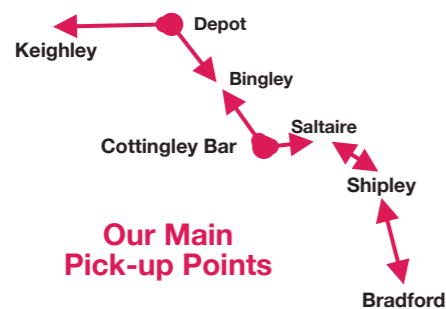


## Pick Up Run

There is some confusion on how our pick up runs are organised. Our published depart times are always for Bradford, Nelson Street. It then depends whether the times are for an 'A Run' or a 'B Run'.



A stands for AFTER Bradford.  
B stands for BEFORE Bradford.

So if your trip is a B run, all times will be before the stated time with Bradford being the last pick up.

If your trip is an A run, all times will be after the stated time, with Bradford being the first pick up. Our pick up to/from Bradford, starts or finishes at Keighley, and takes around 45 minutes and we hope we can meet up at convenient points with many bus services, be near train services, plus with free car parking offered at our premises, give good coverage for a reasonable amount of pick up time.

We have been complemented on many occasions that once you are on our coach you are quickly on your way for the trip, and not trailing round for hours loading up. We have been asked for years why don't we pick up in Skipton, Ilkley, Otley, Cleckheaton, Huddersfield, Halifax, Brighouse - with a geographical spread like that we'd lose the very thing we are complimented for.

## Tour Price Amendment

**The Beautiful Historic Borders of Scotland  
Monday 8th – Friday 12th May 2023.**

Unfortunately since we published our latest Holiday Tour brochure we have been made aware of an unfortunate error in the costing and pricing of this tour. The price will now be £480.00 per person in twin/double bedded room, and £580.00 per person in a single.

All persons already booked on this tour have been made aware of this, along with our apologies and that of our booking agents for this error.



## 2022 Double Anniversary

As the year of 2022 was about to end, a visitor to our office asked the question as to how long JAK Travel had resided at our depot at Sandbeds. After delving into the dark back corner of a cupboard, we came across the file which contained all the paperwork relating to the move from our former premises at Young Street in Bradford. To our surprise all the documents related to 2002, so we have been resident for 20 years.

The photo shows how the place looked 20 years ago when we took possession. Some might say its not changed much!!



Also, another anniversary had slipped by un-noticed, in that the business of JAK Travel had reached 35 years of age, having started trading in 1987. There's been a lot of changes seen in that time, and I can confirm no two days have ever been the same. Life is never dull here!

Thank you everyone for your support. We wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you, and we hope you will continue to enjoy the future tour and day excursion programmes we produce.

# J.A.K. Travel Ltd

## Travel Club News

January 2023



Welcome to our latest newsletter, where you can catch up with what has happened during a more normal year, and see what is planned for the future holiday tours and day excursions.

Most importantly, we hope you are all safe, fit and well, and looking forward to getting out meeting old and new friends. Perhaps visiting somewhere familiar, or perhaps trying somewhere new. As always we try to provide a variety of geographical locations, as well as a variety of themes in order to stimulate, educate and amuse. With a greater awareness of the importance of mental health since the pandemic, we would like to think we are at least doing our little bit to help improve your mental health – it is good to get out and meet real people!

It is gratifying to receive the number of compliments we get about the contents of our tours and excursions, and

we hope you like what we currently have advertised, plus you will enjoy the next Day Excursion programme (July to October) included with this newsletter. Also included is the Christmas Tour programme for later this year. If you require another copy of the current published programme, then please call the office and we will be glad to post one, or look on our website ([www.jaktravel.co.uk](http://www.jaktravel.co.uk)) for an online version.

The plans for the 2024 Holiday Tour programme are currently underway, and we hope to publish by the end of September, along with the following Day Excursion programme (November 2023 to June 2024). The conveyer belt never stops, and you can perhaps see why we never know what year it is never mind the day! Where did 2022 go by the way?

As always, we look forward to seeing you travelling with us, whether you are one of our many regular travelling friends, or someone we have yet to meet.

