

# HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2005

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## YOUR GUIDE TO FOUR DAYS EVENTS

Heritage Open Days is now England's largest voluntary cultural event. All over England (excluding London which is a separate weekend) thousands of events will mark the annual celebration of the fascinating, the quirky, the unbelievable, the strange and the wonderful that make up the history, heritage and culture of our towns, villages and countryside. From Thursday 8th September to Sunday 11th September there is a huge range of places, exhibitions, guided walk and talks to choose from, including about 80 events taking place across Mole Valley.

If you are new to Heritage Open Days or a veteran of several years of holding the festival in Mole Valley, there is much to enjoy this year. Organisers are keen to appeal to young people and children and a special section of this booklet outlines the events that might have a particular appeal to a younger audience. But, whatever age you are, there are a huge variety of buildings, structures and landscape to visit and to marvel at. Mole Valley is not only one of the most beautiful parts of England, but it has a history to match, full of amazing stories and coincidences and links to the great national events and people of this country. Scratch the surface of our familiar buildings, streets and landscape and a whole new layer of facts and folklore is revealed. To interpret it we have some of the best local experts and to cap all of this, all events in the programme are free of charge.

## MORE ABOUT HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Heritage Open Days, co-ordinated by the Civic Trust, is made possible by generous funding from English Heritage. The Trust operates a web site [www.heritageopensdays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopensdays.org.uk) which not only provides all the background to the weekend, but also includes a directory of all the events taking place across the whole country. In Mole Valley the organisation of events is the responsibility of a group of volunteers representing many of the local heritage organisations across the District. Support is provided by the District Council and the Town Centre Managers. The Civic Trust acknowledges that it is the work of local organisers and volunteers that is the key to the success of Heritage Open Days. Nowhere is this truer than in Mole Valley where walk leaders, property owners and other experts providing exhibitions or giving talks, also lend their support. Their involvement is entirely voluntary and we offer our thanks for their support and enthusiasm.

The ethos of Heritage Open Days is that it encourages interest in the heritage on our doorstep, a sense of civic pride and an opportunity to visit places that may not normally be open to the public. So often we

pass a local landmark and might wonder why it was built, or who built it, or what its function is. Heritage Open Days is the chance to find out in a fun and enjoyable way.

## FUNDING THE EVENTS

Although Heritage Open Days is based on voluntary commitment, the cost of publicity and promotion, including the publication of this booklet, has to be covered. Mole Valley District Council underwrites costs and expenses, but financial support comes from **Waitrose Plc**. Waitrose has been a faithful supporter for four years, not only through the funding it provides but also in the help they give with the distribution of programme booklets through their stores. Their commitment supports the work of volunteers and helps to realise a varied and imaginative programme of events.

## USING THIS BOOKLET

This booklet is a guide to about **80** events taking place in Mole Valley. For a list of events in other parts of the country visit the Civic Trust web site mentioned above. Local events are listed by type of building, but there is also an event planner at the beginning of the entries to allow visitors to plan their day and to make the most of the events on offer. The event planner lists events by day and time. It is a quick guide to what is on where and when.

Each event has its own entry that gives a summary of what is on offer, the times and other information such as travel directions, parking and disabled access.

There is a centre page guide to events for younger visitors and a booking form can be found on page 37.

## WHAT THERE IS TO SEE AND DO

With almost 80 events spread over four days, this is an unrivalled opportunity to explore the diversity of Mole Valley's heritage. A glance through the booklet will soon give the impression that 'heritage' incorporates a vast range of buildings and places. There are private houses, churches, schools, commercial buildings, villages, towns and landscape on the menu of events. The way in which the heritage is presented is also highly varied: guided walks, illustrated talks, open buildings and exhibitions. So where do you start?

## STICKS AND STONES

First, look at the theme for this year: '**Sticks and Stones**'. This is intended to celebrate the complex geology of Mole Valley. This in turn results in a unique and special landscape from which building

materials are obtained that give character and sense of place to small vernacular buildings and civic buildings alike. The geology also influences industry and land use and produces interesting features such as the Dorking caves.

What better way to launch Heritage Open Days 2005 and the **'Sticks and Stones'** theme than an illustrated talk by Professor Richard Selley, Chairman of the Mole Valley Geological Society. Details of this special launch event, appropriately titled **'Mole Valley Rocks!'** are to be found in this booklet, there are also another 14 events on this theme. In their own way they interpret the heritage of stone, landscape, glass, wood or timber, bricks and mortar, industry and metalwork amongst other things. Another illustrated talk on Saturday evening will provide a fascinating insight into one of the most exciting projects that is helping us to reconsider the history of buildings. This talk by Rod Wild is an introduction to the world of dendrochronology – the dating of buildings from their timbers. For a practical example of where this work has been done, visit the Fire and Iron Gallery in Leatherhead.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

A special plea this year is not to ignore the **churches**. There are **20** in the programme and **7** denominations represented. The architecture both internally and externally reflects their different traditions and several have special exhibitions, refreshments and associations with well-known architects or personalities. All Saint's Church and the Methodist Church, both in Leatherhead, have undergone sensitive restoration and the results will be on view, whilst St Martin's, Dorking, will have an exhibition of the current restoration work.

There are **18** different **guided walks** to choose from. Four are village walks and there are several town walks offering different perspectives on local buildings, the people who built them and the building materials from which they are formed. Landscape walks are available over the Greensand Hills at Leith Hill or the chalk hills of Norbury Park.

**Illustrated Talks** cover an eclectic mix of topics including the millionaires of Dorking, the lost Tudor palaces of Surrey and the story of the Quakers. A special talk will be given by Barrie Clark, formerly of English Heritage, entitled 'Dorking: A View From Over The Border'. As a member of the Reigate Society he will take an outsiders' view of Dorking, its architecture and development.

**Public buildings** provide the venue for a variety of exhibitions. The Letherhead Institute and the Council Offices in Dorking are very different in their design and date, but they offer refreshments and a relaxing environment in which to view a range of exhibitions and

displays. The museums in both Leatherhead and Dorking are at the heart of Heritage Open Days and, as are all events, open free for the weekend.

**Exhibitions and displays** for this year are perhaps the most exciting yet offered. The exhibition of a private art collection in the Studio Art House in Leatherhead takes place in the delightful Victorian home of Sue and Stuart Stanley. The Dorking Quilters will exhibit their work on a heritage theme in the United Reformed Church. The static engine collection in Westcott has been a feature of several previous Heritage Open Days weekends and is popular because it is a fantastic collection in a wonderful setting. Do see it if you have not been before. There are village exhibitions in Headley and Newdigate that provide an insight into the life of rural Mole Valley.

Exhibitions in the Letherhead Institute and the Council Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking are all new for this year. They include historic and contemporary photographs, wartime films, old maps of the area and an opportunity to explore Leatherhead in 1841. Of special interest is the exhibition of Victorian photographs that are a unique and very special set of images reflecting daily life in Westcott and Dorking in the 19th century. They are fascinating.

**Commercial buildings** are perhaps the most varied in character. You can visit the modern visitor centre within the Denbies Wine Estate, a windmill, a set of barns, a golf club (and try out your putting skills), the offices from the 1950s of a national company, a forge, a theatre and two very different solicitor's offices. Industrial, office, leisure and agricultural uses are all represented.

## **BOOKING EVENTS**

Some events have to limit the number of visitors for practical reasons. If this is the case, the event entry in this booklet will indicate the arrangements for booking in advance. Some events will be postal bookings only and a form for submitting your request is included with this booklet. You will need to include with the booking a stamped address envelope. This arrangement should reduce the pressure on the Visitor Information Centre and free up their telephone service for other enquiries relating to the weekend.

