

4 days of FREE events  
in Celebration of  
Mole Valley's Heritage



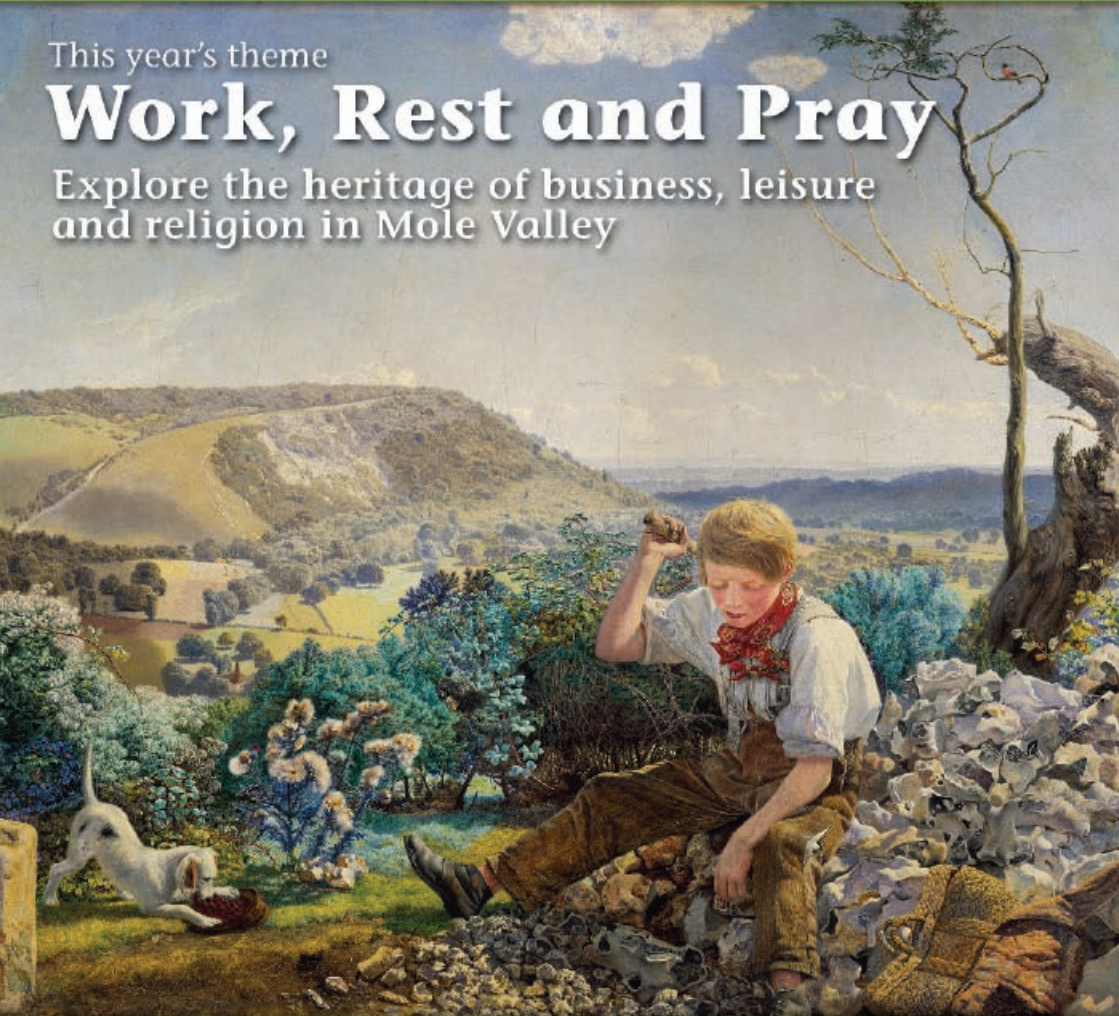
heritage open days

8th, 9th, 10th & 11th September 2011

This year's theme

# Work, Rest and Pray

Explore the heritage of business, leisure  
and religion in Mole Valley



A programme of properties, guided walks, talks and exhibitions presented by local societies in association with Mole Valley District Council, English Heritage and supported by Waitrose and Downs Solicitors



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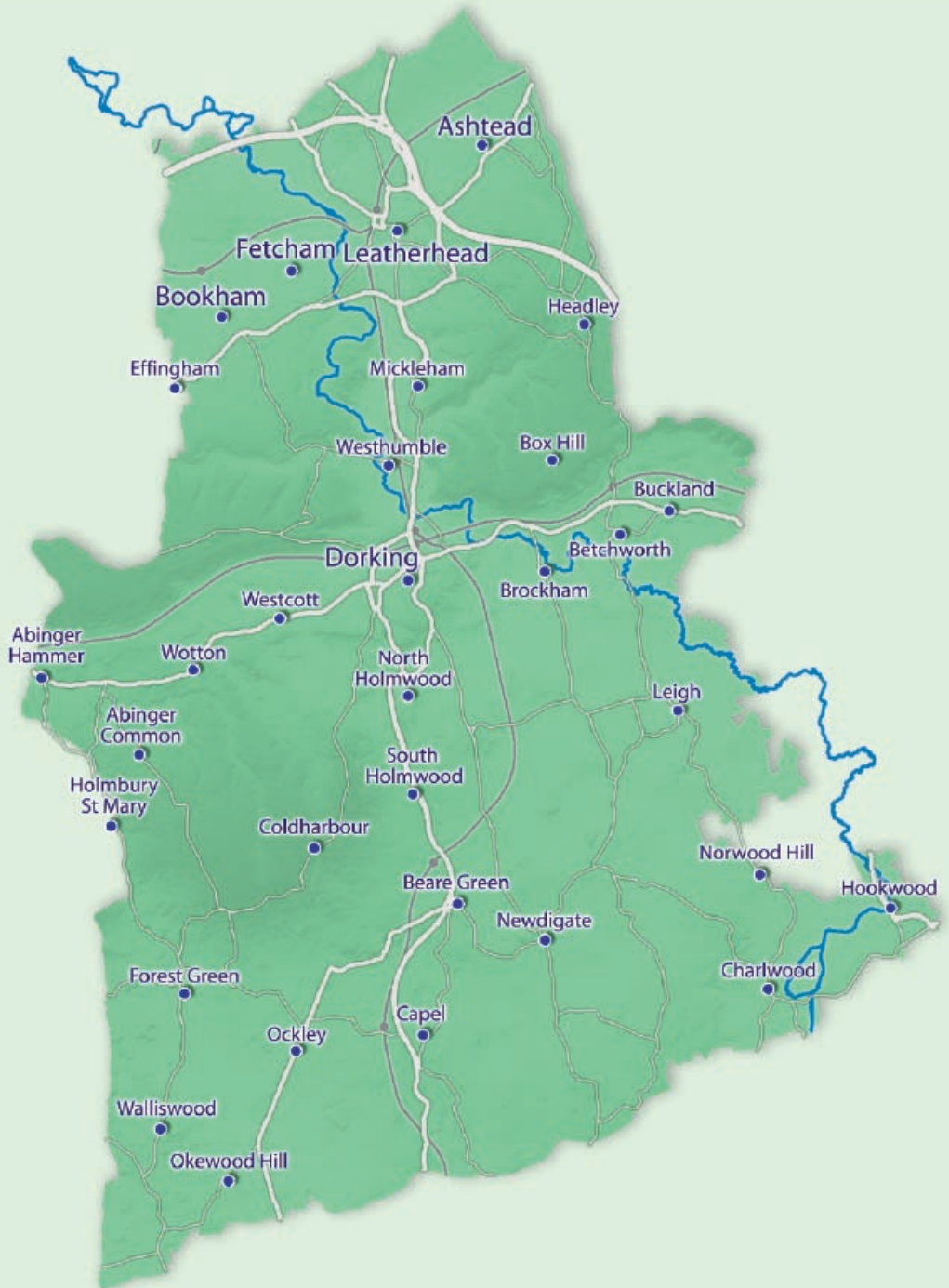


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### About the Front Cover...

