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heritage open days

THE PROGRAMME
GODALMING & ENVIRONS
SATURDAY 17TH TO SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022



Heritage Open Days in Godalming & Environs are organised by The Godalming Trust

Established in 1994 Heritage Open Days are England's contribution to a Pan-European event initiated by the Council of Europe (not the EU). The central principle is to offer free access to buildings which are normally closed to the public but now it includes tours and events which bring local history to life. Heritage Open Days is coordinated nationally by the National Trust with support from players of People's Postcode Lottery. Locally, it would not be possible without the support of individuals, businesses and organisations who give up their time to pass on their knowledge and enthusiasm for both the buildings and their associated history.

The theme for this year's Heritage Open Days is 'Astounding Inventions' celebrating England's rich history of invention, industry, and innovation. Certainly the invention of framework knitting had a strong influence in Godalming for nearly 3 centuries, with the last knitting factory closing in the 1990s. An example of this machine can be seen in Godalming Museum. Godalming and the surrounding area was very much influenced by the Arts and Crafts movement and examples of the architecture, decorative features and memorials can be seen in some buildings. A number of the properties open show some links to innovation and invention in the broadest sense. Godalming was also the first town in the world to have a public electricity supply.

This local programme is correct at time of going to press, anyone intending to visit or apply for tickets should check the Heritage Open Days website below for any changes, particularly before travelling. The website will be kept up to date. We ask visitors to comply with any requirements at the open properties and events. We will also post any

last minute changes in Godalming Museum and the Pepperpot during the weekend.

Heritage Open Days is a national event see www.heritageopendays.org.uk for details of other properties open and of National Trust properties that are freely open during the festival.

Godalming was founded in Anglo-Saxon times; the earliest known reference to it is in the will of King Alfred in about 890. It started as two settlements, one near to the Parish Church which grew out towards the High Street, the other near the wharf. The rivers and water courses along with the fertile ground and wooded surrounding area made it a good place to settle. Sheep and cattle were grazed in the more sandy soil out of the river valley.

So at first glance Godalming is much like any other Surrey town, but if you know where to look, you can see signs of its industrial past with its wool trade, framework knitting, leather processing, paper making and stone quarrying. During the 18th and 19th centuries it was more like a northern mill town with a big industrial presence and a large number of non-conformist religions catering for the workers. From the 17th century until the mid-19th century and the arrival of the railway, it was a major coaching stop on the London to Portsmouth route. The railway led to growth of Godalming and Farncombe with housing for London commuters.

Whatever you choose to do or see this weekend, enjoy this insight into our rich Heritage.



FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

The symbol • means that our tickets need to be booked in advance. They will be available from Godalming Museum 01483 426510 from Saturday 20th August 2022 (please check www.godalmingmuseum.org.uk/index.php?page=covid-19-visits for opening times). Please make sure that you arrange collection of your tickets at least 30 minutes before the tour ON THE DAY.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANKS

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• AT A GLANCE

Venue	Ticket needed?	Saturday	Sunday
The Peppercot		10am-5pm	10am-4.30pm
Godalming Museum		10am-4pm	10am- 4pm
3 Church Street	Yes	Tours at 10.30am and 12 noon	
Bell Ringing	Yes	2pm & 3.30pm	
St Peter & St Paul Church		10am-5pm	
Quaker Meeting House		11am-3pm	
Rake Court	Yes	Tour at 3.30pm	
Godalming Masonic Hall		10.30am-3.30pm	
Ladywell Convent & The Franciscan Centre	Yes	Tours at 2pm, 2.30pm & 3pm	
Christian Science Church		10am-1pm	
St John the Baptist Church, Wonersh		10am -1pm	
Busbridge Church		10am-4pm	1pm-4pm
St Peter's Church, Hambledon		10am-4pm	1pm-4pm
St John The Evangelist Church, Farncombe		10am-12 noon	2pm-4pm
St Peter's Church, Hascombe		10am-4pm (Talk/tour at 3pm)	10am-4pm
St Michael and All Angels Church, Thursley		11am-4pm	
St Mary and All Saints Church, Dunsfold		2pm-5pm	2pm-5pm
Charterhouse School	Yes		Tours at 10am, 12.30pm & 2.30pm
Prior's Fields School		12 noon-4pm	
Skillway Craft Workshops		9am-12 noon	
King Edwards School, Witley	Yes		Tours at 1pm & 3pm
Farncombe C of E Infants School		11am-1pm (Tours at 11.15am & 12.15pm)	
Barrow Hills School		2pm-4pm (Tours at 2pm & 3pm)	
St Nicholas Peper Harow Church		Tour at 10.30am	
Town History Walk			10.30am-12 noon
Music in the Park			3pm-5pm <i>The Godalming Trust Concert</i>
St Mary's Church, Chiddingfold & Chiddingfold Archive		10am-4pm NB Saturday 10th September	

