAF Cosford tells the story of flying and missile development. It has over 80 historical aircraft and one of the worlds most comprehensive missile collections and displays relative to the Cold War. There is also a small collection of motor vehicles to do with civil & military aircraft support. Aircraft on display include Lincoln Bomber, Mosquito, Dakota, Javelin, Harrier, Buccaneer, Hurricane, Typhoon, Hercules, Spitfire, Vulcan Bomber and many more. There is also a restaurant. Entry is FREE.
Wed 27 th	Chatsworth House	House & Gardens	9.45 am	3.30 pm	£15	Home to the Duke of Devonshire Chatsworth has over 30 rooms to explore, from the magnificent Painted Hall, Regal State Rooms, and the newly restored Sketch Galleries . Chatsworth has one of Europe's most significant art collections. The gardens cover over 100 acres to explore and include it's 300 year old water cascade, rockeries, rose garden, kitchen garden, sculptures and much more. Entry: £12 (Assuming we have a minimum of 10 people)
Thurs 28 th	Henley-on-Thames	Historic Town / Shopping	10.15 am	3.30 pm	£13	On the banks of the River Thames Henley is world famous for its rowing events. It is a 12 th century market town with over 300 buildings designated as being of special architectural or historic interest, including St Marys Church, the Town Hall, Market Place and Henley Bridge. Thursday is market day and also on this Thursday there should also be a farmers market.
Fri 29 th	Cotswold Wildlife Park, Burford	Zoo	10.15 am	3.30 pm	£13	160 acres of parkland and gardens that are home to a varied collection of mammals, birds, reptiles and invertebrates from around the world –including Penguins, Rhinos, Wolves, Wallabies, Lemurs, Flamingos, Monkeys, Crocodiles & Lions. A lovely and open place to visit for both the gardens and the animals. Entry: Group Rate – Adult £11.50, Seniors and Children £8.00.
Sat 30 th	Wellesbourne Market	Shopping	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£11	Reputed to be one of the UKs largest outdoor markets, with around 500 stalls and 15000 visitors each Saturday. There is a vast variety of goods on sale for everyone, from clothes, gardening, toys, books, mobiles and food.
June	Destination	Type of Trip	Depart	Return	Cost	Information
Mon 1 st	Canons Ashby	House & Gardens	1.15 pm	4.15 pm	£7	An Elizabethan Manor built in the 1700s from the remains of a medieval priory. The house features grand rooms, stunning tapestries and Jacobean plasterwork, contrasting with the domestic detail of the servants' quarters. The gardens have been restored to 18 th Century design and feature formal bedding, topiary and parkland. There is also a little priory church and a tearoom. Our National Trust special rate applies - £4.25 per person
Tues 2 nd	Melton Mowbray	Shopping	10.00 am	2.45 pm	£12	A popular destination - visit the home of the Pork Pie on Market day. Look round the, the extensive street market and the large indoor market where there is an antiques market and the auctioning of a range of livestock.
Wed 3 rd	Anglesey Abbey, Nr. Cambridge	House & Gardens	9.30 am	3.00 pm	£14	A Jacobean style house with fine furnishings, books, paintings, silverware and a collection of rare English & French clocks. Outside there are 114 acres of woodland paths, herbaceous gardens, Rose gardens, Dahlia gardens, formal gardens, wildflower meadows and more. There is also a working Mill and Water Wheel. Our National Trust special rate applies - £5.80 per person
Thurs 4 th	Navigation, Stoke Bruerne	Pub Lunch	11.30 am	3.00 pm	£8	Stoke Bruerne is a popular and picturesque tourist spot on the Grand Union Canal. There is a small museum, boat trips, coffee shops etc. The Navigation Inn is a large pub situated on the canal side. Enjoy a meal and a short wander around, or just sit & relax by the canal. There is an extensive menu including some meals offered at 2 for £10.
Fri 5 th	Stratford-on-Avon	Historic Town	11.15 am	3.30 pm	£10	A very popular tourist attraction on the banks of the River Avon. Visitors can enjoy the park area either side of the river, take a river cruise, wander around the shops or visit one or more of the historic attractions such as Shakespeare's House
Sat 6 th	Towcester Food Festival	Event	10.15 am	2.00 pm	£7	This is the second annual Towcester Food Festival and is held at the Racecourse. There will be around 150 exhibitors including artisan food and drink stalls and street food vendors. There will also be chef demos, food workshops and two live music lawns. Entry: £7.00.