The choice of front cover illustration for this booklet is a painting by John Brett dated 1858, who was born in Reigate. The painting shows a boy breaking flints against the backdrop of Box Hill and the North Downs. Brett was associated with the Pre-Raphaelite movement and this painting became strongly linked to the Arts and Crafts Movement. Look closely and you will see the spire of St Michael's Church, Mickleham, open over the weekend. It is in Mickleham that Valerie Woodgate will explore our theme through art, including this picture. Also visible in the original is the viaduct and railway embankment opened in 1849, another subject for a talk by Peter Tarplee.



### Photos

The Stonebreaker by John Brett courtesy of The Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool.  
<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/walker/>

Other back cover and page photos are either from previous years' events, events taking place or images given to us by people taking part this year. They are photographed by Andy Newbold, Paul Knivett, Martin Higgins, Andrew Dorman, Rod Shaw and Derek Kendall. Olympic Torch photos courtesy of Dorking Museum; Slyfield House drawing © Mr and Mrs Richards, artist Peter Wells.

# Heritage Open Days 2011

It is impossible in the space available to summarise the hugely varied and delightfully eccentric mix of events that makes up the 2011 programme for Heritage Open Days in Mole Valley. The advice is, therefore, to take time to study this booklet. In it you will find a wide range of events arranged over the four days from Thursday 8th September to Sunday 11th September and plenty of opportunities for refreshment.

The theme '**Work, Rest and Pray**' is a variation on the well-known advertisement for a chocolate bar. It has provided the basis for a special selection of talks, exhibitions, places and guided walks designed to explore our heritage of leisure, industry and employment. The 'pray' part of the theme has provided the churches, which are always a big part of the programme, with an opportunity to demonstrate their importance in the life of the community and to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible. You will find several special events organised by the churches, including a 24-hour '**readathon**' at the United Reformed Church and one at the Christian Science Church, both in Dorking. There will also be a display of Bibles 'past, present and future' at St Martin's, Dorking. St Nicholas' Church, Charlwood attempts to draw all the elements of the theme out of the decoration of the building through a series of short talks. Richard Selley takes a geological look at St Barnabas' Church with his '**Sermons in Stones**'.

Our launch event features Adrian White, owner of the Denbies Wine Estate, talking about the chequered history of the estate and its relevance to work, rest and pray. This promises to be a special occasion within the '**Church of the North Downs**', St Barnabas', Ranmore. A completely different approach will be adopted by Valerie Woodgate, a NADFAS and Tate Gallery lecturer, who will look at the theme in terms of art.



*The Olympic Torch, Dorking 1948*

The theme provides an opportunity to consider leisure and sporting pursuits past and present. There is more than a nod to the forthcoming Olympics. A talk on the history of cycling in the area heralds the choice of Mole Valley as part of the Olympic cycling road race. A special exhibition in Dorking will commemorate when the 1948 Olympic Torch relay came through the town, with opportunities for local people to record their own memories of that notable day. The re-enactment of the Georgian cricket match on Cotmandene, such a success last year, will be repeated. The activities of the Surrey Society of Model Engineers, based in its premises on the edge of Leatherhead, will appeal to children and adults.

The working theme is explored too. A woodland heritage event on Bookham Commons offers its own varied list of activities from working horses to Morris dancers. The Norbury Park Sawmill will be open and a talk by Peter Tarplee will consider the history of the railways.

There are some familiar and unfamiliar buildings open to visitors. Some are tiny, such as the Chapel of Ease in Mickleham, and others are on a grand

scale, for example Fetcham Park House with its sumptuous interiors. Betchworth Castle provides an opportunity to visit an active restoration project and there is a talk and a walk on the Deepdene Estate, which it is hoped will become a Heritage Lottery Fund project. There are several hands-on events including two archaeological digs from very different periods of history.



Betchworth Castle

Heritage Open Days is a chance to celebrate community spirit. Some events are designed specifically with this in mind such as that being organised by St John's C of E Community School in Dorking, which includes a contribution from the Community Choir. Musical traditions and more live music will be on offer at the Performing Arts Library's 'Cake and Classics' event.

The range of heritage interpretation has never been as extensive as it is this year. Orchards, monuments, wine, music, fine art, architecture, social history, games and archaeology are all there and **it's all free**. Make the most of the four days, plan carefully, book in advance where this is required, meet some of the 400 volunteers involved in the events and learn more about what makes Mole Valley special.

## Where to go for information

Further details of each event can be obtained by visiting the Heritage Open Days website [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk). This easy to use website contains all the information you will need to plan your visits, including location and accessibility 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 which include activities that will appeal to younger people are marked with this icon. Further details can be obtained from the website.

## Booking for events

In some cases it will be necessary to book an event in advance and these are marked '*Pre-booking essential*'. Details of booking arrangements appear in this booklet and on the website, so please check carefully. When booking places through the Dorking Halls, these should be submitted by email to [boxoffice@molevalley.gov.uk](mailto: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 and postal address and a contact telephone number and email address, as unfortunately tickets cannot be issued without this information. If you do not have access to the internet, postal bookings can be sent to **Dorking Halls Box Office, Dorking Halls, Reigate Road, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1SG**, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope (please use the vouchers on page 23 of this booklet).

Bookings will be accepted from **Monday 15 August**. Bookings received before this date will be treated as if they have been received on this day. For events where demand exceeds the supply of available tickets, a random selection process ('ballot') will be applied which will ensure the ticketing process is fair and equitable to all applicants.

## Enjoy the weekend

for more information visit [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

# EVENTS LISTING

## CHURCHES

### ABINGER COMMON, ST JAMES' CHURCH

*Abinger Lane, Abinger Common, Dorking 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 built hundreds of years ago. Located in the pretty village of Abinger Common. Welcome Table available.

*Directions: Take the A25 from Dorking to Guildford, go past the Wotton Hatch pub, taking the sign for Abinger Common (left), then right at the Pump. St James' is opposite the Abinger Hatch pub.*

*Open: Thursday to Saturday 09.00-18.00, Sunday 08.00-20.00; no booking required.*

### ASHTEAD, ST GILES' CHURCH

*Park Lane, Ashtead KT21 1EJ*

Lovely 12th century Grade II\* listed church which has been restored and refurbished.

*Directions: From centre of Ashtead on A24, take Park Lane to the long drive up to church.*

*Open: Saturday 14.00-16.30, Sunday open as normal 14.00-16.00; no booking required.*

### BETCHWORTH GOSPEL HALL

*Station Road, Betchworth RH3 7DF*



Originally a cattle shed/farm building linked to Broome Park (see separate entry), it has been used as a place of worship since Victorian times. Wooden-framed building with external cladding and internal panelling. Exhibition of photographs showing 150 years history of church, and associated documents of historical interest. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: On right hand side of Station Road 150 m south of Betchworth roundabout on A25 - halfway between Dorking and Reigate.*

*Open: Saturday 10.00-17.00, Sunday 14.00-18.00, 18.00 'Heritage Harvest Service'; no booking required.*

### BETCHWORTH, ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

*Church Street, Betchworth RH3 7DW*



This early Grade I 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'. Stained glass, village walks and history trail.

*Directions: Off A25 Dorking to Reigate Road.*

*Open: Thursday, Friday & Saturday 09.00-17.00, Sunday 11.00-17.00; no booking required.*

### BROCKHAM, THE STRICT BAPTIST CHAPEL

*Brockham Green, Brockham RH3 7JS*

In 1780 a group of farmers and local people raised funds to purchase land and in 1783 built a chapel for the Strict Baptist congregation. Services were held and later baptising facilities were built. In 1907 the Chapel was altered to include a gallery and central heating. Within the last few years the Chapel has been closed and is now owned and maintained by a local resident. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: North side of Brockham Green next to the Duke's Head pub.*

*Open: Saturday & Sunday 10.00-16.30; no booking required.*



## BUCKLAND, ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH



*Reigate Road, Buckland, Dorking RH3 7BB*

The pretty village of Buckland, sandwiched between the North Downs and Greensand Hills, provides the setting for the 14th century church (*Grade II listed*), restored in 1860 by Henry Woodyer who designed St Martin's Shared Church in Dorking (*see separate entry*). Stained glass windows, history trail for children to enjoy. Bell tower tours and afternoon tea will be available on Sunday only 14.00-17.00.

