

Shell Travel Club Newsletter

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Dear Shell Travel Club Members,

I hope that this finds you well and looking forward to a period of fine, dry weather!

Since the last newsletter in January we have run a day trip to Lords Cricket, a week in Tuscany and held the AGM in Surrey.

Frieda did a splendid job organising the day trip to Lords. At the beginning of the cricket season twenty-two very enthusiastic members gathered at Lord's Cricket ground for a guided tour of the media centre, players' changing rooms, the Long Room and spent time in the museum filled with cricket memorabilia. Only the ground staff were allowed on the hallowed turf. What a shame. Maybe next time!

In March, we held our usual AGM, once again at Silvermere Golf Club in Cobham, Surrey. Bruce did a fantastic job pulling this together and although attendance was again lower than we had hoped, everyone had an enjoyable time and the two course buffet was superb and has to be considered a success.

Earlier this month, Steve took a party of 32 members on a week's trip to Tuscany. Early feedback I have received looks as though this was a real success and members thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Looking forward to the remainder of this year, on the 8th September, Bruce will be leading a river cruise trip on the Douro in Portugal. This cruise is almost booked out but for more information on the trip then please see the website or contact Bruce on bruce75@gmail.com

In early October, Allison and myself will be running a 5 night/6 day trip by coach to Cornwall. The hotel, coach and itinerary are all booked. Hopefully, this should be a really enjoyable and interesting trip. Although this trip was fully booked, we have had a recent cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances. As such, **if any members would like the opportunity to join this trip**, we have one bedroom with king size bed for 2 people available. If this is of interest then please contact me urgently or the room will be released back to the hotel by the end of this month. If you would like further details they can be found on the website or alternatively, please contact Rob on robert.jenkins@hotmail.co.uk

Frieda is currently working on a number of interesting day trips to run during the year. In July she is taking two groups for a blue badge guided tour of Battersea Power Station. It is a grade 2 listed iconic decommissioned coal fired power station located on the south bank of the river Thames built in 1927. It has its own unique lavish art deco interior and is now a mix of history, apartments, shops and restaurants and much more. Two tours are now fully booked and there is a wait list. Frieda is now exploring future visits for later this year and early next. Thank you for your interest and support this year.

Our Annual Festive Lunch has been booked once again at Effingham Golf Club on Wednesday 4th December. This proved to be a wonderful location in 2023 with great food, attentive staff and beautiful surroundings. Bruce has once again offered to run this event so when the Christmas menu becomes available please contact Bruce on bruce75@gmail.com to register your interest and menu choices.

Next year's AGM has now been arranged for Wednesday 12th March 2025. Please note the date in your diary.

A Northern Croatian cruise from 7th to 14th September 2025 has been arranged by Bruce. Only 2 places are still available. Please contact Bruce on bruce75@gmail.com for further information.

We continue to work on our 2025 schedule and details of these trips will become available in the near future. As always, these will be a variety of different trips to new locations along with a programme of day trips. We hope that these will appeal to a wide range of members. **All we ask is that you show your support and join as many as you can.**

All current trips and future ones can be found on our website www.shelltravelclub.com so please check this regularly.

As mentioned in the January Newsletter, Sutton Winston Insurance Brokers have now returned to the travel insurance business after pulling out of this particular market several years ago. They apparently have some really good offers for STC members and ask that if you are looking for holiday insurance to call them.

Best wishes,
Rob

Shell Travel Club Holiday Schedule 2024/2025

9 th July 2024	Day trip to Battersea Power Station Contact: Frieda Boase Email: friedaboase@gmail.com	£12pp
8 th September 2024	Duoro Cruise, 7 nights Contact: Bruce Ogilvy Email: brucestc75@gmail.com	from £2549pp
6 th October 2024	Cornwall, 5 nights Contact: Robert Jenkins Email: robert.jenkins@hotmail.co.uk	from £900pp
4 th December 2024	Festive Lunch Contact: Bruce Ogilvy Email: brucestc75@gmail.com	£TBD
12 th March 2025	STC AGM Contact: Bruce Ogilvy Email: brucestc75@gmail.com	£TBD
7 th September 2025	North Croatia Cruise, 7 nights Contact: Bruce Ogilvy Email: brucestc75@gmail.com	from £2199pp