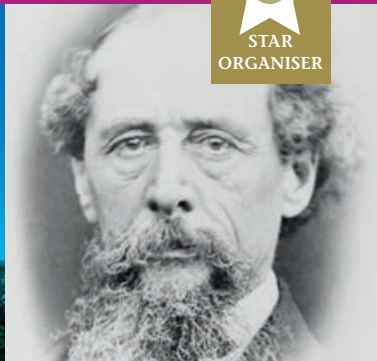


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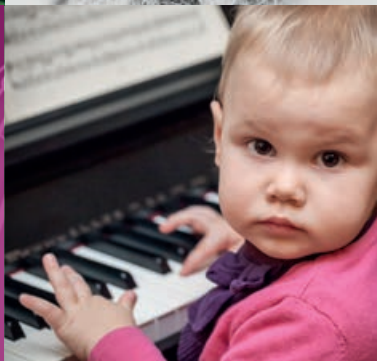


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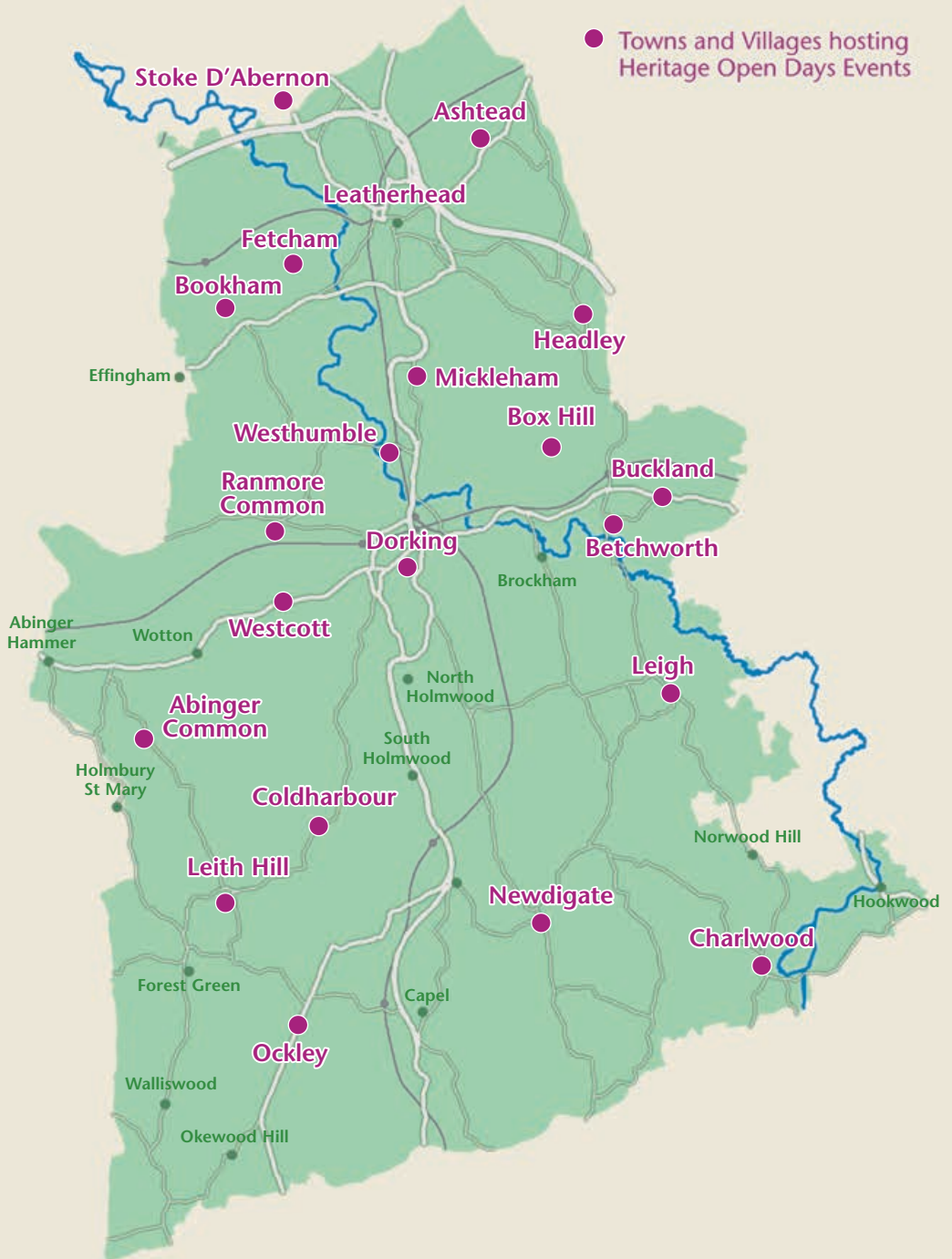
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Heritage Open Days 2015

A cause for celebration

Heritage Open Days and its sister festival, Arts Alive, both celebrate their 21st birthdays this year. Both contribute significantly in their own distinctive ways to the promotion of local arts, culture and heritage. Heritage Open Days in Mole Valley is part of a nationwide celebration, but it is still organised on a local basis and depends on the enthusiasm and commitment of a range of people and organisations to fulfil the objective of creating a festival that is free to all who wish to enjoy it. To mark the contribution of Arts Alive we host one of their events in the centre of Leatherhead during the four days of the Heritage Open Days festival.

Some significant local landmarks and personalities also celebrate anniversaries this year. Leith Hill Tower is 250 years old and will be open free to Heritage Open Days visitors. A talk in Dorking by historian Keith Grieves, will look at the significance of the tower over its 250 year history. Winston Churchill, a frequent visitor to Cherkley Court, died 50 years ago and an event: 'Winston Churchill, in his own words...' marks this anniversary. The Broadwood Folly, 200 years old, will be accessible from Juniper Hall in Mickleham.

Words and music



Rowhurst (page 20)

The Broadwood Folly is named after the Broadwood family who were famous as producers of fine quality pianos. The history of this remarkable family will be the subject of a special exhibition in the Letherhead Institute. Words and music lie at the heart of events this year. Many of the items in this booklet reflect the very significant literary and musical legacy of Mole Valley. Some of this legacy has been international and certainly national, but we have not forgotten the importance of local traditions as expressed in folk music and poetry at The Star in West Street, Dorking and in the history of Rowhurst and Teazle Wood in north Leatherhead.

Other musical events pepper the programme. To give just a flavour of this there is a performance of words and music down the ages in Newdigate Parish Church. Church bells and organs make a contribution in several churches: Leith Hill Place, childhood home of the great Ralph Vaughan Williams, will have live music and a chance to play on their two pianos. Music for the very young features at the magnificent Fetcham Park House and St Martin's in Dorking will tell the story of music-making at the church. We make our own literary mark with story-telling in the Dorking library for young children.

Another anniversary is the publication of Jane Austen's much loved book 'Emma', published 200 years ago. The book has a special place in the heart of Mole Valley having direct and indirect references to local places. An event in the Burford Bridge Hotel will include songs and readings from the book narrated by actress Virginia McKenna, and a separate event on Box Hill organised by the National Trust will mark the local connection to Jane Austen and her wonderful novel.



From left to right: Leatherhead Museum (page 19), St Martin's Church (page 13) and St Michael's Chapel, Westhumble (Page 26).

Our launch event, taking place in the Leatherhead Theatre, is a tribute to Charles Dickens, another literary giant of the English language, who also has links to Mole Valley. The talk by NADFAS lecturer Bertie Pearce will explore the life of Dickens through the characters in his novels. The remarkable life of Fanny Burney will be the subject of a talk the Templeton Room at Juniper Hall where she first met the love of her life, General Alexandre D'Arbly. A rather different personality is that of Beverley Nichols, who lived in Ashted. His life is the subject of a talk in the Letherhead Institute.

Guided walks in Dorking will explore the town's literary and musical connections which are many and varied: Vaughan Williams, Longfellow, Disraeli, Defoe and others.

Heritage for children and young people



There are a number of events that will appeal to children and younger people.

