local resident who was responsible for the building of large parts of fashionable London. At this point on the Trail you might wish to walk a few hundred metres to the Deepdene roundabout to see one of the town's modern wonders, a giant five-toed 'Dorking' cockerel. This special bird of fowl is the symbol of the town and was supposedly introduced by the Romans.

Return to the council offices a distinctive, modern, red brick building. The trail then passes Pippbrook House, built as a private house and designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott in 1856, and into Old London Road. Cross with care, opposite Pippbrook Mill. This corn mill was one of several along the banks of the Pippbrook stream. It fell into disuse in the 16th century but was rebuilt again in the 18th century. A narrow path beyond the Mill leads along the side of the mill pond.

Turn left along a narrow bridge into Watham Road. A blue plaque on the left side of the street identifies the birthplace of Sir Laurence Olivier, one of Britain's most celebrated actors.

Back into the High Street turn right at Hamptons .

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Continue along the street, past the post office. The timber-framed building occupied by Café Rouge, opposite the post office, probably dates back to the 16th century.

Turn into the modern shopping centre of St. Martin's Walk, under the projecting clock tower. A plaque on the left commemorates the visit to Dorking of Queen Elizabeth II . At the back of the centre is a path that leads into the churchyard and back to your starting point.

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From the west end of St Martin's Church take a route through the church gates into Church Street. The row of neat 19th century cottages is dwarfed by the church spire, one of the tallest in England.

Turn left into North Street and you will emerge into the historic heart of the town at pump corner. Turn right into West Street. Fifty metres on the right is the entrance to the interesting Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre . Numbers 58-61 was the home of William Mullins, one of the Pilgrim Fathers. A blue plaque commemorates him and the journey he and his family made to America on The Mayflower in 1620.

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From there walk long the High Street and left into the oasis of Kings South Street caves, one of Dorking’s most popular visitor attractions.

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