

## **Stamford and the Open Air Theatre**

### **Saturday 24 August 2024**



The Weekenders' team cordially invite you to our annual outing to The Open Air Theatre and Stamford. This year the matinee performance is Jane Austen's ***Sense and Sensibility*** performed by the Stamford Shakespeare Company at their open-air stage set in the beautiful

grounds of Tolethorpe Hall.

*Sense and Sensibility* is Jane Austen's first novel published anonymously in 1811. It is the story of the Dashwood sisters, Elinor (19) and Marianne (16) as they come of age. There is an older half-brother, John, and a younger sister, Margaret (13). The novel follows the 3 Dashwood sisters and their widowed mother as they are forced to leave the family estate Norland Park and move to the Barton Cottage. The novel is set in South-West England, London and Sussex, probably between 1792 – 1795.

In an attempt to avoid the heat of the previous years, Tolethorpe Hall's matinee performances commences at 11.30am. We will therefore make our way to the theatre first for 11.00am and following the performance we will be taken to Stamford for members to have a late lunch (or picnic) and wander round this lovely little town. The cost of the trip is **£42.00** per person which includes the coach fare, theatre ticket and the driver's gratuity. Places are limited so if you would like to join us, please complete the application form and return it along with your payment asap (**no later than 19<sup>th</sup> April**)

There is also an **optional** guided walking tour of Stamford of about an hour's duration costing **£8** per head. Please indicate if you wish to do this and so the total price for the trip and tour is **£50**. There will be plenty of time as we will be leaving Stamford at about 6pm.

Once again for those who are willing to accept an email acknowledgment you do not have to send sae. In the case of insufficient interest and cancellation of the trip your applications and cheques will be destroyed.

If you need a postal acknowledgement you **must** send a sae with your application form

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