

JUNE 2026 - OUTINGS & TRAVEL BULLETIN

Dear Members,

It has been a while since we sent out a Travel and Outings' Bulletin, not because there's been a shortage of visits, but because we were trialing a different system to ease the pressure on the Outings Group volunteers, especially the Treasurer who takes all the bookings and payments therefrom. Travel places, as ever, have sold well hence no news from that group either. (We had a lovely time in Hampshire in March and are off to Cornwall on June 10th).

For several reasons, the new Outings' trial did not work out as we had hoped, so it's back to the old system of Outings being open to all members again.

There are always far fewer places than applications and we cannot just conjure up another visit or more places. (We sometimes do manage a repeat visit but obviously on a different date which may not suit you so well). Venues usually put a limit of the number of attendees, and we are powerless to do anything about that.

We are also at the whim of email systems in that, if several people press the "send" button at exactly the same time, only a certain number can get through, and this is random. IT IS NOT OUR FAULT and we can't do anything to prevent it happening!!

So, with the return to the old system comes responsibility for all members who apply. **We realise that many of you will be disappointed and frustrated if you cannot get a place (especially if a friend has managed to do so) but taking it out on the Outings' Volunteers helps no-one, and is far more likely to get you barred from future Outings. [Dealing with disgruntled and some pretty aggressive members was the main reason for us trying to find a new way of taking bookings because we got fed up with being at the receiving end of members' frustrations and even being shouted at down the phone].**

With a garden-visiting group starting coach trips to gardens, MOTO now running some visits and the newly formed Out and About Group revisiting over 60 venues, which the original Outings Group have done over the years, and which have been popular, there should soon be more availability for you to enjoy yourselves on a great day out. Even better, if you'd like to get involved, "Out and About" is looking for someone to do the publicity-side for their new group (producing flyers, brochures etc) and also someone with secretarial skills. Contact

outandabout2233@gmail.com

Enough chat! We hope you find something that you will enjoy over the next six months in the various MHU3A groups, especially within Outings or Travel.

**ALL BEST WISHES FROM THE TRAVEL AND OUTINGS
VOLUNTEERS.**

Thursday, 25th June, 2026, an Outing to **WADDESDON MANOR.**

Waddesdon Manor is a country house in the village of Waddesdon, Buckinghamshire. It is one of the National Trust's most visited properties, managed by the Rothschild Foundation and is a beautiful French Renaissance-style chateau with a wonderful art collection, landscaped gardens and Victorian aviary.



A coach will be leaving Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, at 9.30 to arrive by 11.00. There will be an hour for a coffee, or a look around the gardens, before the free-flow group admission to the house at 12.00. The coach will leave Waddesdon at 4.00pm, arriving Mill Hill at approx. 5.15pm. There are three cafes on site, or you can bring a picnic to eat in the lovely gardens which, together with the aviary are included in your admission.

If you are a National Trust or Art Fund member then **admission is free** on presentation of your current membership card. You will only need to pay £22.00, the cost of the coach.

COST: £45 per person to include return coach, admission to house and gardens and driver's tip. National Trust & Art Fund members **£22.00**, just the coach element.

Bookings, by email only, will be logged in order of receipt, and successful applicants will be contacted with details of how to make their payment by BACS or cheque.

Apply to: outingsmhu3a@gmail.com (and to no other address)

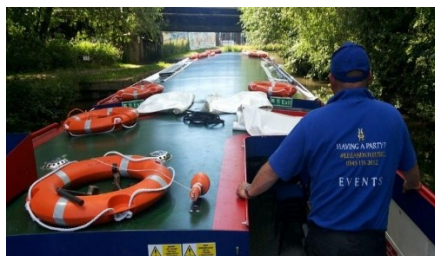
Please include the following information in your email:-

- 1). Waddesdon Manor, June 25th**
- 2). Your name/s and membership number/s**
- 3). Number of tickets (max 2) and total cost @ £45 p/p**

OR @ £22 if you are a N.Trust or Art Fund member.

MHU3A OUTING on Thursday, 2nd JULY, 2026.

“Hidden Hertfordshire” Canal Boat Cruise.



Leaving Hartley Hall at 9.15, we will travel to Ware by coach, arriving at 10.15. We will board our canal-boat for a gentle cruise, meandering along the River Lee and passing the unique “Ware Gazebos” that overhang the river’s edge before continuing through the contrasting town centre and the beautiful Amwell Nature Reserve. Tea and coffee is provided. For lunch, bring a picnic to eat on the boat. At 1.45 the coach will bring us home, reaching Mill Hill, at approx 3.00 pm.