Some are specifically designed for them, such as the story telling at Dorking library, the trail at Leith Hill Place and the Bach to Baby event at Fetcham Park House. Fetcham village school provides an opportunity to explore the archives, see the newly discovered well and imagine life in the school many years ago. The Arts Alive festival in Leatherhead will include activities such as face painting. There are events for all ages.

Free to explore

All events in the programme are free but some organisers may invite you to make donations or make a charge for refreshments in aid of local charities and fundraising efforts. If you can, support these as best you can. The free programme is possible because of the financial support of Mole Valley District Council and Downs Solicitors.

It is also possible because event organisers provide their time, knowledge and energies freely. We say a big thank you for the time and skills provided by volunteers, businesses, property owners and public agencies.

Finding your way around

This booklet has been arranged by area so that it is possible to make linked visits to a number of properties in the same part of the district. This is your opportunity to explore behind the scenes, whether it is a tour of the town centres, walks in the Deepdene or along the River Mole or a visit to a theatre, windmill, business or private property. The buildings and landscape of Mole Valley are extremely varied. Buildings accessible for Heritage Open Days include representatives of almost every phase of architectural development or style. You can plumb the depths of the Dorking caves or an air raid shelter and climb to the heights of Leith Hill Tower.

Booking for events

Booking arrangements are indicated where they apply. Some events must be booked in advance, usually because the number of visitors needs to be controlled. Please read the information for each event carefully to determine whether booking is necessary and, if it is, how to make your booking.

The majority of bookings are made at the Dorking Halls Box Office. Where this is the case, bookings can normally be accepted up until **7th September**. However, no bookings will be considered or tickets issued before **10th August**. If by that date the request for tickets has exceeded the number of places, a ballot will decide who will be issued with tickets. All other bookings after **10th August** will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

In some instances the number of places available will be limited and competition for tickets is high. The staff at the Box Office seek to distribute tickets as fairly as possible, so please be understanding if you are unsuccessful and bear in mind that there are other events that will be available.

In order to permit a fairer distribution of tickets where numbers are limited, a **maximum of two tickets** will be issued per application.

Tickets will normally be issued within two days of receipt of the booking request.

When booking places through the Dorking Halls requests should be submitted by email to:– **boxoffice@molevalley.gov.uk** marked Heritage Open Days.

Please ensure you state the event you wish to book, the number of places you would like, when you wish to visit, your name, postal address and a contact phone number.

If you do not have access to the internet, postal bookings can be sent to:–

Dorking Halls Box Office, Dorking Halls, Reigate Road, Dorking, RH4 1SG

enclosing a stamped addressed envelope (please use the vouchers on **page 27** of this booklet). If you have been allocated tickets for events and subsequently are not able to attend, please return them to the issuing body so that they can be reallocated.

Walks and guided tours

Where an event involves lengthy walking or steep slopes, some indication is given as to the fitness levels that are necessary. Please ensure that you can complete the walk or tour comfortably and that you wear appropriate clothing and footwear. This is particularly true of both the Dorking Caves and the Deepdene and River Mole walks. Good footwear and good fitness are required for both.

Where to go for information

Further details of each event can be obtained by visiting the **Heritage Open Days website www.heritageopendays.org.uk** This easy-to-use website contains all the information you will need to plan your visits, including location and access details.

If you do not have access to the internet, staff in the **Customer Services Unit at Mole Valley District Council** will assist with queries; the telephone number is **01306 885001**.



Events Listing

ABINGER

ST JAMES'S CHURCH

Abinger Lane, Abinger Common, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6JD

This is the only church within the Guildford Diocese to have suffered bomb damage in the last war and yet it has the feel of an ancient church built hundreds of years ago. Located in the pretty village of Abinger Common. Most of the church is accessible with a wheelchair.

Directions: Opposite the Abinger Hatch Pub. Parking close by.
Open: Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 0930-1800.
Sunday services at 0800 & 1830. **No Booking required.**

ASHTEAD

ST GILES' OPEN DAY

St Giles' Church, Park Lane, Ashtead, Surrey, KT21 1EJ

This beautifully restored 15th & 16th century church built on a former Roman site and situated in a tranquil well-tended large churchyard, will be open to view on Sunday. Refreshments will be available. Please do join us.

Directions: Turn south off A24 into Park Lane at northern end of the main street in Ashtead (The Street). Church is a quarter of a mile on the left.
Open: Sunday 1430-1700. **No Booking required.**

BETCHWORTH

RUINS OF BETCHWORTH CASTLE

Betchworth Park, Reigate Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1NZ

Betchworth Castle is a ruined fortified manor house in a commanding position above the River Mole. Guides will explain how the site fits into the local landscape, its refurbishment by Sir John Soane in 1798 and why it became a ruin in 1835. The masonry has recently undergone conservation, so will be of interest to conservation professionals. The last owner of the castle is buried in the Hope Mausoleum – see 'Thomas Hope and The Deepdene' entry. Max 20 people per tour. 500 metre walk from the highway. Relatively uneven underfoot. Low headroom at 3 points within the ruins.

Directions: Half a mile east of Dorking on the south side of the A25 (Reigate Road) opposite a garden centre. Meet in the loop of old road at the entrance to Betchworth Park golf course. Limited on-site parking on request.
Open: Thursday, Friday & Saturday 0800-1900 (unguided up to railings).
Sunday – Tours 1000, 1200 & 1400.

Pre-booking essential for guided tours via Dorking Halls – see page 4 for details.

ST MICHAEL'S BETCHWORTH

St. Michael's Church, Church Street, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DW

Grade I Listed Church building with Norman arches, stained glass, brass memorials, and hatchments. Information leaflets. Walks around the villages, history guides. On Saturday there is an Organ Recital on the new Kenneth Tickell Organ – see below.

Directions: Opposite The Dolphin Inn in The Street, Betchworth.

Open: Thursday & Friday 0900-1700.
Saturday 0900-1400. Organ recital 1600.
Sunday 1200-1700.

Pre-booking essential for Organ Recital via betchworthchurchmusic@hotmail.co.uk

BOOKHAM

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LITTLE BOOKHAM

All Saints Church, Manor House Lane, Little Bookham, Bookham, Surrey, KT23 4EN

A 900 year old church with a sympathetic modern addition, and a 1,300 year old yew tree in the churchyard. A Vulgate Bible. Hatchments of the Pollen/Maddox/Boileau families, their family tree from the 16th century, and a list of Lords of the Manor and church benefactors. Refreshments available. Nearby 15th century tithe barn also open.

Directions: The church is along a footpath off Manor House Lane, which runs between the A246 Guildford Road and Lower Road, east of Effingham.

Open: Saturday 0900-1700.

No Booking required.

FROM BOOKHAM TO THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON AND BEYOND

The Pastoral Centre, St Nicolas Church, Lower Road, Bookham, Surrey, KT23 4AT

A talk by Professor Peter Edwards on the life of Roger Waters, founder member, bassist, and lyricist of Pink Floyd, born in Bookham in 1943. Max 50 people per session.

Directions: St Nicolas Church is on the Lower Road at the crossroads in the centre of Great Bookham. There is a pay & display car park nearby on Lower Road. The talk will be held in the Pastoral Centre, accessible from Church Road via a passageway or through the Churchyard.

Open: Saturday 1400.

Pre-booking essential via Dorking Halls – see page 4 for details.

MANOR FARM TITHE BARN



Manor Farm, Manor House Lane, Little Bookham, Bookham, Surrey, KT23 4EW

15th Century Grade II listed Tithe Barn, one of the largest in Surrey at 4,500 sq. ft. Built originally for All Saints' Church, Little Bookham (also open on same day). Major conservation was finally completed after 18 months of hard work. The full magnificence of the barn can now be fully appreciated for the first time in probably hundreds of years. The terraced courtyard garden has been recreated from photographs taken in



the 1920s. Access to the new courtyard garden is restricted for wheelchair users, but totally visible from the barn.

Directions: Manor Farm is off the A246 from Guildford towards Leatherhead, turn left into Manor House Lane, the barn is on the right-hand side opposite the 2nd school entrance.