***Postal bookings will be accepted from 25th July.***

Some of you will be disappointed and may not get the bookings you would like. Please be understanding of the pressures for some events and the limited resources we have to handle bookings. Remember also that there are many other places to visit that do not require booking in advance.

## WHERE TO GO FOR INFORMATION

The Visitor Information Centre is located in the Dorking Halls and can be contacted on **01306 879327** or by email on **visitor.information@molevalley.gov.uk**.

Staff there will be able to help you with queries about the weekend and individual events. They will also be happy to send you additional copies of the programme booklet. Please note however that the VIC will not handle pre-event bookings. These should be submitted on the form enclosed with this booklet (see page 37).

The two town web sites for Dorking and Leatherhead provide a general guide to the area, including events for Heritage Open Days.

The Dorking site is **www.visitdorking.com**.

The Leatherhead site is at **www.visitleatherhead.com**.

The national site for Heritage Open Days is **www.heritageopendays.org.uk**.

The Civic Trust also produces a guide to events in the South East Region in hard copy. This is available to consult at **libraries** and the **Visitor Information Centre** and the **Help Shop, 25-29 High Street, Leatherhead**.

## ACCESS TO EVENTS FOR DISABLED VISITORS

Many historic properties are not easily accessible to disabled people and guided walks along historic streets also present challenges to people with limitations on their mobility. The guide does indicate for each event whether there is



full or



partial access for disabled people and if



disabled parking is available.

Talks and exhibitions have been placed in buildings that have full disabled access. If you are unsure about access arrangements please ring the **Visitor Information Centre (01306 879327)** for information on individual properties.

If you would like this document in **LARGER TEXT** please phone 01306 655017

## REFRESHMENTS

You will find that several of the properties offer refreshments, which are welcome on a busy day of visits. Look out for the teacup symbol and enjoy the local culinary heritage alongside the built and natural heritage.

# HERITAGE OPEN DAYS EVENT PLANNER



Timed Event



Period of Opening



MUST be Booked by Post



Must be Booked by Phone

For booking arrangements and details of properties see the Property and Events index.

## THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

### CHURCHES

▼Event	►Page/Time	Page No	09.00 -10.00	10.00 -11.00	11.00 -12.00	12.00 -13.00	13.00 -14.00	14.00 -15.00	15.00 -16.00	16.00 -17.00	After 17.00	
Christ Church, Coldharbour		15	← →									
St James Church, Abinger Common		17	← →									
St John the Baptist Church, Capel		18	← →									
St Martins Church, Dorking		18	← →									
St Mary the Virgin Buckland		19	←08.00 18.00→									
St Michael's Church, Betchworth		19	←08.00 18.00→									
St Nicholas Church, Charlwood		20	← →									

### COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

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Denbies Winery Tour & Tasting, Dorking		21							16.00 		

### PRIVATE HOUSES

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Broome Park Ice House, Betchworth		27	←09.30 17.30→									

### PUBLIC BUILDINGS

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Dorking Museum		28	← →									
Leatherhead Museum		29	← →									

### WALKS

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Charlwood History Walk, Charlwood		33									17.30 

## FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

### CHURCHES

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Christ Church, Coldharbour		15	← →									
St James Church, Abinger Common		17	← →									





## SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

### CHURCHES

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All Saints Church, Leatherhead		15		← →								
Christ Church, Coldharbour		15	← →									
Christian Science Church, Dorking		16						← 15.00 →				
Friends Meeting House, Dorking		16			← 12.00 →			← 15.00 →				
Leatherhead Methodist		16	← →									
Providence Chapel, Charlwood		17						← →				
St Barnabas Church, Ranmore		17	← →									
St James Church, Abinger Common		17	← →									
St John's Church, North Holmwood		17						← →				
St John's Free Church, Westcott		18						← →				
St John the Baptist Church, Capel		18	← →									
St John the Evangelist, Wotton		18					← →			17.30		
St Martin's Church, Dorking		18	← →									
St Mary & St Nicholas Church, Leatherhead		19		← 12.30 →								
St Mary's Church, Fetcham		19				← 12.30 →						
St Mary the Virgin, Buckland		19	← 08.00 → 18.00									
St Michael's Church, Betchworth		19	← 08.00 → 18.00									
St Nicholas Church, Charlwood		20	← →									
St Nicolas Church, Great Bookham		20	← →									
St Peter's Church, Newdigate		20	← →									

### COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

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Brockham Limeworks & Hearthstone Mine		20	← →									
Buckland Windmill, Betchworth		21						← →		18.00		
Denbies Winery Tour & Tasting, Dorking		21							16.00			
Dorking Golf Club, Dorking		21	← →									





## SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER continued

### WALKS Continued

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Vaughan Williams Walk, Dorking		36		10.30 ☉ ☑							
Vile Victorians – Dorking for Kids		36						14.00 ☉ ☑			

## SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

### CHURCHES

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All Saints Church, Leatherhead		15						← →				
Christ Church, Coldharbour		15	← →									
Christian Science Church, Dorking		16						← 15.00 ☉ →				
Friends Meeting House, Dorking		16				←		15.00 ☉		→		
Leatherhead Methodist		16					← →					
St Barnabas Church, Ranmore		17		← →								
St James Church, Abinger Common		17	← →									
St John's Church, North Holmwood		17						← →				
St John's Free Church, Westcott		18						← →				
St John the Baptist Church, Capel		18				←				17.30 →		
St John the Evangelist, Wotton		18					←			17.30 →		
St Martin's Church, Dorking		18						← →				
St Mary & St Nicholas Church, Leatherhead		19		← 12.30 →								
St Mary's Church, Fetcham		19								← 18.00 →		
St Mary the Virgin, Buckland		19	← 08.00 → 18.00 →									
St Michael's Church, Betchworth		19	← 08.00 → 18.00 →									
St Nicholas Church, Charlwood		20	← →									
St Nicolas Church, Great Bookham		20				← 11.30 →						




## SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER CONTINUED




### PUBLIC BUILDINGS

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Dorking & District Museum		28				←						
Dorking Cemetry, Dorking		29		←								
Leatherhead Museum, Leatherhead		29		←								
Letherhead Institute, Leatherhead		29		←								
Pippbrook Council Offices, Dorking		29			←							
Wesley House, Leatherhead		30		←								

















### SCHOOLS

▼Event	▶Page/Time	Page No	09.00 -10.00	10.00 -11.00	11.00 -12.00	12.00 -13.00	13.00 -14.00	14.00 -15.00	15.00 -16.00	16.00 -17.00	After 17.00
Dalewood House, Mickleham		30			11.30  						
St John's School, Leatherhead		31						15.00 			

### TALKS & CONCERTS

▼Event	▶Page/Time	Page No	09.00 -10.00	10.00 -11.00	11.00 -12.00	12.00 -13.00	13.00 -14.00	14.00 -15.00	15.00 -16.00	16.00 -17.00	After 17.00
Days of Danger for a Peaceful People		31					14.00 		16.00 		
Dorking: A View from Over the Border		31					14.00 				

### WALKS

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Bricks & Mortar, Dorking		32							16.00 		
Buckland History Walk		33		11.00  							
Historical Dorking Walk		33	09.00  								
Historical Walk around Leatherhead Town Centre		34					14.00  				
Leith Hill Walk, Coldharbour		34	10.00  								
Norbury Park Guided Walk		34					14.00  				
Polesden Lacey Estate Walk		35					14.00  				
Under the Archway, Dorking		36		10.30 							
Vile Victorians – Dorking for Kids		36					14.00  				

## KEY



booking required by post



an admission charge may be made to an additional part of the property not registered with the event



full disabled access\*



partial disabled access\*



disabled parking is available on or near the site but may be limited



disabled toilet



special activities offered for children and/or families



entry charge waived for Heritage Open Days



refreshments available



buildings and projects which have received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund



not normally open to the public



limited numbers as indicated



2005 is the first time the property/event is participating in Heritage Open Days



parking available on or near the site



no children under 5/10 as indicated



toilet

\*If you have a query regarding disabled access, please contact the Heritage Open Days team on 01306 879247.

