

Saffron Walden u3a

Theatre & Travel 2026 – as at **23/02/2026**

The dates and details for some of these trips have still got to be confirmed.
Latest changes/additions in red.

Date	Event	Cost	Pay By	Org
12 th March	Royal Albert Hall – behind the scenes tour includes how the building was founded 150 years ago, the engineering challenges, the royal box and entrance. 2 course lunch & soft drink included.	£54	Now	Jim
14 th – 16 th April	Cotswolds – 2 night break, Bradford-on-Avon, visit to Hidcote Manor, Stratford-on-Avon, Burton-on-the-Water. Optional river trip on the Avon. <i>This break is organised through the Crocus Sapphires but advertised by the Saffron Walden u3a.</i>	£390 - £430 depending numbers		Dawn
28 th April	Scotney Castle – Tunbridge Wells, National Trust. Medieval Moated Ruin, Mansion House with original wood panelling and furniture. Formal Gardens & Woodland, Café.	£45 approx. NT Members Coach only	Feb/Mar	Chris
12 th – 14 th May	Sidmouth, Dorset – 3 day break, guided Fossil Hunt Lyme Regis. Jurassic Coast Drive, Abbotsbury Gardens. <i>This break is organised through the Crocus Sapphires but advertised by the Saffron Walden u3a.</i>	£390 - £450 depending numbers	Deposit January	Chris
30 th May	Shuttleworth – Vintage aircraft flight show plus vintage vehicles on show. House and gardens to view.	£50 approx. depending numbers		John
8 th – 12 th June	Harrogate Holiday – <i>Reserve List Only</i>	£649 - £669 depending numbers	Deposit due end January	Jean
18 th June	Brooklands – Motor and aircraft museum with vintage bus ride.	£56- £60 approx. depending numbers		John
23 rd June	High Society by Cole Porter – with Felicity Kendall & Helen George. Barbican Theatre matinee	£60 tickets. Coach extra TBA	9 th January	Chris
1 st July	Maidstone, Kent – 3 hour lunch cruise. With F&C	£58- £62 depending numbers		Chris

16th – 17th July	Kent – 1 Night Break – visiting Chartwell home of Winston Churchill and Sissinghurst Castle & gardens, home of Vita Sackville-West. <i>This break is organised through the Crocus Sapphires but advertised by the Saffron Walden u3a</i>	£260 approx. all inclusive	Deposit January	Chris
12th August	Lord of the Dance – show at Southend including Meal.	£60.50 ticket, Coach etc TBA	End of April	Chris
18th August	Thames Barge Cruise – with possible Cream Tea and free time in Maldon	£55 approx. depending numbers		Chris
25th August	Jesus Christ Superstar – with Sam Ryder at the London Palladium. 7:30pm performance – Reserve List Only	£55 plus coach	6 th March ticket	Chris
10th – 12th September	Saltaire Village – 3 day break, UNESCO World Heritage Site, Yorkshire. Includes Steam Train ride on the Keighley & North Valley Railway – all to be confirmed.	£380 approx.		Chris
23rd September	Regents Park Canal – Guided tour of the St Pauls and Smithfield areas plus canal boat trip to Camden Lock.	£60 approx. depending numbers		John
8th October	Katherine Jenkins – Southend Theatre 7:00 pm including pre-show meal.	£68 ticket includes £5 meal deposit. Coach extra	13 th March	Chris
13th October (date change)	Romford Greyhound Racing – afternoon includes 3 course meal, live racing and bet if you wish.	£44- £54 depending numbers	25 th Sep	Jim
22nd October	The Poppy Factory – explore the history of Remembrance in Richmond - 90 minute tour, try poppy making, tea/coffee & cake. <i>Suggest you take packed lunch.</i>	£47- £57 depending numbers	8 th Oct.	Jim
November	The Geffrye Museum 'Past & Present'			Chris
17th Nov	Sinatra the Musical – matinee Aldwych Theatre. Hear his songs, how it started in 1942 and how he changed the music industry.	£50 tickets, coach is extra	2 nd March tickets	Chris
21st Nov	Musical 'SIX' at Southend – Henry VIII's 6 wives as never seen before. To include meal in Cliff's Restaurant	£46.50 + £5 Ticket & meal deposit. Coach TBA	Sept	Chris
23rd – 26th November	Christmas Festival of Light at Longleat House – Reserve List Only	£499	TBA	Jean