

### Welcome to our 2024 Brochure



We would like to thank you for your continued support over the past year. In this brochure, not only will you find old favourites, but also a number of new places of interest to visit. We look forward to welcoming you onboard our luxury coaches for our 2024 excursions.

A quick word from Mick & Anita Dabbs. "Early in 2023 we took the decision that we needed to step back from the day-to day operation of Felixstowe Travel. To achieve this goal, Felixstowe Travel is now managed and owned by Alan & Karen Braybrooke.

Alan has worked for Felixstowe Travel for the last 3 years and has over 20 years' experience in the coach travel industry, so we know the company is in safe hands. Alan & Karen believe in the same high standards and customer service that we do and what makes Felixstowe Travel the company that it is. We haven't disappeared though! Anita will still be on some of the excursions and Mick will still be in the driving seat occasionally."



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- Corporate Hire School Outings
  - Theatre Trips
  - 19, 41, 53 & 57 Seater vehicles
    - Disabled Access Available

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To book your excursion simply go on line to: www.felixstowetravel.com or call 01394 671241

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# **Thriplow Daffodil Weekend**



Join us for a day of fun activities for all the family and amble through over 100 stalls to find that something special. Check out the blacksmiths at work in the Smithy and be entertained by the merry Morris dancers. Then Enjoy the Taste of Thriplow for street food and beer or hot drinks at our Village Tearooms. With live music being played all around the village it's the perfect place to get some springtime cheer.

### **DEPARTURES**

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Orwell Hotel	08.50am	lpswich Station	09.25am
Walton Church	08.55am	Depart from Thriplow	15.00pm
Half Moon Pub Walton	08.56am	Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	08.58am	Swimming Pool - <b>09.00am</b>	

# **Essex Coast & Smugglers Tour**



There are tales of intrigue, ghosts and romance as the flat nature of Essex made it the perfect venue for the smugglers of old. **Includes Blue Badge Guide.** 

#### **DEPARTURES**

08.30am
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09.05am
15.30pm
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Firstly to Tiptree Jam Shop and Museum. Then through the Essex Countryside to Maldon an ancient riverside town. An optional guided walk of Maldon Hythe Quay available.

We continue our smuggling tales tour as we drive further south through Essex and finish at Battlebridge Antiques Centre.

Tickets

£28 inc. coach

Children

# **Ely Farmers Market Day**



Explore in the vibrant atmosphere of the market a variety of local seasonal food, plants and gifts. Admission ticket to visit the Cathedral must be purchased independently.

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Station Road Trimley St. Mary	08.43am
Hand in Hand Pub	08.45am
Ipswich Station	09.05am
Depart from Ely	15.00pm
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - <b>08.40am</b>	



# **Theatre Trip – Sister Act**



Sisterhood and music tells the hilarious story of the disco diva whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a murder. Under protective custody she is hidden in the one place she won't be found – a convent! Disguised as a nun and under the suspicious watch of Mother Superior, Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own.

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Half Moon Pub Walton	08.56am
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	08.58am

Hand in Hand Pub	09.00am
Ipswich Station	09.20am
Depart after the show approx.	17.30pm
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - <b>08.55am</b>	

# Theatre Trip – MAMMA MIA



Sophie's quest to discover the father she's never known brings her mother face to face with three men from her distant romantic past on the eve of a wedding they'll never forget!

Since premiering in London 21 years ago, this irresistibly funny comedy has thrilled over 60 million people all around the world. There's never been a better time to see this unforgettable musical in the West End, where it all began.

Whatever age you are, you can't help but have the time of your life at MAMMA MIA!

### **DEPARTURES**

08.45am	Hand in Hand Pub	09.00am
08.50am	lpswich Station	09.20am
08.55am	Depart after the show approx.	17.30pm
08.56am	<b>56am</b> Feeder service from Woodbridge	
08.58am	Swimming Pool - <b>08.55am</b>	
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# ABBA Voyage at the ABBA Area London



Blending cutting-edge technology, spectacular lighting, and some of the most beloved songs ever written, ABBA take to the stage in a whole new way.

