



THE NATIONAL TRUST



Orpington & Chislehurst Centre

We are a friendly Centre and meet monthly at 8.00pm on the last Thursday at the Methodist Church, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, plus afternoon lectures at 2.30pm most months at the Methodist Church, Prince Imperial Road, Chislehurst.

Meetings include talks on a wide range of subjects and also allow members to socialise with like-minded people with tea and coffee available. Our ever popular lectures are well attended and this allows us to secure the services of good quality speakers, there is only a nominal fee charged for entrance to the lectures.

Our Fund Raising and Programme Committees arrange a series of events and outings and ensure our members have a wide variety of activities that are designed to suit all tastes. These include Theatre trips and outings to places of common interest. There is a programme of Guided Walks for the energetic although they are aimed at a leisurely stroll of a few miles.

During 2008 nearly 50 Centre members enjoyed a week's holiday in Dresden in June, before then we had a long weekend break in Ypres, France. In September we had short breaks in Norfolk on consecutive weekends due to demand from our members. To round the year off in December nearly 40 members enjoyed a wonderful week's Christmas shopping in New York.

Each quarter we produce a Newsletter that is delivered by Centre members to save on postage costs. It includes reports on past events, details of forthcoming events and ticket arrangements. You will also find contact details of all our Committee Members.

We are always looking for new members and our membership fees are £8 for a family and £5 for individuals. You can get more information, a copy of the latest Newsletter and a membership application form by emailing Bill Squires, our Web Editor at william.h.p.squires@btinternet.com

Here is our programme of forthcoming events – we hope it will encourage you to join us.

Date	Type of event	Subject
22 Jan	Lecture	Frost, Freezes and Fairs
28 Jan	Theatre trip	The 39 Steps
5 Feb	Lecture	Springtime in Crete
19 Feb	Social	Royal Marines Band at the Royal Albert Hall
23 Feb	Outing	Spencer House and the Household Cavalry Musuem
26 Feb	Lecture	Curiosities of the City of London
12 March	Lecture	The Stained Glass Windows of Kent
14 March	Social	Wise Owls Quiz
25 March	Outing	Fishbourne Palace and Amberley Working Musuem
26 March	Lecture	Old Orpington
9 April	Lecture	Royal Parks and Gardens
17 April	Social	Comedy Opera at the West Kent Golf Club
23 April	Lecture	AGM & The Art Game
9 May	Outing	Le Touquet
14 May	Lecture	The Wheelnarrow Man
5-8 June	Outing	Northamptonshire Weekend
21 June	Social	Garden Party & Barbecue
25 June	Lecture	The Perculiarities of the English Language
30 June	Outing	Colchester & Beth Chatto's Garden
9 July	Lecture	Sussex Characters - Wacky, Weird and Wonderful
July TBC	Social	Fun at Emmetts Garden
16 Jul	Outing	St Albans and Gardens of the Rose
23 Jul	Lecture	My Life as a Newspaper Editor
12 Aug	Outing	Hidden Essex & Cruise on the Secret Canal
27 Aug	Lecture	Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies
Aug TBC	Social	Holiday to Ireland
8 Sep	Outing	Frogmore House & Savill Gardens
10 Sep	Lecture	The Spirit of Place

24 Sep	Lecture	Natural Quarry
8 Oct	Lecture	The Life of a Private Investigator
10 Oct	Outing	Museum of Brands and Sambourne House
22 Oct	Lecture	Around the Coast of France
24 Oct	Social	Murder Mystery Evening TBC
2 Nov	Outing	Fishmonger's Hall and the Bank of England
12 Nov	Lecture	British Musical Theatre
25 Nov	Social	Holiday Reunion
26 Nov	Lecture	The London Underground
10 Dec	Social	Carol Concert
Dec TBC	Social	Thursford Christmas Spectacular
Dec TBC	Social	Christmas Lunch
Dec TBC	Social	Christmas Fun & Games