



## NATIONAL COUNTRY LINK 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> – MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025

YEW LODGE HOTEL, KEGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE. DE74 2DF

Country Link was formed in November 1985 so let's **CELEBRATE!**

National Country Link would like to invite you to attend the Country Link Autumn National Weekend, incorporating the Members Meeting, which will be held at The Yew Lodge Hotel, Packington Hill, Kegworth, DE74 2DF. The Hotel is off the A6 and Junction 24 of the M1. The nearest railway station is East Midlands Parkway, and East Midlands Airport is nearby. The Hotel has a Health Club, Spa and Swimming Pool for the use of the more energetic guests!

The cost of the Weekend is **£285** per person for a twin or double room. This includes bed and breakfast, evening meals, and entertainment for three nights, plus the cost of coaches. There are a limited number of single rooms available at **£370** per room. Not included in the price is the cost of entrance fees to the venues on Saturday and Sunday or midday meals on either day, **except for Trip 2 on Saturday, or Trip 1 on Sunday.**

Friday night will be a hot buffet supper, followed by a barn dance with a caller until 11.00pm. Saturday evening will be the formal three course Gala Dinner (black tie/lounge suits) followed by a disco until midnight. Please remember to complete your menu choices on the booking form.

The Members Meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon at 4.00pm, followed by a hot buffet supper and light entertainment during the evening.

There will be a bucket collection for the Weekend charities:

Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

### Saturday Trips

- 1 Wollaton Hall and Grounds to include a guided Hidden History Tour of 45 mins to 1 hour, (**Note** - there is a lot of steps). To be followed by free time to explore the rest of the attractions some of which have additional charges. This trip will be by coach. [www.wollatonhall.org.uk](http://www.wollatonhall.org.uk)
- 2 Visit to Taylors of Loughborough Bell Foundry ([taylorbells.co.uk](http://taylorbells.co.uk)) the last working Bell Foundry in the country. This is a working industrial site so **please** wear sensible clothes and stiff shoes/boots. To be followed by a Farm Walk at Standleys Barn Farm standing on 1250 acres. 650 acres are rented from The National Trust, with 550 acres of arable rented from 4 different landlords, and 100 acres of reclaimed open cast grassland. A herd of 25 Longhorn cows and followers graze the park along with 150 ewes. A herd of 120 Stabiliser Cattle and followers and another 200 ewes graze elsewhere. There is also a farm butchery business. [www.standleysbarn.com](http://www.standleysbarn.com). This trip will be by coach.
- 3 Walk, 6 to 8 miles Ticknall and Calke Park. This trip will be by car.

## 4 Do Your Own Thing

### Sunday Trips

- 1 Farm Walk at University of Nottingham Centre of Dairy Science and Innovation, Agriculture and Technical Centre, Sutton Bonington. The farm milks 350 cows on 7 robots. It's a closed herd, housed all year round, and calves the same. The farm supplies teaching to veterinary, bioscience, and agriculture students. The milk is collected by Altra.

The site has a very strong Biosecurity. **Please** come in clean disinfected boots or wellingtons,

- 2 Visit to Denby Pottery  
**Note:** This tour includes walking, standing and stairs. This trip may be by coach, subject to numbers. [www.denbypottery.com](http://www.denbypottery.com)
- 3 Visit to Shardlow, once a major inland port on the River Trent, and the Trent and Mersey Canal. Guided tour limited to 20, suitable for disabled scooters. There is free car parking, with pubs on site or in the village for lunch. [www.shardlowheritage.eclipse.co.uk](http://www.shardlowheritage.eclipse.co.uk)
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### General Information

#### Saturday Night Dinner and Dance.

Tickets are available for the dinner and dance at £45.00 per person. Bed and breakfast is also available for Saturday night at £99.00 for double/twin room and £89.00 for single rooms. Please fill in the relevant details on the booking form.

Rooms on Thursday and Monday nights are available at £89 B&B per person for single occupancy or £99 for a twin or double room; fill in the relevant section of the booking form.

Small dogs can be accommodated in the hotel at £20/dog in cages in the bedrooms. Dogs are not allowed in bars or restaurants. Please fill in the relevant part of the booking form. Owners are responsible for any damage caused by their animals.

There will be no Fancy-Dress competition run at this Weekend.

#### Small Print

Photographs will be taken during the Weekend for use on the National Country Link web site.

#### Refunds

It is recommended that members attending a National Country Link Weekend should have insurance against having to cancel their booking. The organising group will endeavour to refund money for cancellations that occur before invoices have been paid.

#### **Remember to fill in your menu choices for the Saturday meal.**

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