Mon 8 th	Bakewell / Ashbourne	Peak District Towns / Shopping	9.15 am	3.30 pm	£17	First stop is the popular tourist town of Bakewell, and Monday is market day. Bakewell is described as having the only market in the Peak District National Park with around 160 stalls spread across 2 sites. Then on to Ashbourne, an old Derbyshire market town with it's cobbled market place, hidden alleys and yards and a variety of shops to explore.
Tues 9 th	Birmingham	Shopping	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£11	With it's modern shopping centre and large markets Birmingham is a popular shopping destination. Shop in the glamorous Bullring Centre, stroll up New Street & other shopping streets & visit the indoor & outdoor markets – a shoppers paradise! Also worth a visit is the impressive new Library with it's rooftop gardens and views over Birmingham.
Wed 10 th	Sudeley Castle, Winchombe	House & Gardens	10.15 am	3,00 pm	£12	In the heart of the Cotswolds Sudeley Castle is the only private castle in England to have a queen buried within its grounds – Katherine Parr, the last of Henry VIII's six wives. Visitors can explore the 15th Century church where she lies entombed. There are a number of themed garden areas to explore plus you can also walk round a number of the Castle rooms. Entry: Adults £12.50, Seniors £11.50 (Assuming we have a mimimum of 10 people).
Thurs 11 th	Black Country Museum, Dudley	Museum	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£13	Described as a living open-air museum. The main area has 'streets' of factories and shops as they were in the early 1900s, with people in costume to tell you about what was sold and made in those days. There is much to do and see – take a tram ride, go down a coal mine, go to school!, take a canal trip into limestone caves, watch local craftsmen at work, view historic buildings & a vehicle collection.. Entry: Group rate - Adults £14, Seniors £11. There is an additional fee if you want to take the canal trip.
Fri 12 th	Waddesden Manor	House & Gardens	10.15 am	3.15 pm	£11	An impressive chateau style retreat built by Baron Rothsild in the late 1800s. There are 3 floors of fine architecture, fabulous furniture and a vast collection of art including porcelain, armour, paintings etc. There is also a wine cellar to view. We have timed entry into the house. Outside the gardens are both impressive and extensive. There is a Partere, Rose Garden, carpet bedding, fountains sculptures and lots more. There is a restaurant and the Stables Cafe. Entry cost: Our National Trust special rate applies - £8.10 per person

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						(Reduced if we have 15 or more people). Do to complications involved in DACT having to pay for the whole group in advance we unfortunately have to ask all passengers to pay for entry including those that are National Trust members.
Sun 14 th	Royal Three Counties Show, Malvern	Event	9.30 am	3.30 pm	£15	This is an annual event where the best of Britains livestock is on display, including pygmy goats, Alpacas, sheep, cows and much more. There are numerous awards and competitions. There is a wide range of entertainment in the main arena. There are also numerous outlets selling local produce, food and drinks, clothing, farming equipment and much more. We have tickets that we will hand out the day - cost Adult £15, Child £5.95 (so there is no need for you to book online) .
Mon 15 th	Bekonscot Model Village & Railway	Tourist Attraction	10.30 am	2.30 pm	£13	Bekonscot Model Village & Railway is the world's oldest and original model village, opened in 1929. It has a huge gauge 1 model railway set amongst over 200 model buildings, set as 6 villages, with animals, cars, zoo, airport and much more. There are also over 300 shrubs and trees, set in bonsai style to keep scale with the buildings and railway. There is also a light railway that you can take a ride on. Hot and cold food is available in the tea room. Entry: Adults £8.50, Seniors £6.50, Child £5.00.
Tues 16 th	Burghley House, Nr. Stamford	House & Gardens	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£14	Built in the 16 th century Burghley is a Tudor mansion made from Northamptonshire limestone. It has around 115 rooms. Outside are the Sunrise Garden, Sculpture Garden and acres of parkland (with deer) designed by Capability Brown. There is also a restaurant and shop. Entry includes access to 18 State Rooms in the house plus the gardens and parkland. Entry: Adults £13.50, Seniors £12.00.
Wed 17 th	Woodlands Garden Centre, Hinckley	Garden Centre	11.15 am	3.00 pm	£9	Large Garden Centre, part of Gardening Club Group, in Stapleton (near Hinckley). Woodlands hosts a number of retail outlets including Cotton Trader, Lakeland, Edinburgh Woollen Mill and The Works. There is also a large restaurant.
Thurs 18 th	Trentham Gardens, Stoke	Gardens / Shopping	9.45 am	3.30 pm	£16	"One of the UK's must see gardens" (Alan Titchmarsh). Grand Italian Gardens, stunning pleasure gardens, show gardens, woodland walks, a lake and much more. Today you should be able to take a boat ride to the café at the very end of the large lake (Addtl cost). Outside the Gardens is a large wooden retail village and a very large Garden Centre. A great day out. Entry: Adult £9.70, Senior £8.15, Disabled & Carers, £4.90. A small discount applies if we have 12 or more people.
