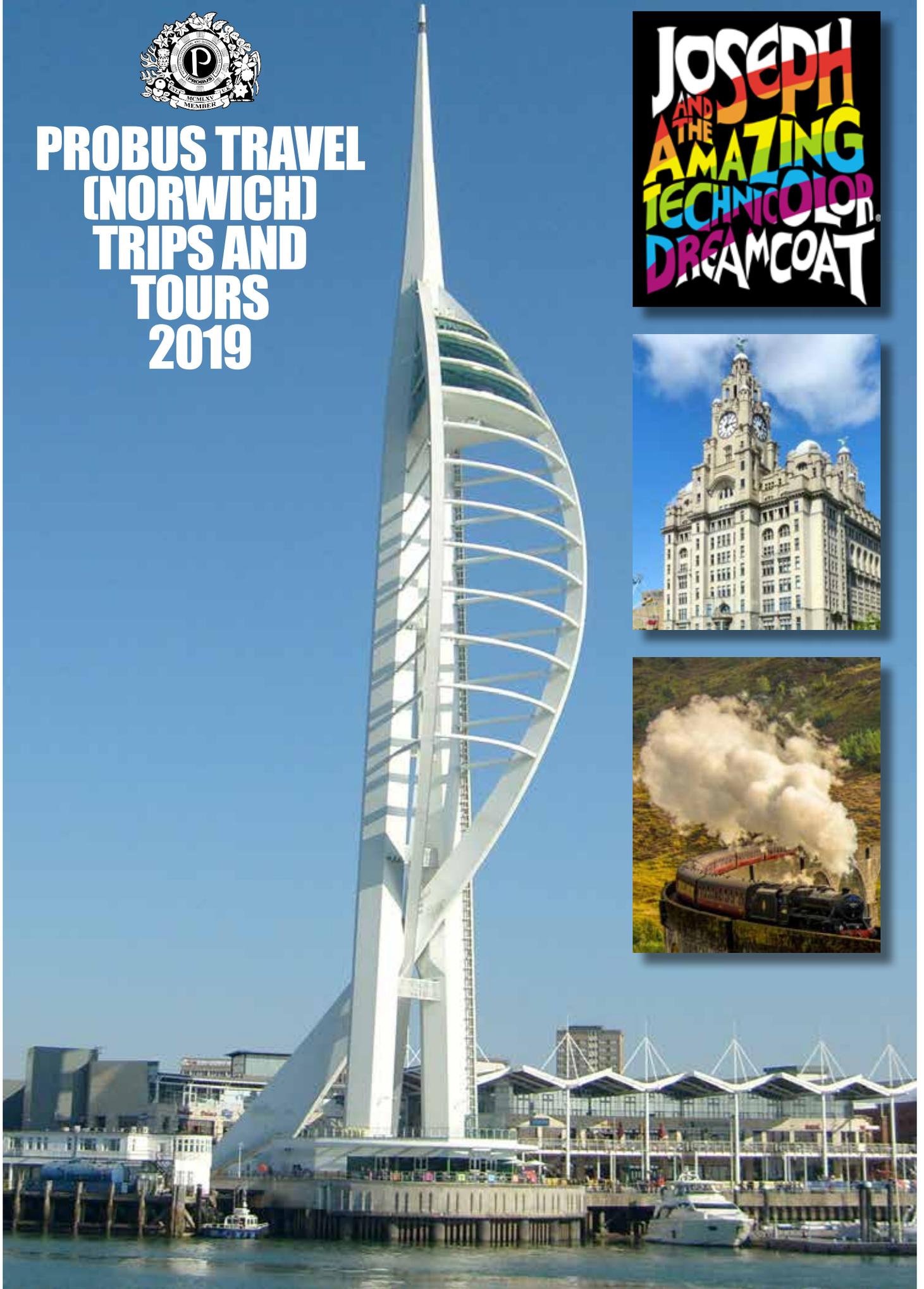
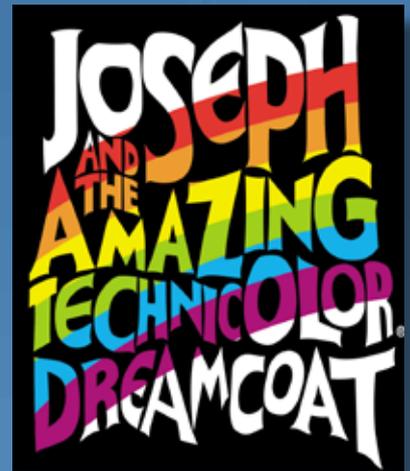




# PROBUS TRAVEL (NORWICH) TRIPS AND TOURS 2019



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# FOREWORD FOR 2019

Thank you for booking with Probus Travel in 2018 and thank you for your kind words of appreciation to members of the team. We have again tried to provide a varied and interesting programme of activities for 2019 and look forward to your company.

