

OCTOBER 2026 - OUTINGS & TRAVEL BULLETIN

Dear Member,

Now we are losing all the lovely Autumnal leaf colours it means that we're on the way to Spring, which is full of inspiring and interesting new Outings.

Have you ever heard of Sezincote House, near Moreton-in-the-Marsh? No, neither had we until we came across this in our search for new and interesting venues. A visit there is earmarked for May but take a look at the Guide below to see what other venues we have booked, or are looking at, for 2027.

THERE IS AN IMPORTANT CHANGE TO OUR CANCELLATION POLICY

In line with many other Interest Groups, once venues have been booked and paid for, we will henceforth not be making refunds.

Members may not realise the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes arranging 10 Outings a year, and we need your help to keep this workload to a manageable level.

The booking of a place on one of our Outings involves a lot of work for the Booking Volunteer/Treasurer, especially when we can receive over 100 applications, and some visits are divided into separate groups. Recently, more cancellations and requests for refunds have been coming in after members have booked and paid, often because they have double-booked or changed their minds!

The refunding of a payment after finding a replacement can literally take several hours of our volunteer's time. (If there are 5 or 6 cancellations, multiply this by that number!) Even when we have a reserve list, the process of contacting the reserves one-by-one to find out if anyone is still available can take several hours. We then have to request and await payment from this replacement member, and meanwhile, have to arrange a refund via BACs, which means asking the cancelling person for their bank details and then making the refund through our bank account.

As a result, we shall no longer be issuing refunds to people who cancel after making payment for an Outing, unless in extenuating circumstances.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THIS CHANGE BEFORE MAKING ANY FUTURE BOOKING.

YOUR OUTING on MONDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER

THE CAVALRY AND GUARDS CLUB



Des Blenkinsopp

PICCADILLY



Henry Lawford 68527178

We will be visiting the elegant gentleman's club which regularly hosted King Edward VIII, when he was Prince of Wales, at 127 Piccadilly, London. On arrival we will be offered tea and coffee during a 20-minute talk about The Club before being given an hour-long guided tour of most of the major rooms of the Club. **Cost** £20.00 p/p **Max no.** 25, but, if oversubscribed, there may be another visit arranged at a future date.

N.B. We realise it is hard to book due to the high number of emails blocking each other's access. Please don't harangue the Outings volunteers 😊 it's not their fault that so many members wish to come on our Outings 😊

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 from 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 10th AUGUST, 2026

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

Apply **ONLY** to: outingsbookings@millhillu3a.co.uk stating:-

- 1) "Cavalry Club. 2nd November, 2026"
- 2). Your name/s and membership number/s
- 3). Number of tickets @ **£20 p/p.** (max 2).

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FESTIVE LUNCH



THURSDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 2026. 12.30 – 4.00pm.

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 £30.00, inc tea or coffee, but 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, 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 MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

Please apply to outingsbookings@millhillu3a.co.uk stating

- 1] Festive Lunch 10th Dec 2026
- 2] Number of tickets at £30 p/p (max 2)
- 3] Your name /s and Membership Number/s



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 Outings website: <https://millhillu3a.co.uk/group/outings/>

	<u>OUTING</u>	<u>BOOKING DATE</u>
Mon. 2 nd & Wed. 4 th NOVEMBER	THE CAVALRY & GUARDS CLUB	SOLD OUT
Thurs. 10th DECEMBER	12.30 – 4.00 p.m. FESTIVE LUNCH	SOLD OUT
<u>N B Subject to change</u>		
<u>2027</u>	<u>OUTING</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
February	t.b.a.	
March	THE AGA KHAN CENTRE?	
6 th April	ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS	
26 th May	SEZINCOTE HOUSE	Coach
June	WARE RIVER CRUISE with Picnic Lunch	Coach & Cruise
12 th July	THE APOTHECARIES' GUILD	
September	BUSCOT PARK, Farringdon, Oxon	Coach
18 th October	ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS	

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

30 th NOVEMBER	A FESTIVE BREAK	SOLD OUT
Thurs. 10 th DECEMBER	12.30 – 4.00 p.m. FESTIVE LUNCH	SOLD OUT
<u>2027</u>	<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
13 th – 18 th May	The Gems of Andalusia	To follow
27 th June – 1 st July	Highlights of Norfolk & Suffolk	To follow
12 th – 18 th September	Milan & The Italian Lakes	To follow