

Shell Travel Club Newsletter

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Dear Shell Travel Club Members,

I hope that this finds you all well and having had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas. On behalf of all the Committee, we wish you a happy, healthy and successful 2022 and hopefully we will be able to see you on some trips we are working on.

Since the last newsletter, the only function we have held was the Festive Lunch at Denbies Vineyard in Dorking. This was a great location and the three course meal was very good. Feedback from those that gave it was so positive we have decided to provisionally book it again for Thursday 1st December, 2022. More information on this will follow. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bruce for all the time and effort he put into organising this event which had to be rescheduled on several occasions due to Covid restrictions.

Looking at possible trips for this year, your Committee have been working hard behind the scenes. Frieda has been looking at two different day trips. One is in April at the Fashion & Textile Museum, Bermondsey, London entitled "Crown to Catwalk" – 150 years of the Royal School of Needlework. The other is in September at the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace celebrating the Queens 70 years on the throne. More information on both of these is attached to the newsletter.

Steve is looking at a trip to Potters Resort in Norfolk. This, as many of you will remember, was scheduled for May last year but needed to be cancelled due to the lockdown. More information will follow on this in due course. Steve is also investigating a possible trip to the Lake District, and again more information will be communicated once we have more information.

Bruce has been looking at a short break to either Guernsey or Jersey. However, with the current Covid testing requirements needed prior to visiting and while on the islands, it makes it very difficult to plan a holiday. As such, we have decided to put this on the back burner for the time being and maybe relook at this next year.

Bruce has also been looking at possibilities of a trip to the Scilly Isles – a destination several members said they would be interested in us looking at. Having done this, it is apparent that the logistics of getting a party of members there is incredibly difficult. Secondly, there is only a small number of hotels and they are very expensive. Typical prices for a 3* hotel on a half board basis is in excess of £300 p/n! These also need to be booked up 12 months in advance. As such, notwithstanding the work Bruce has put in to this, a holiday to this destination is not one we will be pursuing.

Lastly, as discussed at the AGM in September, although many members would like us to arrange a Champagne & Wine Tour to France, given the ongoing Covid situation and the uncertainty of entry requirements, we decided to put this trip on hold and review later in the year for a 2023 trip. However, we have been exploring a Wine Tour to the South West of England for September this year. More information will follow in the coming week or so but accommodation at a 4* hotel has been put on hold for us for 4 nights commencing 27th September.

Given our last AGM was at the end of September 2021, as agreed, we will not be having the next one until March 2023. More details of date and location will be notified to you nearer the time.

The Committee and myself look forward to seeing you on one of the 2022 trips and in the meantime, we send you and your families our best wishes,

Kindest regards

Rob

'Crown to Catwalk' 150 years of the Royal School of Needlework

at the Fashion and Textile Museum, Bermondsey Village near London Bridge Station

This exciting exhibition of the RSN's work explores their contribution to the world of embroidery. It features Black work 'picture' of David Bowie created in cross stitch, exceptional work done by Degree students and much more.

See for more information: www.royal-needlework.org.uk under heading 'talks and events'

Visit arranged for Tuesday 26 April 2022. (This day may change depending on government guidelines at this time)

Tickets: £16.00 which includes a tour guide

Contact friedaboase@gmail.com if you are interested in this visit.

The Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace

In this Platinum year celebrating the Queen's 70 years on the throne, come and see a grand collection of royal transport including horses, cars and the dazzling 1762 Gold State Coach and home of one of the finest working stables in existence.

For further information visit www.rct.uk.

Visit on Thursday 15 September 2022 (This date may change depending on government guidelines at this time)

Tickets - £14.00 per person or £12.60 for 15 or more in the group. There is a multimedia tour available which lasts approximately 45 minutes. Guided tours have been suspended at time of writing.

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