Fri 19 th	Evesham Country Park / Evesham	Shopping	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£12	First stop is Evesham town centre and time to look round. Then a short trip to Evesham Country Park, a countryside setting where there is an extensive garden centre, farm shop, courtyard shops, restaurants and a narrow gauge railway.
Sat 20 th	Blenheim Palace	House & Gardens / Flower Show	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£11	Today there is a flower show in the grounds of Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Winston Churchill and a World Heritage Site. The interior has an array of portraits, tapestries and fine furniture, ornate ceilings and striking stone work. Special mention is made of the Great Hall and State Rooms. Outside are formal gardens, including Water Terraces, the Secret Garden and The Duke's Italian Garden and vast acres of parkland. Entry: Adult £14.30, Senior £12.20 (Assuming we have a min. of 10 people) – this gives you an annual pass. Entry is free if you already have a valid annual pass. There is no extra cost to enter the flower show.
Mon 22 nd	Royal Chelsea Hospital	Historic Interest	10.30 am	3.30 pm	£16	The home of the Chelsea Pensioners, the architecturally impressive Royal Chelsea Hospital, designed and erected by Sir Christopher Wren in the 17 th century at the request of Charles 11. It provides a home to soldiers that need support in their old age. There is a pre-booked guided tour around the buidings, led by a Pensioner. There is a café and a small shop. Entry with the tour included is £10.
Tues 23 rd	Cambridge Botanical Gardens	Gardens	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£13	Close to the City Centre the extensive botanical gardens cover 40 acres. There is a row of greenhouses with plants ranging from Alpine to Rainforest. Across the 40 acres there is a lake, rock gardens and a patchwork of themed gardens with over 8000 specimens of plants and trees. There is also a café and shop. Entry: Adult £5.00, Seniors £4.50 (non Giftaid).
Wed 24 th	St Albans	Shopping	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£12	St. Albans is described as compact and relatively easy to explore on foot. There is the cathedral, historic buildings and a variety of shopping outlets. Today is market day, the market is described as having around 160 stalls.
Thurs 25 th	Wimpole Estate, Near Cambridge	House & Gardens	10.15 am	3.45 pm	£13	Wimpole is the largest house in Cambridgeshire, built in grand bold architecture in the 17 th century, but with Georgian interiors. Note: there are 12 steps up to the house. As a working estate there is a farm with a number of rare breeds. There is extensive parkland plus a splendid walled garden, partiere and pleasure gardens that have some rare and exotic plants. There is a café, restaurant and shop. Entry cost: Our National Trust special rate applies - £9.05 per person
Fri 26 th	Bicester Avenue / Bicester Village	Shopping	11.15 am	3.45 pm	£10	Bicester Avenue is a small avenue of shops (including Lakeland & Hobbycraft) and a large Wyevale garden centre. Very close by is Bicester Village with it's large number of top brand designer outlets, such as Polo, Ralph Lauren, Gucci etc. Both places have a selection of cafes & restaurants. Visit the venue of your choice, or both.
Sun 28 th	Woburn Abbey Garden Show	Event	10.30 am	3.30 pm	£11	Today there is a Flower Show in the gardens with a wide variety of plants and products, TV gardening experts and live music. The gardens cover 28 acres with many features ranging from formal gardens to woodland. Originally a monastery Woburn was given to the Russel family in 1547 and since then the Abbey as it is today was created. There are 22 rooms open to view including the unique Grotto, State Apartments, Underground Vaults. Library and Chinese room. Woburn has one of the most significant private art collections in the world with gold, silver, porcelain and and paintings that include Rembrandt, Canaletto, Gainsborough, Hogarth and Van Dyke. Entry: Adult £11.50, Senior £10.50 (This gives full access to the show and the gardens only). Entry that includes the Abbey itself would be Adult £15.00, Seniors £13.50. Discounts of approx. £2 will apply if we have 12 or more people.
Mon 29 th	Kew Gardens	Gardens	9.00 am	3.00 pm	£18	The world famous Kew covers 325 acres and includes lakes, extensive walkways, themed areas and a number of greenhouses housing a wide array of temperate plants and trees, including pines and orchids. Mobility scooters available (book in advance). There is a land train (approx £4 for the day) that stops at various points around Kew. With our excellent agreement with Kew we are able to offer this trip at a total cost of £18 (Bus and entry combined).