The cost, including return coach, is £45.00 p/p

Bookings, by email only, will be logged in order of receipt and successful applicants will be contacted with details of how to make their payment by BACS or cheque. All unsuccessful emails are acknowledged the same day. Payment must be received within one week of receiving the “Request for Payment” or the place will be offered to another member.

BOOKING OPENS at 9.00 a.m. on MONDAY, 11th MAY, 2026

N.B. Any emails arriving before exactly 9.00 will be rejected.

Only members of the MHU3A’s “Outings 150” Group may apply. Please understand that our email lines get very busy with bookings and that emails can block each other so your application may not get through immediately. Unfortunately, we can do nothing about this and do understand your frustration, but please don’t take it out on the booking team or you will be barred from future Outings.

Apply to: outingsbookings@millhillu3a.co.uk (please copy this address very carefully) **stating:-**

- 1) “Lee Valley Cruise”
- 2). Your name/s & membership number/s [**only “Outings 150” Members may apply**]
- 3). Number of tickets @ £ 45.00 p/p. (**max 2, both “Outings150” members**).

MHU3A OUTING on TUES, 15th SEPTEMBER

SALISBURY and its CATHEDRAL



Salisbury's Anglican Cathedral is a medieval masterpiece with Britain's tallest spire (404 feet), oldest working clock and largest cloisters. It houses an original copy of the **1215 Magna Carta** and is one of the finest examples of Early English Gothic design.

A guided tour will last 60 minutes, leaving time to explore Salisbury, make an optional visit to the nearby Mompesson House, free for N.T. members, and find yourself some lunch.

The coach will be leaving Mill Hill at 9.00am, arriving at ~11.00am. The Cathedral is about a third-of-a-mile away from the drop-off point and we will leave from here at 3.30 pm for the return journey to Mill Hill.

Make a note of the booking date, Mon 8th June to avoid disappointment

Cost: £ 38.00 p/p Venue: Salisbury, SP1 2EJ.

Bookings, by email only, will be logged in order of receipt and successful applicants will be contacted with details of how to make their payment by BACS or cheque. All unsuccessful emails are acknowledged the same day, and members informed that they have been placed on the waiting list. Payment must be received within one week of receiving the Request for Payment or the place will be offered to another member.

BOOKING OPENS at 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 8th June, 2026.

N.B. Any emails arriving before exactly 9.00 will be rejected.

Email: outingsbookings@millhillu3a.co.uk and **include the following:-**

- 1) "Salisbury. 15th September"
- 2). Your name/s and membership number/s
- 3). Number of tickets @ £38.00 p/p (max 2).

OCTOBER'S OUTING TO CUTLERS' HALL

on Thursday, 8th October, 2026.



Venue: The Worshipful Company of Cutlers, 4 Warwick Lane, London, EC4M 7BR

Date: Thurs, 8th Oct at 11.00am

The Worshipful Company of Cutlers is one of the 111 livery companies in the City of London. Their Hall stands near the site of the first 'House of Cutlers' mentioned in 1285 and their first Charter was granted in 1416. The original building was in Cloak Lane, but this had to be rebuilt after the Great Fire of London in 1670 and the present Hall was built in Warwick Lane, opening in 1888. Wonderful examples of carved oak and stained glass are among the fine workmanship on display in the Hall, The Court Room, the Dining Room & the Livery Hall, which are the main rooms of the Company. Like all major livery companies, Cutlers donate large sums to charity.

Our guided tour will last approx. 90 minutes.

COST: £20 p/p

Bookings, by email only, will be logged in order of receipt and successful applicants will be contacted with details of how to make their payment by BACS or cheque. All unsuccessful emails are acknowledged the same day.

N.B. Please make payment within one week of receiving the "Request for Payment" or your place will be offered to another member and you may be barred from future Outings. It causes us so much extra work to chase payments

BOOKING WILL OPEN at 9.00 a.m. on MONDAY, 6TH JULY, 2026

N.B. Any emails arriving before exactly 9.00 will be rejected.

Please understand that our email lines get very busy with bookings and that emails can block each other so your application may not get through immediately. Unfortunately, we can do nothing about this and do understand your frustration, but please don't take it out on the booking team or you will be barred from future Outings.