### **DEPARTURES**

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Walton Church	10.40am
Half Moon Pub Walton	10.41am
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	10.43am
Hand in Hand Pub	10.45am
lpswich Station	11.05am
Departs immediately after show	
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - 10.40am	

In a stunning, purpose-built arena, one of the most popular groups in history appear as digital avatars in a 'ground-breaking' (Metro) concert that really 'needs to be seen to be believed. It's the greatest ABBA performance the world has never seen.

Until now!

### Flatford Mill & Beth Chatto Gardens



From Dedham we travel to the lovely Beth Chatto Gardens, created by renowned award winning plants woman, you will find themed gardens with woodland and water areas, plant shop and tearoom. **Includes Blue Badge Guide.** 



### **DEPARTURES**

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Walton Church	08.55am
Half Moon Pub Walton	08.56am
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	08.58am
Hand in Hand Pub	09.00am
lpswich Station	09.20am
Depart from Beth Chatto Gardens	16.00pm
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - <b>08.55am</b>	

John Constable was born in Fast Bergholt and so it is appropriate that we begin our guided tour here and take the opportunity to see the very unusual way the bells are rung at the village church. We will then proceed to Flatford Mill to discover the views that John Constable painted. Here our Blue Badge Guide will take us on a short, optional guided walk to see the scenes of four of John Constable's paintings including the site of the famous Havwain. Dedham's beautiful main street is lined with Georgian fronted houses alongside old inns, tea rooms, a large arts/crafts centre and an impressive 15th century church. An optional short guided tour will be offered at Dedham. Then we head to Beth Chatto Gardens.

# **Bressingham Steam Museum & Gardens**



What better way to explore the beautiful gardens, woodlands and countryside of Bressingham than by climbing aboard one of the narrow gauge passenger trains. Bressingham is home to 3 narrow gauge passenger railways along with a standard gauge demonstration railway. Over 3 miles of railway for you to enjoy.





# Bressingham has been the official home to the Dads Army Appreciation Society's collection since 2000. The exhibition comprises a recreation of Walmington-on-Sea the fictional home to Captain Mainwaring and his men.

### **ADMISSION INCLUDES:**

- Bressingham Steam Experience
  - Dad's Army Collection
  - The Bressingham Gardens (includes both Dell & Foggy Bottom Garden)
- Unlimited Narrow Gauge Railway rides and three rides on the Gallopers Roundabout

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Station Road Trimley St. Mary	08.58am

Hand in Hand Pub	09.00am
Ipswich Station	09.15am
Depart from Bressingham	15.30pm
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - <b>08.55am</b>	

### Colchester Zoo – Half Term



Colchester Zoo is one of the biggest zoos in the UK and is home to more than 260 species from all over the world. The zoo offers lots of interactive activities which will delight your kids from watching the penguins being fed to clever animals being trained.

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Orwell Hotel	08.50am	lpswich Station	09.15am
Walton Church	08.55am	Depart from Colchester Zoo	16.00pm
Half Moon Pub Walton	08.56am	.56am Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	08.58am	Swimming Pool - <b>08.55am</b>	

# Norfolk Lavender and Legends Day Out



Founded in 1932, Norfolk Lavender is England's premier lavendar farm, renownded worldwide and has nearly 100 acres of lavendar under cultivation. **Includes Blue Badge Guide.** 

#### **DEPARTURES**

Adults

£30

Children

Felixstowe Ferry GC bus stop	08.20am
Orwell Hotel	08.25am
Walton Church	08.30am
Half Moon Pub Walton	08.33am
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	08.35am
Hand in Hand Pub	08.38am
Ipswich Station	09.00am
Depart from Norfolk Lavender	15.30pm
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - <b>08.40am</b>	

Our guide will join you on your coach and take you on a tour of the local villages, including West Newton near Sandringham and Castle Rising. The tour lasts about 90 minutes. On return you will have three hours to visit all the shops, attractions and of course the lavender fields. For more information, visit www.norfolk-lavender.co.uk

# **Norwich Sightseeing & Shopping**



The market is in the heart of Norwich on Gentleman's Walk and within walking distance of the castle.