*Directions: On A25 in Buckland village between Reigate and Dorking.*

*Open: Thursday & Friday 09.00-17.00, Saturday 09.00-12.00, Sunday 11.00-17.00; no booking required.*

## CHARLWOOD, ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH

*The Street, Charlwood RH6 0EE*

The church circa 1080 will be open with a guide. There will be three short (*ten minute*) talks at 11.00 and 15.30 on: (a) Sport in Norman times as shown in the wall paintings; (b) The King James Bible: A jewel of the English language; (c) The heritage organ. Refreshments will be available. See related entries in Exhibitions and Talks.

*Directions: Centre of village which lies approx. 2 miles west of A23 from Hookwood.*

*Open: Saturday 10.00-16.00, talks at 11.00 & 15.30; no booking required.*

## COLDHARBOUR, CHRIST CHURCH

*Coldharbour Lane, Coldharbour, Dorking RH5 6HF*

Designed by notable Victorian architect, Benjamin Ferrey, Christ Church was consecrated in 1848. The church 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. Sunday teas will be available 15.30-17.30.

*Directions: 4 miles from Dorking, head around one-way system through Dorking follow signs to Leith Hill and Coldharbour.*

*Open: Thursday to Saturday 09.00-18.00, Sunday 08.00-18.00 (Holy Communion with Children's Service 10.00); no booking required.*

## DORKING BAPTIST CHAPEL



*Paper Mews, High Street, Dorking RH4 2TU*

Celebrating the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible. 'The grass withers and the flowers fall but the word of the Lord stands forever', Ref: 1 Peter 1 v 24. On display a selection of old and new Bibles, and framed reproductions of pages taken from some Old English language translations over the centuries e.g. Wycliffe, Tyndale and King James. Come to our Scriptorium and join in writing out consecutive verses from the Bible and see how many we can copy! Further information can be found at [www.dorkingbaptistchapel.org.uk](http://www.dorkingbaptistchapel.org.uk). Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Pedestrian access by side of Domino's Pizza, east end of High Street.*

*Open: Thursday 10.00-19.00, Friday & Saturday 10.00-16.00 & Sunday 15.00-19.00 including 'Songs of Praise' at 18.00; no booking required.*

## DORKING, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH



*1 Moores Road, Dorking RH4 2BG*

'Work, Rest and Pray at the Christian Science Church in Dorking': Why not drop in to listen to, or even join in, a 'readathon' of selected passages from the King James Bible. On the day share your favourite passage ... from the poetic beauty of a psalm to the moving epistle of St Matthew, to the high drama of The Acts of the Apostles. Truly, this Book of Books has it all and is read from at every one of our services.

Stay on and enjoy an organ recital from 14.30-15.30 ... see if you can pick out the musical themes of working, resting and praying. Further information can be found at [www.fccs-dorking.org.uk](http://www.fccs-dorking.org.uk). Light refreshments will be provided free of charge.

*Directions: Just off east end of the High Street between KFC and the BP petrol station.*

*Open: Saturday 10.00-16.00; no booking required.*

## DORKING, QUAKER MEETING HOUSE

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

19th century Quaker meeting house. Opening of rare bi-parting screen at 11.00, 12.00, 14.00 and 16.00. Display of Quaker businesses. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Opposite Waitrose in South Street, Dorking.*

*Open: Saturday 10.00-17.00; no booking required.*

## DORKING, ST MARTIN'S SHARED CHURCH



*Church Street, Dorking RH4 1DW*

St Martin's Church (*shared Anglican/Methodist*) is a fine example of Victorian Gothic (*architect Henry Woodyer, Grade II\* listed*). The spire, second only in height to Salisbury Cathedral in the South of England, is visible for miles around and was completed in 1877. For Heritage Open Days 2011 there will be a special exhibition: 'Bibles - Past, Present and Future'. Refreshments will be available either in the church or the adjacent Christian Centre.

*Directions: Dorking centre with access from High Street by Barclays Bank.*

*Open: Thursday open but without welcomers/guides or exhibition, Friday 09.30-16.00 (with Bible exhibition), Saturday 09.30-16.00 (guided tour at 15.00 and Bible exhibition), Sunday 08.00-19.00 (services at 08.00, 09.30, 11.00 and 18.00 - choral evensong); no booking required.*

## DORKING, ST MARY'S CHURCH

*Pixham Lane, Pixham, Dorking RH4 1PT*

Sir Edwin Lutyens designed this simple but much-admired barrel-vaulted church in 1903. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: East of Dorking, Pixham Lane runs between the A24 & A25 and church is by railway bridge.*

*Open: Saturday 10.00-16.00; no booking required.*

## DORKING, UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

*53 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS*

Built as a Congregational Church by Shearburn in 1834, it is the oldest church building in Dorking and Grade II listed. It retains a typical non-conformist interior. In celebration of the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible there will be a 24 hour reading of the KJV Bible from 09.30 on Saturday through to Sunday at 09.30. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Middle of West Street, western end of Dorking on A24.*

*Open: Saturday 09.30 to Sunday 12.00 - the Readathon finishes at 09.30; no booking required.*

## EFFINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH



*Chapel Hill, Effingham, Leatherhead KT24 5NB*

An exhibition in our pretty Victorian chapel about the history of Effingham village and some of its local heroes, including Sir Barnes Wallis and Lord Charles Howard who fought the Spanish Armada, and Byron's daughter Ada Lovelace, the first computer programmer.

*Directions: Off A246 at Effingham Village at the junction of Chapel Hill and The Street.*

*Open: Friday & Saturday 10.00-17.00; no booking required.*



## FETCHAM, ST MARY'S CHURCH

*The Ridgeway, Fetcham KT22 9AZ*

Church dating back to 11th and 12th century origins with 13th, 17th and 19th century additions; Grade II\* listed. Adjacent to Fetcham Park House with which it has close ties (*see separate entry*). Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Located via a signposted driveway at the Lower Road end of The Ridgeway.*

*From Bocketts Farm roundabout on A246, follow sign to Leatherhead/Fetcham, turn immediately left into The Ridgeway.*

*Open: Saturday 10.00-17.00; no booking required.*

## GREAT BOOKHAM, ST NICOLAS CHURCH



*Lower Road/Church Road, Great Bookham, Leatherhead KT23 3PD*

The church is a Grade I listed building with parts dating from Saxon times and with later associations to Jane Austen and Fanny Burney. The church will have some silver on show, the Church Recording Bound Book, slide show of artefacts and a celebration of the King James Bible. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: In centre of Great Bookham village, 1/4 mile north of A246 (where it is signposted).*

*Open: Thursday 13.00-17.00, Friday 12.00-17.00, Saturday 10.00-17.00 & Sunday 13.00-17.00; no booking required.*

## LEATHERHEAD, CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST PETER

*Garlands Road, Leatherhead KT22 7EZ*

Built in 1923, the church is a fine example of the Arts and Crafts movement. One of its glories is the Woodroffe Windows; the church also contains the Stations of the Cross by Eric Gill. In more recent times, Caroline and Tony Benyon have added further windows. The church also has a variety of interesting icons from early 19th century to the present day. Enjoy our art treasures, rest awhile and pray.



*Directions: Junction of Copthorne Road, Garlands Road and St John's Avenue.*

*Open: Saturday 11.00-18.00; no booking required.*

## LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH

*Church Road, Leatherhead KT22 8AY*

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, preached his last sermon in Leatherhead in 1791, a week before his death. The present church dates from 1893 and has recently been refurbished. The history of Methodism and church activities will be on display. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Central Leatherhead, half way along Church Rd (not Church St).*

*Open: Saturday 09.30-16.00; no booking required.*

## LEATHERHEAD, ST MARY & ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

*Church Road, Leatherhead KT22 8AY*

This medieval church is the oldest building in Leatherhead. See the magnificent Georgian organ made by Thomas Parker in 1766, and re-instituted in 2007; bellringing tower with 10 bells open to visits.