Open: Saturday 0900-1700.

No Booking required.

MANOR HOUSE SCHOOL HERITAGE DAY



Manor House School, Manor House Lane, Bookham, Surrey, KT23 4EN

An elegant 18th century Manor House, extended in the 19th century, now the home of the Manor House School. It is set in beautifully landscaped grounds and adjacent to All Saints' Church (also open). Tour of the house, buildings and grounds.

Directions: Next to All Saints' Church and opposite Manor Farm (Tithe Barn).

Open: Saturday 0930-1500.

No Booking required.

POLESDEN LACEY OPEN DAY



Polesden Lacey, Great Bookham, Bookham, Surrey, RH5 6BD

Visit this lovely National Trust property for free on Heritage Open Day 2015. Surrounded by breathtaking views of the Surrey Hills, Polesden Lacey is the perfect space for relaxing with friends and family. A place of contrasts with both a touch of Edwardian elegance and muddy countryside walks. We also have a mobility vehicle running from the car park to reception and the house, and wheelchairs available for pre-booking.

Directions: 4 miles from J9 of the M25. Follow the National Trust signs along the A246 (warning: sat nav instructions may bring you up the back way along narrow country lanes).

Open: Saturday 1000-1530.

No Booking required.

ST NICOLAS'S CHURCH

Church Road, Great Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT23 3PH

Grade I listed Church with Saxon origins still visible. Several extensions reflect the character of each period. The Slyfield Chapel is associated with the Jacobean Slyfield House. Tombs of Howards of Effingham. There is no on-site parking available but a public car park is located close by in Bookham village. Between 1100 and 1430 on the Saturday, the Church will be closed as a wedding is due to then take place.

Directions: Church is on the corner of Lower Road and Church Road in the village centre.

Open: Thursday 1100-1700. Friday 0930-1700.

Saturday 0930-1100 & 1430-1700.

No Booking required.

THE GRANGE



The Grange, Rectory Lane, Bookham, Surrey, KT23 4DZ

Visit our mid-19th century house with its magnificent late Victorian ballroom, walled garden and beautiful grounds. Exquisite work will be on show from when The Grange was 'The School of Stitchery and Lace'. Live lacemaking demonstrations will take place by the Mole Valley Lacemakers. Tea and cakes will be available between 11-3pm in the Victorian Conservatory.

Directions: The Grange is in Rectory Lane next door to The Preston Cross Hotel. Rectory Lane is a turning off the A246 (opposite Dobbes Nursery). It is near Bookham Village. Please follow the signs for parking.

Open: Saturday 1100-1500. **No Booking required.**

BOX HILL

BOX HILL – MUSIC AND WORDS GUIDED WALK

National Trust, Box Hill, Zig Zag Road, Dorking, Surrey, KT20 7LB

Join us on a free guided walk over the Box Hill estate, looking at the fascinating musical and literary connections of this iconic Surrey landmark. This one hour walk will take visitors over some uneven ground and up and down slopes. Event not suitable for children under the age of 10. Stout footwear is recommended. Max 20 people per walk. A photographic exhibition showing Box Hill past and present will also be hosted by the National Trust in the learning space.

Directions: Walks start from the shepherd's hut in the main car park at Box Hill. Please register with walk guide.

Open: Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday – walk 1100 each day.
Exhibition of photographs of Box Hill's past on Saturday and Sunday 1100-1600.

Booking required for guided walk at Dorking Halls Box Office see page 4.

BUCKLAND

BUCKLAND WINDMILL



Yewdells, Dungates Lane, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7BD

Buckland Windmill is a small sawmill workshop built in the 1860s situated on property previously owned by the estate carpenter. It was restored during 1995-2004 – with fresh painting during 2015. The windmill now has a circular saw and lathe which is powered for demonstration purposes. It is believed to be the only surviving wind-powered sawmill in the UK. The garden will also be open and refreshments available. Partial wheelchair access to garden and exterior of mill. Preview information at www.bucklandssurrey.net/village-history/buckland-windmill

Directions: Please park near Buckland Deli or opposite on Rectory Lane (village green) and walk down Dungates Lane.

Open: Sunday 1300-1700. **No Booking required.**



THE BUNGALOW/VICTORIAN POND

The Bungalow, Reigate Road, Buckland, Dorking, Surrey, RH2 9RE

Walk around our Victorian Reigate stone-lined pond, once part of the 19th-century estate called Shagbrook, restored with new sluice, monk-gate and bridge. Learn about historic details by visiting our exhibition. The ornamental pond shaped like a duck's head was part of the Pleasure Ground. Event not suitable for children under 3.

Directions: Park at Buckland Nurseries, on the A25 and walk down the slip road opposite. It will be sign posted.

Open: Saturday & Sunday 1100-1600. **No Booking required.**

CHARLWOOD

LOWFIELD HEATH WINDMILL

Russ Hill Road, Charlwood, Horley, Surrey, RH6 0EL

Lowfield Heath Windmill is a Grade II listed building. Originally built c1737 at Lowfield Heath, it worked until the 1880s. This post mill fell into disrepair over the next 100 years until it was dismantled in 1987; it was moved to its present site at Russ Hill Road, Charlwood. Enjoy a guided tour to learn about its history and use.

Directions: Half a mile west of Charlwood on Russ Hill Road/Rusper Road.

Open: Saturday & Sunday 1400-1700. **No Booking required.**

PROVIDENCE CHAPEL

Chapel Road, Charlwood, Horley, Surrey, RH6 0DA

A unique and remarkable non-conformist chapel built in 1816, in an American colonial style, with verandah and charming interior. Listed Grade II*. Located within the historic village of Charlwood. Praised by Pevsner.

Directions: The Chapel is located off The Street running through the centre of Charlwood and close to the infants' school.

Open: Thursday & Sunday 1400-1700. **No Booking required.**

COLDHARBOUR

CHRIST CHURCH, COLDHARBOUR

Christ Church, Coldharbour, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6HG

Christ Church is situated in the picturesque village of Coldharbour, the highest village in Surrey. It is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The church was designed by Benjamin Ferrey, a notable Victorian architect. It was consecrated in 1848 and has close links with the Vaughan Williams family. The toilets are in the village hall situated separately from the church.

Directions: Coldharbour is 3 miles from Dorking. Head towards the A25. Follow signs for Leith Hill and Coldharbour. Go past The Plough Pub on your left hand side. Christ Church will be on the left as you drive through the village.

Open: Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 0900-1800.
Sunday services 0930 & 1020. **No Booking required.**

DORKING

A ROOM WITH A VIEW – DRAWING WORKSHOP FOR 7-16 YEAR OLDS



Christian Centre, Church Street, Dorking RH4 1DW

Bring overalls and old clothes for a day of drawing workshops developing work that explores your chosen view. Bring blindfold, unusual objects in a bag with your name on it, photos of your chosen view and lunch. Materials supplied but bring anything extra that you would like to use or share. The work created will be exhibited during Arts Alive in October and can be collected when the exhibition closes.

Directions: The Christian Centre is adjacent to St Martin's Church in the centre of Dorking, accessed off High Street at Barclays Bank.

Open: Saturday 1100 – 1600 with break for lunch.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT DORKING HALLS

Dorking Halls, Reigate Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SG

Rare opportunity to see behind the scenes of this historic venue dating from 1931. This informative tour will take in the auditoriums and stage areas, technical stores, projection and lighting rooms and much more. Expect a few surprises! Max 12 people per tour. Some areas will be inaccessible for visitors in wheelchairs.

Directions: Dorking Halls is on the Reigate Road next to the Sports Centre. Pay and display and disabled parking at the rear of Dorking Halls.

Open: Saturday 1100-1230.

Booking required through the Dorking Halls Box Office: see page: 4.

DENBIES WINE ESTATE

London Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6AA

A 45 minute vineyard tour takes visitors at a leisurely pace to some of the most beautiful viewing points in the vineyard. A recorded commentary will enhance the trip making this an informative and comfortable way to experience the magnificent panoramic views of the Denbies Estate and the North Downs. Throughout the seasons the changing scenery captures the imagination, from the first bud burst of spring to the opulent vines of the autumn. Cameras recommended. Max 45 people per tour.

