



**Eastbourne**  
School of English



## Fifty Plus Social Programme May 2009

**Monday 4 May**

**12.15 pm**

**Drinks Party**

After your first lesson, join us in the lounge to relax, enjoy a drink and meet your teachers and the other students on your course.

**Tuesday 5 May**

**1.30 pm**

**Eastbourne walk**

A short walk around the town to introduce you to Eastbourne and to show you the banks, shops, post office, bus station, railway station and other places you may need while you are here.



**Wednesday 6 May**

**1.00 pm**



**Sussex villages**

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**Thursday 7 May**

**2.00 pm**

**Towner Art Gallery**

The new Towner Art Gallery opens in April 2009. This fascinating new gallery has a large collection of British and international art. The architectural design includes an excellent cafe with views over Devonshire Park.



Saturday 9 May

8.30am

**Windsor** Windsor Castle is the largest occupied castle in the world and has been home to kings and queens of England for 900 years. It looks out over the River Thames and is surrounded by large parks. St George's Chapel is a masterpiece of architecture from the Elizabethan age. Eton, the world-famous public school, is close by.



Monday 11 May

1.00pm



**Sheffield Park** Sheffield Park in East Sussex has romantic landscaped gardens, designed in the 18th century by Capability Brown. There are four large lakes, waterfalls and cascades. There is lots of colour all year. In the spring the bluebells and rhododendrons are big attractions.

Tuesday 12 May

2.00 pm

**Croquet** You are invited to the Saffrons Croquet Club. Members of the club will explain the rules of this fascinating traditional English game.

There is a prize for the winning team and tea and cakes afterwards in the club house.



Thursday 14 May

1.00 pm



**Nyman's Garden** The garden covers approximately 30 acres set on the side of a valley at 500 feet and partly sheltered by the woods of the Sussex Weald. Highlights include the Rose Garden, the pinetum, a huge collection of trees with a pretty garden pavilion from 1907, and the Sunk Garden which is in the Italian Renaissance style.

**Saturday 16 May**

**8.30 am**

**Full day excursion to Arundel and Petworth**

Arundel is an old hill town overlooking the River Arun in West Sussex. The castle has a splendid position above the town and has been home to the Dukes of Norfolk for many hundreds of years.

Petworth House, owned by Lord Egremont, was mainly built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and has a superb collection of classical art, including paintings by JMW Turner, England's best loved artist. Deer live wild in the park, which was designed by the famous garden designer, 'Capability' Brown.



**Monday 18 May**

**1.30 pm**



**Downland Walk**

Explore the beautiful, unspoiled South Downs countryside, the magnificent scenery of the white chalk cliffs and find out about the local flora and fauna.

Your guide, Ivor Chuter, will tell you about the history of the South Downs and help you to get to know this beautiful part of East Sussex.

**Wednesday 20 May**

**1.30 pm**

**Tunbridge Wells**

This lively town in Kent became famous in the 18<sup>th</sup> century when royalty and aristocrats came to 'take the waters' for their health. The picturesque arcades of the Pantiles have lots of boutiques and small restaurants. Royal Victoria Place is an excellent shopping mall.



**Thursday 21 May**

**1.00 pm**

**Lunch at Bibendum**

Join us at this fashionable 'gastro-pub' for a delicious lunch with fellow students and teachers. Cost approximately £15.



**Friday 23 May**

**12.15 pm**

**Farewell**

Drinks and snacks in the school lounge. Say goodbye to your teachers and classmates. Hope to see you again soon.



## Fifty Plus Social Programme June 2009

Monday 1 June

12.15 pm

**Eastbourne walk** A short walk around the town to introduce you to Eastbourne and to show you the banks, shops, post office, bus station, railway station and other places you may need while you are here.



Wednesday 3 June

1.00 pm



**Sussex villages** Enjoy the views of the sea from the spectacular Beachy Head and Seven Sister Cliffs. First visit Berwick, a charming little village with a delightful small church with interesting modern wall paintings. Then walk through beautiful countryside to Alfriston where you can visit the “Clergy House”, the first purchase of the National Trust. Enjoy a Sussex Cream Tea in a traditional teashop.

Thursday 4 June

1.45 pm

**Mayor’s Parlour** Eastbourne Town Hall is a splendid Victorian building. You will have a tour of the Town Hall and then visit the Mayor’s Parlour where you will see the official robes of the Mayor and hear about his or her duties.



Saturday 6 June

8.30 am



**Hever Castle and Gardens** This historic house was the home of Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII's second wife, in the 16th century. Later it was bought by the wealthy Astor family from the United States. The recent film, *The Other Boleyn Girl*, starring Scarlett Johansson and Natalie Portman, was set at Hever Castle.

Monday 8 June

1.30 pm

**Batemans** Built in 1634, this magnificent Jacobean house is set in beautiful countryside. In 1902 Rudyard Kipling, author of *The Jungle Book*, bought the house and lived there for 30 years. Don't miss the Rose Garden, the Mill and Kipling's elegant Rolls Royce which he used to drive up to London.



Tuesday 9 June

1.30 pm



**Bowls** Keep active with another traditional English outside game. This time we invite you to play bowls at Princes Park Bowls Club close to the seafront. Club members will help you to understand the rules and how best to bowl your ball, known as a 'wood'. You will have tea in the club house after the game.

Thursday 11 June

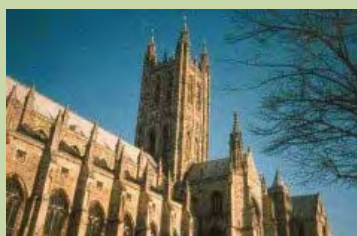
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**Brighton** Enjoy an afternoon trip to Brighton, and enjoy all the facilities of this famous seaside town. Visit Churchill Square is a large shopping mall with all the famous high street shops. Explore the picturesque Lanes with antique shops, bars and restaurants. Take a tour of the Royal Pavilion, home of the Prince Regent in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.