*Directions: Take Dorking Road into Leatherhead from Givons Grove roundabout, on corner of Church Road.*

*Open: Saturday 14.30-17.00, Sunday 14.00-16.00; no booking required.*

## LEIGH, ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH



*Church Road, Leigh RH2 8NJ*

Tours of this small pretty parish church will take place at 15.00 and 16.00, and will include the chance to ring a bell! The church dates back to medieval times. Tea and cake will be available.

*Directions: Opposite the Plough pub.*

*Open: Saturday 15.00-17.00; no booking required.*

## LITTLE BOOKHAM, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

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

Eleventh century church with sympathetic new addition (2002). 1300 year old yew tree, Norman font, hatchments of the Maddox/Boileau/Pollen family; Vulgate and King James Bibles. Refreshments will be available.

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

*Open: Saturday 09.00-18.00; no booking required.*

## MICKLEHAM, ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH



*Old London Road, Mickleham, Dorking RH5 6EB*

A church is mentioned in Mickleham in the Domesday Book of 1086. Parts of the original Saxon church, over 1000 years old, are incorporated into the current church. Much of the current church dates from the Norman era around 1180. In 1823 the church arches were raised, and the North Aisle added in 1827. There will be a children's church trail and an opportunity to ring the bells. Refreshments will be available. See also below entry for Chapel of Ease, Westhumble.

*Directions: From Leatherhead on A24 take left turn through Mickleham. From Dorking on A24 at the Burford Bridge roundabout take Old London Road through to Mickleham.*

*Open: Saturday 11.00-17.00, Sunday 12.30-17.00; no booking required.*

## RANMORE COMMON, ST BARNABAS' CHURCH

*Ranmore Common Road, Dorking RH5 6SP*

A remarkable Victorian Gothic Revival church (*Grade II\* listed*), designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott, which was built in 1859 for George Cubitt MP (*the 1st Lord Ashcombe*) to serve the people of his estate at Denbies. See also entries in Talks section: 'Denbies Estate at Work, Rest and Prayer' and 'Sermons in Stones'.

*Directions: Follow Ranmore Road from Ashcombe Road, Dorking. Turn right at the top of the hill.*

*Open: Thursday & Friday 14.00-17.00, Saturday 15.30-18.00 & Sunday 14.00-17.00 (17.00 Evensong service); no booking required.*

## WESTHUMBLE, CHAPEL OF EASE

*Chapel Lane, Westhumble, Dorking RH5 6AH*

The Chapel of Ease to St Michael & All Angels Church, Mickleham, can be found in the village of Westhumble. Converted from a former outbuilding, and used by the railway builders as a resting place when the railway was being built between Leatherhead and Dorking. Information booklet and refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Follow A24 north approx one mile, turning left into Westhumble Street, over the bridge by the railway station onto Chapel Lane.*

*Open: Saturday 12.00-17.00, Sunday 13.00-17.00; no booking required.*



## WOTTON, ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

*St John's Church Road, Wotton, Dorking RH5 6QQ*

Ancient Grade I listed church with Saxon origins dating from 850 AD. Part of the church is the Evelyn Chapel and Mausoleum dating back to 1580. Evelyn was a famous diarist and colleague of Samuel Pepys and a confidant of Charles II.

*Directions: Lane opposite Wotton Hatch pub on A25, 3 miles west of Dorking.*

*Open: Saturday & Sunday 13.00-17.00; no booking required.*

## COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

### BROCKHAM LIMWORKS AND HEARTHSTONE MINE - WHERE WORK STOPPED IN 1936

*Chalk Pit Lane, Brockham, Dorking RH3 7HA*

Chalk pits and lime kilns last worked in 1936 and mine shaft last worked in 1975. Scheduled Ancient Monument, now an important nature reserve and bat hibernation site. Short guided walks to see kilns, mine shafts and chalk pits.

*Directions: Chalk Pit Lane is a private road off the A25 on the north side, a short way to the east of the Brockham turn. No parking in Chalk Pit Lane.*

*Limeworks are beyond railway level crossing and cottages at north end.*

*Open: Thursday & Friday guided tours 13.00, 14.30 & 16.00, Sunday guided tours 10.30, 13.00, 14.30 & 16.00; no booking required.*

### DENBIES WINE ESTATE, DORKING

*London Road, Dorking RH5 6AA*

England's largest vineyard, located in the heart of the Surrey Hills. Learn all about the history and geology of the estate - outdoor vineyard train tour. Refreshments will be available. See entry in Talks section: 'Denbies Estate at Work, Rest and Prayer', this year's Opening Talk by Adrian White, owner of Denbies Estate.

*Directions: On A24 north of Dorking, at first roundabout.*

*Open: Thursday to Sunday 10.00 tour.*

***Pre-booking essential, email: [info@denbiesvineyard.co.uk](mailto:info@denbiesvineyard.co.uk).***

### DOWNS SOLICITORS, DORKING

*156 High Street, Dorking RH4 1BQ*

Nineteenth century town house now used as working offices of solicitors. Includes interesting old wall and charming garden hidden behind the High Street. Tea and cakes available.

*Directions: Next door but one to Mercure White Horse Hotel, Dorking High Street.*

*Open: Sunday 14.00-17.00; no booking required.*

### FETCHAM PARK HOUSE

*Off Badingham Drive, Fetcham KT22 9HD*

Fetcham Park House is a hidden gem - a 300 year old Grade II listed mansion set in nearly six acres of formal gardens - hidden amid quiet residential streets. Behind its grand facade lie some equally grand rooms and murals by Louis Laguerre, whose work also graces Chatsworth House and Hampton Court. This year's open day follows the theme of 'Work, Rest and Pray', looking at the house from 1924 to the present day. In that time it was a school from 1927-65, (with a wartime gap between 1940-46 when it was an outpost of the University of London). Following restoration it has been used as offices since 1975. Refreshments will be available. See also separate

entry for St Mary's Church, Fetcham with which there are close associations.

*Directions: North off A246 into B2122, turn left immediately into The Ridgeway, then right at roundabout at bottom of hill into Lower Road. Badingham Drive will be found second turn on the right.*

*Open: Saturday 10.00-17.00; **no booking required.***

## LEATHERHEAD THEATRE

*7 Church Street, Leatherhead KT22 8DN*

Grade II listed theatre designed by Roderick Ham. Opened as the Thorndike Theatre in 1969, the building is an influential piece of modernist architecture which has been seen as a forerunner of the National Theatre building of 1976. Dame Sybil Thorndike gave her name to the theatre, the creation of which was led by inspirational theatre manager Hazel Vincent Wallace. We are offering fascinating tours exploring the history of the building and of theatre in Leatherhead. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: In centre of Leatherhead, next door to Barclays Bank.*

*Open: Thursday to Saturday 12.00-18.00 (guided tours Saturday only at 12.00-13.00 & 13.30-14.30); **no booking required.***

## LOWFIELD HEATH WINDMILL, CHARLWOOD

*Russ Hill, Charlwood RH6 0EL*

Lowfield Heath Windmill is a Grade II listed building. Originally built circa 1740 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 guided tours to learn about its history and use.

*Directions: 0.5 miles west of Charlwood on Russ Hill Road.*

*Open: Saturday & Sunday 10.00-17.00; **no booking required.***

## MILTON COURT, DORKING

*UNUM Ltd, Westcott Road, Dorking RH4 3LZ*

Jacobean mansion, beautiful grounds, nestling beneath the North Downs. Built in 1611 - 400 year anniversary this year! Unique Jacobean staircase and beautiful 'flower room'. Extended in Victorian era by William Burges (*leading designer/architect*). Strongly associated with Vaughan Williams (*music composed for Milton Court*) and fascinating WWII history. Talks and guided tours every half hour through the day - ancient beams, wall painting and ghost story! New for 2011: refreshments on sale, proceeds to charity. See also in Walks section for details of self-guided tour around grounds.