THE PEPPERPOT

Godalming's old Market House and Town Hall, built by public subscription in 1814 to replace the ruinous medieval structure. Designed by local architect John Perry, it has survived several attempts to knock it down for road improvements and has become the "trademark" of Godalming. The seat of the town's politics until the larger council offices were built in 1908, it then became the town Museum until that moved in 1987. Come and see the High Street and Church Street from a different viewpoint, and also the Godalming Museum display of a timeline of the town's history. Open courtesy of Godalming Town Council.

Open SATURDAY 10am-5pm and SUNDAY 10am-4.30pm
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GODALMING MUSEUM

Join us at Godalming Museum and explore the local history of our delightful town. Visit the Arts and Crafts Gallery, learn about Gertrude Jekyll the "mother" of English gardening and her long-time collaborator Edwin Lutyens the Architect of the Cenotaph. Our Living Landscape and Local History Galleries are full of information about the way the town has developed since prehistoric times, about

Jack Phillips our famous son, the heroic radio operator of the Titanic and other notable residents from this area. Take a break from visiting other Heritage sites and relax in our cafe either inside or outside in our peaceful walled garden, which is designed in the style of Gertrude Jekyll. We will also be showing an exhibition of the work of a group of local artists - Studio 12. Their work is in a variety of media and styles and they regularly exhibit at the Museum. We are pleased that the popular children's activities removed during the pandemic are now back and anyone who likes the train in the Museum window can now once again operate another train in the Living Landscape Gallery.

Open SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, 10am-4pm
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• 3 CHURCH STREET

Nye Saunders Ltd, Chartered Architects

A three storey oak framed former town house, just over 460 years old, jettied on two floors with decorative ogee curved braces. Including "from acorn to acrow-prop" the complete history of oak timber framed buildings. Please note that there are steep and narrow stairs to negotiate for these tours.

Tours on SATURDAY at 10.30am and 12 noon
FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

• **BELL RINGING**

The bell tower of SS Peter & Paul will be open. In the summer of 2017 we installed an entirely new ring of eight bells and we are very pleased with them. Come and visit the ringing chamber and hear for yourself how good the new bells sound. There will be a short talk about English church bell ringing and a demonstration of this ancient art, more-or-less unique to the UK. Please note, for safety reasons, under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and that access is via a steep, narrow staircase. **On SATURDAY at 2pm and 3.30pm (lasts about 1 hour).**

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CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL

'Where all are welcome!' Come and walk through history at Godalming's Grade 1 Listed parish church. There has been a church here since Saxon times. Stones from the church font, the earliest in England, dating from 820 to 840 are on display. The Normans added a short tower and the distinctive oak framed, lead covered spire was in place by 1375. Over the centuries the church has expanded to meet the demands of a growing population with a number of refurbishments throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, the last major changes being done with the help of Sir Gilbert Scott in 1878.

**Open SATURDAY 10am-5pm.
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QUAKER MEETING HOUSE

The Mint, Mill Lane, Godalming



The Society of Friends, or Quakers as they are known, has a long history in the Godalming area. 2014 was the tercentenary of the Meeting Room, built from the ruins of a cottage called Goreways in 1714. The other building, originally a stable,

is believed to date from the 1600s. Less than two miles away, in Binscombe, is a Quaker Burial Ground used between the sixteenth and seventeenth century and Fox's Barn, so called because the Society's founder, George Fox, preached there in 1655. Many Quaker inventors and scientists have influenced the development of science, technology, political and social science from the seventeenth century to the present day. These include William Penn founder of Pennsylvania, Elizabeth Fry, a prison reformer and the chocolate makers

the Cadbury, Rowntree and Fry families. A Godalming Quaker will be on hand to explain the history of Quakerism in Godalming, the history of the buildings and the site.

**Open SATURDAY 11am-3pm
FREE - JUST TURN UP AND TALK TO US**

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

6 Ockford Road, Godalming GU7 1QY
There will be guided tours of the church building throughout the morning. The church was the overall winner of the Godalming Trust Civic Design Awards 2018. There will be a small exhibition illustrating the construction of the church and the design of the interior. There will be music on the Rushworth and Dreaper pipe organ (brought from the old church) throughout the morning, and the opportunity to go into the organ chamber and see the workings of the instrument.