We always welcome your ideas for activities and can produce tailor-made itineraries to suit your wishes, as well as investigate suggestions. We are also conscious of the need to cater for those friends who are not as mobile as they once were. A walking tour may no longer be as practical or appealing, and we are aware of the need to provide alternative, less demanding and more comfortable itineraries.

There have been some changes to the membership of our team, and I would like to thank Colin Kerr for his service of several years as our link with the Thorpe Probus Club. Thanks are also due to Chris Hurst who represented the Vale Probus Club and served as our Secretary. We wish him a speedy recovery from his health problems and offer him every good wish for the future. We warmly welcome Brian Smith who is now representing the Thorpe Probus Club, and also Bob Boothroyd who is representing the Vale Probus Club.

May I remind you we sometimes extend invitations to apply for places on our trips to family members and friends. Just let your representative or trip organiser know if you would like us to add to the group. In 2018 we had some members of the Diss Probus Club express an interest in joining in. Where spaces are available, we are pleased to extend the Probus family. We have also agreed that the maximum single supplement for our four and five day holidays will be £100.

Please note the closing dates below for booking applications for our events through the year. It is always helpful to give event organisers as much notice as possible.

On behalf of the Organising Committee I wish you all happy travelling with Probus Travel in 2019.

**Peter Hart**  
**Chairman**

**In order to secure tickets and reservations we need applications by the following dates:**

**Five Day Spring Holiday, Chester & Liverpool – 11th January**

**Taming of the Shrew, Stratford upon Avon – 13th January**

**Kilworth House Hotel & Theatre – 19th January**

**London Postal Museum – 25th January**

**Five Day Autumn Holiday, Scottish Heritage Break – 25th January**

**Norfolk Record Office – 25th January**

**Welsh & Victorian Highlander Dining Train – 29th January**

**Land Rover Factory Tour – 1st February**

**Peckover House – 8th February**

**Portsmouth Dockyard & Bluebell Railway – 8th February**

# PROGRAMME FOR 2019

## LONDON POSTAL MUSEUM SATURDAY 27TH APRIL 2019

We descend into the former engineering depot of Royal Mail and take a journey back in time on a specially built miniature Post Office railway train, travelling through the original tunnels and station platforms, constructed one hundred years ago under Mount Pleasant Sorting Office. See and hear about the railway's lively heydays in the 1930's that kept the mail circulating through London for 22 hours every day.

Our journey starts from Norwich Railway Station. We travel first class to Liverpool Street, where a coach will be waiting to transfer us to Greenwich for a magical Thames History Cruise. This travels to Westminster Pier, alongside the Houses of Parliament, passing many favourite London landmarks on the way.

We re-join our coach for the transfer across London to Phoenix House for the start of our exciting visit to the London Postal Museum. There will be time to explore the Postal Museum's attractions and exhibitions, as well as learn about the people involved from the inception of Mail Rail to its resurrection.

We re-board our coach for the journey across London to the Strand Palace Hotel, for a three course dinner and coffee, prior to our return by train to Norwich.

Departure from Norwich Railway Station is planned for 8.00a.m. or Diss at 8.17a.m. with arrival in London scheduled for 9.52a.m. The return departure from Liverpool Street is planned for 7.30p.m. with arrival at Diss scheduled for 9.08p.m. and Norwich at 9.27p.m.

The emphasis on this visit is comfort and interest. The cost for the trip, including first class train travel, transfers, entry to the London Postal Museum, river cruise and three course dinner at The Strand Palace Hotel will be £148 per person.

Please complete and return the Application Form at the rear of this brochure by 25th January 2019, together with your deposit cheque for £30.00 per person made payable to the Probus Holiday Fund. Balance payment cheques for £118 per person will be required by 22nd March 2019.

**Peter Hart**

# **THE WELSH & VICTORIAN HIGHLANDER DINING TRAIN**

## **SATURDAY 4TH MAY 2019**

You can be rest assured this year's Nenta Traintours experience will be as indulgent as ever! We will be travelling in premier-class dining carriages, which includes a traditional English breakfast of porridge and kippers, a light lunch and a four course dinner during the return journey in the evening. Your pre-booked seating will be at the usual tables for two or four, with club members being accommodated together wherever possible.

You can choose where you wish to alight from the train as follows:

### **Option 1**

Spend the afternoon browsing in the historic city of Chester.

### **Option 2**

Alight at Chester and take a coach transfer to Llangollen to travel on the Llangollen Steam Railway train through the Dee Valley. Supplementary fare: £25.75 per person.