## CHURCHES

The programme offers churches covering 1,000 years of Christian architecture and many traditions. From Norman to post war, visitors could spend the entire weekend visiting churches alone. Look out for displays, music, drama and good food.

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEATHERHEAD

**Kingston Road, Leatherhead KT22 7PB**

Victorian church sympathetically and imaginatively refurbished as a youth café and still retains a worship area. Display of old photographs.

*Directions:* On Kingston Road just south of Plough roundabout.

*Open:* Saturday 10.00 – 12.00, Sunday 14.00 – 16.00

*No booking required.*





### CHRIST CHURCH, COLDHARBOUR

**Coldharbour Lane, Coldharbour RH5 6HG**

Christ Church by Benjamin Ferrey, a notable Victorian architect. It was consecrated in 1848 and has close links with the Vaughan-Williams family. It is situated in the picturesque village of Coldharbour, high in the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

*Directions:* Three miles from Dorking around the one-way system through Dorking following signs to Leith Hill and Coldharbour.

*Open:* Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 09.00 – 17.00

*No booking required.*  

## **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH, DORKING**

**1 Moores Road, Dorking RH4 2BG**

A peaceful oasis in the heart of busy Dorking this is one of very few buildings erected in Dorking immediately after WWII, and standing on the site of a Victorian building called ‘Rock House’. A range of archive material will be displayed with an organ recital from 15.00 – 16.00 on Saturday and Sunday.

*Directions:* Opposite the Medway Surgery and adjacent to the Police Station in Moores Road.

*Parking:* Limited parking by side of Church, more parking at Dorking Halls (pay & display)

*Open:* Saturday and Sunday 14.00 – 17.00

*No booking required.*    


## **FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, DORKING**

**Butter Hill, South Street, Dorking RH4 2LE**

19th century Quaker meeting house with rare bi-parting screen. Opening of bi-parting screen on Saturday at 12.00 and 15.00, Sunday at 15.00. Storytelling Days of Danger for a Peaceful People’ on Saturday and Sunday (see under Talks).

*Directions:* South Street, Dorking opposite Waitrose on hill behind war memorial.

*Open:* Saturday 10.00 – 17.00, Sunday 12.00 – 17.00

*No booking required.*  *Cheese ploughmans lunches from 12.00 both days.*

 *(storytelling)*     60 

## **LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH, LEATHERHEAD**

**Church Road, Leatherhead KT22 8AY**

Find out about Leatherhead’s special relationship with Methodism with a visit to this chapel built in 1893. This is your chance to see recent refurbishment work. The history of Methodism and the church activities will be on display.

*Directions:* In central Leatherhead, halfway along Church Road, not Church Street.

*Open:* Saturday 10.00 – 16.00, Sunday 13.00 – 16.00

*No booking required.*   *(Toy corner, trail/quiz)*    



## PROVIDENCE CHAPEL, CHARLWOOD

### *Chapel Road, Charlwood RH6 0DS*

A remarkable and unusual non-conformist chapel, listed Grade 2\* in an American colonial style with veranda and charming interior and located within the historic village of Charlwood.

*Directions:* A turning off north side of Village Street, opposite the recreation ground (marked Chapel Road).

*Parking:* No parking at end of Chapel Road.

*Open:* Saturday 14.00 – 16.00

*No booking required.* 

## ST BARNABAS CHURCH, RANMORE

### *Ranmore Common Road, Ranmore RH5 6SP*

A special and unusual Victorian Gothic Revival church designed by George Gilbert Scott. Built in 1859 for George Cubitt MP (First Lord Ashcombe) on the Denbies Estate.

*Directions:* 2 miles from Dorking, Station Road to Ranmore Common Road towards Effingham and Horsley.

*Open:* Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 17.00

*No booking required.*  

## ST JAMES' CHURCH, ABINGER COMMON

### *Abinger Lane, Abinger Common RH5 6HZ*

This is the only church within the Guildford Diocese to have suffered bomb damage in the last war, yet it still has the feel of an ancient church build hundreds of years ago. Located in the pretty village of Abinger Common.

*Directions:* Take the A25 from Dorking to Guildford, past the Wotton Hatch pub, taking the sign for Abinger Common for 1 mile.

*Open:* Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 09.00 – 17.00

*No booking required.*  






## ST JOHN'S CHURCH, NORTH HOLMWOOD

### *Inholms Lane, North Holmwood RH5 4JB*

Attractive flint Victorian church with serene atmosphere and listed stained glass windows, and easy access to village green, duckpond and Holmwood Common. Display of 'St John's Past & Present'.

*Directions:* 2 miles south of Dorking, off the A24 at Holmwood roundabout.

*Open:* Saturday and Sunday 14.00 – 17.00

*No booking required.*  *Sunday only.*  *(Children's quiz)*   

## ST JOHN'S FREE CHURCH, WESTCOTT

***St John's Road, Westcott RH4 3PW***

This simple but distinctive chapel is largely unchanged since 1840. Its design and history provide insight into the development of the local non-conformist movement. Comprehensive local history display.

*Directions:* Off A25 behind Balchin's store, Westcott.

*Open:* Saturday and Sunday 14.00 – 17.00

*No booking required.* 




## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, CAPEL

***The Street, Capel RH5 5LE***

Charming parish church dated from the 13th century situated in the centre of Capel village. The churchyard contains a 1700 years old yew tree.

*Directions:* 5 miles south of Dorking signposted off the A24.

*Open:* Thursday to Saturday 09.00 – 16.00, Sunday 12.00 – 17.30

*No booking required.*  and crafts available 15.00 – 17.30 on Sunday.  

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WOTTON

***Coast Hill, Guildford Road, Wotton RH4 3LH***

Medieval church with Norman origins nestling within the Surrey Hills and displaying associations with the family of Sir John Evelyn, the 17th century diarist. The modern electronic organ will be playing appropriate music during the opening period. A stunning location.

*Directions:* Off the A25 opposite Wotton Hatch Public House, 3 miles west of Dorking.

*Open:* Saturday and Sunday 13.00 – 17.30

*No booking required.*   

## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, DORKING

***Church Street, Dorking RH4 1DW***

Build in 1870' by Henry Woodyer, it dominates the town with a steeple 210 feet high. Find out what is happening under the scaffolding by visiting the exhibition of current restoration of the roof and stonework.

*Directions:* Centre of Dorking with access from High Street beside Barclay Bank, or from St Martins Walk carpark.

*Parking:* Parking available in town centre carparks (pay & display).

*Open:* Thursday, Friday 10.00 – 16.00, Saturday 10.00 – 17.00, Sunday 12.00 – 17.00

*No booking required.*     

## **ST MARY'S & ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, LEATHERHEAD** ***Church Road, Leatherhead KT22 8AY***

Parish church of Leatherhead dating from 1086, recorded in the Domesday Book. It is hoped the tower will be open for inspection. The church will be decorated for the harvest festival.

*Directions:* Dorking Road to Leatherhead from A24 Givons Grove roundabout, on the corner of Church Road and Church Street.

*Open:* Saturday 10.00 – 12.30, Sunday 14.00 – 17.00

*No booking required.*     

## **ST MARY'S CHURCH, FETCHAM** ***The Ridgeway, Fetcham KT22 9AZ***

Knapped flint church dating from the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries. Church also participating in the nationally organised Historic Churches Preservation Trust sponsored cycle ride on Saturday.