Tues 30 th	Moreton-in-Marsh / Bourton-on-the-Water	Cotswold Towns / Shopping	10.30 am	3.45 pm	£12	Visit to 2 very popular Cotswold towns. Market day in Moreton-on-Marsh attracts visitors from far & wide. Have lunch & browse the stalls before moving on to Bourton-on-the-Water.

Wed 1 st	Red Lion, Adderbury	Pub Lunch	11.15 am	2.30 pm	£9	Part of the OldEnglish Inns group this is an old Coaching Inn that overlooks the village green in Adderbury (near to Banbury). There is a main menu, a set menu offering for example 2 courses for £7.99, and a Golden Years menu offering 2 courses for £5.99 or 3 for £7.49.
Thurs 2 nd	Weston-Super-Mare	Seaside	9.00 am	5.00 pm	£23	A popular seaside west coast resort with miles of flat sandy beach. There is the Grand Pier, Seaquarium and other attractions. There is also a shopping centre and numerous cafes, pubs and restaurants.
Fri 3 rd	Stamford	Historic Town / Shopping	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£13	Market day in Stamford, a small Lincolnshire market town famous for it's Lincolnshire stone buildings. It has narrow streets and courtyards with specialist shops & boutiques in addition to the larger high street shops. Close by is the River Welland where there is a park area where you can walk or just sit. The popular market spreads through the town centre streets selling a wide range of products..
Mon 6 th	National Memorial Arboreteum	Gardens	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£12	150 acres of trees & memorial gardens – to both military and civilian services. Ever evolving this is a beautiful and interesting place to walk round with a wide range of memorials and many varieties of trees. One side of the arboretum is bordered by the River Tame, a lovely place to walk and view the wildlife. There is a road train (with commentary) that circuits the Arboretum (small cost). Mobility scooters are available (book in advance). Entry is free.
Tues 7 th	Mystery Tour 2	Mystery Tour	10.30 am	At Dav approx 5.00 pm	£13	Mystery tour with approx 3 stops for refreshments and browsing. At least one stop will be long enough for lunch and a look round – different route to previous mystery tours.
Wed 8 th	Audley End, Saffron Walden	House & Gardens	9.30 am	3.30 pm	£15	English Heritage property that is largely an early 17th-century country house. It was once a palace in all but name and renowned as one of the finest Jacobean houses in England. Outside there is a partierre, Elysian garden, pond garden, walled kitchen garden and parkland. There is a stable yard where you can see the resident horses being tended to. There is also café and a shop. Entry: Adult £13.60, Senior £12.16 (Assuming we have 11 people) Free entry for English Heritage members.
Thurs 9 th	West Midlands Safari Park	Zoo	9.30 am	3.30 pm	£13	WMSP has a safari drive where you can see Elephants, Giraffes, White Lions etc. Off of the bus there are various themed areas with Sea Lions. Hippos, Reptiles, Lemurs, Penguins etc. There are various food outlets, including a restaurant, plus picnic areas for those that want to take their own food. Entry: Adult £8.99, Senior £8.50, Child £7.99 (Assuming we have a minimum of 10 people).
Fri 10 th	Dobbies Garden Centre, Atherstone	Garden Centre	11.15 am	3.00 pm	£9	Popular garden centre just past Hinckley. A typical large garden centre that also includes a clothing outlet and food hall. Also Has a large restaurant.
Sat 11 th	Stonehenge / Wantage	Tourist Attraction	9.15 am	At Dav approx 5.30 pm	£18	English Heritage site, one of the wonders of the world and the best-known prehistoric monument in Europe. Now has a new visitor centre that houses museum-quality exhibitions, plus five Neolithic Houses and a spacious shop and café. The exhibition includes over 300 prehistoric atreifacts excavated from the site. A shuttle bus runs from the Vistor Centre to the Stone Circle. Entry: Adult £13.05, Senior £11.70, Child £7.83. (Assuming we have a minimum of 11 people). Free entry for English Heritage and National Trust members. Stop off at Wantage on return journey for a short break and browse round.
Mon 13 th	Aston Pottery / Witney	Pottery / Gardens	10.30 am	3.15 pm	£12	A working Pottery with colourful gardens to explore, a café and giftshop. You can visit the workshop to see how pottery is made from design to finished product. In the gift shop the full collection of Aston Pottery can be seen along with other contemporary gifts. Entry: Free. Stop off at Witney on return jouney for a look round.
Tues 14 th	Crich Tram Museum / Matlock Bath	Museum	9.45 am	3.30 pm	£14	First stop is Matlock Baths for a short lunch stop & wander. On to the Crich Tramway Museum, an authentic village with cobbled streets, overhead wires and trams. Ride on a tram through the village and get off at one or more of the stops to look round (there is a wheelchair accessible tram). There is an exhibition hall, a tram depot with a collection of restored trams, workshop viewing gallery, woodland walk, tea rooms and restaurant. Entry: Adult £9 adults, Seniors £8, Child £5 (Assuming we have a minimum of 10 people).