**Open SATURDAY 10am-1pm
FREE - JUST TURN UP**

GODALMING MASONIC HALL

Ockford Rd, Godalming GU7 1RQ

The current Masonic Hall was built in 1988 and replaced the original hall built almost 100 years earlier in South Street, as part of the redevelopment of the town centre to relieve traffic congestion in the High Street. Although just over 30 years old, the new building was recently completely refurbished internally and contains many features from the original building, including two stained glass windows, the large stone fireplace, several ornate chairs and various masonic items still used in the Temple today. Whilst there are only a small number of local masons meeting the challenge of inventions, and innovations, we have widened the field and our talks to include famous masons from around the world who would certainly be classed as inventors and innovators. Local freemasons will be on hand during the day to meet and talk to guests and to explain the significance of various masonic items in the Temple, and to respond to guests' questions. Ample FREE car parking is available.

**Open SATURDAY 10.30am-3.30pm
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• **LADYWELL CONVENT & THE FRANCISCAN CENTRE LADYWELL**

Ashtead Lane, Godalming, GU7 1ST

First occupied in 1911 and previously known as Tuesley Court, the building was designed by London architect Sir Guy Dawber in an Arts and Crafts style, constructed of Bargate stone and set at intervals with leaded windows. In 1956 the house was purchased by the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine



Motherhood as their Motherhouse. Since then, the convent has been extended sensitively in the style of the original building and a magnificent chapel was added, with striking mosaics imported from Italy. In 2019, an extensive renovation project commenced, during which further

examples of the original Arts & Crafts features were discovered within the Main House. The site is now being reopened as the Franciscan Centre Ladywell, which hopes to protect the heritage of Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood and carry on their mission of promoting the values of St Clare & St Francis in the world today. Also in nearby Minster Field is a shrine marking the site of Godalming's first church, known as the Minster Chapel, believed to have been built between AD550 and 650. The shrine is always open to the public.

Tours on SATURDAY at 2pm, 2.30pm and 3pm

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SKILLWAY WORKSHOPS

at Nightingale Road Cemetery

Skillway (Charity) is a project begun in 1997 which provides mutual craft skills training, by professional skilled craftsmen supported by volunteers, who have an innovative and quite unique approach to teaching young people practical skills. It aims to raise employability, self-esteem and motivation to teenagers. It is housed in The Old Chapel (Grade II Listed) within the classic Victorian Nightingale Cemetery, where the Jack Phillips memorial stone can be seen next to the caretaker's garden. A copy of the cemetery records will be available for reference.

Open SATURDAY 9am-12 noon

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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH FARNCOMBE

Built in 1849 in response to the rapid population growth created by the railway. Designed in the early English Gothic style by Sir George Gilbert Scott RA. There is a tablet in memory of John George (Jack) Phillips, the wireless operator on the Titanic, as he sang in the church choir as a boy.

Open SATURDAY 10am-12 noon and SUNDAY 2pm-4pm

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FARNCOMBE CHURCH OF ENGLAND INFANT SCHOOL

Grays Road Farncombe

The school was built in 1905 on the initiative of Canon Bowring, and it is suspected, with good reason, to accommodate the growing number of pupils at St John's Street School. Originally it opened as a school for boys only. The boys later moved back to the main building with educational changes to mixed classes, and the building was adapted to house the infants school. It was extended in the 1970s, again in the 1980s and with a recent addition as numbers in each year increased. The school is well regarded locally for its caring ethos, inspiring curriculum and high academic standards.

Open SATURDAY 11am-1pm. Tours 11.15am and 12.15pm, but people are welcome to drop in at any time between opening hours above.
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• CHARTERHOUSE

One of the country's great public schools, founded in 1611, Charterhouse has now been on its current site for 150 years, having moved away from insalubrious surroundings in London in 1872 to new greener surroundings on the outskirts of Godalming. Guided tours include the historic South African Cloister, Memorial Chapel, the Main Hall, the Library and Scholars' Court. Charterhouse also has many innovative new buildings, including the RIBA award-winning new Science and Mathematics building.

Tours on SUNDAY at 10am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm.

