## PROGRAMME 2009

Guests are welcome at all meetings except the Annual General Meeting which is for members only.

APRIL 20 Monday 7.30 **Annual General Meeting** 

Speaker: Mike Webb: "Dover Town Clerk"

MAY 20 Wednesday £17.50 Includes all admissions Museum of Kent Life and Aylesford Priory

The Musem of Kent Life occupies part of the Cobtree Estate which opened in 1985. Its principle objective is to preserve Kent's countryside and rural heritage for the future. There will be a guided tour of Aylesford Priory. This beautiful 13th century priory is home to a community of Carmelite friars and welcomes visitors and pilgrims. There are peaceful grounds and picnic areas, beautiful works of art, chapels and an open-air shrine, a working pottery, a gift shop and a tearoom. Lunch may be taken at either venue as required, or you may bring a picnic.

Pick-ups: Railway Bell 0830; Frith Road 0840; Brook House CP 0845

JULY 18 Saturday £19.50 Including admission Groombridge Place Gardens & Enchanted Forest

The formal gardens of Groombridge Place were laid out in the seventeenth century, designed as "outside rooms" of the House. The romantic setting has been the inspiration for books, films and television programmes. The Enchanted Forest has stunning views and unusual animals, you may see the zeedonk, a zebra-donkey cross, one of only two in Britain.

Pick-ups: Railway Bell 0830; Frith Road 0840; Brook House CP 0845

SEPTEMBER 12 Saturday £15.50 Including

admission

Down House and Tunbridge Wells

Down House - the home of Charles Darwin reopens this year with an exciting new exhibition to celebrate the 200th anniversary of his birth and the 150th anniversary of On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection which he wrote at Down House.

Before heading home, time permitting, the driver will take us into Tunbridge Wells where you may browse the shops or take tea. Pick-ups: Railway Bell 0815; Frith Road 0825; Brook House CP 0830

All indoor meetings are held at St Mary's Parish Centre

Please try to book and pay 3 weeks before the date of the outing. This will assist in confirming the booking with the coach company.