



January Tours Newsletter

I hope you have all had a great Christmas and all the staff at The County Staff Club would like to wish you all the best for the New Year. I would also like to thank you all for the response to the Mailshot Renewal, now that they will be issued monthly I intend to be able to offer you all a wider variety of trips, some old favourites and some new ones so I trust there will be something for everyone.

Tours Calendar

Date	Tour	Availability
Monday 15 th February 2016	Sidmouth 4 nights	Last Few Spaces Available
Saturday 19 th March 2016	A day in Bath	Spaces Available
Saturday 27 th February 2016	Chester & Cheshire Oaks	Spaces Available
Saturday 2 nd April 2016	Cambridge	Spaces Available
Monday 25 th April 2016	Warners Holme Lacey Hotel 4 nights	Spaces Available
Wednesday 17 th August 2016	Mamma Mia at The Birmingham Hippodrome	Spaces Available

- Burns Night at The Staff Club: 25th January -7PM**
Celebrate Burns Night with Scottish Music, Haggis, Neaps & Tatties and Whisky tasting, so bring your family & friends and beat away the January blues.
- The Staff Club Quiz: 2nd February – 8PM**
Why not put a team together; come along and enjoy a challenging evening. There will also be the chance to win in our cash raffle draw, prizes for the winning team and a chip buttie for everyone. Only £1.50 per person to enter.

Beatles Mania

Thursday 17th March 2016

Take a trip down Penny Lane and celebrate 60 years of one of the most iconic bands to date The Beatles.

Depart Stafford at 08.00am and Newcastle 08.30am and head on our way to Liverpool to begin our trip back in time. The tour will start at 11am at Albert Docks for our own private tour to see the Beatles childhood homes, schools and colleges and get up close to places that inspired some of their most memorable songs – Penny Lane and Strawberry Field. You'll be kept entertained along the way by a professional Beatles Guides and some Fab Four tunes, of course, it goes without saying there will be plenty of stops for photo opportunities.

We will finish our tour at The Hard Day's Night Hotel, A 'Fab Four' star Liverpool hotel. Hard Days Night Hotel is the worlds only Beatles inspired hotel, combining the highest quality facilities in a truly unique environment. Here we are booked into the Gard Days Night Suite for Afternoon Tea – included in the price. Sumptuous sandwiches, delicious cakes and fruit scones will be served with a selection of loose leaf teas.

Once your tummies are full the coach will be on hand to take you back to Albert Docks for the remainder of the afternoon to be spent at your leisure. Alternatively you may choose to make your own way into Liverpool City Centre for a few hours in the shops.

The coach will depart from Albert Docks at 5PM.

Price per person: £46.00 the price includes executive coach travel, guided Beatles Magical Mystery Tour & Afternoon Tea at The Hard Days Night Hotel.

**Executive Coach
Travel provided by
Happy Days
Coaches**

**Beatles Magical
Mystery Tour**

**Afternoon Tea at
The Hard Days
Night Hotel**

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**Tours Organiser -
Caralyn Chadwick**

I wish to apply for _____ places on the Beatles Mania trip, I enclose full payment to the value of £ _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

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Party Members Names & Initials: _____

Bookings can also be made over the phone using a credit or debit card

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Severn Valley Railway & Cosford Air Museum

Friday 8th April 2016

A fantastic day for any fan of trains or planes, with the relaxing trip on the Steam Train to the National Cold War Exhibition at Cosford.

Depart School Street, Newcastle at 09.00am and County Staff Club, Stafford at 09.30am and travel to Kidderminster where there will be time to grab a coffee and a bite to eat before we depart on the 12.30 Steam Train from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth arriving at 13.38.

The Severn Valley Railway is a full-size standard-gauge railway line, running regular, mainly steam-hauled, passenger trains between Kidderminster in Worcestershire and Bridgnorth in Shropshire, a distance of approximately sixteen miles. A remarkable feature of the Railway is that it is very largely run by unpaid volunteers, with a paid staff of around 70 people responsible for administration and commercial activities, plus regular track and rolling stock maintenance.

