



**The Malcolm Saville Society**  
**Sussex Downs weekend**  
**In the steps of the Long Passage**  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**



**We advise advance booking immediately to ensure a place**

In response to positive feedback about previous Society stays at HF Holidays accommodation, we are very pleased to offer this Summer event, where we will be staying at the delightful Abingworth Hall with a full board package. Joining this weekend will require you to book the whole package.

**The Long Passage** is the only Saville book set in the rolling Sussex Downs and is a part of England, which holds many tales from smuggling, sea bathing and of course adventures! In this Buckinghams book Juliet and Simon are off on a camping holiday near the South Downs and meet both old friends and old enemies. They explore Brighton, acquire a pet, make more friends and discover more baddies too. In the process of unmasking some nasty cheats they get into some interesting dilemmas. Members may borrow a copy of *The Long Passage* from the Society library. Other Saville books for pre-weekend reading are: *Open air Scrapbook for Boys and Girls* and *Seaside Scrapbook for Boys and Girls* – also available from the Library. The organiser may reference the latter two books during the weekend. Reading these is of course not compulsory but may help you with the evening quiz!

**Abingworth Hall** is our base for the weekend as we explore the area generally imagining what the Buckinghams and newly acquired puppy might have found.

This weekend has options for walkers (W) and sightseeing (S) or a combination. Car sharing will be required for some activities and we ask you to indicate on the booking form if you are able to offer transport to non-car drivers.

**Accommodation – reserving a place.** This is an inclusive event where accommodation and meals are provided for the price of **£369.00**. This includes afternoon cream tea on arrival, 3 breakfasts, 2 packed lunches and 3 evening meals. All rooms are en-suite.

**A deposit of £75 per person is required by 16<sup>th</sup> September to secure a place**

**Options** have yet to be finalised, but the weekend will include a mix of walking or sightseeing which will be drawn from the following:

- discovering the heritage of Sussex at the Weald & Downland Living Museum
- visiting the Elizabethan-style Parham House and Gardens
- or a mix of both
- 1 medium grade walk between 9 to 12 km (Saturday)
- 1 easy walk between 5 to 6 km (Sunday).

**Activity outline:** A more detailed programme will be issued two months before the event when you will be asked to select options in more detail, but to give us an idea please complete the Registration Form below.

The **provisional plans** for the weekend are as follows:

**Friday afternoon:** Arrival time is from 4pm onwards. Afternoon tea will be served soon after this time, when you'll be able to socialize with other members and hear an introduction to the weekend.

**Saturday evening:** Dinner

**Saturday morning:** Breakfast and you will collect your pre-order packed lunch.

Then you have a choice of joining either the walkers (W) or sight-seeing (S)

**Saturday evening:** meal and a fun quiz with photos and based on multi choice responses and pictures to help non-readers!

**Sunday morning:** breakfast and when you collect your pre-order packed lunch.

**Sunday daytime:** your choice of walkers (W) or sight-seeing (S)

**Monday depart 10 am** Breakfast and goodbye

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First name(s)	Surname(s)
Home address, including postcode:	
Contact telephone number(s):	Email address:
Any dietary requirements:	
In case we should need them, please provide emergency contact details. (These will not be retained by the Society beyond the weekend)	

**Your options for the weekend** – please complete for each person attending to assist in planning. The final programme will be issued within 40 days of the event (or sooner) including directions and activities.

Name	Saturday walk	Saturday sightseeing	please circle one option
			provide transport [ ]
			require transport [ ]
Name	Sunday walk	Sunday sightseeing	please indicate number of spaces
			provide transport [ ]
			require transport [ ]

**Accommodation** Upgrade fee is £30 per person to Premium room or a single in a double/twin room

Ground, 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor option	Classic	Classic	Classic	Premium	Premium	Premium
	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TWIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TWIN
	Contact Kim before paying deposit			Contact Kim before paying deposit		

**Classic Rooms** are comfortable en-suite guest rooms. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee-making facilities, toiletries (hand wash, shampoo, and shower gel), and a TV. **Premium Rooms** are more spacious en-suite guest rooms. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee-making facilities, toiletries (hand wash, shampoo, body lotion, shower gel), and a 32-inch TV. Extras include bathrobes, slippers, and comfortable mattresses.

## **Payment**

Please make deposit payment(s) £75.00 per person by BACS to

**The Malcolm Saville Society**

**sort code 55-81-36;**

**account number 77507509**

with a **reference** of your **surname** and **Sussex24**

**please tick or Y if you use this payment method [ ]**

OR by cheque made payable to **The Malcolm Saville Society** to the Society's Treasurer:

**Clive Gee, 4 Burleigh Way, Wickwar, Glos. GL12 8LR.**

**please tick or Y if you use this payment method [ ]**

In all cases please complete this form and return it **kim.witchend@gmail.com**

**OR** mail to **Kim Spencer** (who's handling bookings)

**Orchard House, 66 Derby Road, Draycott, Derby DE72 3NJ**

**If you have any queries about the accommodation** please email Kim or telephone 01332 874795

## **Society Disclaimer and important information about photographs**

The organiser reserves the right to change the route or cancel the event if, in their judgement, the weather conditions or other circumstances make this advisable. Whilst reasonable care has been taken to ensure a safe and enjoyable event, any person attending this event does so at their own risk and, to the extent permitted by legislation The Malcolm Saville Society and organisers cannot be held liable for personal injury, loss or damage to vehicles or personal effects. Members of the Society take photographs of its activities during the weekend. These are normally group shots and rarely of an individual alone. Some, but not all, of these photographs will appear on the Society website, Facebook page and/or in future editions of *Acksherley!* If you do not want your image to appear in this way, please inform Philip or June Charnley at the beginning of the weekend.