*Directions: 0.5 miles west of Dorking, off A25 between Dorking & Westcott. Entrance signed as UNUM offices.*

*Open: Saturday 10.00-16.30 & Sunday 10.00-16.45; **no booking required.***



## NORBURY PARK SAWMILL OPEN DAY, MICKLEHAM

*Norbury Park Sawmill, Norbury Park, Mickleham, Dorking RH5 6DN*

Come and see what the team get up to at the sawmill. We will be running live demonstrations throughout the day on sawing trees, seasoning, bowl turning, charcoal making, green woodworking and bench construction. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Follow direction signs from the A24 at Mickleham to the mill; download a map at [www.norburyparksawmill.org.uk](http://www.norburyparksawmill.org.uk).*

*Open: Saturday & Sunday 10.30-16.00; **no booking required.***



## THE GRANGE, BOOKHAM

*Rectory Lane, Bookham KT23 4DZ*

Mid 19th century house with magnificent late Victorian ballroom and conservatory. Visit our Victorian walled garden and plant shop. Walk around our 14 acres of grounds. Photographs and exquisite work from when The Grange was 'The School of Stitchery and Lace' on show.

*Directions: Rectory Lane is north off A246 about a mile to the west of Great Bookham.*

*Open: Saturday & Sunday 10.00-16.00; no booking required.*

## WOTTON HOUSE

*Guildford Road, Wotton, Dorking RH5 6NS*

Set in 13 acres of spectacular grounds, Wotton House was first mentioned in the Domesday Book. It was originally an old moated manor house. In the 17th century it was bought by the Evelyn family, on the proceeds of George Evelyn's gunpowder mills. The diarist John Evelyn was born here and was very fond of it, describing it as 'large and ancient, suitable to those hospitable times'. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Situated on the A25 around 3 miles west of Dorking, just past the Wotton Hatch pub.*

*Open: Thursday to Saturday 10.00-16.00, Sunday 11.00-16.00; no booking required.*

## EXHIBITIONS

### DORKING'S OLYMPIC DREAM

*Mercure White Horse Hotel, Dorking RH4 1BE*

Dorking Museum is commemorating when the 1948 Olympic Torch Relay came through Mole Valley. Using first-hand memories of local residents, photographs and other memorabilia, it will be an excellent foretaste of London 2012. There will be a Memory Book in which people can share their recollections of that special day and their anticipation of next year's event. In keeping with where the handover of the torch took place, the event will be staged at the White Horse Hotel. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Take the A24 to Dorking, the White Horse Hotel is centrally situated half way down the High Street.*

*Open: Saturday 10.00-17.00, Sunday 14.00-17.00; no booking required.*

### EXHIBITIONS AT THE LEATHERHEAD INSTITUTE

*67 High Street, Leatherhead KT22 8AH*

*The following series of exhibitions will take place at the Institute.*

*Refreshments will be available.*

#### 'SURREY CHURCHES 1829-2010 - A SURVEY' BY JOHN WETTERN

C T Cracklow's pictures of Surrey churches made in the 1820s invite comparisons with those surviving to the present day. A photographic 'round-up' reveals some interesting results.

#### THE RULING PASSION

The history of Nathaniel Bland of Randall's Park and County Kerry and his downfall through gambling.

#### WORK AND REST - A DISPLAY OF WORKPLACES IN OLD LEATHERHEAD

An exhibition organised by the Leatherhead & District Local History Society. Areas covered will be schools, occupations and forms of recreation.

## WORK, REST AND PRAY - PROTECTED HERITAGE IN MOLE VALLEY

An exhibition of photographs and supporting text based around this year's local 'theme'.

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

*Open: Saturday & Sunday 10.00-16.00; no booking required.*

## 24 HOUR READING OF KING JAMES BIBLE

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

Readathon from 09.30 Saturday to 09.30 Sunday to celebrate 400th anniversary of KJV Bible in the oldest church building in Dorking (see also entry in Church section). Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Middle of West Street, western end of Dorking on A24.*

*Open: Saturday 09.30 to Sunday 12.00 - the Readathon finishes at 09.30; no booking required.*

## AIR RAID SHELTER AND STATIONARY ENGINE COLLECTION, WESTCOTT

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

Private collection of internal combustion engines ranging from 1899 to 1950 operating on gas, lamp oil and heavy oils. Also on site is an original air raid shelter in cast concrete. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Two miles west of Dorking on A25, off Furlong Road in village centre.*

*Open: Friday 12.30-17.30, Saturday & Sunday 10.00-17.30; no booking required.*

## BIBLES - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

*St Martin's Shared Church, Church Street, Dorking RH4 1DW*

For Heritage Open Days 2011, this will be a special exhibition. Refreshments will be available either in the church or the adjacent Christian Centre. See entry in Churches.

*Directions: Dorking centre with access from High Street by Barclays Bank.*

*Open: Friday & Saturday 09.30-16.00; no booking required.*

## BOOKHAM COMMONS/WOODLAND HERITAGE DAY



*Bookham Commons/Tunnel Car Park, Church Road, Great Bookham*

A one day event including woodland tours, timber extraction by horse, forest machinery, Morris dancing (*Dorking Rampant Roosters*), birch broom making, 'make-your-own' stool, oak planking (*sawmill*) and charcoal making. Special activities for children include hands-on broom making. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: National Trust car park 150m east of Bookham railway station (TQ130557).*

*Open: Saturday 10.00-16.00 (tours at 12.00 & 14.00); no booking required.*

## GREEN ROOM THEATRE

*Rear of Dorking Halls, Reigate Road, Dorking RH4 1SG*

The Green Room will have a display of past entertainment here and elsewhere. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Take the Dorking Town Centre exit at Deepdene Roundabout at the junction of the A24/A25, theatre is on the far right of the car park behind Dorking Halls.*

*Open: Saturday 14.00-17.00; no booking required.*

## HOLMWOOD COMMON - GERMAN AIRCRAFT DIG



*Blackbrook Road, South Holmwood*

Drop in for a chance to see an archaeological dig of a German aircraft which crashed overnight on 14 March 1944. The aircraft was a Junkers JU 88 and more information about the crew and crash can be found at



[www.aircrewremembrancesociety.com/luft1944/Straube.html](http://www.aircrewremembrancesociety.com/luft1944/Straube.html). Come and see the finds and discover more about the history and future of Holmwood Common.

*Directions: Car parks are situated off Blackbrook Road (Scammels at TQ182464 & Fourwents at TQ184454), accessed from the A24 from Dorking onto Blackbrook Road for around 1.5 miles, or from South Holmwood along Mill Road then left onto Blackbrook Road.*

*Open: Saturday 10.00-15.00; no booking required.*

## ORGANISTS OPEN DAY

*St Nicholas' Church, The Street, Charlwood RH6 0EE*

An opportunity to play the 1858 Holdich organ in St Nicholas' Church, Charlwood. This two manual and pedal 13 stop pipe organ is virtually in its original condition as installed over 150 years ago. Everyone is welcome to come along to hear the organ being played. Cream teas from 15.00-17.00. See related entries in Churches and Talks.

*Directions: Centre of village which lies approx. 2 miles west of A23 from Hookwood.*

*Open: Sunday 11.00-17.00*

***Pre-booking to play the organ advisable, contact Patrick Cox on email [pccox@f2s.com](mailto:pccox@f2s.com) (preferred) or telephone 01293 862224.***

## 'OWZAT!' - A CELEBRATION OF CENTURIES OF CRICKET IN DORKING



*Cotmandene, Dorking RH4 2BL*

Dorking Cricket Club invite a team from the surrounding area to participate in an old style 'two-stump' game using a curved bat and underarm bowling, as played in Georgian times. This year: Newdigate Cricket Club. Afternoon tea will be served in aid of the KIDS FOR KIDS charity.