## Mobile Numbers and Email Address

If you have a mobile phone number it would be helpful if you wouldn't mind us having a note of it. Land line phone numbers are fine provided you are at home, and not on one of our trips. It becomes very useful if you are delayed (or if we are) getting to a pick up point, we can make contact with each other. Plus if you are missing during a trip, again we can make contact and perhaps provide peace of mind.

Following on from last years disruptions caused by the postage strikes it has made us think that perhaps we need to reduce our reliance on the postal service, especially for sending out tickets and receipts. So, if you have an email address and wish us to send tickets this way please advise us. Brochures and final confirmations with labels will always be sent by post, as we know from comments received, a paper copy is always preferred for browsing, standing a cup of coffee on etc.

Our latest vehicle, Mercedes Tourismo.



**Thank you for your Christmas Cards and Gifts!**

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## Well, how was it for you? (Part 3)

Having re read Parts 1 and 2, all I can say is -well, it has been a treat and a sense of relief that 2022 has been a relatively normal year, and we have been busy.

Excursions and tours have run, and perversely, if we have to cancel its only because of the "old fashioned" reason of low booking numbers! Not everything is back to how it was before the pandemic, but at least we have some degree of normality, though we must still practice "Constant Vigilance" in our battle with the coronavirus.

We still face challenges. One major change is that not all hotels want coach groups anymore, so our choices have become limited. The reason behind this is that they prefer the control of individual bookings, plus they are more lucrative to them. Attractions too, are not all as "user friendly", with more onerous booking procedure's required.

The virus has shown that different procedures are

needed, plus different working patterns, and with less staff. Hence, we cannot always get as quick a response as we would like to your questions and queries.

The problems of staff shortages and changes to working patterns also lead to changes to itineraries that we publish. With things being booked so far in advance (often nearly 12 months), things do not always go to plan. We always try to follow our published itinerary, but sometimes it might not be in the right order originally planned. It does cost us a lot of time and effort when things have to be re-planned, and we thank you for your patience and understanding with this matter.

Going forward, with hopefully no restrictions returning, we will just have to adjust to the new normal and the challenges that brings, but at least we can still get out and about and meet each other face to face - but not too close!!

## Vehicle Change

In last years newsletter, in the article about the Bradford Clean Air Zone, we hinted that one of our then current coaches, would have to go as its exhaust system would not be able to be upgraded to meet the new emissions levels required by the now inforce Clean Air Zone.

That change took place last July 2022 when our oldest coach, first registered in 2005 (YN05VTE) left us for pastures anew. This was an occasion somewhat tinged with sadness as this was a "milestone"

vehicle in the company history, as it was the first brand new vehicle bought. It was always a comfy vehicle to ride in, and a joy to drive as it drove smoothly and had plenty of power to tackle hills. It travelled the length and breadth of Britain for us, as well as adventures into Europe ranging from the French Alps to Norway, all told it gave us 450,000 miles of service. Our replacement is a Mercedes Tourismo, a very popular make of touring coach. It has 51 reclining lap

belted seats, full climate control, and an on board toilet. The feedback so far from travellers is that it is a very comfortable and quiet coach to travel in. Like VTE it is nice to drive, with plenty of power, huge luggage compartments but a myriad of switches to get to grips with on the dash! It has a Euro6 engine, so no problems with emissions in the Bradford Clean Air Zone, and others that are now in force elsewhere in the country. We hope you will enjoy your time travelling on this vehicle.



" Well at least VTE looks to have aged well!"



## Day Excursions

With the new year well underway, we hope you are looking forward to getting out and about on our current Day Excursion programme. Hopefully the weather will be kind as we enjoy some of the regular springtime trips, like the visit to Oswaldtwistle Mills with a different guided tour from last year, and drives into the Yorkshire Dales to admire the stunning scenery. Also, visits to RHS Bridgwater and Yorkshire Wildlife Park to see how plants and animals have developed since our last visit, and in the programme we have included some places not visited for a while such as Nostell Priory, Bolsover Castle and the tranquil Himalayan Garden near Ripon.