Directions: Access from the A24 Dorking to Leatherhead Road from the roundabout marked by public art work displaying two cyclists.

Open: Thursday, Friday & Saturday 1000.

Pre-booking required. Call: 01306 876616.

Email: reception@denbiesvineyard.co.uk • www.denbies.co.uk

DORKING CAVES

South Street, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 2HQ

Explore the caves with expert guides. Part of Dorking's extensive system of cellars and caves cut into the soft Greensand dating back to at least the 17th century. Entrance is via a doorway at street level into galleries once used as wine cellars. Steep staircases



lead further down, deep under Butter Hill to a cave of uncertain age and purpose. Access restrictions apply: children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Event not suitable for children under 5. Max 12 people per tour. No wheelchair access. The tour is not suitable for people with bad arthritis, heart or breathing problems, claustrophobia, arachnophobia or advanced pregnancy. Sensible footwear must be worn. No flip flops, high heels and open-toed shoes.

Directions: Opposite Waitrose, beside the War Memorial. Parking in South Street pay and display car park and other town car parks.

Open: Saturday tours 1100, 1200, 1400 & 1500.

Pre-booking required through Dorking Halls box office: see page 4.

DORKING LIFE FROM THE FULLER'S FAMILY ALBUM

28-32 South Street, Dorking RH4 2HQ

The Fuller's family, Dorking's oldest retailers are celebrating 123 years in Dorking. An exhibition in their South Street shop will show rarely seen photos from the family archives of Dorking's daily working life and historic events.

Directions: SC Fullers is found between Pump Corner and the Spotted Dog pub.

Open: Thursday – Saturday 0900-1730. Sunday 1000-1530.

No Booking required.

DORKING MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE

The Old Foundry, 62 West Street, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1BS



The museum will feature exhibits on writers and composers who lived in Dorking (George Meredith, Fanny Burney, Ralph Vaughan Williams), those who wrote whilst staying here (Benjamin Disraeli), and those who have set scenes from their novels here (Jane Austen's 'Emma', Charles Dickens' 'The Pickwick Papers').

Directions: The museum is close to the junction of West Street, High Street and South Street in the heart of Dorking.

Open: Thursday, Friday & Saturday 1000-1600.

No Booking required.

DORKING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

53 West Street, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1BS

Dorking United Reformed Church traces its history back over more than three and a half centuries. Considering the general theme of 'Words and Music' for Heritage Open Days, the Church is drawing on the words of a popular harvest hymn: 'For the harvest of bygone ages, and the hope of the coming days', as it opens up its Grade II listed building for the event. A short film of the Church's history and development will accompany various displays, tracing the 'harvest' of its work and mission, and the spirit of 'hope for the coming days' over the years. Refreshments and lunches will be available on the Thursday, tea and cake on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Directions: Situated half-way along West Street on the North side. Public car parks are available within 100 yards.

Open: Thursday 1000-1400. Saturday 1400-1700. Sunday 1430-1630.

No Booking required.

FACES AND PLACES IN DORKING – A GUIDED WALK

Meet at Dorking Halls, Reigate Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SG

A guided walk lasting no more than one and a half hours visiting special places in central Dorking that have connections with famous (and not so famous) people associated with Dorking, such as the actor Lord Olivier, the author Charles Dickens and the composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. The walk will finish at Dorking Museum, West Street. Event not suitable for children under 12. Max 20 people per tour. Walk is about three quarters of a mile – with frequent stops.

Directions: From roundabout where A24 crosses A25 (Cockerel roundabout) turn towards Dorking Town Centre, Dorking Halls is 200 yards on the left. Nearest parking is in the car park behind Dorking Halls.

Open: Sunday 1400. **Pre-booking required.**

HISTORIC WALK DOWN WEST STREET

West Street, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1BU

West Street is one of Dorking's most historic streets and is particularly noted for its mix of antique and interesting shops and businesses. Here you will find the Dorking Museum and the recently restored home of William Mullins, a shoe maker who emigrated to America in the Mayflower. To celebrate Heritage Open Days several of the shops will have displays in their windows illustrating the history of the building or their business, giving a flavour of the architectural, economic and social history of the street.

Directions: West Street is in the centre of Dorking town centre. Its starting point is at Pump Corner at the junction with South Street and High Street. Pay and display parking is available in West Street and throughout the town. Free parking on Sunday and for two hours in the nearby Waitrose car park.

Open: Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 0900-1800. **No Booking required.**

LEITH HILL TOWER:

SURREY'S CELEBRATED LANDMARK IN PEACE AND WAR



Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1QT

A talk by independent historian Richard Grieves taking a look at the representation of Leith Hill Tower in art and literature, its role in peace and war, and influence on monument-making in Surrey. The tower is 250 years old this year. The illustrated talk will explore the tower's 'iconic' status and include reflections on the experience of visiting the tower through time, both of nearby inhabitants and from afar. There is a stair lift to the main hall but two or three steps from the pavement and to the lift. Parking can be found in nearby car parks which are free in the evening.

Directions: The Oddfellows Hall is located on the south side of High Street.

Open: Saturday 1930-2030. **No Booking required.**

ODDFELLOWS HALL

Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1QT

See inside the Oddfellows Hall (built in 1894) and learn about the history of the Oddfellows Friendly Society, which has been running since 1810. Max 20 people per session. Event not suitable for children under 5. Not suitable for wheelchair access.



Directions: Located in the main High Street, approaching from Reigate, after Dorking Halls, but before the Post Office and opposite Pizza Express.

Open: Sunday 1400-1700.

No Booking required.

‘OWZAT!’:

A CELEBRATION OF CENTURIES OF CRICKET IN DORKING



Cotmandene, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 2BL

Vintage style cricket with two stumps, 1770 rules and appropriate attire. Challenge match: Ladies Stoolball team versus Gents in a glorious setting ‘above’ the town. Picnic space and teas available. Event not suitable for children under 6. Toilets in nearby Dorking Sports Centre. A semi-hard ball may be hit into watching and picnicking areas. Stunning teas at Denebank House in aid of ‘Kids for Kids.’

Directions: From High Street Post Office, go up Dene Street opposite to find Cotmandene behind flats on left side after 100m.

Open: Sunday 1430-1700. **No Booking required.**

ST MARTIN’S SHARED CHURCH

Church Street, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1DW

St Martin’s Church was designed by Henry Woodyer. The 200 ft. spire, completed in 1877, is visible for miles around. To illustrate this year’s Heritage Open Days theme, the church will be highlighting how its musical life has developed. Starting from the “unruly gang of volunteers with fiddles and wind instruments” through to today’s choir accompanied by an organ dating back to the 19th century. The display will show the role of some musicians associated with the church such as Edward Withers, organist for 50 years and Dorking’s most famous composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams. Choral Evensong will bring the Heritage Open Days to a close. Hearing Loop available during services. There are two steps up into the Chancel but this does not prevent viewing almost all of the interior detail on the level. Limited disabled parking by prior arrangement. Accessible toilets are in the adjacent Christian Centre.

Directions: Pedestrian access from the High Street via the passage next to Barclays Bank. Nearest car park is St Martin’s Walk pay and display.

Open: Thursday and Friday 0930-1600.
Saturday 0930-1600 – morning tower tour of ringing chamber.
Sunday – 0800-1900; services at 0800 (Holy Communion), 1000 (Sung Communion) and 1800 Choral Evensong for HODs. Guided tour 1500.

No Booking required.

ST MARY’S CHURCH, DORKING

Pixham Lane, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1PT

Sir Edwin Lutyens designed this simple but much admired barrel-vaulted church in 1903. Easy disabled access except stage/altar area.

Directions: Pixham Lane runs between A24 and A25, east of Dorking. Church is by the railway bridge.

Open: Saturday 1000-1600.

No Booking required.

TELLING TALES AT DORKING LIBRARY



7 St. Martins Walk, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1UT

Young children (accompanied by an adult) can enjoy the story of local hero and Pilgrim Father, William Mullins and other local stories. Event not suitable for children under 1. Max 25 people.