*Directions: Take Dene Street (opposite Post Office) from High Street, Dorking.*

*Open: Sunday 14.30-17.00; no booking required.*

## SURREY SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS, LEATHERHEAD



*Mill Lane, Leatherhead KT22 9AA*

Behind-the-scenes tour of model engineering society which mainly concentrates on miniature railways. The tour starts with a look back into the history of the old mill and its watercress beds, including the remains of the 500mm gauge tramway. The tracks feature both ground and raised level, in three different gauges, with a variety of steam and diesel locomotives and rolling stock, many of which have been built by members of the society. After the tour there will be an opportunity to ride on one of the trains which run on tracks around the site perimeter, crossing over the water of the Mill Pond stream. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Off Waterways Road, accessed off B2122 just south of river by Waterworks.*

*Open: Saturday 14.00-16.00 (please arrive at 14.00).*

***Pre-booking essential via Dorking Halls, see page 3 for details.***

## THE LOST ORCHARDS OF DORKING



*Station Road, Dorking RH4 1HW*

Join us at Dorking Community Orchard (DCO) for an informational workshop on the history of orchards in and around Dorking. Find out where the orchards were and why they disappeared. Learn ways to discover if there were any orchards in your area. We'll also talk about maintaining a traditional orchard using DCO as an example. Discover how we encourage wildlife habitats while encouraging fruit productivity and also why traditional orchards are important. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Close to intersection of Ashcombe Road and Ranmore Road; it is also two minutes from Dorking West Rail Station; map ref. TQ155501.*

*Open: Sunday 14.00-16.00; no booking required*

# MUSEUMS

## LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

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

The museum, housed in a restored 17th century cottage, will for Heritage Open Days enhance its displays on products once manufactured in the engineering works of Goblin, Ronson and others.

*Directions: Leatherhead town centre at junction of Church Street and The Crescent.*

*Open: Thursday & Friday 13.00-16.00, Saturday & Sunday 10.00-16.00;  
no booking required.*



# PRIVATE HOUSES & ESTATES

## BROOME PARK ICE HOUSE, BETCHWORTH

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

An unusual building located within an 18th century landscape, the Ice House served Broome Park, the former residence of Sir Benjamin Brodie, doctor 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.*

*Open: Thursday to Sunday 10.00-16.00; no booking required.*

## BUCKINGHILL FARM, OCKLEY

*Stane Street, Ockley RH5 4PY*

Listed medieval hall house, dated 1415, with early 17th century 3-storey parlour wing, together with separately listed 18th century barn.

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

*Open: Sunday tours at 11.00 & 14.00.*

*Pre-booking essential via Dorking Halls, see page 3 for details.*

## BUCKLAND WINDMILL

*Yewdells, Dungates Lane, Buckland RH3 7BD*

Buckland Windmill is a small sawmill workshop built in the 1860s, in the garden of the house (built 1713) previously owned by the Estate carpenter. Restored in the period 1995-2004, the windmill now has a circular saw and lathe powered for demonstration purposes. It is believed to be the only surviving wind-powered sawmill in the UK. Garden also open. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: South of A25 in Buckland village; TQ222507; house not open.*

*Open: Saturday 14.00-18.00; no booking required.*

## LEITH HILL TOWER

*Near Coldharbour Village RH5 6LY*

Count the steps up Leith Hill Tower, a Gothic folly built in 1765 and survey the spectacular view from the highest point in the south east. A popular picnicking spot since Victorian times with trails to explore the surrounding heathland, woods and parkland. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Map ref. TQ139432.*

*Open: Sunday 10.00-16.30; no booking required.*



## MANOR FARM TITHE BARN, LITTLE BOOKHAM



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

15th century Grade II listed tithe barn, one of the largest in Surrey at 4500ft<sup>2</sup>. Built originally for All Saints Church (*see separate entry*). Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Off A246 from Guildford towards Leatherhead, turn left into Manor House Lane, barn is on right-hand side opposite school entrance.*

*Open: Saturday 09.00-17.00; no booking required.*

## POLEDEN LACEY



*Great Bookham RH5 6BD*

Free entry to Polesden Lacey Saturday 10 September! For this day *only* free entry for all visitors who can explore the house and grounds where the cream of Edwardian society came to enjoy themselves. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: 2 miles off A246 in Great Bookham, Surrey.*

*Open: Saturday 11.00-17.00 (last admissions 16.30); no booking required.*

## ROWHURST, LEATHERHEAD

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

Rowhurst is a private house with three major builds dating from pre-1346, 1346 and 1632. Rowhurst's 1940s outbuildings are home to Fire and Iron Gallery and Rowhurst Forge. Visitors can see inside the ground floor, talk to the owner and find out about the history of the house and the surrounding area. Responding to the local theme 'Work, Rest and Pray', the Fire and Iron team will be demonstrating their metal working skills, the owner will unearth some old images of earlier occupants at rest from their work, and the ongoing mystery of Leatherhead's missing minster church will be described. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Just off Junction 9 M25 (eastbound). Signed 'Fire and Iron Gallery' from A244.*

*Open: Friday & Saturday 11.00-16.00; no booking required.*

## RUINS OF BETCHWORTH CASTLE

*Meet at entrance to Betchworth Park Golf Club, on A25 3/4 E of junction with A24*

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, the functions of rooms within the surviving masonry shell, its refurbishment by Sir John Soane in 1798 and why it became a ruin in 1835. The masonry will be undergoing conservation, so will be of particular interest to students and conservation professionals. Related local sites include the Hope Mausoleum in Dorking where the last owner of the castle is buried (*see entries in Talks and Walks*).

*Directions: On A25 (Reigate Road) 3/4 mile E of junction with A24. Meet in loop of old road at entrance to Betchworth Park Golf Club RH4 1NZ, map ref. TQ 185501*

*Open: Sunday tours at 10.00, 12.00 & 14.00.*

*Pre-booking essential via Dorking Halls, see page 3 for details.*

## SLYFIELD HOUSE, STOKE D'ABERNON

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

A small Jacobean manor house in private ownership. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Given on booking.*

*Open: Saturday tour at 11.00.*

*Pre-booking essential via Dorking Halls, see page 3 for details.*



## THE BUNGALOW POND, BUCKLAND

*Reigate Road, Buckland RH2 9RE*

Our Victorian Reigate stone-lined pond, once part of the 19th century estate Shagbrook, has been restored complete with new monk gate and sluice. The pond, once part of the Pleasure Grounds, and shaped like a duck's head, is not only ornamental. The pond is fed naturally from the North Downs, and at times supplemented when the local water authority discharge water from boreholes above the A25 via a culvert.

*Directions: On the A25, just outside Reigate, down the slip road opposite Buckland Nursery.*

*Open: Saturday 10.00-17.00; no booking required.*

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS

### DORKING CAVES

*South Street, Dorking RH4 2HQ*

Dorking has an extensive system of cellars and caves cut into the soft Greensand dating back at least to the 17th century. At street level extensive galleries were used until recently as wine cellars. From here a series of steep staircases lead down deep under Butter Hill to a cave of uncertain age and purpose. Domed, with a bench around its circumference, the chamber is believed to date from the late 17th century. It may have been excavated as a gentleman's folly, as a meeting place for religious dissenters, for the local witches' coven, or just as somewhere for Dorking gentlemen to quality test the wine free from domestic distractions. Please refer to [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) for access details and restrictions.

*Directions: South Street, opposite Waitrose (map ref. TQ164154)*

*Open: Saturday tours at 11.00-11.45, 12.00-12.45, 14.00-14.45 & 15.00-15.45.*

*Pre-booking essential via Dorking Halls, see page 3 for details.*

### DORKING HALLS: BEHIND THE SCENES

*Reigate Road, Dorking RH4 1SG*

Rare opportunity to see the backstage workings of one of Surrey's premier arts and entertainment venues led by the Operations/Duty Manager and a technician. The tour will cover the projection room, cinema, lighting and sound demonstrations, dressing rooms and technical stores, combined with a history of the Halls. Refreshments are available.

*Directions: On east entrance to Dorking opposite Council Offices.*

*Open: Thursday & Friday tours at 15.00, Saturday & Sunday tours at 11.00 & 15.00.*

*Pre-booking essential via Dorking Halls, see page 3 for details.*

### 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 educational purposes. It is still used over 115 years later and has a beautifully-restored interior. There will be several displays arranged for the weekend: see Exhibitions section for more details. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: E end of High St at junction of High St/Leret Way & The Crescent.*

*Open: Saturday & Sunday 10.00-16.00;  
no booking required.*



## THE PERFORMING ARTS LIBRARY - CAKE AND CLASSICS

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

We welcome you to Surrey Performing Arts Library, one of the largest dedicated performing arts libraries in the country. Come and explore the library, our Vaughan Williams display and collection, a new display of music connections with work, rest and pray and enjoy some live music accompanied by tea and cake!

