

## Canterbury and Westerham - Monday 7th October 2024

This is a day trip to Canterbury stopping on the way for refreshments and free time in Westerham Green.

The coach will leave Bedfont at 9am for Westerham.

Home to a number of famous people including William Pitt in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, General James Wolfe from 1727 until at age 13 he joined the army in 1740, and Winston Churchill from 1922 until his death, Westerham was a favorite stop off for Henry V111 on his way to visit Ann Boleyn at Hever Castle. It's a charming town with an inspiring history, lovely views and welcoming shops & cafes.

The coach will drop us off at Weterham Green for refreshments and free time before continuing our journey to Canterbury.

With a bronze statue of Sir Winston Churchill, bells that ring out from the centuries old St Mary's Church and the 'Grasshopper on the Green' pub that derives its name from the heraldic crest of the Greshams, an ancient family who had a country seat in Titsey 2 miles from Westerham thanks to Thomas Titsey... a Tudor merchant that founded the Royal Exchange and whose excellent advice to Henty V111 earned him a knighthood, the Green was once the old market place and is now a hub of independent cafes and shops with a lively village vibe.

We leave Westerham at 11.45 to drive to Canterbury where we will be dropped off beside the Cathedral for free time to explore before meeting back there at 14.30 for an included ticketed event held in the Canterbury Cathedral Lodge located within the Cathedral grounds, to view the 'Royal Canterbury Crown, Cathedral and City Throughout The Ages' exhibition and listen to a talk from the Cathedral archivist on the history of the City & the Cathedral from the Middle Ages to modern times, after which we will be served with afternoon tea in the refectory.

The coach will pick us up from Cathedral Lodge at 16.45 to head back to Bedfont.

A booking form is attached, the cost is **£55** for members and **£57** for non-members inclusive of tickets for the exhibition, talk and afternoon tea and all gratuities.

Please note that the itinerary does not include entrance to the Cathedral but we can arrange tickets at **£14** per person as an optional extra (or you can purchase them independently on the day at **£15** per person), please indicate on the booking form if you would like us to arrange tickets for you.