

# THE GODALMING TRUST

Occasional Newsletter, Spring 2026



A short update with some dates for your diary and information on booking places for the visits to Norney Grange, Munstead Wood and Westbrook (booking for Westbrook will follow in our Annual Report). At our AGM we will have a speaker from the Arts and Crafts Movement in Surrey which should be relevant in light of our visits to 3 properties above associated with Arts and Crafts architects. There are also details of a talk at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre on the Rabbit Woman story.

Subscriptions are due on 1<sup>st</sup> April, thank you to those who pay by Standing Order, a reminder will be sent to those who do not. Standing Order is the preferred method followed by bank transfer, following the closure of Lloyds Bank in Godalming cheques have to be banked in the Guildford Branch.

## **Dates for your diary 2026**

27 <sup>th</sup> March	Talk on the Rabbit Woman of Godalming see below for details
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Members visit to Norney Grange see below
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Guided town history walk*
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Members Visit to Munstead Wood see below
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Guided town history walk*
8 <sup>th</sup> July	AGM – at the Masonic Hall –Agenda will follow in mid June
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Guided town history walk*
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Members visit to Westbrook booking details in Annual Report to be issued in June
15 <sup>th</sup> August	Guided town history walk*
16 <sup>th</sup> August	Music in the Park
19 -20 <sup>th</sup> September	Heritage Open Days see below

\*All town walks start at 2.30pm at the Pepperpot no booking is required. More details on our website. There is more information below and over the page on other events.

**27<sup>th</sup> March at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre 7.30pm** – ‘The truth behind Mary Toft, **the Rabbit Woman** of Godalming’ -a talk by Julian Humphrys – tickets £10 available from Godalming Museum.

**Special Events for Members** - We are pleased that we have been able to arrange visits to both Norney Grange and Munstead Wood. Please note there is limited availability and should they be oversubscribed we will allocate tickets by ballot. Applications, limited to 2 tickets per member, should be applied for as soon as possible by email to [pamtalbot@clara.co.uk](mailto:pamtalbot@clara.co.uk) - for Norney Grange no later than **12<sup>th</sup> April** and Munstead Wood no later than **15<sup>th</sup> May**. In the subject line please – put ‘Tickets, property name’. In the message below please add number of tickets (max 2). If necessary, a draw will take place, those successful will be contacted by email shortly afterwards closing date and given further instructions on access and parking. No one should turn up without a copy of the email confirming their place on the tours. A member of the Trust Committee will be stewarding at each event.

**18<sup>th</sup> April at 10am - Norney Grange, Shackleford**

The house built in 1897 and is set in 21 acres of grounds. It was designed by C.A. Voysey and was further extended by him in 1903. There will be a tour of the gardens starting at 10am. The house can be seen from the outside only. The 21 acres of gardens comprise a formal raised terrace, a lower lawn, summer house and a sunken garden with a lily pond. Beyond this, British trees and shrubs mingle with an exotic collection of trees imported by the botanist Frank Kingdon-Ward.

**29<sup>th</sup> May at 11am - Munstead Wood, Munstead**

An opportunity to visit the renowned house and garden owned by Gertrude Jekyll. This was bought by the National Trust as it is seen as the start of the long partnership between Jekyll and the architect Edwin Lutyens.

**16<sup>th</sup> August 2-5pm Music in the Park** – At the Phillips Memorial Park or if wet in the Parrish church, concert featuring the Vic Cracknell Swing Band

**19 and 20<sup>th</sup> September Heritage Open Days**

The full programme will be available in August in Vantage Point, printed programmes and on line <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/> and <https://www.thegodalmingtrust.org.uk/godalming-news-and-events/>

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