Wed 15 th	Chatsworth	House & Gardens	9.30 am	3.30 pm	£15	Chatsworth is home to the Duke of Devonshire. The house has over 30 rooms to explore, from the magnificent Painted Hall, regal State Rooms, and the newly restored Sketch Galleries. Chatsworth has one of Europe's most significant art collections. The gardens cover over 100 acres to explore and include it's 300 year old water cascade, rockeries, rose garden, kitchen garden, sculptures and much more. Entry: Group Rate £12 (Assuming we have a minimum of 10 people).
Thurs 16 th	Marlow	Historic Town	10.30 am	3.00 pm	£12	A Buckinghamshire town located on the River Thames. It has a suspension bridge built around 1830, the only suspension bridge over the non-tidal Thames. Wander along the Thames, explore the shops, relax in the parks.
Fri 17 th	Art in Action - Waterperry Gardens	Art Exhibition / Gardens	9.45 am	3.00 pm	£13	Art, music and entertainment plus the lovely Waterperry Gardens. It's all at the unique 'Art in Action' show. Marquees full of arts and crafts - painting, sculpting, weaving, sewing, glass blowing and much more. Artists are there to demonstrate and chat. Plus there is a wide variety of entertainment at a number of venues including a small amphi-theatre– includes singing, dancing & performing. And there is Waterperry's own beautiful gardens to explore. A great day for out. Entry: Adults £14.00, Seniors £11.00.
Sat 18 th	Oundle Food Festival	Food Festival	9.30 am	1.30 pm	£11	One of the most popular dates in regional gastronomes' diaries, the Oundle Food Festival gathers together those who grow, produce and sell some of the country's finest foods. Stalls, street food as well as street theatre performances, all in this ancient market town.
Mon 20 th	The White Horse, Broughton Astley	Pub Lunch	11.15 am	2.30 pm	£9	Pub lunch at the White Horse in the village of Broughton Astley (near Lutterworth). The menu includes 2 main meals for the price of one.
Tues 21 st	Rockingham Castle	House & Gardens	10.45 am	3.00 pm	£11	Built by order of William The Conqueror Rockingham Castle was host to many medieval kings. It was converted in the 16 th Century to a Tudor house. It looks over the Welland Valley with views of 5 counties. The ramparts enclose 12 acres of sweeping lawns, formal and informal gardens set among the medieval fortifications. There is a circular Rose Garden and a magnificent wild garden in the ravine below. There is also a Tea Room and gift Shop. Entry: Adult £10.50, Child £6.00.
Wed 22 nd	Didcot Railway Centre	Steam Railway	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£14	Didcot is believed to be the largest collection of locomotives from any one railway company, anywhere in the world. You can view the GWR locomotive sheds, workshops, turntables etc. There are approx 28 team locomotives plus Diesel locomotives, powered cranes,

						carriages and wagons. There is a café and shop. Today is a running day which means you can have unlimited rides on 1930s coaches pulled by GWR steam engines. Entry: Adult £8.10, Senior £7.20, Child £6.30 (Assuming we have a minimum of 10 people).
Thurs 23 rd	Boundary Mills, Grantham	Shopping	10.30 am	3.00 pm	£13	Boundary Mills offers huge choice and discounted prices against leading names in ladies and men's leisure, outdoor and occasion wear, footwear, lingerie, luggage, bags and accessories; home furnishings, cookware, china and glassware, art, crafts and gifts – all under one roof. There is also a large restaurant.
Fri 24 th	Worcester	Historic City	10.15 am	3.30 pm	£13	An ancient city with much to offer. There are 2 main shopping centres plus High Street specialist shops and a market. There is the river where you can walk or take a cruise. There is the Royal Worcester porcelain factory to look round, and finally the famous Cathedral. All are relatively close together.
Sat 25 th	Tatton Park Flower Show	Flower Show	9.15 am	3.30 pm	£21	RHS flower show held annually in the grounds of the lovely Tatton Park Estate. There are show gardens, floral marquees, themed gardens, music entertainment at the Bandstand, TV gardeners, talks and demonstrations. In all there are over 500 exhibitors. We have arranged tickets at the group rate of £21.50 (so there is no need for you to buy online)
Mon 27 th	Dudley Zoo	Zoo	10.30 am	3.00 pm	£13	Described as unique Dudley is a Zoo with hundreds of animals set around the ruins of an 11 th century castle. It also has the the country's only vintage chair lift! There is a variety of animals - primates, mammals, reptiles, birds etc, including lions, giraffes and penguins. There are cafes and restaurants. Entry: Adult £10, Seniors £8.25, Child £7.00 (Assuming we have a minimum of 10 people).