### **Option 3**

Alight at Llandudno Junction for the short coach transfer to Llandudno Town for an afternoon browsing this interesting Victorian town. Supplementary fare: £5.00 per person. (You could also take the service train for the very scenic journey between Llandudno Junction and Blaenau Ffestiniog – fare payable on the day)

### **Option 4**

Alight at Llangollen Junction for the short coach transfer to the Llanberis Lake Railway alongside Lake Padarn in the heart of Snowdonia. Supplementary fare: £15.75 per person

Alternatively, you can stay on the train to it's final destination of Holyhead, travelling through the rolling hills of the Holy Island Peninsula.

This is a journey that would appeal to those who enjoy the experience of watching the world go by in armchair comfort. Experience fine wine and dining, along with the added expectation of an interesting destination of one's choice. Due to the length of the journey, there will be an early start from Norwich Railway Station at 5.05a.m. or from Diss at 5.30.a.m. The return journey arrives at Diss at 11.55p.m. and Norwich at 00.25a.m.

The premier-class fare for travel and full dining is £224.50 per person. If you choose one of the supplementary fare options above, please add the appropriate sum per person to your payment cheque. Please complete the Application Form at the rear of this brochure and return by 29th January 2019, together with your payment cheque.

Tickets and seat numbers will be posted to you a week or so before travel. Any further details required will be forwarded as appropriate. Nenta Traintours terms of carriage apply and are available on request. Please remember you will be travelling on timetabled scheduled trains, and neither Probus Travel nor Nenta Traintours can take any responsibility if you miss the train.

**Peter Hart**

## **FIVE DAY SPRING HOLIDAY - CHESTER & LIVERPOOL** **12TH TO 16TH MAY 2019**

Copies of the illustrated Norman Allen Spring Holiday details and the Booking Form are included at the rear of this brochure. Every effort has been made to make this holiday as appropriate as possible for those with diminished mobility by including optional activities.

Completed Booking Forms and deposit cheques for £60.00 per person made payable to Norman Allen Group Travel Ltd should be returned to me no later than 11th January 2019.

Balance cheques for £539.00 per person plus any insurance premiums (see details on Booking Form) should also be made payable to Norman Allen Group Travel Ltd and forwarded to me not later than 1st March 2019 at the address above. The single room supplement is £100. Norman Allen terms and conditions are available on request.

**Peter Hart**

## **PECKOVER HOUSE, WISBECH** **TUESDAY 28TH MAY 2019**

We will be visiting the wonderful gem that is the Georgian Peckover House and its garden, built by Jonathon Peckover around 1722. We plan to make this a memorable, relaxing and interesting day. The itinerary is as follows:

Depart by luxury coach from Dunston Hall at 10.15a.m.

Included is a midday booked light lunch at the excellent Hare Arms, Stow Bardolph with a choice of menu.

We arrive at Peckover House early afternoon, where as well as the opportunity to tour this elegant house, there will be a booked 'Behind the Scenes' tour led by a knowledgeable guide – with care taken to cater for the less mobile. A leisurely stroll through the beautiful gardens is a must, with a steward usually to hand. A buggy is available to book if required.

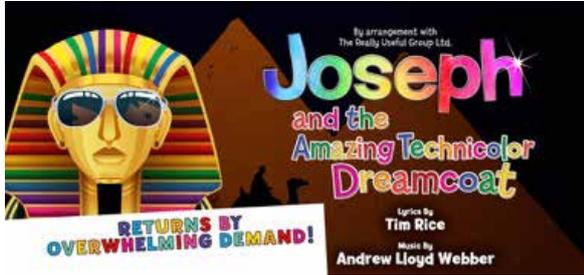
A booked cream tea is included. Peckover was rated as the best place to have a cream tea by Lonely Planet's Ultimate Eatlist for 2018.

Following our memorable visit we depart at around 5.30p.m. for the short return journey to Dunston Hall.

The overall cost will be £42 per person to include coach travel, lunch, cream tea and a 'Behind the Scenes' tour of Peckover House. Entry to Peckover House is free to National Trust members. For non-members the entry fee will be an additional £7.70 per person, payable on the day at the House. Please complete and return the Application Form and your cheque by 8th February 2019, with cheques payable to Probus Holiday Fund.

**Peter Warren**

## **KILWORTH HOUSE HOTEL & THEATRE** **SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2019**



We will be attending the matinee performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, a musical filled with non-stop action, catchy songs and colourful dance numbers. This popular show from last season returns once again due to huge public demand! Seats for 53 people have been booked, all in the centre

block of the theatre in rows B, C, and D. We will also enjoy a superb lunch in the Orangerie before the show, which is included in the price of £82.00 per person. Tickets will be restricted to two per member; in the event of over subscription a ballot will be held. We will be travelling by coach from Dunston Hall, leaving at 8.45a.m. Usual parking arrangements will apply. Please complete and return the Application Form and your cheque by 19th January 2019, with cheques payable to Probus Holiday Fund.