Re-joining the coach at Bridgnorth, we will head onto Cosford RAF Museum, located in Shropshire. This Museum of Flight offers a fun, entertaining day out for all the entire family. Situated next to an active airfield, it is the only place in the Midlands where you can get close to so many breath-taking aircraft.

Over 70 aircraft of international importance are housed in three Wartime Hangars and within the National Cold War Exhibition. See the world's oldest Spitfire and a Lincoln Bomber, just two of the highlights in the War in the Air Collection.

The coach will depart Cosford at 16:30.

Price per person: £34.00 the price includes executive coach travel, journey on the Severn Valley Railway Steam Train and Cosford RAF Museum.

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**Journey via
Steam Train**

**National Cold
War Exhibition**

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The Houses of Parliament

Saturday 14th May 2016

Enjoy free time in London to sightsee, people watch or shop with a guided Tour of The Houses of Parliament to break up the day.

Departing from School Street Newcastle at 8:00am and the County Staff Club at 8:30am, we shall travel directly to London where there will be time for shopping or lunch before we congregate at Westminster for our Tour of the Houses of Parliament.

This iconic building, The Palace of Westminster is instantly recognisable the world over and houses a fascinating collection of national treasures and we shall learn of events that have helped shape the Britain we live in today. See the Queen's Robing Room, marvel at the magnificence of the Lords Chamber, notice who may be passing through the Central Lobby and marvel at 1,000 years of history, modern politics and the stunning artworks and architecture.

Our fully guided tour of the Houses of Parliament offer a unique combination of one thousand years of history, modern day politics, and stunning art and architecture. An expert 'Blue Badge' guide accompanies you throughout this 90 minute tour through the House of Lords and House of Commons.

After our visit, there may be some time left to enjoy our Capital before we rejoin our coach at 5:30pm to return to the Midlands.

Cost = £52.00 per person. The price includes return executive coach travel & guided tour of The Houses of Parliament.

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**Enjoy time in our
Capital**

**Guided Tour of
Parliament**

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The Houses of Parliament – Saturday 14th May 2016

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Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Friday 9th September 2016

Watch out! The most Fantasmagorical musical, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, lands in Birmingham in 2016.

One of the world's favourite musicals, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang will have audiences of all ages flying high with its mixture of madness, intrigue and exuberance. Can the loveable but whacky inventor, Potts, along with his two children and the gorgeous Truly Scrumptious outwit the bombastic Baron Bomburst who has decreed that all children be banished from his kingdom?

With a fantastic line up Lee Mead will play Caractacus Potts and Eastenders and Coronation Street favourite, Michelle Collins will play Baroness Bomburst.

Price per person: £59.00 including Mamma Mia Ticket (Seats in the stalls) and return executive coach travel

Mamma Mia

Wednesday 17th August 2016

This much loved West End hit and movie is going on tour, so bring your best voices, dancing shoes and join the ultimate feel good party.

Depart from School Street, Newcastle at 5.15pm, County Staff Club Stafford at 5.45pm and travel directly to The Birmingham Hippodrome.

The West End show has been seen by more than 54 million people in 49 productions in 14 different languages and the film is the highest worldwide grossing live-action musical film of all time so be sure not to miss this opportunity to catch it as it travels to Birmingham for the first time ever!!

Price per person: £63.00 including Mamma Mia Ticket (Seats in the stalls) and return executive coach travel.

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**2 Fabulous
Shows**

**2 Fantastic
Evenings Out**

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Chatsworth presents Florabundance

Friday 24th June 2016

Join The County Staff Club and enjoy a truly colourful celebration.

Departing from the County Staff Club Stafford at 9:00am and School Street, Newcastle at 9:30am we travel to Chatsworth House for a 'truly colourful celebration of all things floral'.

In order to celebrate the tercentenary of the eminent landscape artist and architect Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, Chatsworth House be filled with displays of British flowers showcasing the work of floral designer Jonathan Moseley and the Chatsworth Garden Team.

Capability Brown transformed the face of 18th Century Britain with his grand designs for country estates and Mansions featuring flowing lakes, creating expanses of green, but making sure that while everything should provide for the great house, the emphasis was also on elegance and style. The 1,000 acre park at Chatsworth was chiefly designed by Brown and today combines modern architecture alongside its more historic examples.