### **DEPARTURES**

Felixstowe Ferry GC bus stop	08.30am
Orwell Hotel	08.35am
Walton Church	08.40am
Half Moon Pub Walton	08.41am
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	08.43am
Hand in Hand Pub	08.45am
Ipswich Station	09.05am
Depart from Norwich	15.00pm
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Feeder service from Woodbridge Swimming Pool - **08.45am**  As one of the largest and oldest open air markets in the country,
Norwich on Gentleman's Walk within walking distance of the castle.

For more information visit: www.norwich.gov/info/20181 /norwich market



# **Hampton Court Flower Show**



Experience the world's largest flower show set in the grounds of the historic Hampton Court Palace.

### **DEPARTURES**

Felixstowe Ferry GC bus stop	07.30am
Orwell Hotel	07.35am
Walton Church	07.40am
Half Moon Pub Walton	07.41am
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	07.43am
Hand in Hand Pub	07.45am
Ipswich Station	08.05am
Depart from Hampton Court	16.30pm
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - <b>07.35am</b>	



Coach

£20

### The National Memorial Arboretum



An opportunity to see the National Memorial Arboretum – a living, growing tribute to all those who have served our Nation – a 150 acre site, home to over 330 thought provoking memorials, both military and civilian. **Price includes Land Train with Running Commentary.** 





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Swimming Pool - **07.35am** 



Enjoy one of Norfolk's outdoor highlights, a must-see for all garden enthusiasts. Based on the Royal Estate, it's a great place to spend a summer's day.

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Orwell Hotel	08.05am
Walton Church	08.10am
Half Moon Pub Walton	08.11am
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	08.13am
Hand in Hand Pub	08.15am
Ipswich Station	08.35am
Depart from Sandringham	16.30pm
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - <b>08.10am</b>	



# RHS Garden Hyde Hall Flower Show



Exhibitors will showcase quality plants, advice, demonstrations and more with specialist nurseries, gardening sundries, expert advice and demonstrations, as well as the chance to explore the garden in full bloom.

### **DEPARTURES**

09.00am
09.05am
09.10am
09.11am
09.13am

Hand in Hand Pub	09.15am
Ipswich Station	09.35am
Depart from Hyde Hall	16.00pm
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - <b>09.15am</b>	

Tickets

£48

inc. coach

# Tickets **£40** inc. coach

### **Cromer Pier Summer Show**



Arrive in Cromer for 12 noon with plenty of free time to explore and have some lunch – maybe you'll even try some famous Cromer Crab – before making your way to the Pavilion Theatre on the Pier for the show. **Price includes return shuttle from Cromer town to Pier.** 

### **DEPARTURES**

Felixstowe Ferry GC bus stop	09.00am
Orwell Hotel	09.05am
Walton Church	09.10am
Half Moon Pub Walton	09.11am
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	09.13am
Hand in Hand Pub	09.15am
Ipswich Station	09.35am
Depart immediately after show	17.00pm
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - <b>09.10am</b>	

Show starts at 14.30pm.

For more information visit:

www.cromerpier.co.uk



# A Day Out in Clacton-on-Sea



The opportunity to spend the day by the sea at Clacton. This popular Essex coastal resort has sandy beaches and is renowned for its amusements.

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Orwell Hotel	09.05am
Walton Church	09.10am
Half Moon Pub Walton	09.11am
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	09.13am
Hand in Hand Pub	09.15am
Ipswich Station	09.35am
Depart from Clacton	16.00pm
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - <b>09.15am</b>	



# **Braintree Shopping Village** (Freeport)



Enjoy a day out shopping at Braintree Shopping village (Formally Freeport) Freeport in Essex was remodelled, rebranded and relaunched in 2006 and is now home to over 85 shops all arranged in a village-type setting.

