

**GODALMING  
& ENVIRONS  
HERITAGE OPEN DAYS  
FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2017  
THE PROGRAMME**



**Organised by Stephen & Jeni Goddard  
in association with The Godalming Trust.  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

Heritage Open Days offers free access to buildings which are normally closed to the public with tours and events which bring local history to life.

Godalming in the 21st century seems just a sleepy little town by the river but the town has had a varied history from its Saxon origins through its wool trade, framework knitting, and leather processing plus being a major coaching stop on the London to Portsmouth road. With the coming of the railway this trade was lost, but the town grew with housing for London commuters. During the 18th and 19th centuries, Godalming was more like a northern mill town with a big industrial presence and a large number of non-conformist religions catering for the workers. Godalming has also been home to a number of historical personalities among them General Oglethorpe, founder of the State of Georgia, and Mary Tofts, the infamous “Rabbit Woman”. Godalming was also the first town in the world to have a public electricity supply.

In 2017 we are celebrating many local anniversaries, 125 years of the Meath, 150 since King Edward’s school moved to Witley, the Masons have been 300 years in Britain and 130 in Godalming and Busbridge Church is 150 years old.

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

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### **THE GODALMING TRUST**

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 in the area. They also financially support and facilitate the local Heritage Open Days each year.

Annual subscription for a family is just £12.

Please pick up an application to join in the Peppercot during Heritage Open Days or in Godalming Museum or Library or download one from our website, [www.thegodalmingtrust.org.uk](http://www.thegodalmingtrust.org.uk)

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## **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 present council offices were built in 1908, it then became the town Museum until that moved over the road in 1987.

During the weekend there will be an exhibition of old postcards of Godalming and an opportunity to see some short animated films on local history.

Open courtesy of Godalming Town Council.

Open SATURDAY and SUNDAY

10.00am till 5.00pm

FREE – JUST TURN UP



## **BIG THANK YOU**

The organisers wish to thank the many people who have helped with Heritage Open Days in Godalming. Particularly Godalming Town Council for the use of the Pepperpot and their generous subsidy towards the cost of the programme, Godalming Museum for distribution of the tickets, and the members of The Godalming Trust, for their work and stewardship at the open venues.

## **GODALMING MUSEUM**

Follow the story of Godalming and the surrounding area in this friendly museum situated in a medieval building in the heart of town. Explore the work of Gertrude Jekyll and the South West Surrey Arts and Crafts movement and visit the fascinating local studies library. Find out how life in Godalming has been shaped by the landscape in the new Living Landscape gallery. There are family activities throughout the museum: join in the cats' tea party, explore the oldest house in Godalming or race around the cycle speedway board game.

There will also be an exhibition by Studio 12 of a mix of paintings in different media.

**TUESDAY to SATURDAY**

10.00am till 5.00pm

Extra opening for Heritage Open Days

**SUNDAY 10.00am till 4.00pm**

Refreshments available

**FREE – JUST TURN UP**

## **LADYWELL CONVENT**

Tuesley Court was designed in the Arts and Crafts style by the London architect Sir Guy Dawber and first occupied in 1911. It is constructed of Bargate stone 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, with striking mosaics imported from Italy, has been added.

Tours on **SATURDAY**

at 2.00pm, 2.30pm and 3.00pm.

**FREE – TOURS BY TICKET ONLY**

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.

**Tour tickets will be available from  
Godalming Museum 01483 426510  
from 10.00am on Saturday 12th August 2017**

## UNITARIAN CHAPEL, MEADOW

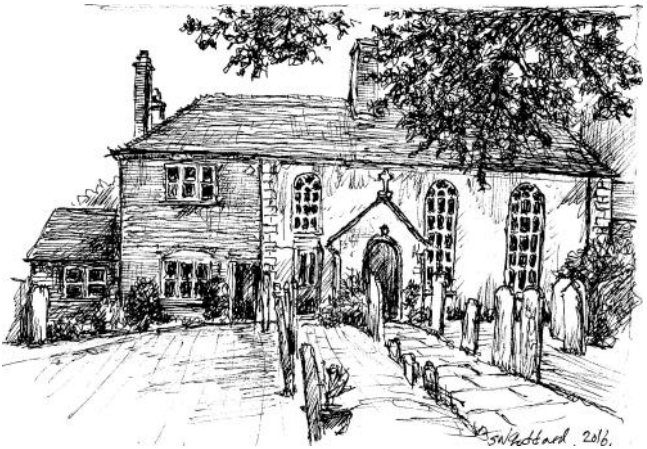
This Grade II listed chapel was completed in 1789 in the modest style of a dissenting meeting-house, with the later addition of an internal balcony and adjoining cottage. Built of brick and finished with stucco, it is set back from the road to avoid unwelcome attention at a time when religious dissent was highly unpopular.