Saturday 13 June

8.30 am



**Canterbury** Canterbury in Kent has England's most important cathedral. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the head of the Anglican Church. This ancient walled city has lots of historic buildings, museums and excellent shopping at the Whitefriars Centre.

Monday 15 June

1.30pm

**Downland Walk** Explore the beautiful, unspoiled South Downs countryside, the magnificent scenery of the white chalk cliffs, and find out about the history of this fascinating area of East Sussex.

Your guide, Ivor Chuter, is a professional photographer and will help you take some good photos.



Wednesday 17 June

1.45 pm



**Eastbourne Tennis Championship** Professional men and women tennis players visit Eastbourne every year for one week to prepare for the Wimbledon Championship. You will see the best tennis players in the world in the intimate setting of Eastbourne's Devonshire Park.

Thursday 19 June

12.30 pm



**Lunch at Bibendum** Enjoy lunch with your teachers and fellow students at this fashionable 'gastropub'. Good food and good company guaranteed. Approximate cost £15.

Friday 20 June

12.15 pm

**Farewell** Drinks and snacks in the school lounge. Say good bye to your teachers and classmates. Hope to see you again soon.



## Fifty Plus Social Programme September 2009

Monday 31 August

12.15 pm

**Eastbourne walk** A short walk around the town to introduce you to Eastbourne and to show you the banks, shops, post office, bus station, railway station and other places you may need while you are here.



Wednesday 2 September

1.00 pm



**Sussex villages** Enjoy the views of the sea from the spectacular Beachy Head and Seven Sister Cliffs. First visit Berwick, a charming little village with a delightful small church with interesting modern wall paintings. Then walk through beautiful countryside to Alfriston where you can visit the “Clergy House”, the first purchase of the National Trust. Enjoy a Sussex Cream Tea in a traditional teashop.

Thursday 3 September

1.00 pm

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Saturday 5 September

8.30 am



**London South Bank** The South Bank is London's cultural centre, with the London Eye, the new Tate Modern Art Gallery and the Royal Festival Hall. Enjoy the views over the river Thames. Walk over the Millennium Bridge to St Paul's Cathedral or relax in one of the waterside bars.

Monday 7 September

1.00 pm

**Sissinghurst** The writer and gardener Vita Sackville-West was born in Knole House and later moved to Sissinghurst Castle where she created one of the most beautiful, romantic gardens in England. The White Garden is particularly famous



Tuesday 8 September

1.30 pm



**Downland Walk** Explore the beautiful, unspoiled South Downs countryside, the magnificent scenery of the white chalk cliffs and find out about the local flora and fauna.

Thursday 10 September

12.45pm

**Standen** Philip Webb, friend of William Morris the designer, built this family house in the 1890s. It is decorated in the Arts and Crafts style with Morris carpets, fabrics, wallpapers and paintings. The house has its original electric light fittings. The beautiful garden gives fine views over the Sussex countryside and there are delightful woodland walks.



Saturday 12 September

8.30am



**Full day visit to Chartwell** Chartwell was the family home of Sir Winston and Lady Churchill for many years. Set in the Kent countryside, this famous house has lots of objects and documents associated with Churchill. Sir Winston's hobbies included oil painting and there is a large collection of his works at the house. He also enjoyed gardening and even built a long brick wall which stands to this day.

Monday 14 September

2.00pm

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Tuesday 15 September

1.00 pm



**Rye** Visit this delightful hill town in East Sussex. Once by the sea, it is now inland and has beautiful views across open country. There are many old buildings from the Middle Ages, including the picturesque Mermaid Restaurant.

Henry James, the famous American novelist, lived at Lamb House in Rye for many years.

Thursday 17 September

12.30 pm



**Lunch at Bibendum** Enjoy a pub lunch at Bibendum with teachers and fellow students. Good company and good food guaranteed. Cost approximately £15.

Friday 18 September

12.15 pm

**Farewell drinks** Say goodbye to us in the Student Lounge. Take a few last photos and enjoy a final drink.



## Fifty Plus Social Programme August 2009

Monday 17 August

12.15 pm

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Wednesday 19 August

1.00 pm



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Thursday 20 August

1.30 pm



**Michelham Priory** Michelham, in the Sussex countryside, was for many years a religious community. It was also a working farm and a watermill. Now there are exhibitions of traditional country crafts. The garden is beautiful and the ideal place to relax on a sunny afternoon.

Saturday 22 August

8.30 am



**Canterbury** Canterbury in Kent has England's most important cathedral. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the head of the Anglican Church. This ancient walled city has lots of historic buildings, museums and excellent shopping at the Whitefriars Centre.

Monday 24 August

1.00 pm

**Batemans** Built in 1634, this magnificent Jacobean house is set in beautiful countryside. In 1902 Rudyard Kipling, author of *The Jungle Book*, bought the house and lived there for 30 years. Don't miss the Rose Garden, the Mill and Kipling's elegant Rolls Royce which he used to drive up to London.



Tuesday 25 August

1.30 pm



**Croquet** You are invited to the Saffrons Croquet Club. Members of the club will explain the rules of this fascinating traditional English game.

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Wednesday 26 August

2.00 pm

**Rye** Visit this delightful hill town in East Sussex. Once by the sea, it is now inland and has beautiful views across open country. There are many old buildings from the Middle Ages, including the picturesque Mermaid Restaurant.

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Thursday 27 August

12.30pm



**Lunch at Eastbourne Marina**

Take a walk through the new marina, enjoy lunch at a waterside restaurant and enjoy a trip around the harbour by boat.

Friday 28 August

12.30pm

**Farewell**

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