Residential weekend

Our annual residential weekend takes place at Purley Chase in Warwickshire from Friday 14 to Sunday 16 November 2025. On the next few pages you will find:

* The proposed programme for the weekend.
* Travel directions to Purley Chase.
* A booking form.

If you would like to book online, please use the form at

https://form.jotform.com/251744334088056

Our Purley Chase weekend last year was deemed a great success. The aim was to provide a mainly light-hearted time where we could all be ourselves and enjoy each other’s company. We started with a film show, Pride, a historical comedy drama depicting a group of lesbian and gay activists who raised money to help families affected by the British miners’ strike in 1984. There was a single, optional ‘serious’ session on Trans Health Care in the light of the Cass Report led by Pauline, a range of craft type activities, the possibility of trips out and our usual supper and disco. Lorraine acted as the event photographer capturing Sybils in both casual and formal dress. There was time for sharing the ups and downs of our trans lives together and a Eucharist Led by Nicky. For those who might have financial difficulty we can offer, in complete confidence, a reduced fee. So, if you are in this situation let Pauline know. Our aim this year is use a similar programme in the hope that it is just as successful.

Proposed programme for November 2025

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| **Friday afternoon** |  |
| 15.00 onwards | Arrivals with afternoon tea available |
| **Friday evening** |  |
| 18.00 | Dinner |
| 19.30 | Film to watch (not yet chosen) |
| **Saturday morning** |  |
| 08.30 onwards | Breakfast |
| 10.00 | Implications of the Supreme Court Ruling and responses from the Government and other bodies. A discussion session led by Pauline Fleck |
| 11.00 onwards | *Games / craft type hobbies / sports*   * Chess – led by Mary * Paper-based crafts – led by Hilda * Painting and drawing – led by Amy * Construction kits (bring your own) – led by Hilda * Table tennis and snooker challenge – led by Pauline |
| 13.00 | Lunch |
| **Saturday afternoon** |  |
| 14.00 onwards | *Option 1*  More games and craft type hobbies and sports  *Option 2*  A trip out somewhere – e.g. Coventry Cathedral, the National Memorial Arboretum, or a local nature ramble. To be decided on the day |
|  | Afternoon tea available |
| **Saturday evening** |  |
| 18.00 | Dinner |
| 19.30 | Disco |
| **Sunday morning** |  |
| 8.30 | Breakfast |
|  | Free time for sharing trans experiences or quiet reflection |
| 11.00 | Eucharist led by Nicki |
| 13.00 | Lunch |
| **Sunday afternoon** |  |
| 14.00 onwards | Departures |

Directions to Purley Chase Centre

**Address**

Purley Chase Centre

Purley Chase Lane,

Mancetter

Atherstone

Warwickshire

CV9 2RQ

**By car**

The centre is just over 2 miles south of the A5 near Atherstone. Travelling along the A5 take the B4111 towards Mancetter. After about a quarter of a mile on the B4111, just past the church, take a right turn signposted Ridge Lane. Over the traffic-light controlled bridge, follow the road round to the right and up through the trees. Purley Chase Centre is about a quarter of a mile further, on the right.

**By public transport**

The nearest mainline railway station is at Nuneaton, about 6 miles away. Slower trains go through Atherstone station which is about 3 miles away from Purley Chase Centre. Both stations are on the Euston to Crewe line.

Both Nuneaton and Atherstone are served by various bus and coach services.

Lifts can be arranged for people arriving at either Nuneaton or Atherstone stations.

**By taxi**

There are also taxi services:

* Atherstone Taxis (01827 712427) charge £15/£16.
* Triple A Taxis (01827 713637) charge £13/£14.

Booking form

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| **PERSONAL DATA** | |
| Name |  |
| Address line 1 |  |
| Address line 2 |  |
| City |  |
| County |  |
| Postcode |  |
| Phone number |  |
| Email |  |
| Name of partner (if attending) |  |
| Access or mobility needs (if any) |  |
| Dietary requirements (if any) |  |
| Allergies (if any) |  |
| Do you need with transport to the venue? | ☐ Yes  ☐ No |
| Can you offer a lift to someone? | ☐ Yes  ☐ No |
| Are you a member of the Sibyls? | ☐ Yes  ☐ No |
| If not a member, you are welcome to attend, on the basis that you agree not to disclose the identities of others attending. | |
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| **ACCOMMODATION** | |
| Please tick one of the following options. | |
| En-suite room | ☐ Single room  ☐ Twin room  ☐ Double room  ☐ Adapted en-suite facilities with wet room |
| If sharing a double or twin room, please name anyone you are willing to share with. |  |
| Standard dormitory with shared bathroom | ☐ Dormitory |
| Other requirement | ☐ Part-residential / Non-residential |
| If part-residential / non-residential, please specify which day(s) you are coming for and which meals you would like. |  |
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| **PAYMENT** | |
| Please indicate your payment method. | ☐ Bank transfer – see details below  ☐ Cheque (payable to “Mr P A Raftery – The Sibyls”) |
| Bank transfer details  (Please quote your name as the reference) | • Account name – Mr P A Raftery  • Sort code – 08-93-00  • Account number – 80470524 |
| Residential cost | Prices are per person, per night, and include full board from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch inclusive.  • Single room – £104  • Double room / Twin room / Dormitory – £91 |
| Part-residential / non-residential cost | Do not send any money now. We will obtain a pro-rata cost from Purley Chase and get back to you. |
| Assisted places | If you would like to apply for an assisted place, please contact Pauline (details on front cover of newsletter). |
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| **FORM SUBMISSION** | |
| Please send the form (and cheque if appropriate) to: | |
| Dr Hilda Ruth Beaumont  Flat 9B College Court  108–114 Eastern Road  BRIGHTON  East Sussex  BN2 0BF | |