*Directions:* From Bocketts Farm roundabout on A246, follow signs to Fetcham/Leatherhead, immediate left into The Ridgeway. Entrance is at the bottom of the hill.

*Open:* Saturday 12.30 - 16.00, Sunday 12.00 – 18.00

*No booking required.*   

## **ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BUCKLAND** ***Reigate Road, Buckland RH3 7BB***

The pretty village of Buckland, sandwiched between the North Downs and Greensand Hills, provides the setting for the 14th century church, restored in 1860 by Henry Woodyer, who designed St Martin's Church in Dorking.

*Directions:* On the A25 midway between Dorking and Reigate.

*Parking:* Parking in Buckland village.

*Open:* Thursday to Sunday 08.00 – 18.00, Sunday service 09.30 – 10.30

*No booking required.*  

## **ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BETCHWORTH** ***Church Street, Betchworth RH3 7DN***

This early, Grade 1 listed church has Norman origins and much of its construction dates from the 12th century. More recently, it is famous as a set for the film 'Four Weddings and a Funeral'.

*Directions:* South side of A25 between Reigate and Dorking.

*Parking:* Parking in village.

*Open:* Thursday to Sunday 08.00 – 18.00,  
Sunday service 11.00 – 12.00

*No booking required.*  

## ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, CHARLWOOD

### *The Street, Charlwood RH6 0EE*

Grade 1 listed church in picturesque village setting. Built in the Norman period with 13th, 14th, and 15th century additions and wall paintings telling the story of St Margaret.

*Directions:* 6 miles south of Dorking signposted from A24.

*Parking:* On nearby roads

*Open:* Thursday to Sunday 09.00 – 16.00

*No booking required.*  

## ST NICOLAS CHURCH, GREAT BOOKHAM



### *Church Road, Great Bookham KT23 3PH*

Grade 1 listed with Saxon origins. Several subsequent extensions reflect the character of each period. Tombs of the Howards of Effingham. The Slyfield chapel is associated with the Jacobean Slyfield House.

*Directions:* In Great Bookham village centre, quarter mile north of A246.

*Parking:* Public car park 100 yards west off Lower Road.

*Open:* Friday and Saturday 10.00 – 17.00, Sunday 11.30 – 17.00

*No booking required.*  (*Children's guide to explore church*)   

## ST PETER'S CHURCH, NEWDIGATE

### *Village Street, Newdigate RH5 5DL*

Beautiful 13th century church with an oak tower built wholly of timber and early-medieval nave roof.

*Directions:* 5 miles south of Dorking turn off the Beare Green roundabout on the A24 onto Newdigate Road and follow for 2 miles to the village centre.

*Parking:* Some car parking available in church car park.

*Open:* Saturday 10.00 – 16.00

*No booking required.*  


## COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

A fascinating set of buildings that are as diverse as a golf club and a windmill, a theatre and a winery. Both town and rural buildings are represented for an exciting mix of the unusual and elegant and functional.

## BROCKHAM LIMESWORKS & HEARTHSTONE MINE

Guided tour of former limeworks and hearthstone mine site including ten kilns (now scheduled ancient monument) and mine shaft.

*Directions:* Property is up Chalkpit Lane RH3 7HA half way between Brockham Lane and Arkle Manor on A25. Approach on foot from parking area, no parking available beyond this point.

Can also be accessed by North Downs Way footpath.  
*Parking:* Enter Chalkpit Lane, turn right into parking area as signposted and park on left side only. Walk up lane over level crossing, past Chalkpit Cottages and the two wooden stile gates.  
*Walk begins:* Saturday & Sunday. Turn up any time between 10.00 & 17.00.  
*No booking required.* 

## BUCKLAND WINDMILL

### *Yewdells, Dungates Lane, Buckland RH3 7BD*

Now located within a private garden, this is the only known surviving wind-powered sawmill in the UK. Currently under restoration, with sails and cap re-erected. Half acre garden also open. Surrey Historic Building Trust and Surrey Industrial Heritage Group winner 2004. See [www.buckland Surrey.net](http://www.buckland Surrey.net).

*Directions:* On the A25 halfway between Dorking and Reigate opposite the pond.

*Parking:* Park near Buckland Village shop, walk 100m down Dungates Lane, windmill is on the right.

*Open:* Saturday 14.00 – 18.00

*No booking required.*    

## DENBIES WINERY TOUR & TASTING

### *Denbies Wine Estate, London Road, Dorking RH5 6AA*

The Denbies Wine Estate Winery Tour & Tasting starts in a 360° cinema which shows a film of the seasons of the vineyard, followed by a journey through the winery and into the cellars where you will taste three Denbies wines. Under 18s will receive grape juice on the tour.

*Directions:* Junction 9 of the M25 then just off the A24 outside Dorking.

*Parking:* Free parking available.

*Open:* Thursday to Sunday 16.00 tour only. Meet 10 minutes before start in reception.

*Pre-booking required. Tel: 01306 876616.*

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## DORKING GOLF CLUB

### *Chart Lane, Dorking RH5 4BX*

Members' Parkland golf club founded in 1897 with some famous members. Historical exhibition in Clubhouse. Free putting green round.

*Directions:* On A24 half a mile south of Dorking.

*Parking:* Free parking available.

*Open:* Friday, Saturday 10.00 – 18.00, Sunday 10.00 – 15.00  
No visitors on the course on Sunday due to competition.

*No booking required.*       

## DOWNES SOLICITORS

### **156 High Street, Dorking RH4 1BQ**

Town house built in mid-19th century against a medieval building whose timber structure is partially visible. Internally it retains many of its original features and a cantilevered staircase. Attractive walled garden. Find out about life upstairs/downstairs in Victorian and Edwardian Dorking.

*Directions:* In the town centre, opposite Woolworth's.

*Parking:* Town centre car parks (pay & display)

*Open:* Sunday 14.00 – 17.00

*No booking required.*     






## FRIENDS PROVIDENT

### **Pixham End, Pixham Lane, Dorking RH4 1QA**

Two tours of main building, opened in May 1958, beautiful grounds and sports and social club.

*Directions:* From Dorking, take A24 north to Denbies roundabout.  
Turn right then first right into property.

*Open:* Saturday tour at 10.00 and 11.00

*Pre-booking by post required see page 37.*     20 

## LOWFIELD HEATH WINDMILL, CHARLWOOD

### **Russ Hill, Charlwood RH6 0EL**

A post windmill built circa 1740, painstakingly restored after a remarkable escape from the 1987 storms and now in working order with a visitor centre. A marvellous insight into the workings of wind-powered mills.

*Directions:* A half mile west of Charlwood on Russ Hill Road/Rusper Road.

*Open:* Sunday 10.00 – 17.00

*No booking required.*   

## MILTON COURT, DORKING

### **UnumProvident, Westcott Road, Dorking RH4 3LZ**

An imposing manor house built in 1611 featuring 19th century additions and interior designs by William Burgess set in pleasant grounds and lakes. A stunning building with excellent guides.

*Directions:* Half mile west of Dorking, off A25 between Dorking and Westcott.

*Open:* Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 16.00

*No booking required.*      

## NORBURY PARK WOOD PRODUCTS

### **Norbury Park Estate, Mickleham RH5 6DN**

Workshop tours featuring handcrafted countryside furniture made from sustainable English timbers. Find out about the process of transforming

wood into beautiful objects and how the sawmills influence the management of local woodlands.

