

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT

August 2015

CHERTSEY to ARUNDEL

General Notes: It is recognised that some pilgrims may become tired or blistered after walking long distances and may prefer the “luxury” of being transported over part of the route. It is for this reason that the following information is provided to help you. We have viable means of alternative public transport available each day this year 'though not necessarily door-to-door: some days you will have a couple of miles to walk. Note that bus information is sometimes given to/from town centre or bus-station which may not be the most accessible from the overnight hall. The word “station” includes both bus or railway station unless they are a distance apart. Out of town, conventional bus-stops don't always exist and you may need to “Hail & Ride” at places - check with locals.

This information is provided in good faith as a guide, not necessarily the fastest or cheapest choice of transport! Times are based on published timetables but take no account of any recent changes, if any, or temporary variations which may apply, say during school holidays. You should preferably check live times via the internet, for example *Bus Checker* is a useful app if you have an Android 'phone.

It is MOST important, if you plan to deviate or drop out from the guided pilgrim route, that you advise Clare Gamble (in the drinks car and elsewhere) so that we don't worry that you have got lost! Use mobile telephone (numbers are given in your daily route sheets) in case of emergency.

Some buses offer free wi-fi – this service is sometimes still in the trial stage but routes which are believed to offer the facility are indicated with a superscript w, e.g, 400^W. If you might need to take several different buses, day tickets are available (from driver of the first bus) for most, if not all the area covered this year, at £8.50 (single adult) or £12.50 for families (2 adults plus up to 3 under-16s): it's free to enquire!

Aug 15, Day 1: Chertsey - (Weybridge) – Send

Work out your own route to Chertsey. From London, Waterloo, or via Clapham Junction from other parts of the realm, there are regular trains to Weybridge – change here to platform 1 where a train will await you for the branch line towards Virginia Water.

Please take special note of the separate sheet describing arrangements for registration on the Saturday morning and other events at Chertsey.

Bus Abellio 446 (7 min past the hour from Windsor Street or Heriot Road in Chertsey) to Woking station (takes 55 min), then Arriva 462/3 (1550, 1620, 1730, 1825, 1925) to Send (Mays Corner, takes 21 min) and walk 1.5 km down Send Hill/Church Lane to St Mary's church.

To Weybridge, rail (29, 59 past the hour) takes 8 minutes or bus 451 (57 min past from Heriot Street) takes 26 min. From Weybridge, frequent rail to Woking (takes 11 min) or bus 436 (4, 34 past), takes 43 min; then bus 462/3 to Send (as above).

Aug 16, Day 2 (Sunday): Send – (Clandon) – Wonersh.

Abellio 515a (0950, 1048, then every hour) from Burntcommon Roundabout (20 min walk from St Mary's) to Guildford Friary Bus Station (15 min), then Arriva 53 (at 40 min past the hour, from stand 7) to Wonersh, St John's Seminary – takes 15 minutes.

For Clandon the easiest route is via Guildford then by train from Guildford station (20, 50 min past) to West Clandon and return,

Aug 17, Day 3: Wonersh – (Sutton Abinger) - Dorking.

Bus 53/63 (1014, 20 min service) to Shalford Station (9 minutes) then train (53 past hour, takes 14 min) or Arriva bus 32 (1028, hourly, takes 35 min) to Dorking – nearest bus stop White Horse (100m); Deepdene station is about 1km.

For Sutton Abinger, bus 32 (0940, 1140) to Abinger Hammer (0958, 1158) then short walk or Metrobus 22 (1040, 1240). The 22 from A.S. (1445, 1645, 1743) to Dorking takes 22 min.

Aug 18, Day 4: Dorking – (Betchworth) – Redhill.

Train (6, 11 and 26 min past, takes 12 to 19 min) or Arriva bus 32 (0900, hourly, takes 50 min) to Redhill railway/bus station, then 500m walk.

The 32 also stops in Betchworth (The Street) for the lunch stop.

Aug 19, Day 5: Redhill – (Horley) – Worth Abbey.

