

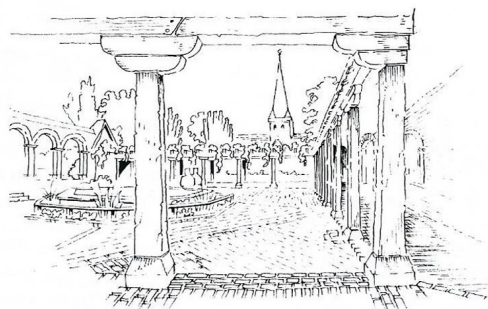
# HERITAGE'97 OPEN DAYS

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 September

The Godalming Trust invites you to enjoy a Programme which celebrates Godalming's Heritage:-



- A Coach Tour to Historic Properties
- Open House at Fascinating Town Centre Buildings
- Exhibition of Links with Twin Towns
- Vintage Fire Engine Display at Fire Station
- Town Centre Churches open to all
- ✿ Morris Dancing by Fleur-de-Lys Group



These events are part of the Europe-wide programme, co-ordinated in England by the Civic Trust. They are organised by the Godalming Trust, in collaboration with the Godalming Museum, with the support of the Godalming Town Council.

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People Live and Work



## TOWN CENTRE OPEN CHURCHES

Godalming's churches are as much a key part of our heritage as its secular buildings - and just as diverse in style. The seven town centre churches will be open on Sunday 14 September. There will be organ music at the Church of Christ Scientist. No booking necessary. Just turn up (locations and times see below).



## OPENING TIMES FOR TOWN CENTRE LOCATIONS

### OPEN HOUSES

These properties will be open to the public from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 13 September, with the exceptions of:

- 33 Church Street which will be closed from 12 noon to 2pm.
- Barlows will be arranging guided tours of Church House for groups of no more than 20 people, at 11am and 3pm only. If you wish to visit Church House, you should arrive in good time for one of these two guided tours - otherwise you may be disappointed.

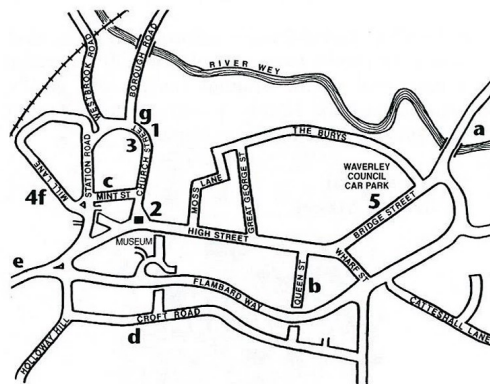
### THE PEPPERPOT EXHIBITION

From 10am to 4pm on Saturday 13 September.

### OPEN CHURCHES

From 2pm to 4pm on Sunday 14 September.

**NO CHARGE (OR PRIOR BOOKING) FOR ENTRY TO OPEN HOUSES, TOWN CENTRE CHURCHES, PEPPERPOT EXHIBITION OR FIRE STATION.**



## THE CHURCHES

- Godalming United Church
- Baptist Church
- Salvation Army
- St Edmund
- First Church of Christ Scientist
- Quaker Meeting House
- St Peter and St Paul

## THE PROPERTIES

- Church House (Barlows Solicitors)
- The Pepperpot (Old Town Hall)
- The Priory 33 Church Street
- Heather Cottage, The Mint
- Fry's Yard, Bridge Street
- The Fire Station

The Godalming Trust acknowledges, with warmest thanks:

- the assistance given by the Godalming Museum, particularly with booking and distribution of tickets;
- the generous financial help it has received from the Town Council;
- the support and co-operation of the owners and tenants of the various properties to be visited;
- the loan of the Coventry fire engine by Nick Grenside and Dennis Specialist Vehicles Ltd and help from the Fire and Rescue Service;
- Freddie Hill's enthusiastic help in guiding visitors at Aldro School.



## THE COACH TOUR

### Aldro School

The School occupies a late 19th century house built by the architect Henry Tanner for the Horne family on the site of an 18th century estate, significant parts of which survive. Gertrude Jekyll was commissioned to design the gardens. Freddie Hill, who lived at Aldro School for many years, will show visitors, among other things, the 18th century brewhouse, cider press and stable block.