**Terry Loveday**

## **PORTSMOUTH DOCKYARD & BLUEBELL RAILWAY, EAST SUSSEX** **(TWO DAY TRIP)** **3RD TO 4TH JULY 2019**

This trip includes Full Navy Ticket, which gives entry to all the main attractions, including HMS Victory, HMS Warrior, HMS M.33, and Harbour River Tour. A two course lunch with tea or coffee will be served in the Boathouse 7 Restaurant.

We will be staying overnight at the Holiday Inn Winchester. This includes a three course evening meal, with breakfast the following morning.

On Thursday we will travel to Sheffield Park Station, the main terminus for the Bluebell Railway, allowing time to explore the local area. After lunch we take a scenic rail journey to East Grinstead, returning to Sheffield Park, where we will board the coach for our return journey to Norwich. Our coach journey include comfort stops each way.

Cost per person sharing a twin or double room is £198, with a single supplement of £32. Please complete and return the Application Form with your deposit cheque payable to Probus Holiday Fund by 8th February 2019. Balance payments due by 15th April 2019.

**Terry Loveday**

## **LAND ROVER FACTORY TOUR, SOLIHULL** **THURSDAY 18TH JULY 2019**



Go behind the scenes of Land Rover's state-of-the-art production facility in Solihull. The guided manufacturing tour will enable you to experience what it takes to bring to life some of the most technologically advanced cars in the world. Witness first

hand the production lines for Range Rover, Range Rover Sport and Discovery. The tour starts with a welcome drink and introduction. This will be followed by a visit to the press shop to see the pressing of the body panels which form the structure of the cars. Next you will meet Jaguar Land Rover's robotic army, all riveting, sealing and welding in perfect sync. After this, you will see the mind-blowing logistics of Trim and Final, where everything comes together. The tour concludes at The Range Rover Story Exhibition, taking you through five decades of a truly British Icon, from the swinging 1960's to the present day.

We will depart from Dunston Hall Hotel at 8.00a.m. with a short comfort stop on the way. We arrive at Solihull at 12.00 noon, where we will be welcomed with a buffet lunch.

Total cost including coach travel, lunch and tour is £87 per person. The detailed tour starts at 1.00p.m. and last three hours. Spaces are limited to 33 people, so book early to avoid disappointment using the Application Form at the rear of the brochure. Deposits are due by 1st February 2019, with balance payments due by 30th April 2019.

**Bob Buckley**

## **TAMING OF THE SHREW, STRATFORD UPON AVON** **19TH TO 20TH AUGUST 2019**

We have managed to secure 40 tickets to visit the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford Upon Avon to see The Taming of the Shrew, travelling on the 19th August and returning on 20th August. For those of you who have not been to this wonderful venue, this is your chance to experience this unique theatre and enjoy the outstanding performances of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

We will be travelling by luxury coach arriving in good time for a pre-show meal at the excellent Crown Plaza Hotel, which is a very short walk from the theatre. Departure from Dunston Hall will be at 10.00a.m. with a comfort stop en route.

After breakfast the following morning, you will have ample time to look around Stratford Upon Avon before returning to Norwich. We will leave at 2.00p.m. arriving back in Norwich at approx 6.15p.m.

The price is £175 per person and includes travel, theatre ticket and overnight stay with dinner and breakfast. Single supplement is £45 per person. Please complete and return the Application Form with your deposit cheque payable to Probus Holiday Fund by 13th January 2019. Balance payments due by 15th March 2019.

**Peter Warren**

## **FIVE DAY AUTUMN HOLIDAY – SCOTTISH HERITAGE BREAK**

### **5TH TO 9TH SEPTEMBER 2019**

Following the success of our holiday with Nenta (North East Norfolk Travel Association) in 2018 we are linking with them once again in 2019 for a Scottish autumn break.

**Our base is at the 3 star Best Western Palace Hotel, Inverness**  
**Join the famous Jacobite steam train between Fort William & Mallaig**  
**Take the stunning train journey between Kyle of Lochalsh & Inverness**  
**Tour the Isle of Skye by coach and Cruise on Loch Ness to Urquart Castle**  
**Tour the Glen Ord Distillery and have a wee dram**



#### **Our hotel Inverness – The Best Western Palace Hotel:**

Recently upgraded and situated in an ideal location overlooking the River Ness and Inverness Castle - one of our favourite hotels with our guests for many years. Your stay at the Palace Hotel will include a twin/double room with private bathroom and all facilities, on a four nights, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast basis.

