



Museum of Kent Life, Maidstone

The Friends outing to the Museum of Kent Life started with a beautiful sunny day and a very enjoyable coach ride to Maidstone town centre. Then we boarded the river boat Kentish Lady for a cruise on the River Medway to Arlington Lock and the museum, with a running commentary on all the sites along the river bank.



The museum features fascinating rural buildings which have been saved from demolition, carefully dismantled and reassembled to exacting specifications, bringing them back to life. They have been furnished in various period styles to provide an historical record of the vibrant communities who lived and worked in the Kent countryside.



We saw the hop fields and the huts the families lived in while on their hop-picking holidays from the East End of London; we stroked lambs and horses; ate cream teas and watched piglet racing and ferret racing!