*Directions:* Before event call 01483 401889 for directions,  
on day call 01372 457377

*Open:* Tours of workshop Saturday and Sunday 10.30 and 14.00

*No booking required.*   

## **ROWHURST FORGE, LEATHERHEAD**

***Oxshott Road, Leatherhead KT22 0EN***

A Grade II\* listed private house built circa 1400 adjacent to a working forge and Fire and Iron Gallery, the gallery for metal art. To celebrate the theme of 'Sticks & Stones', the owners have commissioned the Surrey Dendrochronology Project to date this timber-framed building more accurately using a tree-ring dating technique.

*Directions:* 300m from M25 Junction 9 eastbound, tourist signposts from the A244.

*Open:* Saturday 11.00 and 14.00 guided tours.  
Meet outside house or in Fire and Iron Gallery if wet.

*Pre-booking required. Tel: 01372 386453.*

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## **SWEECH HOUSE, LEATHERHEAD**

***Gravel Hill, Leatherhead KT22 7HF***

15th/16th century farmhouse in mellow brick and timber framing, now a solicitor's office.

*Directions:* In the centre of Leatherhead off North Street,  
3 minutes walk from High Street.

*Parking:* Town centre car parks (pay & display)

*Open:* Saturday tours at 10.30, 10.50, 11.10 and 11.30 for 20  
minutes duration led by Local History Society.

*No booking required.*

## **THE LEATHERHEAD THEATRE, BACKSTAGE TOUR**

***7 Church Street, Leatherhead KT22 8DN***

A unique glimpse at how theatre is made from behind the scenes, within this listed building designed by Roderick Ham, one of the country's leading theatre architects.

*Directions:* Leatherhead town centre. Junction 9 off M25,  
follow signs to Leatherhead.

*Parking:* Town centre car parks (pay & display).

*Open:* Friday tour 14.00, Saturday 10.00,  
Sunday 10.00 and 14.00. Duration 1 hour.

*Pre-booking required. Tel: 01372 365141. Arrive 10 minutes early and meet by the box office. Suitability for disabled patrons is limited due to severe space restrictions, please give details when booking.*







## **WARREN FARM BARNES, MICKLEHAM** ***Headley Lane, Mickleham RH5 6DG***

Victorian model dairy farmstead with many original features which came to The National Trust in 1982. Converted to use for the North Downs Countyside Estate.

*Directions:* 3 miles north of Dorking, turn off A24 for Mickleham, turn right at Juniper Hall Field Centre, Barns are approx  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile on right.

*Parking:* Park and meet in yard at Warren Farm Barns.

*Open:* Sunday 11.00 and 14.00

*Pre-booking by post required see page 37.*   20  

## **EXHIBITIONS**

This year we have one of the best collections of exhibitions ever offered. Visits to the Council offices in Dorking and the Institute in Leatherhead are recommended where there are still and moving images, maps and memorabilia.

### **EXHIBITIONS AT THE LETHERHEAD INSTITUTE** ***67 High Street, Leatherhead KT22 8AH***

#### ***Activities of the CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England)***

Exhibition of the work and activities of the CPRE illustrated by professionally mounted panels and leaflets.

Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 16.00

#### **Leatherhead 1841 A-Z**

Old tithe maps of Leatherhead, including a large copy of the 1841 Tithe Apportionment Map show who owned and used the various parcels of land. Using an ‘overlay’ map you can find the history of your town and street, who owned your house, who used it, what it was called, what it was used for and who lived there.

Saturday 10.00 – 16.00

#### **Leatherhead: Its People & Places**

An exhibition to celebrate the commercial and the picturesque with photographs by Rob Irving and John Miller.

Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 16.00











## **Surrey on Film 1913 – 1953: A Community in Peace & War**

The video takes one hour and consists of 12 short films showing various activities, events and families in different places in Surrey over a period of 40 years. It includes a 10 minute excerpt from a film about Civil Defence in Leatherhead during World War II called 'Civilians in Uniform'. Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 16.00 presentations start at 10.15, 11.45 and 14.30 but people can come and go at any time.

*Directions:* The Institute is located at the east end of Leatherhead High Street at the junction with Leret Way.

*Parking:* Town centre car parks (pay & display)

*Open:* Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 16.00

*No booking required.*  *Refreshments all day.*       

## **EXHIBITION IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES**

***Pippbrook, Reigate Road, Dorking RH4 1SJ***

### **Man and His Landscape**

Jenny Desoutter's photographic images illustrate the relationship between man and the landscape, reflecting the rich heritage of Mole Valley's countryside in the Surrey Hills. Saturday and Sunday 11.00 – 16.00

### **Walter Rose & John Chaplin Photographic Display**

A stunning collection of hand-printed photographs from the glass-plate negatives taken by the Victorian photographers Walter Rose and John Chaplin illustrating life and places in Dorking and Westcott. Saturday and Sunday 11.00 – 16.00

*Directions:* Take Dorking town centre exit on the Deepdene roundabout at the junction of A24 & A25, offices are opposite Dorking Halls.

*Parking:* In Pippbrook car park (pay & display).

*Open:* Saturday and Sunday 11.00 – 16.00

*No booking required.*       

## **DORKING QUILTERS**


***United Reformed Church, 53 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS***

Exhibition of quilts made by Dorking Quilters group, celebrating our heritage.

*Directions:* In middle of West Street, Dorking just off the west end of High Street.

*Parking:* Town centre car parks (pay & display).

*Open:* Saturday 10.00 – 17.00

*No booking required.*  *(Hands on quilting activity run by young quilters group)*



## ENGINE COLLECTION, WESTCOTT

### ***The White House, Chapel Lane, Westcott RH4 3PJ***

Private collection of early single cylinder gas and oil engines dating from 1899, an industrial heritage exposition of the beautiful and the functional. A fascinating visit for young and old.

*Directions:* 1½ miles west of Dorking on the A25, turn into Furlong Lane in the village centre and Chapel Lane is immediately left.

*Open:* Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 17.30

*No booking required.*   10



## HEADLEY: A HISTORY IN PICTURES

### ***Village Hall, Church Lane, Headley KT18 6LD***

An exhibition of photographs and documents relating to the history of Headley.

*Directions:* Off the B2033 north of Boxhill, Church Lane runs through the centre of the village.

*Open:* Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 16.00

*No booking required.*   60

## NEWDIGATE SOCIETY OPEN DAY

### ***The Village Hall, Kingsland, Newdigate RH5 5DA***

Exhibition of material (documents, photos, deeds etc) relating to the history and development of Newdigate including brickworks, roads and houses. Sales table.

*Directions:* Newdigate village centre 2½ miles east of A24 at Beare Green.

*Open:* Saturday 10.00 – 17.00

*No booking required. Light refreshments.*      

## THE STUDIO ART HOUSE

### ***16 Church Road, Leatherhead KT22 8AY***

A private collection of modern British and contemporary art and ceramics. A possible linked visit with the Letherhead Institute which is a few minutes walk away. (See also Private Houses)

*Directions:* Two minutes from Leatherhead town centre.

*Parking:* Nearest parking Parish Church Hall.

*Open:* Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 18.00

*No booking required.*    

## PRIVATE HOUSES & ESTATES

A small but varied collection of private houses representing all that is best in the building traditions of the area and demonstrating the variety of building materials – sticks and stones - that adorn the District.

### **BROOME PARK ICE HOUSE, BETCHWORTH**

**Broome Park Nursing Home, Station Road, Betchworth RH3 7DG**

An unusual building located within an 18th century landscape, the Ice House served Betchworth Park, the former residence of Sir Benjamin Brodie, physician to George IV.

*Directions:* Take Station Road south at Betchworth roundabout on the A25 half way between Dorking and Reigate. Entrance on left-hand side.

*Parking:* Limited parking by Stable Cottage.