- Directions: Dorking library is in St Martins Walk Shopping Centre, near Marks and Spencer. Access is from the High Street (opposite The White Horse hotel) or from St Martins Walk car park.
- Parking: St Martins Walk pay and display with disabled parking and toilet facilities
- Open: Friday 1000-1030. **No Booking required.**

“THANK YOU BIM”

– WAR VICTIMS’ RELIEF WORK IN FRANCE – 110 YEARS ON



Friends Meeting House, South Street, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 2LE

This year three Quakers went to visit the Marne and Meuse areas of France to discover more about Bernard Ireland Macalpine (Bim). The father of a Dorking Quaker, he spent the Great War helping civilian victims in France to reconstruct their lives. Find out about the discoveries which were found in the villages and hear about people met whose grandparents have kept mementos of that time. Bim’s steps are retraced in images, letters, soundscape and DVDs. Many of Bim’s carefully kept mementos have been digitised into the archives at Chalons-en-Champagne and Bar-le-Duc, so that all of France and the UK have access to them online. The originals will be on display, a unique heritage for both countries. In England, the situation of Conscientious Objectors to war was tense. A display explores some of the many different reasons why men did not want to fight, and what became of them when they tried to claim exemption from fighting. Max 30 people per session. Children can put together a portable house, and can copy letters and drawings, as Bim did. Event not suitable for children under 6.

- Directions: Opposite Waitrose in South Street.
- Parking: Limited disabled parking at the meeting house. Free short term parking nearby and in Waitrose car park. South Street pay and display is the nearest town car park.
- Open: Thursday & Friday 1400-1900. Saturday 1100-1600. **No Booking required.**

THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE AROUND DORKING

Cotmandene, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 2BL

View an exhibition of the work of local residents who have studied the character and rates of change of the landscape around the settlement edge of Dorking. Participate in activities which enables you to express your own perceptions of the landscape and describe the way you value the setting of the town. The event is outdoors on Cotmandene under cover of canvas. In the event of severe wind or rain the exhibition will be taken down.

- Directions: From Dorking High Street take Moores Road on the south side which leads to Cotmandene. Nearest parking on Dene Street.
- Open: Friday 1000-1200. Saturday 1330-1530. Sunday 1000-1200.
- No Booking required.**



THOMAS HOPE AND THE DEEPDENE – A LOST LANDSCAPE

Meet outside Council Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SJ

The Deepdene is one of the country's most historically important county estates, home to the famed Regency arbiter of taste Thomas Hope. Largely forgotten as a result of the demise of the house and development of the park, the Deepdene still holds fascinating glimpses into a lost world that is now the focus of a Heritage Lottery project. Join Alex Bagnall on a guided walk of the most significant parts of the estate. Max 25 people per tour. Event not suitable for children under 12. The terrain is uneven and hilly. There are some steep slopes, and visitors need to be reasonably fit. Walking shoes are advised.

Directions: Council Offices are on Reigate Road, opposite the Dorking Halls and Dorking Sports Centre.

Open: Friday 1400-1630. Sunday 1100-1330.

Pre-booking essential via Dorking Halls – see page 4 for details.

UNDER THE ARCHWAY – ROSE HILL AND THE VICTORIAN MIDDLE CLASS

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

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

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

Open: Sunday – Walk 1100-1230. **No Booking required.**

WORDS AND MUSIC – A GUIDED WALK AROUND DORKING

Dorking Museum, Unit 1, 62 West Street, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1BS

A walk around literary and musical Dorking in the footsteps of Vaughan Williams, Longfellow, Disraeli, Defoe, Dickens, Laurence Olivier and Jane Austen. Walk the settings of the Pickwick Papers, Jane Austen's 'The Watsons', and the best-selling 'Battle of Dorking'. The walk will be led by members of the Dorking Museum walks team. Max 20 people per tour. Dorking streets feature uneven ground, kerbs and hills which may present difficulties for wheelchairs but all of the walk will take place on paved paths.

Directions: Museum is on the north side of West Street close to the junction with High Street and South Street at Pump Corner.

Open: Saturday & Sunday 1030. **No Booking required.**

WORDS & MUSIC OF OUR FAMOUS LOCAL AUTHORS & MUSICIANS

The Star, West Street, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1BU

A community celebration of song, music and verse of some of our famous writers and musicians – with performances from The Star's regular artistes, aided by members of Dorking Folk Club and Mole Valley Poets. Max 50 people per session.

Directions: The Star is on the corner of West Street as you enter Dorking on the A25. Parking 100yds on left past the pub.

Open: Saturday from 1900 for the whole evening. **No Booking required.**

FETCHAM

BACH TO BABY VISITS FETCHAM PARK HOUSE



Badingham Drive, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 9ES

Fiesta with Bach to Baby! Imagine Spain and Latin America, then let the music of Villa-Lobos, Albeniz and Tarrega feast your ears played by professional classical guitarist Amanda Cook. Bach to Baby is the critically acclaimed concert series for babies, tots and you founded by Miaomiao Yu. Creating exceptional classical music experiences for families whilst bringing outstanding musicians from the top concert stages to inspiring locations. Concert places for families will be allocated on a first-come – first-served basis. Viewing the house and gardens is open to all visitors. If the concert is fully subscribed, adults without children are welcome to stand and listen in an adjacent room with connecting door. Children are welcome, but please be aware there are fountains in the grounds and they will need to be supervised at all times. Fetcham Park House is a 300 year old Grade II* listed mansion set in nearly six acres of formal gardens. Behind its grand facade lie some equally grand rooms and murals by Louis Laguerre, whose work also graces Chatsworth House and Hampton Court. There is a portable access ramp and cloakroom with adapted WC.

Directions: Fetcham Park House is next to St Mary's Church via Baddingham Drive.

Open: Sunday 1430-1700 – concert at 1500.

Pre-booking preferred. Email: reception@fetchampark.co.uk

FETCHAM VILLAGE INFANT SCHOOL



School Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 9JU

You are welcome to visit our school and tour the original building built in 1854. Come and look at the well that has been discovered – it would have been part of the Headmaster's scullery. Take a look through the school's logbooks dating from the 1800s. There is full access for wheelchairs to the well and logbooks.

Directions: The school can be found at the junction of School Lane and Bell Lane.

Open: Thursday & Friday 1330-1500.

No Booking required.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, FETCHAM

10A The Ridgeway, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 9AZ

A beautiful church where worship has taken place for over a thousand years. There is a Saxon window arch using Roman bricks and the church has seen improvements and enlargements almost every century since then, most recently in 2014, with a beautiful and sympathetic re-ordering of the interior.

Directions: Access is via a drive alongside No 10 The Ridgeway. This private drive is one way, with the exit opening onto Lower Road.

Open: Thursday, Friday 0900-1700. Saturday 0900-1800.

Sunday – open for morning services at 0800, 0930 and 1115, and open for visitors from 1230-1800.

No Booking required.



LEATHERHEAD

ARTS ALIVE CELEBRATION: WORDS, MUSIC & DANCE



Swan Centre and High Street, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8AH

The Mole Valley Arts Alive Festival and Heritage Open Days will celebrate its 21st year by hosting a day of words, music and dance in the Leatherhead Town Centre. Come along and listen to local bands, dance groups and poets, get your face painted and find out more about the community arts festival and other Heritage Open Days events. There is level, car free access to this part of the town centre.

Directions: Events will take place at the entrance to the Swan Shopping Centre from High Street. Parking is provided in nearby pay and display car parks.

Open: Saturday 1000-1400.

No Booking required.