Apply to: **outingsbookings@millhillu3a.co.uk** (please copy this address very carefully) **stating:-**

- 1) "Cutlers' Hall"
- 2). Your name/s & membership number/s
- 3). Number of tickets @ £ 20 p/p. **(max 2)**

PROVISIONAL 2026 GUIDE TO MHU3A OUTINGS

Outings Website <http://millhillu3a.co.uk/outings-group/>.

| <u>N.B. Subject to change</u> | <u>OUTING</u> | <u>BOOKING DATE</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| JUNE | Thurs 25 th WADDESDON MANOR | |
| JULY | 9.00 – 2.30, Thurs 2 nd WARE CANAL TRIP | |
| SEPT | Tues 15 th SALISBURY and its CATHEDRAL | Booking Monday 8th June |
| OCT | 11.00 -12.15, Thurs 8 th Oct CUTLERS' HALL | Booking Monday 6th July |
| NOV | ? | |
| DEC | 12.30 – 3.30, Thurs 10 th FESTIVE LUNCH £27.50 tbc | Booking Monday 7th September |

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OUTINGS and TRAVEL GROUPS



FESTIVE LUNCH



**THURSDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 2026 at
12.30 pm.**

We would like to invite members of all Mill Hill U3A Interest Groups to join us at the Outings and Travel festive lunch, to be held at The Blue Check Restaurant in Bushey.

The cost will be approx. £30.00 p/p, without drinks, for a 3-course lunch.

As orders will be taken at the time (it is not a set, pre-ordered lunch), it will be a while between ordering and eating. This will give us the opportunity to have a drink and to discuss future plans and listen to your input about the various groups.

As well as catering for most dietary requirements, there will be a traditional Christmas lunch available too.

BOOKING OPENS ON 1ST SEPTEMBER



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Travel Website <https://millhillu3a.co.uk/group/travel/>

| <u>2026</u> | <u>HOLIDAY</u> | <u>DETAILS</u> |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Wed, 10 th JUNE | 6 DAYS IN CORNWALL | Explore the wonderful south-west of England, based in the splendid 4* Alverton Hotel, Truro.  |
| OCTOBER | THE ALSACE (tbc) by coach and Le Shuttle, 6 nights - Colmar, Riquewehr and Strasbourg | Colmar is often called "Little Venice" for its canals, while Riquewehr is a charming medieval village with half-timbered houses. Strasbourg is the capital of Alsace, known for its impressive cathedral and historic centre. |
| LATE NOVEMBER | A FESTIVE WINTER BREAK! | 30th Nov – 2nd Dec tbc CHRISTMAS FESTIVE BREAK |
| DECEMBER | 12.30 – 3.30, Thurs 10 th FESTIVE LUNCH £27.50 tbc | Booking from 7 th September |



MHU3A

Booking a MHU3A Travel trip is confirmation that you have read, understood, and accepted the following:-

By committing to a trip you are declaring that you are a current u3a member, are in reasonable health and fit to travel, that you can mount and alight from the coach unaided, that you can carry your own luggage; also that you are **aware of the itinerary and can keep up with the group**. Mill Hill u3a does not accept any responsibility for your fitness to undertake the trip, itinerary or journey and you are responsible for your own health and safety throughout the tour.

The Travel Group Team volunteers are just that, ordinary members who have volunteered to help, and, like yourselves, are paying the full cost of the trip! They are not paid tour guides, so please be aware that it is their holiday too. Obviously, in an emergency they will do their best to assist you.

INSURANCE: when travelling with The MHU3A Travel Group, it is a condition for booking foreign holidays, and highly recommended for UK trips, that you take out suitable travel insurance cover. We recommend you do this at the time of booking so that your non-refundable deposit (less any applicable excess) is recoverable in the event of a cancellation covered by the policy. Please provide us with details of the insurance company, the policy number and the 24-hour emergency telephone number when requested. It is your responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover you purchase is adequate for your individual needs.

Travel insurance is not included in the cost of any Mill Hill U3A Travel trips.

Coach drivers are not insured to assist passengers alighting from the coach or to carry passengers' luggage, other than loading it in and out of the hold of the coach. It is therefore a passenger's responsibility to carry their own cases and to check that the driver loads them from the pavement into the coach.

If a hotel offers portage, this will be stated clearly in the brochure.

By booking a MHu3a trip you confirm that you have accepted the above.