*Open:* Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 09.30 – 17.30

*No booking required.*   

### **BUCKINGHILL FARM, OCKLEY**





**Stane Street, Ockley RH5 4PY**

Timber-framed medieval hall house under Horsham stone roof with early 17th century jettied parlour wing and 18th century barn, meticulously maintained using traditional materials.

*Directions:* 1 mile north of Ockley, off sharp bend on A29.

*Parking:* Car parking in paddock

*Open:* Sunday tours at 11.00 and 15.00 (Duration 1½ hours)

*Pre-booking required by post see page 37.*    8 





### **SLYFIELD HOUSE, STOKE D'ABERNON**

**Cobham Road, Stoke d'Abernon KT11 3QE**

A small Jacobean manor house in private ownership.

*Directions:* Provided on booking.

*Open:* Saturday tour at 11.00.

*Pre-booking required by post see page 37.*   20   

### **THE STUDIO ART HOUSE**

**16 Church Road, Leatherhead KT22 8AY**

A late Victorian house and artists studio decorated in an individual style. (See also Exhibitions)

*Directions:* Two minutes from Leatherhead town centre.

*Parking:* Nearest parking Parish Church Hall.

*Open:* Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 18.00

*No booking required.*    

## Swan Cottage, Charlwood


### *Swan Lane, Charlwood RH6 0DB*

Mid 15th century two bay hall-house, two-storey timber framed with inglenook hearth.

*Directions:* At the centre of Charlwood village turn into Chapel Road then left into Swan Lane. Swan Cottage on right after school.

*Parking:* Limited parking

*Open:* Saturday and Sunday 11.00 – 13.00 and 14.00 – 16.00 tours every 30 minutes.

*Pre-booking required by post see page 37.*   6 

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS

The tradition of public building is particularly strong in the 19th and 20th centuries. Much to admire in interiors as well as the external appearance, we can even offer you a subterranean experience. Caves, a cemetery and council offices are part of the mix, but not forgetting the two town museums.

### DORKING & DISTRICT MUSEUM

*West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS*

Excellent town museum housed in the former Foundry displaying a range of collections and paintings associated with local personalities, including Lord Ashcombe and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Exhibition ‘Dorking in Wartime’.

*Directions:* In West Street, close to the junction with High Street.

*Parking:* Town centre car parks (pay & display)

*Open:* Thursday 14.00 – 17.00, Saturday 10.00 – 16.00,  
Sunday 12.00 – 16.00

*No booking required.*    (Family and children's quizzes) 

### DORKING CAVES




*South Street, Dorking RH4 2DY*

Tours of one of the most impressive of an extensive system of caves beneath Dorking, artificially cut into the soft Greensand, believed to have been created in the 17th century.

*Directions:* Next to war memorial on South Street opposite Waitrose.

*Parking:* Town centre car parks (pay & display)

*Open:* Saturday tours at 11.00, 12.00, 14.00 and 15.00

*No booking required, tickets will be allocated on a first come/first served basis at the beginning of each tour.*  5  12 

## DORKING CEMETERY

### ***Reigate Road, Dorking RH4 1QF***

Consecrated in 1855, the cemetery is located at the foot of Box Hill and its Victorian Gothic chapels and mortuary are listed Grade II. There is a 'Notable Graves Trail' and guides to this are free from the cemetery and council offices. Also the location for the Millionaires of Dorking (See under Talks)

*Directions:* On A25 east of Dorking towards Reigate, opposite Little Chef.

*Parking:* Limited parking available. 10 minute walk from town centre car parks (pay & display).

*Open:* Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 16.00

*No booking required.* 

## LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM



### ***Hampton Cottage, 64 Church Street, Leatherhead KT22 8DP***

The museum, housed in a 17th century timber-framed cottage, contains displays on local social, domestic and industrial history.

*Directions:* In the town centre at junction of Church Street & The Crescent.

*Parking:* Town centre car parks (pay & display)

*Open:* Thursday 10.00 – 16.00, Friday 13.00 – 16.00, Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 16.00

*No booking required.*  10   

## LEATHERHEAD INSTITUTE



### ***67 High Street, Leatherhead KT22 8AH***

Built in 1892 by local benefactor Abraham Dixon for the use of local people for social, leisure and education. It is still used 112 years later and with a beautifully restored interior. A variety of exhibitions on view (see under Exhibitions for details).

*Directions:* In the town centre at east end of High Street.

*Parking:* Town centre car parks (pay & display).

*Open:* Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 16.00

*No booking required.*  refreshments all day.       

## COUNCIL OFFICES, PIPPBROOK, DORKING

### ***Reigate Road, Dorking RH4 1SJ***

Distinctive modern offices built in 1984, designed by Michael Innes. The Council Chambers and roof terrace provide spectacular views to Box Hill and Ranmore. A variety of exhibitions on display and talks in the Council Chamber.

*Directions:* Located opposite the Dorking Sports Centre on Reigate Road at the east end of Dorking.

Parking: Adjacent car park (pay & display).  
Open: Saturday and Sunday 11.00 – 16.00

No booking required.       

## WESLEY HOUSE, LEATHERHEAD

**Bull Hill, Leatherhead KT22 7AH**

Former Leatherhead Town Hall and seat of Urban District Council. Built in 1935 and Grade II listed 'Art Deco' building, recently refurbished as serviced offices. Building includes the unique and wonderful Council Chamber.

*Directions:* Situated off the one-way system on the corner of Bull Hill and Leret Way.

*Parking:* Parking available at front of building, rear parking accessed from Upper Fairfield Road.

*Open:* Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 16.00

No booking required.    (wheelchair to foyer only)

## SCHOOLS

Three very different schools to be explored, all housed in beautiful buildings and attractive surroundings. Find out about their history, their heritage and some famous pupils who have passed through their portals.

### Dalewood House, Mickleham






**Box Hill School, Mickleham RH5 6EA**

Associated with the Oxford Street storeowner D H Evans, who built the house in 1883 for his daughter. Guided tours available of this historic building with its fine wood panelling and stained glass.

*Directions:* In Mickleham village off A24 between Leatherhead and Dorking near church and pub.

*Parking:* Free parking available.

*Open:* Saturday and Sunday 11.30 tour.

Pre-booking required. Tel: 01306 373382.   20   

### MANOR HOUSE SCHOOL, LITTLE BOOKHAM

**Manor House Lane, Little Bookham KT23 4EN**

A house built in the Queen Anne style set in 17 acres of gardens and grounds situated in a quiet rural area.

*Directions:* Situated between Guildford and Leatherhead off the A246 near Effingham.

*Open:* Saturday 11.00 – 15.00.

No booking required.       (if disabled access needed, please notify venue in advance on 01372 458538.

## ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, LEATHERHEAD

***Epsom Road, Leatherhead KT22 8SP***

Independent school of 450 pupils – one third of whom board. Founded to provide education for the sons of clergymen, it includes amongst its former pupils Victor Silvester and the architect Lord Rogers.

*Directions:* 200 metres from town centre on B2122 Epsom Road

*Open:* Saturday and Sunday tours at 15.00.

*No booking required.*    

## TALKS

Several great illustrated talks on offer during the weekend to educate and amuse. On the menu are lost palaces, millionaires, and the science of dating buildings from timber. Take time out and relax and be entertained.

**Don't forget our opening talk 'Mole Valley Rocks!' at Denbies wine estate.**

## DAYS OF DANGER FOR A PEACEFUL PEOPLE

***Friends Meeting House, Butter Hill, South Street, Dorking RH4 2LE***

Storytelling for young and old about early Quakers.

*Directions:* South Street, Dorking opposite Waitrose on hill behind war memorial.