Our entry to the Florabundance exhibition will be at 1:00pm so there will be time before and after for exploration of this magnificent estate, before our departure time of 16:30.

Price per person: £39.00. The price includes return executive coach travel, entry into Florabundance at Chatsworth House & Gardens.

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**Beautiful House
& Gardens**

**Spectacular
Floral Display**

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Edinburgh Tattoo

Friday 19th August 2016

Join The County Staff Club and Happy Days Coaches for 3 nights in Scotland including The Edinburgh Tattoo.

Friday 19th August - Departing from the County Staff Club at 8:00am and School Street Newcastle at 8:30am, after a brief stop en route, we shall take a lunch break at Gretna Green where, if lucky, we may see a wedding over the famous Blacksmith's Anvil. We shall then continue north to our hotel, The Angus Blairgowrie arriving late afternoon.

Saturday 20th August - After a leisurely breakfast, we begin the journey to Edinburgh, Scotland's Capital, crossing Fife and the River Forth with its famous Railway Bridge, Road Bridge and the new Queensferry Crossing. Once in the City there will be time for sightseeing and shopping before we make our way to the Castle Esplanade to take our seats for the evening performance of the renowned Edinburgh Military Tattoo. The theme for 2016 is 'The Tunes of Glory', featuring military bands, dancers and display teams from New Zealand, Norway, and Jordan as well as the spectacular Massed Pipes and Drums, all performing against the backdrop of the brooding Edinburgh Castle.

Sunday 21st August - Today we make our way north to Blair Castle, former home of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl on whom Queen Victoria bestowed the power to create Europe's only standing army, the Atholl Highlanders. Explore the House and Gardens, before we return to our coach for the short journey to the town of Pitlochry. Enjoy some last minute shopping or take a walk to the Hydro Electric dam with its famous salmon ladder before we return to our Hotel for dinner.

Monday 22nd August – After breakfast we shall begin the journey home, arriving late afternoon.

Price per person: £346 per person based on a double/twin room. Price includes executive coach travel, 3 nights Bed & Breakfast, two evening meals and a ticket to The Edinburgh Tattoo. Insurance is not included, provision of insurance is the responsibility of the travelers

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**3 nights at The
Blairgowrie
Hotel**

**Edinburgh Tattoo
Ticket**

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Edinburgh Tattoo – Friday 19th August 2016

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Warners Nidd Hall Hotel

Monday 19th September 2016

Join The County Staff Club and Happy Days Coaches for 4 nights at the truly stunning Nidd Hall Hotel.

Monday – Depart from County Staff Club, Stafford at 10.30am and School Street, Newcastle at 11.00am before travelling onwards to The Nidd Hall Hotel. There will be a lunch stop on-route.

Nidd Hall Hotel lies within 45 acres of gardens which are surrounded by rich and varied parkland. The gardens are Victorian and Edwardian and have formal stepped terraces. With delicious food and fantastic service you will not want to leave. That's without mentioning the Professional Entertainment that is provided.

Tuesday – A full day's excursion to the historic town of York, renowned for its exquisite architecture, tangle of quaint cobbled streets, iconic York Minster and wealth of visitor attractions, York is a fabulous place to spend a day.

Wednesday – A day at leisure to enjoy the hotel and its facilities.

Thursday – Today we will enjoy the beautiful scenery that is The Yorkshire Dales, home to Emmerdale, Heartbeat and James Herriot country - there isn't any shortage of dramatic scenery. We will also make a short stop at the Original Woolpack.

Friday - After a leisurely breakfast we will depart the hotel mid-morning to begin our journey back home.

Price per person: £410.00 in a Signature double/twin room. £410.00 in a single room. Price includes executive coach travel, 4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Insurance is not included, provision of insurance is the responsibility of the travelers.

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**4 nights Dinner,
Bed & Breakfast**

**Day excursions
to York & The
Yorkshire Dales**

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Nidd Hall Hotel= – 19th September 2016

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