Tues 28 th	Skegness	Seaside	9.00 am	5.00 pm	£21	Very popular bustling east coast seaside resort with expansive sandy beaches, funfair, attractions and fish & chips!
Wed 29 th	Nuneaton	Shopping	11.15 am	3.30 pm	£9	Market day in Nuneaton. The popular market is normally quite large, generally around 100 stalls spread around the town. In addition there are 2 town shopping centres – Ropewalk and Abbeygate
Thurs 30 th	Stratford-on-Avon	Historic Town	11.15 am	3.30 pm	£10	A very popular tourist attraction on the banks of the River Avon. Visitors can enjoy the park area either side of the river, take a river cruise, wander around the shops or visit one or more of the historic attractions such as Shakespeare's House
Fri 31 st	Lichfield	Historic Town / Shopping	10.30 am	2.45 pm	£12	Visit the small but popular Cathedral city of Lichfield. Visit the impressive cathedral and then wander through the city streets. Friday is a market day in the Market Square.
Aug	Destination	Type of Trip	Depart	Return	Cost	Information
Sun 2 nd	Hampton Court Palace	House & Gardens	9.30 am	3.30 pm	£19	Hampton Court is in fact 2 palaces – 1 built by Cardinal Wolsey & later by Henry V111. Alongside is a baroque palace built by William 11 & Mary 11. Overall it is extensive in size & steeped in royal history. Outside are 60 acres of beautifully maintained gardens, plus the famous maze. Entry Cost Adult £19.30, Seniors £16.00, Child £9.70.
Mon 3 rd	Shugborough Hall	House & Gardens	10.00 am	3.45 pm	£13	Once the Earl of Lichfield's residence. The estate offers a Walled Garden, Georgian Farm, Servants Quarters & Country Museum, Mansion House, Gardens & Monuments. The house includes rooms dedicated to the photography work of the Earl. Shuttle bus and/or land train available to move people around the estate. Restaurant & Tea Rooms. Lots to see and do. Entry: Seniors £6 (This is a special Monday rate for seniors + you can also get 20% off tea shop purchases). Entry for NT members is also £6.00.
Tues 4 th	Windsor	Historic Town	9.45 am	3.30 pm	£16	Large historic town famous for it's Windsor Castle. Situated on the River Thames there is plenty to see and do. Visit the Castle, take a river cruise or bus tour, wander across the river to Eton, relax in the park or just shop! (there is an extensive shopping area close to the coach park).
Wed 5 th	Winterbourne House & Gardens	House & Gardens	11.15 am	3.45 pm	£11	The estate covers 7 acres with a grade 2 listed botanical garden and a fully restored Edwardian Suburban Villa with rooms full of arts & crafts antiques and furniture. The gardens have over 6000 plant species from around the world. There is a woodland walk, walled garden, rock garden, Japanese bridge and more. There is a tea room. Entry: Adults £5.45, Seniors £4.45 (excl Gift-aid).
Thurs 6 th	Bletchley Park	Museum	11.15 am	3.45 pm	£11	World famous for it's code breaking activities. Significant development work in 2014 means there is now more to see. See how the code breakers lived and worked. There are a number of huts to explore, war memorabilia on display, the Victorian Mansion and much more. Free guided tours take place throughout the day. Entry Cost: Adults £16.95 Adults, Seniors £14.75. (this gives you an annual pass) Entry is free if you already have a valid annual pass. Group rate applies if we have 12 or more people (Adult £14.50, Over 60s £13.00).
Fri 7 th	Blooms Garden Centre, Dunchurch	Garden Centre	11.30 am	2.45 pm	£7	Popular garden centre near to Dunchurch. Part of the Gardening Club chain, offering a wide range of goods and plants. Has a large restaurant. Concessions include Edinburgh Woollen Mill, Mountain Warehouse, Hotter Shoes & The Works
Sat 8 th	Wellesbourne Market	Shopping	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£9	Reputed to be one of the UKs largest outdoor markets, with typically around 500 stalls and 15000 visitors each Saturday. There is a vast variety of goods on sale for everyone, from clothes, gardening, toys, books, mobiles and food. Pick up some bargains and enjoy some food and drinks
Mon 10 th	Birmingham	Shopping	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£11	A popular shopping destination with its modern shopping centre and large indoor and outdoor markets. Shop in the glamorous Bullring Centre, stroll up New Street & numerous other shopping streets! Take a walk to the Ashmolean Museum and the stunning new Library with its rooftop gardens and panoramic views over the city.