### Wyatts Close Almshouses and Chapel

Built in 1622 with the proceeds of a bequest in the Will of Richard Wyatt, and administered from the outset by the Carpenters' Company, the Almshouses provided lodging for 'ten poore men' (now 8) from Godalming and the surrounding villages. We will visit the Chapel, with its plain oak pulpit and reading desk, reflecting the Puritan spirit of the early 17th century.



### Unsted Park

Unsted Park was built in the 18th century in the Palladian style, and was extended in the 19th century, when the stable block was built. Since 1945, it has served as army hospital, bank training centre, nursing home, and (from 1993), as a Rehabilitation Hospital. The tour will take in both the 18th century core of the building, and the modern hydrotherapy and outpatient unit, constructed within the framework of the old stable block.



### GODALMING FIRE STATION

The opportunity to see how a modern fire service operates and also the veteran 'City of Coventry' fire engine. Built by Dennis Brothers, of Guildford, it was delivered to Coventry in May 1914, their first motor fire appliance. After 22 years' service at Coventry it was sold to GEC's Stoke works, where it did valiant work during the wartime blitz. **Open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 13 September.**



### FLEUR-DE-LYS MORRIS DANCERS

Fleur-de Lys was one of many dance 'sides' founded in the 1970's. To mark their twenty-first birthday this year they will be joining other groups for a Day of Dance in and around Godalming on **Saturday 13 September**. They will be processing through the High Street at 10.30am, and thereafter will be performing a wide variety of dances outside the **Red Lion pub, in the Museum Garden, and at the Pepperpot until 4.30pm (with a break at lunchtime)**. From 4.30pm, they will be dancing at the Phillips Memorial.

### OPEN HOUSES IN THE TOWN CENTRE

There are a number of old houses in Godalming - some of them recently restored to reveal their original construction features - which are unknown to most people. Here is your chance to see inside some of them, and discover what 'old Godalming' was really like.

#### 1 Church House (Barlows Solicitors)



Next door to the Parish Church, this house dates from the late Middle Ages, and has some fine 16th century features. It was re-developed in the 19th century, and has been sensitively modernised in recent years. Two guided tours will offer a view of, among other things, the main elm staircase, original timber framing, and Victorian fireplaces.

#### 2 The Pepperpot (The Old Town Hall)

For nearly 200 years, the Pepperpot has served as Council meeting place and museum. The Godalming/Mayen and the Godalming/Joigny Associations will arrange an exhibition there on **Saturday 13 September**, illustrating the links between the town and its French and German 'twins'.

#### 3 The Priory, 33 Church Street



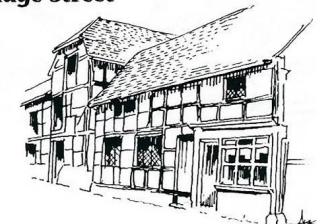
Originally a wealden house constructed in the 17th century, the Priory was for many years an Inn, variously called The King's Head and The Swan. Substantially developed and extended in the 18th and 19th centuries, the house has an exceptionally attractive Georgian hall, with an 'antelope' staircase. There is also an early 18th century kitchen or bake-house in the garden.

#### 4 Heather Cottage, The Mint



A three-bay timber-framed cottage, with a hip roof, dating from about 1600. Recently carefully restored to reveal much of the original construction details, including a large hearth, a staircase to the upper floor, and an ancient dormer window.

#### 5 Fry's Yard, Bridge Street



Disposed about the Yard, next door to the Municipal Offices, are 4 buildings, purchased by builders David Fry in 1895, and recently restored to provide commercial premises. The buildings were, in former times, a grain store/malthouse, dating from the 17th century; a 19th century brewery, which was largely destroyed by fire in the 1890's; and a pair of 17th century timber-framed cottages.

### TIMES AND TICKETS FOR COACH TOURS

There will be 4 coach tours: starting at 8.45am and 1.45pm on both Saturday 13 September and Sunday 14 September. They will last about 4 hours.

Pre-booking is essential. Tickets can be obtained from Godalming Museum at 10a High Street, Godalming, (tel: 01483 426510), on or after Tuesday 26 August, at £5. (There is no charge for entry to the properties visited, only for the transport).

The coach will start from South Street car park in Flambard Way; and you are asked to be at the start point in good time. The tour will finish at the same point.