#### **Rail travel:**

Departure on Thursday from your local rail station, will be approx 8.00–10.00a.m. to join LNER East Coast InterCity train services to York and Inverness (arrive 8.00p.m.), from Peterborough. Departure from Inverness on Monday will be at 7.55a.m. via East Coast InterCity services, to arrive at Peterborough at approximately 3.45p.m., then via local services to East Anglia. All rail travel between Peterborough and Inverness, outward and return, will be in First Class accommodation (subject to availability), with complimentary at-seat refreshments available during both the outward and return journeys.

**Great Northern Hotel – Peterborough:** A hearty brunch buffet will be provided at the hotel on Thursday morning (adjacent to the station), prior to joining our train departure for Scotland.



#### **Friday – Kyle of Lochalsh and Skye by coach and train:**

Following breakfast, we join our coach for the scenic journey through the Highlands and mountains to the beautiful island of Skye, for a short tour of the island and a break to purchase lunch.

During the afternoon we join the 1.45p.m. Scotrail service to Inverness, where you can experience 82 miles of stunning scenery on one of the most spectacular rail journeys to be found anywhere in the United Kingdom.



### **Saturday - The Jacobite Steam Train from Fort William to Mallaig:**

Described as one of the great railway journeys of the world, this 84 mile round trip by steam train will take you past a list of impressive landmarks. Starting near the highest mountain in Britain, Ben Nevis, it passes close by the deepest freshwater loch in Britain, Loch Morar and the shortest river in Britain, River Morar, finally arriving next to Loch Nevis. The train stops en-route to Mallaig at the village of Glenfinnan.

Beyond Glenfinnan are the beautiful villages of Lochallort, Arisaig (from here on a clear summer's day, you can see the "Small Isles" of Rum, Eigg, Muck, Canna and the southern tip of Skye). From Arisaig, the train continues on, passing Morar and the silvery beaches used in the films, "Highlander" and "Local Hero" and finally into the fishing port of Mallaig (approx. 2 hour break prior to returning to Fort William by steam train and our journey back to our hotel by coach). Subject to availability – we hope to secure first class seating for our group on the Jacobite Train.



### **Sunday – Loch Ness Cruise to Urquhart Castle & Glen Ord Distillery Tour:**

Departing after breakfast from our hotel, today's tour gets under way as we join the Jacobite Queen at Inverness, for a leisurely cruise along Loch Ness to Urquhart Castle. The most legendary loch in the world, Loch Ness promises a completely unforgettable addition to your experience of the Highlands. Following your visit to the castle, where

there will also be time to purchase lunch at the Castle restaurant, we rejoin our coach for the short journey to the Glen Ord Distillery and a conducted tour, finishing off with a complimentary taste of Singleton Whisky – prior to returning to Inverness for freetime.

**Monday – We return to East Anglia via LNER EC InterCity services.**

All-inclusive Break : £1,075.00. (Single Supplement: £100)

Please complete the Application Form at the rear of this brochure and return it to me by 25th January 2019 together with your deposit cheque for £50.00 per person made payable to the Probus Holiday Fund. Balance payments for £1,025.00 per person will be required by 12th July 2019. Please add single room supplement of £100.00 if appropriate.

**Peter Hart**

## **NORFOLK RECORD OFFICE** **TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2019**

Norfolk Record Office, based at County Hall, houses a very extensive and rich Norfolk record and research base – one of the largest in the country and a centre of excellence. You are invited to join a small group for an exclusive visit to find out more about the collection, the facilities and conservation work.

The programme for the visit is an introduction to the Norfolk Records Office and tour of the building which includes:

- An introduction to using the Searchroom
- A peek inside the Strong Rooms to see where artefacts are kept
- An explanation of the equipment and work within the Conservation Studio
- Time to explore a number of original documents relating to your local area or a topic of interest.

The visit will last about two hours, and the cost will be £6.00 per person. Further details will be made available nearer the date of the visit. Car parking is available at County Hall.

Please complete the Application Form at the rear of this brochure and return it to me by 25th January 2019 with your cheque for £6.00 per person made payable to the Probus Holiday Fund.

If you would like to identify something from your local area to focus on, or if you have a particular topic of interest, please make a note of this on the back of your Application Form.

**Peter Hart**

# **APPLICATION FORM**

## **LONDON POSTAL MUSEUM**

### **SATURDAY 27TH APRIL 2019**

Closing date for deposits 25th January 2019

Name (please print).....Club.....

Address:.....

Phone Number: ..... Mobile Phone Number: .....

Email: .....

Signed: .....Date: .....