*Directions: Find us next to Denbies Wine Estate main building  
(see Commercial Buildings section).*

*Open: Saturday 14.00-16.00; no booking required.*

## THE READING ROOM, FETCHAM

*181 Cobham Road, Fetcham KT22 9RU*

Built in 1885 as a place where local workers could visit for recreation on their weekly afternoon off. The Reading Room was built on the site of the original almshouses which were rebuilt in 1885 on land at the corner of Cobham Road and River Lane. There will be a display of local workhouses research by the U3A as well as historical scrapbooks, memorabilia etc. Leaflet available for self-guided tour of Fetcham's buildings of historic interest. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Through Fetcham Village, under railway bridge, on left hand side opposite River Lane.*

*Open: Saturday & Sunday 10.00-16.00; no booking required.*

## SCHOOLS

### BELMONT PREPARATORY SCHOOL/FELDEMORE HOUSE, HOLMBURY ST MARY

*Pasturewood Road, Holmbury St Mary, Dorking RH5 6LQ*

Belmont Preparatory School is based in the former home of Edwin Waterhouse. Built in 1880 this fine Arts & Crafts building boasts the work of William Morris and William de Morgan in its fine fireplaces. Enjoy a journey back in time and insight into one of the late 19th century fine homes.

*Directions: A25 from Dorking to Guildford, take first turning after Wotton Hatch pub left into Hollow Lane; after approximately 1.5 miles, drive past the village well and the turning to Abinger Common and turn right into Pasturewood Road (signposted Holmbury St Mary). See [www.belmont-school.org](http://www.belmont-school.org) for further details.*

*Open: Thursday & Friday tours at 09.30.*

***Pre-booking essential, telephone Mrs A Owen on 01306 730852 or email [schooloffice@belmont-school.org](mailto:schooloffice@belmont-school.org).***

### BOX HILL SCHOOL/DALEWOOD HOUSE, MICKLEHAM

*Old London Road, Mickleham RH5 6EA*

Guided tours available of this historic building which was built in 1883 by D H Evans, the Oxford Street store owner, for his daughter, Sarah. An old Victorian Gothic style house, its interior has fine wood panelling, themed stained glass and wonderful fireplaces. Now forms part of Box Hill School.

*Directions: Centre of Mickleham, between Leatherhead & Dorking, opposite Mickleham Church.*

*Open: Saturday tour 14.00, Sunday tour 11.30.*

***Pre-booking essential, telephone 01372 385048 or email [sunterm@boxhillschool.org.uk](mailto:sunterm@boxhillschool.org.uk).***

## FETCHAM VILLAGE INFANT SCHOOL

School Lane, Fetcham KT22 9JU

The original school opened in 1854. This building is now a reception class. A Victorian well was discovered when building the new library. This part of the school will be open to view as well as the school logbooks.

*Directions: School Lane is off Guildford Road (B2122) south of Leatherhead; meet at the School Office.*

*Open: Thursday & Friday 13.30-15.30; no booking required.*

## ST JOHN'S C OF E COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING, DORKING



Goodwyns Road, Dorking RH4 2LR

Come and see our local history project by Year 4 children, a local art display, and listen to Loud & Proud Community Choir. Help us to build a picture of our local history - students from the past and present are invited to contribute. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Take A24 out of Dorking towards Horsham. At the 1st roundabout take the 3rd exit into Flint Hill and then the first turning on the right into Goodwyns Road. The school is on the right with limited parking.*

*Open: Saturday 10.30-12.30; no booking required.*

## ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, LEATHERHEAD

Epsom Road, Leatherhead KT22 8SP

Independent day and boarding school founded for the sons of clergymen in 1851. It moved to Leatherhead in 1872 and now has 550 pupils. Former pupils include Victor Silvester OBE, Gavin Hewitt and the architect Lord Rogers.

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

*Open: Saturday tour at 15.00; no booking required.*

## ST PAUL'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL, DORKING

St Paul's Road West, Dorking RH4 2HS

Victorian school - part only (150 years old). There will be a display of Victorian and later objects linked to the school and pictures.

*Directions: Take B2003 Horsham Road just south of one-way system, turning left into St Paul's Road West.*

*Open: Friday tours 13.30, 14.00 & 14.30.*

***Pre-booking essential, email [info@stpauls-dorking.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stpauls-dorking.surrey.sch.uk).***



Belmont Preparatory School, Holmbury St Mary



Box Hill School



# TALKS

## CYCLING HISTORY IN SURREY 1850-1950

*Council Chamber, Council Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking RH4 1SJ*

This event is an illustrated talk by Les Bowerman about a century of cycles and cycling from the pedal cycle's first appearance in Surrey in the 1850s until the 1950s. It will touch upon wooden-wheeled velocipedes with both 4 and 2 wheels, the days of the high bicycle, solid-tired safeties and early pneumatics, to the elegant lightweights of the 1950s, mentioning leisure activities associated with all of these types in both the Mole Valley and elsewhere in Surrey.

*Directions: East end of Dorking, opposite Dorking Sports Centre.*

*Open: Thursday 19.30; no booking required.*

## DENBIES ESTATE AT WORK, REST AND PRAYER

*St Barnabas' Church, Ranmore Common Road, Dorking RH5 6SP*

Opening Talk by Adrian White, owner of Denbies Estate. Denbies Estate on Ranmore Common takes its name from John Denby, a 16th century farmer. After passing through several hands it was bought by Thomas Cubitt, Master Builder, in 1850. Thomas built a stately home on the site. His son, George, the 1st Lord Ashcombe, developed the estate, building a pub, a school and a church, providing the community with access to damnation, education and salvation. After WW2 the fortunes of Denbies declined. The main house was demolished and the 3rd Lord Ashcombe moved into the old laundry. In 1984 the 4th Lord Ashcombe sold the estate to Adrian White. Denbies has since undergone a renaissance, not least in the metamorphosis of Bradley Farm into a highly successful vineyard planted on the recommendation of a notorious local geologist. Refreshments will be served. (*See below Sermons in Stones entry and Denbies Wine Estate entry in Commercial Buildings section*).

*Directions: Follow Ranmore Road from Ashcombe Road, Dorking. Turn right at the top of the hill.*

*Open: Friday 19.30; no booking required.*

## DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAYS IN MOLE VALLEY

*Fetcham Village Hall, The Street, Fetcham KT22 9QS*

A talk led by Peter Tarplee of the Leatherhead & District Local History Society. The first railway in Mole Valley arrived in 1849 and it was another 10 years before trains ran to Leatherhead. In 1867 the line was constructed from Leatherhead to Dorking and on to Horsham; and Leatherhead then had two stations. By 1885 the Guildford line via Cobham was opened together with the station at Bookham. We will give details of the development of the system up to the present day.

*Directions: In centre of Fetcham.*

*Open: Sunday 14.30; no booking required.*

## DREAMING SPIRES: BRITAIN'S GREAT HERITAGE OF CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

*Council Chamber, Council Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking RH4 1SJ*

Talk illustrated with slides by Barrie Clark, formerly of English Heritage. This will include regional influences, different architectural periods and denominations, church furnishings and end with local examples.