BEVERLEY NICHOLS (1898-1983) – ASHTEAD'S FORGOTTEN CELEBRITY

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

A talk by Richard Hughes, former Head of History at St John's School, Leatherhead, on author, playwright, journalist, composer and public speaker Beverley Nichols. He lived in a Georgian manor house in Agates Lane, Ashted from 1946 to 1956 and wrote three best-selling books about it. 'The first of the bright young things' was how Beverley Nichols was frequently described. Now largely forgotten, he was once a household name whose talent spread over the range of journalism, politics, gardening, music and drama. He had been President of the Oxford Union and editor of 'Isis', and many spoke of him as a future political leader. Instead he owed his fame largely to widely-read columns in 'Woman's Own'. The talk will explore his life and achievements and his links with the area. There is a lift to first floor which is suitable for wheelchairs.

Directions: The Institute is located at the east end of the High Street on the corner of Leret Way. Nearest car park is the Swan Centre pay and display.

Open: Friday 1400-1500.

No Booking required.

BROADWOOD EXHIBITION

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

This fascinating exhibition from the Surrey History Centre tells the story of the Broadwood family and the Broadwood firm founded in 1728. It is the oldest firm of keyboard instrument makers in existence. The family is associated with both the Lyne estate in the south of Mole Valley from the end of the 18th century and with Juniper Hall. A member of the family built the Broadwood Folly near Juniper Hall exactly 200 years ago. Broadwood pianos were played and owned by Beethoven, Chopin, Elgar and many others and they were the leading British piano manufacturers throughout the 19th century.

Directions: The Institute is located at the east end of the High Street on the corner of Leret Way. Nearest car park is the Swan Centre pay and display.

Open: Saturday & Sunday 1000-1600.

No Booking required.

CHARLES DICKENS – THE MAN & HIS LIFE THROUGH HIS CHARACTERS

The Leatherhead Theatre, 7 Church Street, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8DN

For this year's Launch Event, NADFAS-accredited lecturer Bertie Pearce looks at the life and places of Dickens through his characters. The talk is interspersed with readings of his works. A truly Dickensian experience. Charles John Huffam Dickens brought into the world a staggering array of wonderful characters with orphans, starving children, misers, murderers and abusive school teachers among them. People such as Mr. Micawber, Fagin and Abel Magwitch remain in one's literary psyche long after the books are put down. Largely self-educated, Dickens possessed the genius to become the greatest writer of his age with 15 major novels and countless short stories and articles. This event is sponsored by local NADFAS Societies. An arts organisation dedicated to education and conservation. Event not suitable for children under 10.

Open: Friday 1930.

Pre-booking required via Leatherhead Theatre Box Office on 01372 365141.

or email: boxoffice@the-theatre.org or write to: The Leatherhead Theatre

Booking opens: 1 August 2015 1200 and closes 5 September 2015 1700

INSPIRATIONAL SCENES IN THE MOLE VALLEY

The Leatherhead Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8AH

Exhibition of artworks by Leatherhead Art Club. Sketchbooks, on-site studies and finished work will be on display. Club members will be available for discussion and comment.

Directions: The Institute is located at the east end of the High Street on the corner of Leret Way. Nearest car park is the Swan Centre pay and display.

Open: Saturday & Sunday 1000-1600. **No Booking required.**

LEATHERHEAD & INDIA EXHIBITION

The Leatherhead Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8AH

The exhibition will describe some of the 400 or so Leatherhead people who were born in or served in India. The exhibition will include portraits and landscapes and some selected life stories or stories of important events.

Directions: The Institute is located at the east end of the High Street on the corner of Leret Way. Nearest car park is the Swan Centre pay and display

Open: Saturday & Sunday 1000-1600. **No Booking required.**

LEATHERHEAD INSTITUTE

67 High Street, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8AH

The Institute has provided a centre for the community for 125 years and is the home of the Leatherhead Community Association. The building has a comfortable library and meeting rooms, and refreshments will be served during the weekend. The building will contain a variety of exhibitions. One disabled parking space. Lift to first floor suitable for wheelchairs.

Directions: The Institute is located at the east end of the High Street on the corner of Leret Way. Nearest car park is the Swan Centre pay and display.

Open: Saturday & Sunday 1000-1600. **No Booking required.**



LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH

6-8 Church Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8AY

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, preached his last sermon in 1791. The present church dates from 1893 and has been refurbished in 2002. The history of Methodism and the current church will be on display. Refreshments available. Toys available.

Directions: Half way along Church Road on the right from the High Street.

Open: Saturday 0930-1600. **No Booking required.**

LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM AT HAMPTON COTTAGE



Hampton Cottage, 64 Church Street, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8DP

The regular displays crammed into this small specially adapted 17th century cottage have been recently enhanced by creating a mediaeval theme room with costumes for children to try on. Particularly for Heritage Open Days background period music will be played and for children a trail looking for key words hidden in the displays is provided. There is a small courtyard at the back with a well. Children accompanied by an adult will be welcome. Step free access is available into the courtyard and a ramp can be provided to give wheeled access into the back room. The nature of the building severely restricts any movement by wheelchair further in. Stewards will give every assistance possible. Pushchairs can be brought into the courtyard but not the building.

Directions: The Museum is in Leatherhead town centre by the junction of The Crescent with Church Street. It is about 10 minutes from the station and a few minutes from car parks and bus stops.

Open: Thursday & Friday 1300-1600. Saturday & Sunday 1000-1600.

No Booking required.

LEATHERHEAD PARISH CHURCH OPEN HERITAGE



Church Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8BD

The Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicholas is the oldest building in Leatherhead, being almost 1,000 years old, dating from the 11th century and is mentioned in the Domesday Book. The 15th century tower dominates the scene and provides a wonderful panoramic view of the surrounding area from its parapet. Inside the tower, the bell chamber contains 10 bells. The churchyard, believed to be the second largest in Surrey, contains many old and interesting gravestones. Inside the church are fascinating historical artefacts and memorials. The 'Words and Music' theme will be emphasised with floral displays around the church, and music played on the recently restored Parker Organ, and church organ. At the weekend, there will be opportunities to go up the tower, and timed visits to the bell chamber. There is easy access to the church through large double doors from the lychgate or path opposite the car park. Temporary disabled parking can be accessed at the lychgate. The interior of the church has steps up to the chancel area.

Directions: The Parish Church lies on the south west side of Leatherhead at the junction of the B2450 and the B2033. Easiest access is from the Givons Grove roundabout on the A24.

Open: Thursday, Friday & Saturday 1000-1600. Sunday 1200-1600.

No Booking required.

MILNER HOUSE

Milner House, Ermyn Way, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8TX

Milner House, originally known as the Long House, was built in 1891. A Grade II building originally owned by Daniel Pidgeon (DP initials can be found around the building). He died in Egypt in 1900. From 1901 it was lived in by the Klinker family. In the 1930s it was owned by Sir Frederick Milner who used the magnificent house for entertaining many guests including The Duke and Duchess of York, later to become King and Queen. In latter years it became a convalescent home for servicemen, then in 1981, it was turned into a nursing home which is currently run by Care UK. Many of the old photos show the journey of this fine house are available to see. Teas, coffees and cakes will be available.

Directions: We are at the end of Ermyn Way on the left hand side just before Exxon.

Open: Thursday & Friday 1400-1800. Tours throughout the day.

No Booking required.

RIVERSIDE WALK

Meet at Leatherhead Train Station, Station Approach, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 7SQ

Enjoy a 2.5-3 hour guided walk along the River Mole, following the riverbank path to Norbury Park and Mickleham. Take in the beautiful views and learn about its management and heritage. Finishing at Westhumble train station for a return trip by train to Leatherhead (you will need to purchase your return train ticket). The route is not suitable for wheelchairs and involves steps and kissing gates. Max 25 people per walk.

Directions: Meet outside front of Leatherhead Train Station.

Open: Sunday – Walk 1400-1700.

Pre-booking essential via Dorking Halls – see page 4 for details.

