SVA Excursion – Spring 2019

Abbotsbury Swannery and Abbotsbury Sub Tropical Gardens and Cream Tea: Wednesday May 15th 2019



We will visit **Abbotsbury Swannery** in the morning and the **Abbotsbury Sub Tropical Gardens** in the afternoon. Both are close together at Abbotsbury in Dorset, near Weymouth.

This is the start of the hatching season and we will hope to see new born cygnets. Hundreds of Cygnets hatch around the pathways. The feeding of the swans takes place twice a day. We can witness the 12 noon feeding of the Swans, and hopefully, the cygnets.

The **Swannery** was established by Benedictine Monks who built the monastery at Abbotsbury during the 1040s and farmed the swans to produce food for their lavish Dorset banquets. The monastery was destroyed in 1539, during the dissolution, but the Swannery has survived.

The **Sub Tropical Gardens** is a mixture of formal and informal flowers, world famous for it's camellia groves and magnolias. Noted in Dorset for its Rhododendron and Hydrangea collections and the charming Victorian Garden.

The camellias and magnolias are particularly colourful at this time of year, such as Magnolia x cylindrica 'John Bond' with its creamy white clusters of petals. Scarlet red Rhododendron barbatum in the woodland and Pieris japonica laden with white laces of flower. Not to be outdone are the pretty ground cover plants like Cardamine trifolia, with small white flowers standing above their spreading carpet of tiny three trifoliate leaflets.

We will have our **Cream Tea** at the Sub Tropical Gardens. A light lunch will be able to be obtained at the Swannery or please bring a packed lunch.



Mass feeding at Abbotsbury Swannery

This tour will be escorted by Stephen Pemberton.

- **Tour includes**: Coach, Entrance Fees, Cream Tea, Drivers Gratuity. Cost £29.95
- **Booking Form**: Please send to Stephen Pemberton, 7 Glenisla Terrace, Sidmouth, EX10 8BP Tel. 07810 496566.
- **Bookings**: Will be confirmed from 1st April and remain open until filled.
- **Payment**: Please make cheques payable to "SID VALE ASSOCIATION CIO."
- **Envelope**: Please enclose s.a.e. postage paid, to receive tickets.
- **Limitation**: Tickets cannot be 'reserved'. Tickets can be refunded if re-sold.



We regret that the Association cannot accept responsibility for any loss, damage or injury that may be suffered by anyone taking part in this event.

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Please supply ..... ticket(s) at **£29.95** per person

PLEASE ✓ BOX Joining at **Approx. timings*

The Triangle 8.30am ❑ Radway 8.40am* ❑
Exeter X 8.45am* ❑ Green Close 8.50am* ❑

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