*Directions: East end of Dorking, opposite Dorking Sports Centre.*

*Open: Sunday 11.00; no booking required.*

## SECRETS OF THE DEEPDENE FROM GARDEN SHOWPIECE TO HIDDEN TREASURE

*Green Room Theatre, Rear of Dorking Halls, Reigate Road, Dorking RH4 1SG*

Sarah Couch, an architect and historic landscape specialist, first researched the Deepdene in 1992 which she believes can be likened to a sleeping beauty, hidden under years of laurel and rhododendron, waiting to be awakened. The garden has a remarkable history, stretching from its mid-17th century creation by Charles Howard to its transformation by the famed antiquarian and classicist, Thomas Hope, in the early 19th century. Sarah will show how much evidence of the long history of this extraordinary garden survives and explain why it is so important. (See also 'The Deepdene Trail' in Walks section). The Green Room Theatre will be open 14.00-17.00 with a display of past entertainment here and elsewhere. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Take Dorking Town Centre exit on Deepdene roundabout at the junction of A24/A25, theatre on far right of car park behind Dorking Halls.*

*Open: Saturday 15.00; no booking required.*

## SERMONS IN STONES

*St Barnabas' Church, Ranmore Common Road, Dorking RH5 6SP*

Talk by Professor Richard Selley, President of the Mole Valley Geological Society. St Barnabas' Church was built in 1859 by George Cubitt, later the 1st Lord Ashcombe, to a design by Gilbert Scott. In those days geology was an essential part of the educational curriculum of the children of Victorian gentry. Shakespeare's phrase 'sermons in stones' was widely appreciated, as this church illustrates. George's Uncle William (1791-1863) was a Fellow of the Geological Society of London. It is highly likely that William passed on his interest to his nephew as shown by the eclectic collection of rocks used in the construction of St Barnabas. The church is built of rocks from Surrey, from further afield in Great Britain, and from abroad. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Ranmore Road from Ashcombe Road, Dorking. Turn right at the top of the hill.*

*Open: Sunday 14.00; no booking required.*



## TALKS AT ST NICHOLAS

*St Nicholas' Church, The Street, Charlwood RH6 0EE*

There will be three short (ten minute) talks at 11.00 and 15.30 on: (a) Sport in Norman times as shown in the wall paintings; (b) The King James Bible: A jewel of the English language; (c) The heritage organ. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Centre of village which lies approx. 2 miles west of A23 from Hookwood.*

*Open: Saturday 11.00 & 15.30; no booking required.*

## THE WOODCARVINGS OF ST PETER'S

*St Peter's Church, Church Road, Newdigate RH5 5DL*

Local historian, Jane Lilley, will describe the beautiful woodcarvings in St Peter's Church. Many carved by the young men of the village 100 years ago.

*Directions: Follow signs for Newdigate from Dukes Head roundabout at Beare Green.*

*Turn right in centre of village and find church opposite Six Bells pub.*

*Open: Thursday & Saturday 10.00-12.00.*

***Pre-booking essential, contact John Callcut on 01306 631148.***



## WORK, REST AND PRAY IN VICTORIAN ART - THE STORIES AND THE SCANDALS

*Mickleham Village Hall, Dell Close, Mickleham RH5 6EE*

Talk by Valerie Woodgate, NADFAS lecturer and lecturer/guide at Tate Britain and Tate Modern and on the teaching team at Dulwich Picture Gallery. Coffee will be served from 10.00 with the talk commencing at 11.00. There will be displays of NADFAS activities.

*Directions: Mickleham Village Hall is signposted from Old London Road (off A24 at Mickleham).*

*Open: Saturday 11.00 (coffee from 10.00); no booking required.*

## WALKS

### ASHTEAD COMMON ROMAN VILLA

Six ranger-led guided walks to observe the culmination of three weeks archaeological excavations by the volunteers from the Surrey Archaeological Society (SAS) of the Roman villa, tile kiln and associated features. Talk to leaders of the SAS 'Finds Team' with refreshments on sale on site.

*Directions: Meet at the Ashtead Common Estate Office which is within 2 minutes walk of Ashtead Railway Station.*

*Walk time: Saturday & Sunday walks at 10.00, 12.00 & 14.00.*

***Pre-booking essential, telephone 01372 279083 or email [city.commonscityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:city.commonscityoflondon.gov.uk).***

### HIDDEN BEHIND THE HIGH STREET, DORKING

A gentle walking tour by local historian and Blue Badge Guide Allan Brigham highlighting the features that make Dorking one of the most attractive towns in Surrey. Described as 'the epitome of paradise' or as 'a place to perish miserably of utter boredom and dry rot'? Come and find out for yourself!

*Directions: Meet at Almshouses, Cotmandene, behind south side of High Street.*

*Walk time: Sunday 10.30-12.30; no booking required.*

### HOLMWOOD - WHERE LONDON'S FINEST RESTED AND PRAYED (AND LOCALS WORKED ON THEIR ESTATES)

Guided tour of the monuments and graves of St Mary Magdalene, South Holmwood by Kathy Atherton of Dorking Museum. For a relatively new church (1838) St Mary Magdalene has a wealth of grand memorials. Meet the wealthy elite of London who kept mansions in Holmwood and left their mark on its church: Anglo-Russian merchants; the Prince Regent's divorce lawyer; an architect of the Industrial Revolution - and more! This talk will focus on the people buried in the churchyard or commemorated in its striking memorials, rather than the fabric of the church buildings.

*Directions: Meet at St Mary Magdalene Church, Betchetts Green Road, South Holmwood RH5 4JX.*

*Walk time: Sunday 15.00-16.00; no booking required.*

### MILTON COURT WALK, DORKING

Do the 'Mile Walk' around the grounds of Milton Court (*see separate entry in Commercial Buildings*). Waymarked with self-guiding map with points of interest (*available from Reception in the main house*). Beautiful setting below North Downs - lake, avenues of trees, wild flowers, putting green, alpacas and a llama(!). There are picnic benches so bring your own food or buy some refreshments which will be on sale for charity.

*Directions: UNUM Ltd, Westcott Road, Dorking RH4 3LZ - 0.5 miles west of Dorking on A25.*

*Walk time: Saturday 10.00-16.30 & Sunday 10.00-16.45; no booking required.*

## MILTON STREET WALK, WESTCOTT

This picturesque street has its origins in the 16th century and for some 200 years formed part of the Bury Hill Estate. Find out more about its past on this guided walk. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Meet at Stable Meadow Sports Ground, Milton Street RH4 3PX (one mile west of Dorking on A25).*

*Walk time: Thursday 14.30-16.30, Friday 10.00-12.00.*

***Pre-booking essential via Dorking Halls, see page 3 for details.***

## THE DEEPDENE TRAIL

A walk taking in the remnants of the Deepdene Estate ending with an opportunity to see inside the Hope Mausoleum. See related entries 'Ruins of Betchworth Castle' in Private Houses & Estates and 'Secrets of the Deepdene from Garden Showpiece to Hidden Treasure' in Talks.

*Directions: Meet at the Council Offices, Reigate Road, Dorking RH4 1SJ.*

*Walk time: Friday 14.00 & Sunday 11.00.*

***Pre-booking essential via Dorking Halls, see page 3 for details.***

## UNDER THE ARCHWAY - ROSE HILL AND 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. Pass under a mock Tudor archway to find houses surrounding an oval paddock grazed by sheep. Two of the first residents were Clement Attlee's grandfather and Alfred Russel Wallace, explorer and naturalist and the man who almost scooped Darwin!

*Directions: Meet outside the Quaker Meeting House off South Street and above War Memorial.*

*Walk time: Sunday 14.00-15.30; no booking required.*

## WALK AROUND LEATHERHEAD TOWN CENTRE

Enjoy a walk around Leatherhead town centre pointing out buildings and sites of historical interest, led by members of Leatherhead & District Local History Society. Refreshments will be available.

*Directions: Meet at the Letherhead Institute which is at the east end of the High Street at the junction of Leret Way.*

*Walk time: Saturday 14.00 start (duration 1.5 hours).*

***Pre-booking essential via Dorking Halls, see page 3 for details.***



*Guided walk in Dorking*



*Previous years visitors finding out about Roman past*



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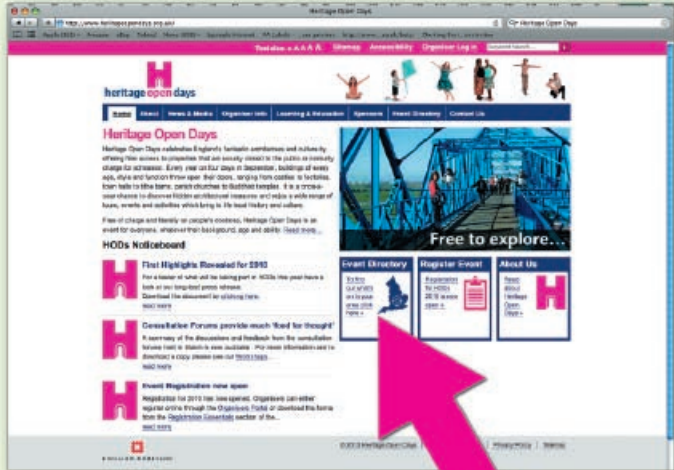
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