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PRIOR'S FIELD SCHOOL

Priorsfield Road Godalming GU7 2RH

Prior's Field, an Arts and Crafts original house was designed by the architect Charles Francis Annesley Voysey and will be open to visitors on Saturday 17th September. Prior's Field was opened as a progressive school for girls in 1902 by Julia Huxley, mother of the biologist, Julian Huxley, and novelist, Aldous Huxley. W.B.Yates, Lewis Carroll and George Bernard Shaw were all family friends. On your self-guided tour you will see the school's picturesque rose garden, designed in consultation with Gertrude Jekyll, the Edwardian extension designed by Voysey's pupil, Thomas Muntzer, photos and film from the school's archive and other parts of historical interest. Children can take part in the Heritage Hunt. Toilets; very limited disabled access; refreshments; parking

Open SATURDAY 12 noon-4pm

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ST NICHOLAS PEPER HAROW CHURCH

Peper Harow, Off Elstead Road GU8 6BQ.

"A HIDDEN GEM!". Grade II listed church dating back to the fifteenth century, remodelled in the 1840s by architect A W N Pugin, probably best known for his work on the Houses of Parliament, with further work in the 1870s by Thomas Jackson who was knighted for his saving of Winchester Cathedral from collapse by the use of a diver to secure the foundations, and recently restored following a disastrous fire in 2007. Wheelchair accessible.

Tour on **SATURDAY at 10.30am (church not otherwise open except for services).**
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BUSBRIDGE CHURCH (ST JOHN THE BAPTIST)



This special little Victorian Gothic Revival church is a treasure trove of designs by the grand designers of the day. Designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott, it

has a remarkable metal chancel screen by Edwin Lutyens, who also designed the WWI memorial and the Jekyll family memorial. There are lovely stained glass windows by Edward Burne-Jones for Morris & Co, and later ones by A K Nicholson. The cobbled paths may have been designed by Gertrude Jekyll, who was an active church member. The graveyard also has some interesting occupants. There will also be information on the graveyard and a quiz for children. The Yew Tree Café in the churchyard is open 10am-2pm and until 2.30pm for takeaway on Saturday only.

Open **SATURDAY 10am-4pm and SUNDAY 1pm-4pm.**
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ST PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

The first mention of a church at Hambledon is in 1291, but St Peter's was almost entirely rebuilt in 1846. Set in beautiful countryside and a stone's throw from the Greensand Way, this Grade II listed church is built of Bargate stone, with ashlar dressings and Welsh slate roof and a mostly chalk interior. In the churchyard there are two immense and ancient yews, the larger of which measures 30ft in circumference and is hollow. Across the footpath is a disused lime kiln, a reminder of Surrey's past brickmaking industry.

Open **SATURDAY 10am-4pm and SUNDAY 1pm-4pm**
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• RAKE COURT

Station Road, Milford GU8 5AD

Rake Manor (formerly Rake House, the home of the owner of Rake Mill — hence Milford) is a fine Tudor brick and timber building. From c.1880, what is now Rake Court was gradually added to the old house to form a Kitchen wing, together with a Billiards/Music Room. The architects for these additions include Lutyens and Baillie Scott. Visitors will get a view of the house from the outside and the lake. Only the Billiard Room will be open inside the house where we have an exhibition of art by Alfred Bestall of Rupert Bear fame. Car parking is available in the courtyard. The garden is suitable for wheelchair access but the Billiard Room is not.

Tours on **SATURDAY at 3.30pm**

FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

BARROW HILLS SCHOOL

Roke Lane Witley GU8 5NY

Great Roke, the principal building of Barrow Hills School was built in 1909 in the Arts and Crafts Style. The house was designed by the architects Buckland and Haywood Farmer and it has been said to be the most ambitious house undertaken by the partners and it is arguably one of the finest houses produced by the Birmingham Movement. Plaster work is by Catterson-Smith Jnr. Visitors will be able to see the garden originally designed by Gertrude Jekyll, but since substantially altered.

Open **SATURDAY 2pm-4pm, tours at 2pm and 3pm**
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•KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL WITLEY

The School was founded in 1553 in the City of London and has a history which represents the cornerstone of its renowned links with the City. Initially housed within Bridewell Palace on the banks of the River Thames by Royal Charter of the boy King Edward VI, the mission of the parent foundation – Bridewell Royal Hospital – was to home and educate poor children living in London. In 1830 the Foundation moved to Southwark where a new House of Occupations was opened. Greater emphasis prevailed on the education of the children rather than the reforming of character. Children aged 8 to 18 were accepted from the City, county of Middlesex and the Borough of Southwark. In 1860 a new charity scheme for the Bridewell Royal Hospital was set up and the House of Occupations was renamed King Edward's School. In 1867 the school relocated to Witley allowing pupils to benefit from fresh air and the green countryside of Surrey. Situated in 100 acres of Surrey countryside,

the School has over 400 day and boarding pupils. The strapline is 'United by Diversity since 1553'. In September 2022, our new and innovative Academic hub and Reception area, containing a Learning Resource Centre, will open followed by our new Upper Sixth Form House which has been designed as a stepping stone to university education. The tours will start under the Archway at the entrance to the School. The tours are available to children but inaccessible to people with certain disabilities as there are some stairways. Car parking and toilets are available