Tues 11 th	Moreton-in-Marsh / Bourton-on-the-Water	Cotswold Towns / Shopping	10.30 am	3.45 pm	£12	Visit to 2 very popular Cotswold towns. Market day in Moreton-on-Marsh attracts visitors from far & wide. Have lunch & browse the stalls before moving on to Bourton-on-the-Water.
Wed 12 th	Severn Valley Railway	Steam Railway	9.30 am	3.15 pm	£13	Travel by steam train through some beautiful Worcestershire countryside, including a stretch alongside the River Severn. The train runs from Kidderminster to Brighth, a journey of just over 1 hour. In between are a number of stations providing the opportunity to get off and explore. Stop off at Highley to look round the engine house with it's engines and exhibition. Fares vary up to a fully flexible 'freedom of the line' ticket price at £19.00 adults, £17.00 over 60s and £12.50 children.

Thurs 13 th	The Green Man, Lavendon	Pub Lunch	11.15 am	2.30 pm	£9	A pleasant thatched roof pub in the village of Lavendon, between Northampton and Bedford. Part of the OldEnglish group of pubs. There is the Main Menu plus a special Golden Years menu offering 2 courses for £5.29 and 3 courses for £6.79.
Fri 14 th	Oxford	Historic City	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£12	A famous city that has a number of historic buildings, colleges and museums, such as the Ashmolean and the Pitt Rivers Museums. There are a large number of shops both indoor and outdoor plus an indoor market.
Sat 15 th	Shrewsbury Flower Show	Historic Town	9.15 am	3.15 pm	£15	The lovely town of Shrewsbury today hosts its popular flower show. Main arena events include horsejumping, medieval jousting, comedy car act and more. There are gardening lectures, including TV gardener Pippa Greenwood, cookery demonstrations with famous TV chef Tom Kerridge, NAFAS flower arranging demonstrations, bands and choirs at the Bandstand. Add to this floral marquees, trade stands, food halls, craft marquee and more. All set in the lovely Quarry Park next to the town centre. Entry: £19 (group rate).
Mon 17 th	Kew Gardens	Gardens	9.00 am	3.00 pm	£18	The world famous Kew covers 325 acres and includes lakes, extensive walkways, themed areas and a number of greenhouses housing a wide array of temperate plants and trees, including alpine and orchids. Mobility scooters available (book in advance). There is a land train (approx £4 for the day) that stops at various points around Kew. With our excellent agreement with Kew we are able to offer this trip at a total cost of £18 (Bus and entry combined).
Tues 18 th	Peak District Mini Tour	Peak District	9.15 am	At Dav approx 5.00 pm	£16	Mini-tour of the Peak District with its beautiful scenery and picturesque small towns. Final itinerary is to be decided but possible stops could be around 3 or 4 in places. Area covered is likely to be in the Peak District National Park. Within this area are places such as Dove Dale, Eyam, Tissington, Ashford-in-the-Water, Ashbourne, Matlock Baths etc.
Wed 19 th	Waterperry Gardens	Gardens	10.30 am	3.00 pm	£11	Recently featured on BB2 TV Waterperry Gardens has an eight acre area of ornamental gardens, a plant centre & garden shop, picture gallery and gift barn, nursery, orchards, museum and tearoom. The gardens have been developed over the last 20 years and include a formal garden, rose garden, a water-lily canal, a long colour border and a recently planted small arboretum. Entry: £5.30 (This is the group rate price).
Thurs 20 th	Newark International Fair	Antiques Fair	9.30 am	3.00 pm	£13	The International Antiques and Collectors Fair at Newark is described as the biggest event of its kind in Europe. It has up to 2500 stands and attracts dealers and buyers from around the world. There is quite possibly every item you could imagine! From chandeliers and rugs, to sports memorabilia and paintings, and fine antique furniture. Entry: £10 (Assuming we have a minimum of 10 people.)
Fri 21 st	Blenheim Palace	House & Gardens	10.30 am	3.00 pm	£11	Birthplace of Winston Churchill Blenheim Palace is a World Heritage Site. The interior has an array of portraits, tapestries and fine furniture, ornate ceilings and striking stone work. Special mention is made of the Great Hall and State Rooms. Outside are formal gardens, including Water Terraces, the Secret Garden and The Duke's Italian Garden and vast acres of parkland. Entry: Adult £14.30, Senior £12.20 (Assuming we have a minimum of 10 people) – this gives you an annual pass. Entry is free if you already have a valid annual pass.