Please find enclosed deposit cheque for £30 per person for ..... persons payable to Probus Holiday Fund.  
Please detach and return to Peter Hart, The Warren, 45 High Green, Brooke, Norwich, NR16 1JA.  
Any enquiries please contact 01508 550728 or peterlhart@btinternet.com  
Balance payment of £118 per person due by 22nd March 2019.



# **APPLICATION FORM**

## **THE WELSH & VICTORIAN HIGHLANDER DINING TRAIN**

### **SATURDAY 4TH MAY 2019**

Closing Date for Applications 29th January 2019

**Please circle your chosen destination:**

- Chester    Llangollen Steam Railway    Llandudno Town    Llanberis Lake Railway**  
**Holyhead    Llandudno Junction (for service train trip to Blaenau Ffestiniog)**

Name (please print).....Club.....

Address:.....

Phone Number: ..... Mobile Phone Number: .....

Email: .....

Signed: .....Date: .....

Please find enclosed cheque for £224.50 per person for ..... persons plus any supplementary fares and make payable to the Probus Holiday Fund. Please detach and send to Peter Hart, The Warren, 45 High Green, Brooke, Norwich, NR15 1JA to be received no later than 29th January 2019.  
Any enquiries please contact 01508 550728 or peterlhart@btinternet.com



**APPLICATION FORM**  
**PECKOVER HOUSE, WISBECH**  
**TUESDAY 28TH MAY 2019**

Closing Date for Applications 8th February 2019

Name (please print).....Club.....

Address:.....

Phone Number: ..... Mobile Phone Number: .....

Email: .....

Signed: .....Date: .....

Please find enclosed deposit cheque for £42 per person for ..... persons payable to Probus Holiday Fund.  
Please detach and return to Peter Warren, 32 Upton Close, Norwich, NR4 7PD  
Any enquiries please contact 01603 453573 or 07860 815751 or email pwarren193@aol.com



**APPLICATION FORM**  
**KILWORTH HOUSE HOTEL & THEATRE**  
**SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2019**

Closing Date for Applications 19th January 2019

Name (please print).....Club.....

Address:.....

Phone Number: ..... Mobile Phone Number: .....

Email: .....

Signed: .....Date: .....

Please find enclosed cheque for £82 per person for ..... persons, payable to Probus Holiday Fund.  
Please detach and return to Terry Loveday, 50 Caistor Lane, Caistor St Edmund, Norwich, NR14 8RB.  
Any enquiries please contact 01508 494545 or 07801 457469 or caistorlad@gmail.com



**APPLICATION FORM**  
**PORTSMOUTH DOCKYARD & BLUEBELL RAILWAY**  
**WEDNESDAY 3RD AND THURSDAY 4TH JULY 2019**

Closing Date for deposits 8th February 2019

Name (please print).....Club.....

Address:.....

Phone Number: ..... Mobile Phone Number: .....

Email: .....

Signed: .....Date: .....

Please find enclosed deposit cheque for £20 per person for ..... persons payable to Probus Holiday Fund. Please detach and return to Terry Loveday, 50 Caistor Lane, Caistor St Edmund, Norwich, NR14 8RB. Balance payment of £178 per person due by 15th April 2019 (plus single supplement if applicable £32). Any enquiries please contact 01508 494545 or 07801 457469 or caistorlad@gmail.com



**APPLICATION FORM**  
**LAND ROVER FACTORY TOUR, SOLIHULL**  
**THURSDAY 18TH JULY 2019**

Closing Date for deposits 1st February 2019

Name (please print).....Club.....

Address:.....

Phone Number: ..... Mobile Phone Number: .....

Email: .....

Signed: .....Date: .....

Please find enclosed deposit cheque for £27 per person for ..... persons payable to Probus Holiday Fund. Please detach and return to Robert Buckley, Flat 28, Coralie Court, West Field View, Bluebell Road, Norwich NR4 7FJ. Balance payment of £60 per person due by 30th April 2019. Any enquiries please contact 01603 456890 or 077320127207 or robertbuckley22@btinternet.com



# APPLICATION FORM

## TAMING OF THE SHREW STRATFORD UPON AVON MONDAY 19TH AND 20TH AUGUST 2019

Closing Date for deposits 13th January 2019

Name (please print).....Club.....

Other names in my party.....

Address:.....

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Phone Number: ..... Mobile Phone Number: .....

Email: .....

Signed: .....Date: .....

Please find enclosed deposit cheque for £50 per person for ..... persons payable to Probus Holiday Fund.  
Please detach and return to Peter Warren, 32 Upton Close, Norwich, NR4 7PD  
Balance payment of £125 per person due by 15th March 2019. Single room supplement of £45.00 per person if appropriate. Any enquiries please phone 01603 453573 or 07860 815751 or email pwarren193@aol.com



# APPLICATION FORM

## FIVE DAY AUTUMN HOLIDAY SCOTTISH HERITAGE BREAK 5TH TO 9TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Closing Date for deposits 25th January 2019

Name (please print).....Club.....