Tours on **SUNDAY** at 1pm and 3pm

FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

****ST MARY'S CHURCH (c1180) and Chiddingfold Archive**

See note at end of programme

ST PETER'S CHURCH, HASCOMBE

Grade II listed and consecrated in June 1864, built to replace the derelict old church, believed to have been built around 1220. Designed by Henry Woodyer in the general style of the 13th century, it is built of Bargate stone, quarried within the parish, with a shingled bellcote. Many items were salvaged from the old church including the 1690 Purbeck Marble font, much of the wood in the porch and the oak chancel screen. Theme Canon Vernon Musgrave & Architect Henry Woodyer. Services on www.hascombe.com. NADFAS (now the Arts Society) children's trail available

Open **SATURDAY** and **SUNDAY** 10am-4pm.

Tour with short talk on **SATURDAY** at 3pm

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ST MARY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH, DUNSFOLD

William Morris called this church 'the most beautiful country church in all England'. This late 13th century church, with its 15th century bell tower retains many of its original features, including fragments of wall paintings, the original door and rare early 15th century pews. The ancient Holy Well nearby was reputed to cure eye diseases. Tours and talks, local history display and demonstration of bell ringing, with a live video link of the bells in action. Children's activities and refreshments available.

Open **SATURDAY** and **SUNDAY** 2pm-5pm

FREE - JUST TURN UP

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, THURSDAY

This Saxon church dates back to 1030. See the 11th century windows, still containing the original oak frames, and its 14th Century

timber bell-turret with shingled spire, which stands upon an enormous timber frame. In the churchyard there is a nationally important set of table tombs and also the famous Sailor's Stone, which commemorates the nearby murder of an unknown sailor by three fellow travellers in 1786 and a monument designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens. Book launch - Tales of a Country Churchyard by Guy J Singer. The book tells the stories of some of the residents who rest in the churchyard.

Open **SATURDAY** 11am-4pm. Refreshments at 12pm

FREE - JUST TURN UP

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, WONERSH

The Grade II* listed Church of St John the Baptist, Wonersh, Surrey, probably originally Saxon, was re-built shortly after the Norman Conquest in the eleventh century with additions made until the fifteenth century. Major rebuilding "in Meeting House style" was undertaken by Lord Grantley in 1793 after a fire, and further restoration took place in 1901 under Sir Charles Nicholson. Nevertheless, the core is still the Norman church.

Members of Wonersh History Society will be on hand to answer questions.

There is also a Historic Trail for children to follow within the church. Wheelchair access, car parking and toilets are available at the Church.

Open **SATURDAY** 10am-1pm

FREE - JUST TURN UP

TOWN HISTORY WALK

Enjoy a guided history walk around Godalming looking at its fascinating heritage through its buildings with Graham Kimber and Pam Talbot.

Starting under the Pepperpot on **SUNDAY** at 10.30am

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MUSIC IN THE PARK AT THE BANDSTAND



At the Phillips Memorial Park Godalming, The Godalming Trust Concert featuring Claire Phoenix Band

SUNDAY 3pm-5pm

FREE - JUST TURN UP

****ST MARY'S CHURCH (c1180) and Chiddingfold Archive** (opposite the Church and adjacent to The Crown) will be open on **Saturday, 10th September** (note one week earlier than main programme) from 10am to 4pm. The theme of our event will be "Chiddingfold during the time of Queen Elizabeth II". Light refreshments will be available.



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THE GODALMING TRUST is a voluntary organisation working to maintain our heritage and quality of life in Godalming and Farncombe by promoting high standards of planning, conservation and regeneration.

Godalming and its surrounding lands are special. Set in the valley of the River Wey, with its unique Lammas Lands, the town is a vibrant place which retains a sense of community and attracts many visitors.

The Godalming Trust exists to bring together all who are interested in the town and its environs, aiming to stimulate interest in their history and character, and to promote a healthy sustainable balance between preservation of ancient buildings and new developments in building and landscaping.

The Godalming Trust is an independent body and all activities are organised and staffed by volunteers. Its campaigning role needs the financial and practical support of all those who care for the Godalming of today and tomorrow.

Please pick up an application form to join The Godalming Trust during Heritage Open Days. You can also download one from our website which contains much more information about us at:

www.thegodalmingtrust.org.uk



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