With this newsletter you will find the next Day Excursion programme (July to October 2023) where we hope you will find something to entertain your travel curiosity genes ! We have put in some new destinations to spice up the programme to which we must draw your attention to. Wentworth Woodhouse – a magnificent house described as Yorkshires hidden gem – now undergoing major restoration (July). Further to the restoration theme, we will visit the magnificent Winter Gardens Theatre in Morecambe, where a guided tour will explain all the history and plans (August). A stately home not visited before is Tabley Hall near Knutsford in Cheshire – a fine Palladian house used in many TV

dramas with a fine interior (September). Some things new on the travel theme will see a train journey giving a different perspective of Morcambe Bay and Arnside(September), and not to forget the car...we visit the Great British Car Journey – a tour through British motoring history - a trip truly down memory lane (September).

As usual there is the mix of trips to the seaside for a paddle and breath of sea air, countryside to see, markets and attractions to visit, not to mention the occasional afternoon tea and fish and chips. Our plan is to make sure with so much to see and do you'll never be bored at home!!



As usual our holiday programme covers the length and breadth of Britain, with tours to Newquay (Highlights of Cornwall

in April), Shetland (Isle of the Vikings in July), Westport ( Islands of the Wild Atlantic Way in June), and Thursford (Christmas Spectacular in November). That seems to touch points north, east, south and west !

We do have many places in between too, some with an historical theme like the one to Northamptonshire in April visiting places with a significant history to them that we might not have been to before. We visit the Historic Borders of Scotland in May, a place where many a skirmish took place, as there were in the aforementioned Shetlands, where our guided tour will tell the tale. The visit to the spectacular Kynren (August) tells the story of England from a north eastern perspective, and if you like chocolate we enjoy the heritage tour at Bourneville – home of Cadbury's Chocolate (A

Tasty Tour, with Pudding, Plants and a Playwright – August).

After a sell out in 2022 we have repeated the Isle of Man tour (June), so that those who missed out can go, and perhaps those who enjoyed it so much can go again ! For those who like the novelty of arriving at a place by ferry ( feels like going abroad!), Islands also feature on some of our tours. We go to the Isle of Wight (September), Isle of Skye (September), Shetland (July), and of course the two spectacular tours to Eire (June) and Northern Ireland (May). Both of the latter two tours going to places with tremendous scenery, and have lots included to do.

As Scotland is always popular, this year we have featured some tours with perhaps a little less travelling after comments received last year. We visit Loch Lomond and Loch Katrine (April), the borders (May), and Gardens of the Scottish Lowlands (September). This latter tour being based at the Pitbauchlie Hotel,(which received the most compliments about a hotel we have ever received, after we last stayed there), and if tranquil gardens appeal to you, the Japanese Garden at Cowden Castle is sure to delight.

## Holidays

Mentioning gardens, which are always popular , we visit the Grade 1 listed Bodnant Gardens on our Llandudno tour (June), and on our Gardens to Brighton up Your Day ! (July) we visit three Leonardslee, Sheffield Park, and Nymans, plus in North Devon (September) we include Hartland Abbey and RHS Rosemoor. Hopefully for gardeners keen and knowledgeable or just enthusiastic – there will something there to tempt you.

If its spectacular scenery you are after we should mention the tours to the Northern Lakes (March) including a train ride on the Settle to Carlisle line. A train also features on a tour to the splendid Wye Valley (July), and again on the Mid Hants line with views of the North Downs on our Novel Look at Hampshire's History (October). Views that perhaps Jane Austin herself would have admired!

We hope we have provided a variety of tours to appeal, and remember many of the tours already include admissions in their price. If you are not sure about anything, or if you require another copy of the brochure, please contact the office. Plus, we always welcome suggestions of where you think we should go!

General Data Protection:- If you no longer, wish to be contacted by ourselves or remain on our database please contact the Office on 01274 566200 and we can sort that out for you.

### Lost Your Brochure?

Mislaid? Lent to a friend and not returned? Eaten by the dog? No worries, just give us a call and we'll happily send you another, or, if you have internet access, have a look on our website [www.jaktravel.co.uk](http://www.jaktravel.co.uk) and there is a copy there.