Address:.....

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Phone Number: ..... Mobile Phone Number: .....

Email: .....

Signed: .....Date: .....

Please find enclosed deposit cheque for £50 per person for ..... persons payable to Probus Holiday Fund.  
Please detach and return to Peter Hart, The Warren, 45 High Green, Brooke, Norwich NR15 1JA.  
Balance payment of £1,025 per person due by 12th July 2019. Single room supplement of £100.00 if appropriate.  
Any enquiries 01508 550728 or peterlhart@btinternet.com



# APPLICATION FORM

## NORFOLK RECORD OFFICE

### TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2019

Closing date for Applications 25th January 2019

Name (please print).....Club.....

Address:.....

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Phone Number: ..... Mobile Phone Number: .....

Email: .....

Signed: .....Date: .....

Please find enclosed deposit cheque for £6 per person for ..... persons payable to Probus Holiday Fund.

Please detach and return to Peter Hart, The Warren, 45 High Green, Brooke, Norwich NR15 1JA.

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# Liverpool and Chester

## With Norwich Probus Clubs



Liverpool waterfront

**12 / 16 MAY 2019**

Our spring 2019 tour offers an eclectic programme including the Roman and medieval walled city of Chester, with over 2000 years of history waiting to be explored; the Victorian model village of Port Sunlight, created by William Hesketh Lever for his Sunlight soap factory workers in 1888 and Liverpool where Victorian and maritime heritage combine with vibrant modern culture. Based at a 4 star Cheshire Country House Hotel, our tour will give us an overview of how centuries of history have shaped this corner of Britain.



Chester Rows



National Memorial Arboretum

## Sunday 12 May - White Swan, NMA and Cheshire

After departure from Dunston Hall we make our way towards Cheshire, with a services stop en route. We break our journey in Shawell where we enjoy a single course lunch booking at The White Swan before continuing to The National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) for a thought-provoking visit. The NMA is an evolving, maturing woodland landscape featuring 30,000 trees and over 300 memorials, each with a story to be discovered. Mid-afternoon we travel on to our hotel, arriving in time to check in and relax with a welcome drink before dinner.

## Monday 13 May - Chester and Port Sunlight

This morning we visit the Roman and medieval city of Chester where we have a guided walking tour of the town for an insight into its rich heritage (\* please see inclusions panel) Amongst the most notable features of Chester are the two mile circuit of Roman and medieval city walls and 'The Rows', the two-tiered shopping arcades dating from medieval and Victorian times. The cathedral, too, has a rich and fascinating heritage spanning over two thousand years. After some time to make our own lunch arrangements we continue to Port Sunlight where we enjoy a guided coach orientation tour of the village on arrival. This 19<sup>th</sup> century garden village was built by William Hesketh Lever for the workers in his soap factory and is today a conservation area. We also have admission to the museum which tells the story of William Lever and his vision in creating the village. The displays explore how the village developed, from the working conditions to the charming architecture and lively social scene. The museum is packed with nostalgia, from vintage soap packaging to the story of Ringo Starr's first performance with the Beatles, which took place in Port Sunlight in 1962. Dinner is back at our hotel this evening.

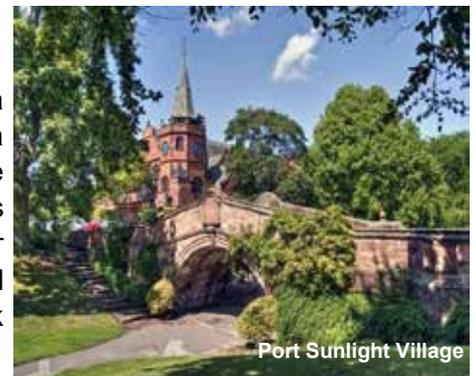
## Tuesday 14 May - Liverpool

We head to Liverpool this morning beginning with a Mersey Ferries River Explorer Cruise from The Wirral's Seacombe Terminal. This terminates at Pier Head, Liverpool, where we meet our coach and guide for an orientation tour of the city. Liverpool has so many sights; the iconic Liver Building; the two Cathedrals; the Cavern Quarter; the museums and galleries on William Brown St; Chinatown and, of course, the Albert Dock. Our guide will bring history to life before our coach drops us off for an afternoon of independent sightseeing. For anyone concerned about mobility, the coach will be available to drop passengers at one or more pre-determined points (The Anglican Cathedral or the Albert Dock), to assist independent sightseeing. Whether our interest is art, history, maritime heritage, architecture or pop culture; Liverpool benefits from a wealth of fascinating venues and many are free to access. Our coach picks us up late afternoon to return to our hotel for dinner.