SITSEEEING

Rowhurst, Fire and Iron Gallery, Oxshott Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 0EN

‘Siteseeing’ is a special art exhibition at Fire and Iron Gallery – a response to Rowhurst and Teazle Wood by two contemporary artists Jane Hawkins and Hilary Scudder. Rowhurst is Leatherhead's oldest house (pre-1346, 1346 and 1632). Teazle Wood was saved in 2012 as a nature reserve with access for conservation and heritage activities. Visitors to the exhibition will also be able to see the ground floor of adjacent Rowhurst and the nearby brickfields of Teazle Wood. In 1834, a woman was murdered near Teazle Wood. She was immortalised in a folk song "The Poor Murdered Woman" written by James Fairs, who worked at the brickfields. George Quinell-Harcombe, an English literature and songwriting graduate, who has lived at Rowhurst since he was born, will be exploring the words and music of the song with other musicians. Max 20 people per tour/session. Event not suitable for children under 10. The exhibition room at Fire and Iron Gallery is wheelchair accessible. Rowhurst has several steps in and out of each room. The path to Teazle Wood is on a gentle slope with some tree roots, and it can be slippery when wet. There are still some biting insects in Teazle Wood in September, so please bring insect repellent and appropriate clothing.

Directions: A map and directions to Rowhurst can be found on the Fire and Iron Gallery website – www.fireandiron.co.uk

Open: Saturday – anytime 1100-1600.

No Booking required.



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, LEATHERHEAD

Epsom Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8SP

St John's School was founded in 1851 as an Independent Day and Boarding School, to educate the sons of clergymen. It relocated from St Johns Wood, London in 1872, with just 63 pupils. Since then the school has continued to expand and now has over 660 pupils. Set in 50 acres, the school site is a mixture of old and new, with mid-Victorian architecture complemented by a state-of-the-art Science Centre, and modern classroom blocks and boarding houses. In 1989 girls were admitted to the Sixth Form with the school becoming fully co-educational in 2012. The school's Old Chapel re-opened in April 2014 after extensive restoration. Former pupils include the eminent architect, Lord Rogers; novelist and playwright, Sir Anthony Hope; legendary dance band leader, Victor Silvester; missionary and modern martyr, Father Vivian Redlich, and renowned archaeologist, Sir Leonard Woolley.

Directions: 200 metres from town centre of Leatherhead on B2122 Epsom Road.

Open: Saturday 1000-1600 – tours 1100 & 1400. **No Booking required.**

THE LEATHERHEAD THEATRE

The Leatherhead Theatre, 7 Church Street, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8DN

This iconic building is in the heart of Leatherhead. There will be a display, including four albums, of memorabilia about Dame Sybil Thorndike, whose name was closely associated with the theatre, and Sir Lewis Casson, husband of Sybil and actor and director in his own right. Event not suitable for children under 1.

Directions: Located in the centre of Leatherhead, next door to Barclays Bank.

Open: Thursday, Friday & Saturday 1000-1800. **No Booking required.**

WALK AROUND LEATHERHEAD TOWN CENTRE



Letherhead Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8AH

Enjoy a walk around Leatherhead town centre visiting buildings and sites of historical interest, led by members of the Leatherhead and District Local History Society. Duration 1.5 hours. Max 20 people per tour. Wear suitable footwear.

Directions: Meet at the Letherhead Institute located at the top end of the High Street at the junction with The Crescent.

Open: Sunday – walk 1400-1530.

Pre-booking required. Contact: Fred Meynen 01372 372930 or email:

fredmeynen@live.co.uk Booking opens 14 June 1000 and closes 9 September 1700.

WESLEY HOUSE

Bull Hill, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 7AH

Wesley House is named after the great reforming preacher and founder of Methodism, John Wesley who visited Leatherhead in 1791 where it is believed he delivered his famous last sermon. Wesley House is a Grade II listed Art Deco building built in 1935 and the imposing entrance hall illustrates this distinctive style. The 'Council Chamber' has been restored to its original condition with many of its original features on view. Access for wheelchairs and pushchairs is available into the building but not the Council Chamber.

Directions: Opposite 'Lidl'.

Open: Sunday 1000-1600. **No Booking required.**

WINSTON CHURCHILL – IN HIS OWN WORDS...

The Leatherhead Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8AH

Fifty years since the death of one of the United Kingdom's most famous statesmen, Winston Churchill's speeches, full of powerful rhetoric and humour, are still relevant today. Local actor, Graham Pountney, and narrator Jonathan Dickins, bring the great man back with a character presentation of Churchill's life and times. Event sponsored by The Leatherhead Community Association. Event not suitable for children under 10.

Directions: The Institute is located at the east end of the High Street on the corner of Leret Way. Nearest car park is the Swan Centre pay and display.

Open: Saturday 1100. **No Booking required.**

WORDS AND MUSIC: CREATIVE PLACES

Leatherhead Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8AH

An exhibition by Peter Mills, Historic Environment Officer for Mole Valley District Council, that illustrates and explains a range of buildings or locations that have been associated with the district's literary and musical heritage. Lift available.

Directions: The Institute is located at the east end of the High Street on the corner of Leret Way. Nearest car park is the Swan Centre pay and display.

Open: Saturday & Sunday 1000 to 1600. **No Booking required.**

LEIGH

PARK HOUSE FARM



Park House Farm, Mynthurst, Leigh, Surrey, RH2 8QE

Park House is a Grade II* listed building. A medieval, timber-framed farmhouse built originally for an 'upper yeoman' farmer in 1360, with further additions in the 16th and 17th centuries. Once owned by the Duke of Norfolk, it is thought to have been a hunting lodge for the then Duke in the 17th century. The owner will give a guided tour, showing evidence of its former layout as an open hall dwelling. Max 15 people per tour.

Directions: Provided on booking.

Open: Saturday – tours 1030 & 1230.

Pre-booking essential via Dorking Halls – see page 4 for details.

LEITH HILL

LEITH HILL PLACE



Rhododendron Wood car park, Tanhurst Lane, near Coldharbour, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6LU

Leith Hill Place was the childhood home of composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, who gave the property to the National Trust in 1944. It was also a Wedgwood family home and Charles Darwin, a relation, was a frequent visitor. It was opened for the first time in 2013. There is a guided audio tour about the life and music of Vaughan Williams. Max 17 people per tour. You can also enjoy the glorious views, unrivalled in the Surrey Hills. On Saturday local historian Patrick Newberry will give talks about the architectural history. Max 40 for each talk. There will also be informal music, children's trails, activities and two pianos for visitors to play. Pushchair space limited to 2. Disabled parking on-site is also limited. We



will do our best to accommodate anyone not able to walk from the car park. There is no fully accessible toilet. Due to increased visitor numbers we suggest you do not bring dogs.

Directions: **From A25:** Turn towards Leith Hill (Hollow Lane). Follow until you see the 'Parking for Leith Hill Place' sign at Tanhurst Lane. **From Coldharbour:** Take Abinger Rd, follow signs to Leith Hill car parks. At the forked junction take the right fork, then immediately left into Tanhurst Lane. **From Ockley A29:** Take the B2126 Ockley Rd towards Forest Green. Before Ewhurst, turn right into Leith Hill Lane. Follow to Tanhurst Lane.

Parking: Parking is in the Rhododendron Wood car park in Tanhurst Lane. There is a 400m walk across a field which is unsuitable for pushchairs. If wet, boots or wellies and a change of shoes for the house are advised.

Open: Saturday 1100-1700 – Talks 1345 & 1515; Audio tours 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500 & 1600.

Pre-booking preferred. Main site free. Pre-book talks and audio tours. **Contact: Leith Hill Place on 0844 249 1895. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/leith-hill-place/things-to-see-and-do/events/ Booking opens: 31 July and closes: 11 September.**

LEITH HILL TOWER

Leith Hill Tower, nr Coldharbour village, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6LU

Leith Hill Tower celebrates its 250th anniversary this year. Climb the tower to see the views across the London skyline to the north, and the sea sparkling through Shoreham Gap to the south. The top of the tower is the highest point in south east England. Discover our exhibition room to find out about this Surrey landmark. There are no toilets at the tower. Access to top is via a steep spiral staircase. There is no parking at the foot of Leith Hill Tower.

Directions: The nearest car park is a 20 minute walk away. Use the following SATNAV postcodes: Starveall Corner car park RH5 6LU; Windy Gap car park RH56LX; Landslip car park RH5 6HG.