### **DEPARTURES**

Felixstowe Ferry GC bus stop	09.00am	Hand in Hand Pub	09.15am
Orwell Hotel	09.05am	lpswich Station	09.35am
Walton Church	09.10am	Depart from Braintree	15.30pm
Half Moon Pub Walton	09.11am	Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	09.13am	Swimming Pool - <b>09.15am</b>	

# **Bure Valley Train & Broads Cruise**



This wonderful experience combines a nostalgic steam hauled train trip followed by a browse round Wroxham and then on to a boat cruise on the beautiful Norfolk Broads.

### **DEPARTURES**

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Orwell Hotel	07.35am
Walton Church	07.40am
Half Moon Pub Walton	07.41am
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	07.43am
Hand in Hand Pub	07.45am
Ipswich Station	08.05am
Depart from Wroxham	16.00pm
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - <b>07.40am</b>	

This year we are using Broads Tours: www.broadstours.co.uk/bellebroads-river-trips/



### **Duxford Battle of Britain Air Show**



This weekend Duxford's museum, hangars, airfield and showground are transformed for a re-enactment with 1940s music and dance, entertainment and activities. Experience a spectacular flying display and witness the now-famous Duxford Spitfire Flypast.



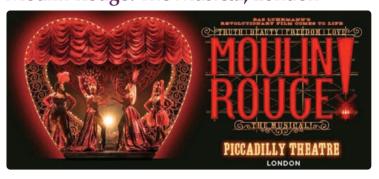
### **DEPARTURES**

Felixstowe Ferry GC bus stop	08.30am
Orwell Hotel	08.35am
Walton Church	08.40am
Half Moon Pub Walton	08.41am
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	08.43am
Hand in Hand Pub	08.45am
Holiday Inn Ransomes Euro Park	09.00am
Depart from Duxford after the flyi	ng display
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - <b>08.40am</b>	

# For more information please visit: www.iwm.org.uk/airshows



# Moulin Rouge! The Musical, London



Glitz, grandeur and glory comes to life on the stage of London's Piccadilly theatre with the spectacular Moulin Rouge! The Musical. It's a world of splendour and romance that the West End has never seen before.

#### **DEPARTURES**

Felixstowe Ferry GC bus stop	08.45am
Orwell Hotel	08.50am
Walton Church	08.55am
Half Moon Pub Walton	08.56am
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	08.58am
Hand in Hand Pub	09.00am
Ipswich Station	09.20am
Depart after the show approx.	17.30pm
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - <b>08.50am</b>	



# The Knitting & Stitching Show



The Knitting & Stitching Show is an event for anyone with a love of textile based craft. The show at Alexandra Palace champions creativity with hundreds of workshops, demonstrations, interactive features on offer as well as over 200 of their most loved exhibitors selling specialist craft supplies.

### **DEPARTURES**

07.45am
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07.55am
07.56am
07.58am

Hand in Hand Pub	08.00am
Ipswich Station	08.15am
Depart from Alexandra Palace	16.00pm
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - 07.55am	

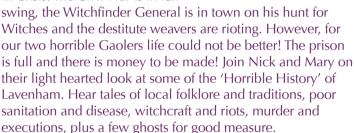
Tickets

£69

inc. coach

# Horrible History tour in Lavenham Halloween!

Join Nick and Mary, the 17th Century Gaolers of the old Guildhall, for a lantern walk around the medieval village of Lavenham, deep in the heart of the Suffolk Countryside. The year is 1645 and Lavenham is in Crisis. The Civil War is in full



We will visit Bury St. Edmunds Market day in the morning then onto Lavenham in the afternoon. Please note, there's minimal walking at Lavenham.

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Orwell Hotel	08.50am	lpswich Station	09.15am
Walton Church	08.55am	Depart from Lavenham	16.00pm
Half Moon Pub Walton	08.56am	Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	08.58am	Swimming Pool - <b>08.55am</b>	

### Saturday 16th November 2024

# **Lakeside and Bluewater Shopping**



Lakeside and Bluewater boast a wonderful and large variety of shops, stores, cafes and restaurants. Both are vibrant retail and leisure destinations for a perfect day out.