Choice of regular buses (100, 400^W, 460^W, 424) to Crawley or frequent trains to Three Bridges or Crawley; then Sussex bus 37 (1200, 1400, 1600, **1800** from Crawley (Stop E), or 7 minutes later from Three Bridges to Cowdray Arms (14 min past) followed by 2km walk (B2110, Paddockhurst Road, signposted Turners Hill) to Worth Abbey.

The 100, 400 or 460 all stop in Horley (Chestnut Road) then 10 min walk on Balcombe Road (B2036) to lunch pub; the 424 from Redhill to Crawley (35 past hour) takes a slower, more devious route to Three Bridges (80 min) but has a stop after 60 min next to The Kings Head.

Aug 20, Day 6: Rest day at Worth Abbey.

Aug 21, Day 7: Worth Abbey – (Ardingly) – Lindfield.

Walk to Cowdray Arms (see Day 5) for bus 37 (0931, 1131, 1331, 1544, **1731**) to Three Bridges station (7 min), then Metrobus 82 (1041, 1241, 1415, **1741**) to Lindfield PO (38 min). Several other combinations are possible, including a trip on the Bluebell Railway!

Aug 22, Day 8: Lindfield – (Newick) – Uckfield.

Metrobus 271^W to Chelwood Gate; then 261 to Uckfield, or 10 min walk to Meadow Drive: then 31 to Uckfield.

For Newick, you need to catch the Sussexbus 31 (1019, 1119) from Meadow Drive (takes 20 min). The 31 (1319, 1419, etc) continues from Newick to Uckfield, takes about 20 min.

Aug 23, Day 9 (Sunday): Uckfield – (East Hoathly) – Hailsham.

It's Sunday, it's complicated! Bus 29 (48 min past, hourly) to Lewes, (15 past), then train (23, 48 past) to Polegate (arr 40 or 0 min past) , then bus 51 (0, 27 past) to Hailsham (takes 10 min).

For East Hoathley bus 28 (adj rlwy stn) at 1205, arr E Hoathley 1219; bus 28 at 1538 back to Uckfield (1552), *stay in this* bus which becomes route 29 (1608) to Showfields (Sainsbury's, 1645).; change to bus 252 (1708) to Heathfield (1747): again *stay seated* for another identity chage, to route 51 (1750) to Hailsham (1820).

Aug 24, Day 10: Hailsham – (Alfriston) – Seaford.

51 from High Street to Eastbourne, Terminus Road, stop D; then 12A from stop J to Seaford Library.

Stagecoach 98 from High Street (0955, 1155) to Polegate, (1004, 1204), then Compass Travel 125 (1017, 1217) to Alfriston (1032, 1232). Cuckmere bus 126 from Alfriston (1300, 1607) to Seaford (about 15 min).

Aug 25, Day 11: Seaford – (Rottingdean) – Brighton.

Rail (25, 58 past) takes 32 min, £4.20 all the way or bus 12, 12A and 12X (frequent) takes 44 min to Brighton, Churchill Square for £2.90. The bus also stops in Rottingdean.

Aug 26, Day 12: Rest day at Brighton.

Aug 27, Day 13: Brighton – (Hangleton) – Upper Beeding.

Bus 2 (59 past from Churchill Square) takes 64 min to Upper Beeding.

Aug 28, Day 14: Upper Beeding – (Washington) – Storrington.

100 to Storrington (53 past the hour) takes 27 min

Aug 29, Day 15: Storrington – (?) – Arundel.

100 to Pulborough; rail to Arundel or bus 1 to Worthing; then 85 to Arundel

Aug 30, Day 16 (Sunday): Go home!

With luggage, the journey to the railway station is a bit of a trek from the Cathedral but bus Stagecoach 700 does a tour round the town at about 35 min past the hour before returning past the station. Check local bus-stops for times and expect possible delays (the A27 is often jammed solid and consequently the 700 timetable may be more a work of hope than experience).

Thank you for your company – see you next year?

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