*Open:* Saturday 11.00, 14.00 and 16.00, Sunday 14.00 and 16.00

*No booking required.*  *Light refreshments and cheese ploughmans lunches.*



## DORKING: A VIEW FROM OVER THE BORDER

***In Council Offices, Pippbrook, Reigate Road, Dorking RH4 1SJ***

Historic Dorking past and present. A slide illustrated talk on the architecture of the town centre, looking at significant changes over the last 150 years and some successful modern additions given by one of Dorking's admiring neighbours, Barrie Clark from Reigate.

*Directions:* Council Offices located opposite the Dorking Sports Centre on Reigate Road at the east end of Dorking.

*Parking:* Adjacent car park (pay & display).

*Open:* Sunday 14.00

*No booking required.*       

## MILLIONAIRES OF DORKING CEMETERY

***Dorking Cemetery, Reigate Road, Dorking RH4 1QF***

A talk on the millionaires of Dorking cemetery by Ian Simpson, cemetery enthusiast and researcher.

*Directions:* On A25 east of Dorking towards Reigate, opposite Little Chef.

*Parking:* Limited parking available. 10 minute walk from town centre car parks (pay & display).

*Open:* Saturday 10.30 to 11.30.

*No booking required.*   40   

## **MOLE VALLEY ROCKS! ★★★**

### ***Denbies Wine Estate, London Road, Dorking RH5 6AA***

An illustrated talk by geologist Professor Richard Selley of the Mole Valley Geological Society describing how the landscape, environment and resources of Mole Valley are determined by its geology.

*Directions:* Junction 9 of the M25 then just off the A24 outside Dorking.

*Open:* Friday 19.30.

*Pre-booking by post required see page 37.*       

## **THREE LOST TUDOR PALACES IN SURREY**

### ***In Council Offices, Pippbrook, Reigate Road, Dorking RH4 1SJ***

A talk by Edwina Vardey, local historian and author looking at the lost Tudor Palaces of the county.

*Directions:* Council Offices located opposite the Dorking Sports Centre on Reigate Road at the east end of Dorking.

*Parking:* Adjacent car park (pay & display).

*Open:* Saturday 14.00

*No booking required.*       

## **TREE-RING DATING OLD BUILDINGS**

### ***St John's School, Epsom Road, Leatherhead KT22 8SP***

Mole Valley's ancient timber-framed buildings and their dating by tree-ring techniques. A talk with slides.

*Directions:* 200 metres from town centre on B2122 Epsom Road

*Open:* Saturday 19.30.

*No booking required.*    

## **WALKS**

### **BRICKS & MORTAR**

A guided walk around the streets of Dorking taking a look at the architecture and building materials used.

*Directions:* Meet outside the Dorking Halls, Reigate Rd, Dorking RH4 1SG.

*Walk begins:* Sunday 16.00 (Duration 1 hour)

*No booking required.*   12 



## BUCKLAND HISTORY WALK

Historical walk of Buckland village led by Dr Duncan Ferns and sponsored by the Betchworth and Buckland Society.

*Directions:* Meet at the Buckland village shop at the junction of the A25 Reigate Road and Old London Road RH3 7BB

*Parking:* Parking available in village.

*Walk begins:* Sunday 11.00 (Duration 1½ hours)

*Pre-booking by post required see page 37.*   30 

## CHARLWOOD HISTORY WALK

A short guided walk through the village of Charlwood revealing the remarkable number and range of its historic buildings.

*Directions:* The village is 9 miles south of Dorking, close to Horley.

Meet in the corner of the village recreation grounds opposite The Sun public house. RH6 0DS.

*Walk begins:* Thursday and Friday 17.30 (Duration 1 hour).

*Pre-booking by post required see page 37.*  8  

## HIDDEN BEHIND THE HIGH STREET, DORKING

The ‘epitome of paradise’ or a ‘place to perish miserably of utter boredom and dry rot’? Come and find out for yourself! A gentle tour by local historian and Blue Badge Guide Allan Brigham highlighting the features that have made Dorking one of the most attractive towns in Surrey. Includes visit to Dorking museum.

*Directions:* Meet at Almshouses, Cotmandene, south side of High Street RH4 2BG

*Parking:* Town centre car parks (pay & display)

*Walk begins:* Saturday 10.30 (Duration 2 hours)

*No booking required.*  

## HISTORICAL DORKING WALK

A walk devised by the Dorking Local History Group to illustrate the development of the market town from Roman times onwards, with special attention to buildings over the last six centuries.

*Directions:* Meet at Friends Meeting House RH4 2LE on Butter Hill above war memorial in South Street.

*Parking:* Town centre car parks (pay & display)

*Walk begins:* Saturday and Sunday 09.00 (Duration 1½ hours)

*Pre-booking by post required see page 37.*  20 




## HISTORICAL VILLAGE WALK OF BETCHWORTH

An historical walk of Betchworth led by Victoria Houghton and Martin Higgins, sponsored by the Betchworth and Buckland Society.

*Directions:* Meet at St Michael's Church, Church St, Betchworth RH3 7DN.  
Betchworth lies south of A25 between Dorking and Reigate.

*Parking:* Parking available in village.

*Walk begins:* Saturday 11.00 (Duration 1½ hours)

*Pre-booking by post required see page 37.*  30  

## **HISTORICAL WALK AROUND LEATHERHEAD TOWN CENTRE**

A guided walk around the historical sites of the market town of Leatherhead led by members of the Leatherhead District Local History Society.

*Directions:* Meet inside the Leatherhead Institute, 67 High St KT22 8AH.

*Parking:* Town centre car parks (pay & display)

*Walk begins:* Sunday 14.00 (Duration 2 hours)

*Pre-booking by post required see page 37.* 

## **LEITH HILL WALK**

A two-hour guided walk through the National Trust Leith Hill Place Estate looking at landscapes, wildlife and management. Dogs welcome but on leads please.

*Directions:* One mile west of Coldharbour Village. OS ref TQ 132 428.

*Parking:* Park in the Rhododendron car park.

*Walk begins:* Sunday 10.00 (Duration 2 hours)

*Pre-booking required. Tel: 01306 712711.* 

## **NORBURY PARK GUIDED WALK**

A guided walk around Norbury Park, led by countryside ranger Graham Manning. Hear about the sawmill story and woodland management techniques along the way whilst enjoying the fantastic views of this popular beauty spot.

*Directions:* Meet at Fetcham car park. Grid reference 151549

*Parking:* Limited parking. 10 minutes walk from town centre car parks (pay & display).

*Walk begins:* Sunday 14.00 (Duration 1 hour)

*No booking required.* 





## **POLESDEN LACEY: BEHIND THE SCENES GARDEN TOUR**

A National Trust property of 1400 acres, including 2 farms, the regency villa, formal gardens plus woodland. Join Stephen Torode for a free guided tour to discuss some of the old estate buildings, and their former uses. Free entry to the garden and grounds Friday only.

*Directions:* Exit M25 at Junction 9, follow signs for Dorking, then A246 to Guildford following brown signs. RH5 6BD

*Parking:* Park in estate car park.

*Tour begins:* Friday tours at 11.00, 13.00 and 15.00 (Duration 1 hour)





*Pre-booking required. Tel: 01372 452048.*    

## POLESDEN LACEY ESTATE WALK

Free walk of the Polesden Lacey Estate to see landscape features and buildings from the middle ages to the nineteenth century.

*Directions:* Meet at the entrance to Ranmore Common opposite Denbies Hillside car park on Ranmore Common Road RH5 6SP.

*Walk begins:* Sunday 14.00 (Duration 1 hour)

*Pre-booking required. Tel: 01372 452048.*    

## RIVERSIDE WALK, LEATHERHEAD

Enjoy a two hour guided walk along the beautiful banks of the river Mole taking in the historical sights and fantastic views.

*Directions:* Meet at the end of the town bridge KT22 8BZ, near Bridge Street, by the car park.

