

**ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT**  
**August 2016**  
**WINCHESTER to CANTERBURY**

**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 still 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 temporary variations which may apply, say due to road works. You should preferably check live times via the internet, for example *Bus Checker* is a useful app if you have an Android 'phone. Or ask the driver: most, in my experience, are friendly and will try to help, although they won't have time to give you detailed timetables!

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** – the service is sometimes still in the trial stage but several routes provide the facility.

If you might need to take several different buses, **day tickets** are available (usually from the driver of your first bus of the day) for most, if not all the area covered this year, (I hope to check this in a later edition)

**Aug 13, Day 1: Winchester - () – Alresford**

*Work out your own route to Winchester.* From London, Waterloo, or via Clapham Junction from other parts of the realm, there are regular trains to Winchester – currently 5 trains an hour at present – takes 60 to 70 minutes with standard single fare £34.20 from Waterloo. £30.90 from Redhill or Brighton is for a return ticket: a single is priced at £31.10!

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

Bus 64 (45 min past the hour from the bus station in Winchester) to Alresford (takes 35 min), or X64 (10 past the hour, takes 15 min).

**Aug 14, Day 2 (Sunday): Alresford – () – Alton.**

64 (1043, 1243, 1443 from opposite Swan Hotel) to Alton High Street (takes 22 min).

**Aug 15, Day 3: Alton – () - Hindhead.**

Rail to Farnham (11 min); bus 19 to Hindhead (19 min)

**Aug 16, Day 4: Hindhead – () – Cranleigh.**

Hindhead crossroads to Haslemere (9 min, £2); rail from Haslemere to Shalford, change at Guildford; bus Shalford to Cranleigh.

Bus Hindhead to Shottermill, Lion Green (6 min); Bus 70 Shottermill to Guildford (Friary B.S., takes 42 min); bus to Cranleigh (takes 32 min).

**Aug 17, Day 5: Cranleigh – () – Horsham.**

Bus Cranleigh to Horsham (30 min)

**Aug 18, Day 6: Rest day at Horsham.**

**Aug 19, Day 7: Horsham – () – Worth Abbey.**

Rail from Horsham (4 trains/hour) to Crawley (10 min) or Three Bridges (14 min); 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.

**Aug 20, Day 8: Worth Abbey – () – Forest Row.**

Walk 2km to Cowdray Arms (see Day 7) for bus 37 (0931, 1131, 1331, 1544, **1731**) to Three Bridges station (7 min); bus 400 to East Grinstead (War Memorial, 22 min); bus to Forest Row (8 min).

**Aug 21**, Day 9 (Sunday): Forest Row – () – Tunbridge Wells.

Bus 291 (38 min)

**Aug 22**, Day 10: Rest Day at Tunbridge Wells .

**Aug 23**, Day 11: Tunbridge Wells – () – Goudhurst.

Bus 267 or 297 (40 min)

**Aug 24**, Day 12: Goudhurst - () - Tenterden.

Bus 297 (41 min)

**Aug 25**, Day 13: Tenterden – () – Kennington.

Bus 2, 2A to Ashford (Park Street, 46 min); bus 1, 1A, 1X, 514, 516, 666 to Kennington (6 min).

**Aug 26**, Day 14: Kennington – () – Canterbury.

Bus 1, 1A, 1X to Canterbury (57 min)

**Aug 27**, Day 15: Rest day at Canterbury.

**Aug 28**, Day 16 (Sunday): Go home!

Rail from Canterbury West to Victoria or St Pancras (3 trains an hour, £10 or £12.40 advanced fare).