

## DON'T MISS OUT ON EASTBOURNE 2012!

We have probably all seen pieces of Mauchline Ware with transfer views of the Wish Tower at Eastbourne, one of the liveliest of transfer scenes, where everybody seems to be out enjoying the attraction. Now you can enjoy it and the many other delights of Eastbourne, if you sign up for the 18<sup>th</sup> International Convention to be held from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October at The Lansdowne Hotel just along the promenade from the Wish Tower.

That inveterate organiser of Conventions, John Downer, with stalwart help from Frances Leslie, is putting in many hours of preparation with the result that it should be one of the best. We visited the hotel last May with John and Frances and can tell you that it is very comfortable, well-positioned on the seafront, and moreover is offering a very reasonable daily rate (with no supplement for single rooms). Eastbourne is easy to reach by public transport with frequent train and coach services from London.

The programme will include an Eastbourne day which will include a display of the large number of local transfer scenes on Mauchline Ware. John is researching East Sussex transfer scenes and will reveal the phenomenal variety of these, and there will be talks and walks of local interest. Another day offers an excursion to Brighton with guided tours of the Brighton Pavilion and Preston Manor. Of course the staple attractions of members' exhibitions, Gala Dinner and the Dealers' Fair are included to ensure there will be no shortage of Mauchline Ware to admire and a chance to buy! There's an extra day this time to ensure that the programme is unhurried and has adequate free time. The opportunity to meet other enthusiasts and renew or make new friendships has always been central to the enjoyment of our Conventions.

We will shortly need to finalise numbers for the hotel accommodation, coach hire and booking the tours, so, if you would like to join us, please complete the form enclosed with this Journal or contact John Downer on [john@johndowner.com](mailto:john@johndowner.com) or telephone him on 023 8025 4969.