*Parking:* Town centre car parks (pay & display)

*Walk begins:* Saturday 14.00 (Duration 2 hours)

*Pre-booking by post required see page 37.*   

## STICKS & STONES OF BROCKHAM

A guided tour, led by Local Authority Conservation Officer, looking at the traditional buildings and building materials that have shaped this very attractive village.

*Directions:* Meet on the village green, outside Christ Church, Brockham RH3 7JJ. Brockham is 3 miles east of Dorking and south of the A25 on Brockham Lane.

*Parking:* Parking is usually available around the green.

*Walk begins:* Saturday 14.30 (Duration 1½ hours)

*Pre-booking by post required see page 37. Bring walking shoes and appropriate outdoor clothing.*   30  

## TREE WALK IN LEATHERHEAD

A walk through the centre of Leatherhead to identify trees. Help will be given with diagnostic features. Children can collect foliage and fruits.

*Directions:* Meet outside Letherhead Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead KT22 8AH.

*Parking:* Town centre car parks (pay & display).

*Walk begins:* Saturday 10.00 (Duration 2 hours)

*No booking required.*      

## UNDER THE ARCHWAY –

### ROSE HILL & THE VICTORIAN MIDDLE CLASS

Local historian Allan Brigham leads a gentle walk around Rose Hill, the first housing estate in Dorking, built for the new Victorian middle classes. Under a mock Tudor archway, houses surround an oval paddock grazed by sheep. Amongst the first residents was Clement Atlee's grandfather and Alfred Wallace, explorer, naturalist and the man who almost scooped Darwin!

*Directions:* Meet outside the Friends Meeting House, off South Street and above war memorial RH4 2LE.

*Parking:* Town centre car parks (pay & display)

*Walk begins:* Sunday 10.30 (Duration 1½ hours)

*No booking required.*   

### VAUGHAN WILLIAMS WALK, DORKING

A guided town trail covering buildings associated with the life and works of the composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958).

*Directions:* Meet at Dorking Halls, opposite the Council Offices RH4 1SG.

*Parking:* Behind Dorking Halls (pay & display).

*Walk begins:* Saturday 10.30. (Duration 1½ hours)

*No booking required.*    






### VILE VICTORIANS – DORKING FOR KIDS

Walking tour for young people (8 – 13) led by local historian Allan Brigham looking at ordinary life in Victorian Dorking – no flushing toilets, no cars, no TV!! Includes visit to Dorking Museum AND caves!

*Directions:* Meeting point advised on booking.

*Parking:* Town centre car parks (pay & display)

*Walk begins:* Saturday and Sunday 14.00 (Duration 1½ – 2 hours), one adult per child/family group please.

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# FAMILY FUN!

## STICKS

### Denbies Winery Tour & Tasting

*Denbies Wine Estate, London Road, Dorking RH5 6AA*

From vines to wines, the Denbies Wine Estate Winery Tour & Tasting starts in a 360° cinema which shows a film of the seasons of the vineyard, followed by a journey through the winery and into the cellars where under 18s will sample grape juice.

Where: Junction 9 of the M25 then just off the A24 outside Dorking.  
Parking: Free parking available.  
When: Thursday to Sunday 16.00 tour only. Meet 10 minutes before start in reception.

**Pre-booking required. Tel: 01306 876616.**

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### Norbury Park Wood Products

*Norbury Park Estate, Mickleham RH5 6DN*

Find out about the process of transforming wood into beautiful objects and how the sawmills influence the management of local woodlands. Enjoy the fascinating workshop tours featuring handcrafted countryside furniture made from sustainable English timbers.

Where: Before event call 01483 401889 for directions, on day call 01372 457377  
When: Tours of workshop Saturday and Sunday 10.30 and 14.00

**No booking required.**   

### Tree Walk in Leatherhead

Children can collect foliage and fruits while learning how to identify trees in a pleasant walk through Leatherhead.

Where: Meet outside Letherhead Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead KT22 8AH.  
Parking: Town centre car parks (pay & display)  
Walk begins: Saturday 10.00 (Duration 2 hours)

**No booking required.**      



## Days of Danger for a Peaceful People

*Friends Meeting House, Butter Hill, South Street, Dorking RH4 2LE*

Listen to stories about the early Quakers.

Where: South Street, Dorking opposite Waitrose on hill behind war memorial.

When: Saturday 11.00, 14.00 and 16.00, Sunday 14.00 and 16.00

**No booking required.**  Light refreshments and cheese ploughmans' lunches.



## Dorking Quilters

*United Reformed Church, 53 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS*

Hands on quilting activity run by young quilters group.

Where: In middle of West Street, Dorking just off the west end of High Street.

Parking: Town centre car parks (pay & display)

When: Saturday 10.00 – 17.00

**No booking required.**     

## Surrey on Film 1913 – 1953: A Community in Peace & War

*The Letherhead Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead KT22 8AH*

Pop in and watch a video of 12 short films showing various activities, events and families in different places in Surrey over a period of 40 years. Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 16.00 presentations start at 10.15, 11.45 and 14.30 but come and go at any time.

Where: The Institute is located at the east end of Leatherhead High Street at the junction with Leret Way.

Parking: Town centre car parks (pay & display)

When: Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 16.00

**No booking required.**  all day



# STONES

## All Saints Church, Leatherhead

*Kingston Road, Leatherhead KT22 7PB*

Victorian church sympathetically and imaginatively refurbished as a youth café and still retains a worship area. Display of old photographs.

Where: On Kingston Road just south of Plough roundabout.

When: Saturday 10.00 – 12.00, Sunday 14.00 – 16.00

**No booking required.**        

## Leatherhead 1841 A-Z

*The Letherhead Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead KT22 8AH*

Using old tithe maps of Leatherhead, including a large copy of a map from 1841, find the history of your town and street. Who owned your house? Who used it? What it was called? What it was used for and who lived there? Saturday 10.00 – 16.00

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## Leatherhead Methodist Church, Leatherhead

*Church Road, Leatherhead KT22 8AY*

Toy corner, trail/quiz in the very church in which John Wesley, founder of Methodism, preached his last sermon in Leatherhead. The history of Methodism and the church activities will be on display.

Where: In central Leatherhead, halfway along Church Road, not Church Street.

When: Saturday 10.00 – 16.00, Sunday 13.00 – 16.00

**No booking required.**       

## St John's Church, North Holmwood

*Inholms Lane, North Holmwood RH5 4JB*

A children's quiz to complete, listed stained glass windows to admire, a display of 'St John's Past & Present' to and easy access to village green, duckpond and Holmwood Common.

Where: 2 miles south of Dorking, off the A24 at Holmwood roundabout.

When: Saturday and Sunday 14.00 – 17.00

**No booking required.**  **available on Sunday.**    

## St Nicolas Church, Great Bookham

**Church Road, Great Bookham KT23 3PH**

Use the children's guide to explore this characterful church with Saxon origins and discover the tombs of the Howards of Effingham.

Where: In Great Bookham village centre, quarter mile north of A246.

Parking: Public car park 100 yards west off Lower Road.

When: Friday and Saturday 10.00 – 17.00, Sunday 11.30 – 17.00

**No booking required.**    

## Dorking & District Museum

**West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS**

Family and children's quizzes add to the enjoyment of this excellent town museum housed in the former Foundry, which is showing the exhibition 'Dorking in Wartime'.

Where: In West Street, close to the junction with High Street.

Parking: Town centre car parks (pay & display)

When: Thursday 14.00 – 17.00, Saturday 10.00 – 16.00, Sunday 12.00 – 16.00

**No booking required.**    

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Walk begins: Saturday and Sunday (Duration 1½ hours), one adult per child/family group please.

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