Open: Saturday 0900-1700. **No Booking required.**

MICKLEHAM

A CHANCE TO DISPLAY – A CELEBRATION OF WORDS AND MUSIC IN JANE AUSTEN'S 'EMMA'

Burford Bridge Hotel, London Road, Mickleham, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6BX

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the publication of Jane Austen's 'Emma' there will be readings from 'Emma' by the famous actress and animal rights campaigner, Virginia McKenna, and music of the period such as was performed by the heroines, Emma Woodhouse and Jane Fairfax. The parts of the two young ladies will be taken by Janet Forbes, soprano, and Dorien Schouten, playing the original 1812 Broadwood piano as featured in 'Emma'. Fittingly the concert will be held at the foot of Box Hill, the site of Emma's enlightenment. Event not suitable for children under 16. Max 220 people. The concert will include an interval of 20 minutes and a pay bar will be available.

Directions: The Burford Bridge Hotel lies below Box Hill, off the roundabout on A24 Dorking to Leatherhead Road.

Open: Thursday 1930-2130.

Pre-booking essential via Dorking Halls – see page 4 for details.

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF BROADWOOD AT JUNIPER HALL!

Juniper Hall Field Centre, Old London Road, Mickleham, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6DA

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the building of Broadwood's Folly on Lodge Hill. As part of the celebrations, Amy Ward, a professional music teacher, will be giving a half-hour talk on the history of Thomas Broadwood, including his connections to Juniper Hall, with some musical interludes. Afterwards there will be light refreshments and then an optional walk to the Broadwood Folly itself.

Directions: Turn off the A24 at Burford Bridge roundabout and head towards Mickleham village. Juniper Hall is about a mile on the right hand side.

Open: Friday 1900.

Pre-booking essential. Tel 01306 734501, email: enquiries.jh@field-studies-council.org

OF CABBAGES AND KINGS – THE LIFE AND LOVE OF FANNY BURNEY

Juniper Hall Field Centre, Old London Road, Mickleham, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6DA

Talk by Bronwen Mills, Blue Badge Guide, about the life of the 18th century novelist Fanny Burney, given in the Templeton Room where Fanny first met her adored husband General Alexandre D'Arbly. There are steps into the building then level access.

Directions: Turn off the A24 at Burford Bridge roundabout and head towards Mickleham village. Juniper Hall is about a mile on the right hand side.

Open: Sunday 1400. **No Booking required.**

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MICKLEHAM



St Michael's Church, Old London Road, Mickleham, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6EB

Our Norman Church will be open for visitors on Saturday and Sunday. There will be information leaflets about the building and a churchyard trail. Refreshments will be available. An evening event of words and music is being planned. Entrance to the church is along a gravelled path which can be difficult for wheelchair users.

Directions: Village of Mickleham off the A24 between Dorking & Leatherhead. Church opposite Running Horses pub. The 465 bus stops directly outside.

Open: Saturday 1030-1700. Sunday 1200-1700. **No Booking required.**

NEWDIGATE

WORDS AND MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES AS WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY THE PEOPLE OF NEWDIGATE

St. Peter's Church, Church Road, Newdigate, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5DL

The Newdigate Local History Society will be presenting 'Words and Music through the Ages as written and performed by Newdigate People'. The performance will take place in the church of St Peter. Local people and the choir, will be narrating and singing poems, stories and music written over the years by villagers. Max 80 people. Books and pictures of a local nature will also be on display in the belfry. Main site is free to explore.

Directions: Centre of the village on the corner of Church Road and Village Street.

Open: Saturday 1930.

Booking required for the event. Contact John Callcut on 01306 631148. john.callcut@btinternet.com Booking opens 1st August and closes 7th September.

OCKLEY



BUCKINGHILL FARM TOUR

Buckingham Farm, Stane Street, Ockley, Surrey, RH5 4PY

Timber-framed medieval hall house dating from 1415 and located alongside the Roman road, Stane Street, with crown post roof, early 17th century parlour wing and separately listed 18th century threshing barn, all under Horsham stone and clay tile roofs. The farmhouse has many interesting internal features, including exposed peg-jointed oak framing with carpenters' marks, inglenook fireplaces, bread oven, restored brick cooking range and a stone floor. Max 8 people per tour. Visitors must keep together in group.

Directions: Buckingham Farm is located at the end of single-track road off a sharp bend on the A29, one mile north of Ockley.

Open: Thursday – tours 1130 & 1430. Sunday – tours 1100 & 1400.

Pre-booking essential via Dorking Halls – see page 4 for details.

RANMORE COMMON

ST BARNABAS' CHURCH

Ranmore Common Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6SP

A remarkable Gothic Revival church built in 1859 by George Cubitt MP, the first Lord Ashcombe and owner of the Denbies Estate. His architect was Sir George Gilbert Scott. In 1920 the south transept of the church became a memorial to the three eldest Cubitt brothers who died in the Great War and features a mural and Nativity scene painted by E. Reginald Frampton, "the last of the Pre-Raphaelites". The building is noted for the wide variety of stones used in the construction and decoration. Ramp into the church.

Directions: From Dorking drive along Ashcombe Road or Station Road to join Ranmore Road. At the top of the hill turn right signed to Parish Church.

Open: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 1400-1700.

No Booking required.

STOKE D'ABERNON

SLYFIELD HOUSE

Slyfield House, Cobham Road, Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, KT11 3QE

A small Jacobean manor house in private ownership.

Heritage Open Day is the only day of the year when public booking to visit the house is allowed. Only those with a pre-booked ticket will be admitted. Max 20 people per tour. Event not suitable for children under the age of 14. Wheelchair access to garden and ground floor only.

Directions: The entrance to Slyfield is opposite the Yehudi Menuhin School. Signs will show visitors where to park in the drive of the house.

Open: Saturday – tour of house and garden 1100-1230.

Pre-booking essential via Dorking Halls – see page 4 for details.

WESTCOTT

AIR RAID SHELTER AND STATIONARY ENGINE COLLECTION



The White House, Chapel Lane, Westcott, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 3PJ

Visit the air raid shelter built in cast concrete by a previous owner during the Second World War. Also see early internal combustion engines running on petrol, kerosene and gas, dating from 1899 until 1950. Also early generators and switch gear. Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits available all day. Children welcome but toddlers should be supervised for safety reasons. All machines are part of a private collection started by the owner in 1967.

Directions: Access Chapel Lane via Furlong Road by post office in Westcott village centre. In 50 yards bear left by Chapel of St John's.

Open: Friday 1200-1730. Saturday & Sunday 1030-1730.

No Booking required.

MILTON STREET WALK

Stable Meadow Sports Ground, Milton Street, Westcott, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 3PX

This picturesque street has its origins in the 17th century and for some 200 years formed part of the Bury Hill Estate. Find out more about its past on this guided walk. Suitable for adults but it would be of interest to children from 12 years and over. Max 20 people per walk. The last part of the route is not suitable for wheelchairs, but wheelchair users can return by the main part of the route. Parking is at the Stable Meadow Sports Ground. Refreshments will be provided at the halfway point where toilets are available.

Directions: Look out for the Heritage Open Days sign at the entrance to the sports ground. Milton Street is located on the southern side of A25 on the eastern edge of Westcott.

Open: Thursday 1430-1630. Friday 1000-1200.

No Booking required.

WESTHUMBLE

ST MICHAEL'S CHAPEL, WESTHUMBLE

St Michael's Chapel, Chapel Lane, Westhumble, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6BU

The building dates to the early 18th century and served as a barn. In the 1860s it became a 'rest room', providing welfare for the navvies working on the railway line. In the evening, they were taught to read and write, and on a Sunday a bible class was held for them. It was given to the church in 1904, the deeds requiring it 'to be used for perpetual Anglican worship'. It is hoped to make the building more accessible to the local community by arranging a number of local events. Event not suitable for children under 11. No toilet facilities. The chapel garden is not wheelchair accessible but the building is fully accessible.

Directions: Along Westhumble Street from the A24, pass the station on your left, cross the railway bridge and you will soon come to the chapel on your right.

Open: Saturday & Sunday 1300-1700.

No Booking required.

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