## Wednesday 15 May - Anderton Boat Lift and Jodrell Bank

We move between two era's of ingenuity and invention in today's visits. We learn about Britain's industrial heritage this morning as we begin with a visit to the Anderton Boat Lift, known as the "Cathedral of the Canals" . The lift is a working engineering marvel of the waterways, created in 1875 and is one of the greatest monuments to Britain's working canal age.

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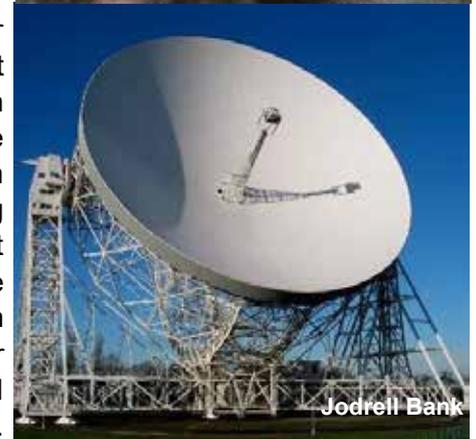
Port Sunlight Village



Mersey Ferry



Anderton Boat Lift



Jodrell Bank



Gladstone Pottery Museum

### Wednesday 15 May - Anderton Boat Lift and Jodrell Bank (cont)

The lift is now restored to its former working glory and links the Trent & Mersey Canal with the Weaver Navigation 50 feet below. We spend some time in the Visitor Centre (with café facility), where we can view the exhibition and lift control centre, as well as enjoy a trip on the Lift itself together with a river cruise. We stop for some free time for lunch on the way to our next visit and step right into the space age at Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre. We begin by exploring our place in the universe in The Planet Pavilion whose centrepiece is an astounding clockwork Orrery – a working scale model of our own solar system. The Space Pavilion Exhibition shows how Jodrell Bank scientists use radio telescopes to learn more about distant objects in space. Indeed, the world famous Lovell Telescope is situated at Jodrell Bank. Our visit is enhanced by an informative talk from one of the expert Explainers who will tell us all about the science and stories of Jodrell Bank. We return to our hotel for dinner.

### Thursday 16 May - Gladstone Pottery, Kilworth House and home

After breakfast, we check out of our hotel and set off on our homeward journey with an en route stop for a guided visit of Gladstone Pottery Museum. Located in a Victorian factory, it offers a fascinating insight into working conditions in the potteries, which produced ceramic items for the mass market. We continue to Kilworth House Hotel where we enjoy a very welcome 2 course lunch at a venue which is very familiar to our group. Late afternoon we set off again and make our way back to Norwich arriving mid-evening.

### Accommodation - Carden Park Hotel Resort & Spa, Chester (4 star)

Carden Park is a luxury Cheshire Country House Hotel complete with AA Rosette awarded restaurant, two championship golf courses and an award winning spa. Nestled in 1,000 acres of rolling Cheshire countryside, the hotel is in an ideal location conveniently situated just 20 minutes from Chester City Centre and about an hour from Liverpool. All rooms have en suite bathrooms and are fully equipped with tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, Wi-Fi, iron and ironing board. The hotel serves a full English breakfast and a 3 course dinner with a minimum of 3 choices per course. We include porter service on arrival and departure, a wine reception on arrival and all guests have access to the hotel's leisure facilities.



Carden Park Hotel



**Tour Price per person**

**£ 599.00**

**Deposit per person**

**£ 60.00**

**Single Room Supplement**

**£ 100.00**

**(The final balance is due not later than 17 March 2019)**

**Travel insurance**

**£ 29.00**

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### Your tour includes:

- Use of Dereham Coachways touring coach throughout
- 4 nights' accommodation on a half board basis at the 4 star Carden Park Hotel, Cheshire with welcome drink on arrival
- Single course lunch at The White Swan, Shawell
- Admission to The National Memorial Arboretum & Land Train
- Guided walking tour of Chester (*\* our coach will be available for an orientation tour of the accessible parts of the city or, with notice, we can arrange admission to the Cathedral for those who do not wish to take part in the walking tour*)
- Guided coach tour of Port Sunlight village and admission to The Museum
- River Explorer Cruise with Mersey Ferries between Seacombe and Pier Head
- Guided orientation tour by coach in Liverpool
- Ride on the Boat Lift and river cruise at Anderton Boat Lift
- Admission to Jodrell Bank with expert talk
- Guided visit of Gladstone Pottery (tea/coffee on arrival)
- 2 course lunch at Kilworth House Hotel
- Porter service on arrival and departure
- Welcome drink at the hotel

### Your tour excludes:

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