Sun 23 rd	Greenwich	Historic Town	9.30 am	4.00 pm	£17	Greenwich is a World Heritage Site and home of Greenwich Mean Time. Famous landmarks include Greenwich Park, The Royal Observatory, Cutty Sark, National Maritime Museum, Old Royal Naval College and the O2 Arena. River cruises are a good way to see parts of London. Some attractions are free (eg National Maritime Museum) and some have entry fees.
Mon 24 th	National Memorial Arboretum	Gardens	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£12	150 acres of trees & memorial gardens – to both military and civilian services. Ever evolving this is a beautiful and interesting place to walk round with a wide range of memorials and many varieties of trees. One side of the arboretum is bordered by the River Tame, a lovely place to walk and view the wildlife. There is a road train (with commentary) that circuits the Arboretum (small cost). Mobility scooters are available (book in advance). Entry is free.
Tues 25 th	Melton Mowbray	Shopping	10.00 am	2.45 pm	£12	A popular destination - visit the home of the Pork Pie on Market day. Look round the, the extensive street market and the large indoor market where there is an antiques market and the auctioning of a range of livestock.
Wed 26 th	RAF Hendon	Museum	10.15 am	3.00 pm	£13	RAF Hendon hosts a collection that includes some very early aircraft designs through to the latest modern day jets and military aircraft. Among other exhibits there is a Bomber Hangar (with a Flying Fortress), Battle of Britain Hangar, Marine Craft Collection and a Milestones of Flight Hangar. Entry is free. There is a Flight simulator and a 4D cinema – for these there is a small charge.
Thurs 27 th	Trentham Gardens	Gardens	9.45 am	3.30 pm	£16	"One of the UK's must see gardens" (Alan Titchmarsh). Grand Italian Gardens, stunning pleasure gardens, show gardens, woodland walks, a lake and much more. Today you should be able to take a train or a boat ride to the end of the large lake, where there is a café. Outside the Gardens is a large retail village and a very large Garden Centre. A great day out. Entry: Adult £9.70, Senior £8.15, Disabled & Carers, £4.90. There would be a small discount if we have 12+ people.
Fri 28 th	Hinckley	Shopping	10.30 am	2.30 pm	£9	Market day in Hinckley. The Friday market is described as offering a wide range of goods plus fresh fish. There is a pedestrianised shopping area and the relatively small Britannia indoor shopping centre
Sun 30 th	Winchester	Historic Town	9.15 am	3.30 pm	£18	Winchester is a city world famous for its cathedral and other historic buildings, including The Great Hall & King Arthur's Round Table. In addition there are a variety of museums, shops and parks all within a reasonably compact area.

Departure is from Daventry Bus Station unless otherwise advised

Return time is the anticipated time of departure from the venue visited unless otherwise stated



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Points to note:

- Booking will be on a first-come first served basis. For trips that are fully booked we will run a reserve list and contact people on that list if seats become available through cancellations.
- There are **NO** age restrictions applicable to DACT Days Out, but unfortunately all seats are charged at the same rate. This also applies to carers of wheelchair passengers etc.
- Price quoted is for return travel only. Admission charges are not included, unless otherwise stated. Food, drink etc is excluded.
- Payment in cash should be made to the driver on the day of the trip unless stated otherwise.
- Pick-ups The bus will leave from Daventry Bus Station at the time stated in trip details. **We will wait a maximum of 5 minutes only, in fairness to other passengers.** If a number of passengers from the same area are travelling, it may be possible to arrange another pick-up point en-route.
- **Drop offs - Passengers within Daventry Town may be dropped off close to home on the return trip where practicable. This is purely a courtesy by the driver and we would ask passengers not to abuse this courtesy.**
- DACT will do their best to make sure every trip operates as advertised. However in circumstances beyond our control or minimum numbers not being met, we may have to change or cancel – we cannot run these trips at a loss to DACT.
- Trip Information is obtained from a variety of sources. We try to give a fair summary of a destination but we cannot guarantee that all the content we may use is totally accurate.
- **Trolleys.** We can carry shopping trolleys but they must be booked in advance as there is only limited storage space on our buses.
- ***CANCELLATIONS. Please be aware that if you cancel your booking late, you prevent others from travelling on the trip who would otherwise have been able to go, and also if buses then get insufficient numbers, they run the risk of being cancelled. Please only book if you definitely intend to travel. All bookings are taken on trust without a deposit and we do not want to change this procedure to avoid heavy administration. Any trip cancelled at less than 3 full working-days notice prior to the trip date (or a no-show on the trip day) will incur the full trip cost. Please pay to the DACT Office as soon as possible.***



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