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Walton Church	08.10am
Half Moon Pub Walton	08.11am
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	08.13am
Hand in Hand Pub	08.15am
lpswich Station	08.40am
Depart from Bluewater	15.30pm
Depart from Lakeside	16.00pm
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - <b>08.10am</b>	



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# **Birmingham German Christmas Market**



Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market is a firm fixture in the city's annual calendar and a massive favourite with both residents and visitors to the city from across the UK and Europe. Birmingham comes alive every winter with the arrival of the Market, a clear sign that Christmas is just around the corner. The stalls on Victoria Square and along New Street offer something for everyone.



DEPARTURES

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Walton Church	07.55am
Half Moon Pub Walton	07.56am
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	07.58am
Hand in Hand Pub	08.00am
lpswich Station	08.20am
Depart from Birmingham	16.30pm
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - <b>08.00am</b>	

The largest authentic German
Christmas market outside of
Germany or Austria. Birmingham's
Frankfurt Christmas Market offers a
large range of traditional goods and
gifts and a selection of tempting
food and drink. Pretzels, schnitzels,
bratwursts, and roasted almonds
will tempt your tastebuds, all of
which can be washed down with
gluhwein, weissbeer (wheat beer),
or tasty hot chocolate.



3 to 15 years

£23

16.00pm 16.20pm 20.00pm

# Rochester Dickensian Christmas Market

Dickensian Christmas themed parades bring people from the High Street up to the Market twice a day. Additional entertainment such as Carol Concerts and roaming festive entertainers bring the town centre



alive and the market becomes the hub of the festival. Shop in over 80 stalls, enjoy the food and drink in the Bavarian Village, step into the children's Christmas Village with Mrs Clause and the Elves, or just enjoy the roaming performances, music and other entertainment. The carefully curated market sees a wide variety for shoppers, with many unique Christmas gift ideas. The additional offer of free and paid for entertainment in and around the market ensure that visitors have a truly festive and enjoyable outing.

### **DEPARTURES**

Felixstowe Ferry GC bus stop	08.00am	Hand in Hand Pub	08.15am
Orwell Hotel	08.05am	lpswich Station	08.35am
Walton Church	08.10am	Depart from Rochester	15.30pm
Half Moon Pub Walton	08.11am	Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	08.13am	Swimming Pool - <b>08.15am</b>	

# Winter & Christmas Lights Helmingham Hall



Make the most of the dark winter nights and step into a magical world of light, colour and sound, as you explore the grounds of Helmingham Hall adorned with thousands of lights transforming the gardens into an enchanted winter wonderland. An unmissable event to start off the festive season! Follow along the trails, cross Helmingham's famous drawbridge (pulled up every night since 1510) and warm up with a complimentary mulled wine within the courtyard steeped in over 500 years of historic charm.

Felixstowe Ferry GC bus stop	15.45pm	Hand in Hand Pub
Orwell Hotel	15.50pm	Ipswich Station
Walton Church	15.55pm	Depart from Helmingham
Half Moon Pub Walton	15.56pm	Feeder service from Woodbrid
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	15.58pm	Swimming Pool - <b>15.55pm</b>

# **Thursford Christmas Spectacular**



An extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. It's a fast moving celebration of the festival season featuring an electric mix of both seasonal and year round favourites.



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Walton Church	09.55am
Half Moon Pub Walton	09.56am
Station Road Trimley St. Mary	09.58am
Hand in Hand Pub	10.00am
lpswich Station	10.20am
Depart immediately	
after the show	17.30pm
Feeder service from Woodbridge	
Swimming Pool - <b>09.50am</b>	



With a cast of 130, this is the biggest Christmas show of its kind in Europe.

For more information visit: www.thursford.com/christmas-spectacular



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