It houses a full-immersion underfloor baptistry in keeping with its General Baptist origins, which will be open for viewing. The chapel has a rich social history, including early provision of a school for poor children and a lending library for adults – believed to be the first in Godalming.

Open SATURDAY 12 noon till 4:00pm

Refreshments available.

FREE - JUST TURN UP



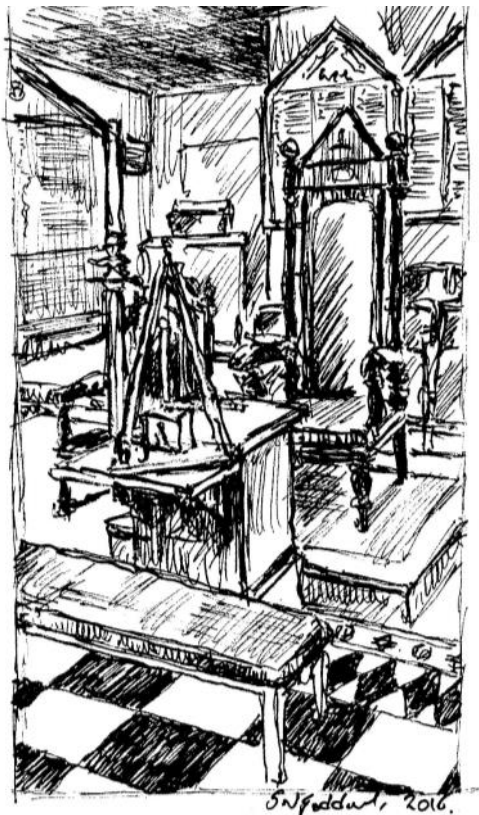
## THE MEATH

Westbrook Place is a large Georgian house with a mostly 19th century interior. From 1718 until his death in 1785 it was the home of General James Oglethorpe, founder of the state of Georgia. In the 19th century its owner was Lord Brassey, builder of the Portsmouth Direct Railway which passed through the grounds. In 1891 the Countess of Meath bought it and opened a Home of Comfort for Epileptics, looking after girls and young women with epilepsy. The Meath Epilepsy Trust continues that work today. Visitors will see the main house, the walled garden and the chapel and there will be a display on the 125 years of the Meath.

Tours on SATURDAY

at 10.00am, 11.00am, 2.00 pm and 3.00pm

FREE – TOURS BY TICKET ONLY



## **GODALMING MASONIC HALL**

In 1988, the construction of a new road to relieve traffic congestion in the High Street necessitated the demolition of the old Masonic Hall in South Street, so a new Masonic Hall was built along the Ockford Road. Although less than 30 years old, it includes several features from its 1886 predecessor, including the fireplace and several ornate chairs, which are still in use in the temple. The Hall including the Temple will be open and various items of Masonic regalia, including the travelling Masonic Exhibition celebrating 300 years of Freemasonry in Great Britain and Surrey in particular, will be displayed. Local freemasons will also be on hand to talk with visiting guests.

Ample car parking available.

Open SATURDAY and SUNDAY

10.30am till 4.00pm

FREE—JUST TURN UP

## **TEDDY BEARS PICNIC**

**To celebrate 130 years in the community**

Join in the fun with Godalming Freemasons and their families at the Godalming Masonic Centre for a fun packed afternoon of games plus a tombola and a raffle for a giant TLC Teddy Bear.

Celebrate the Teddies for Loving Care Charity which donates teddy bears to help severely distressed children at A&E units throughout the UK - over 80,000 in Surrey hospitals alone!

A variety of stalls will be available on the lawns, including balloon sculpture and face painting, burgers, hotdogs and a variety of soft drinks.

Inside the centre is a restful licenced bar area for adults or those wanting a quieter afternoon.

Ample car parking available.

SUNDAY 1.00pm till 5.00pm

Teddy Bears picnic starts at 2.30pm

Admission is free and every child under the age of 10 will receive a free TLC Teddy Bear.

**FREE—JUST TURN UP**



## **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH BUSBRIDGE**

This special little Victorian Gothic Revival church, celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, is a treasure trove of grand 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 WW1 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.

Open SATURDAY 9.00am till 4.30pm

Tour on SATURDAY at 4.00pm

Open SUNDAY 12 noon till 4.00pm

Refreshments available.

**FREE – JUST TURN UP**

## CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL

Godalming's parish church and a Grade I listed building, 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 and SUNDAY

10.00am till 5.00pm

Services on SUNDAY at 8.00am and 10.00am and  
cream teas in the Octagon 3.00pm to 5.00pm

FREE – JUST TURN UP



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## RAKE COURT, STATION LANE, MILFORD

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.

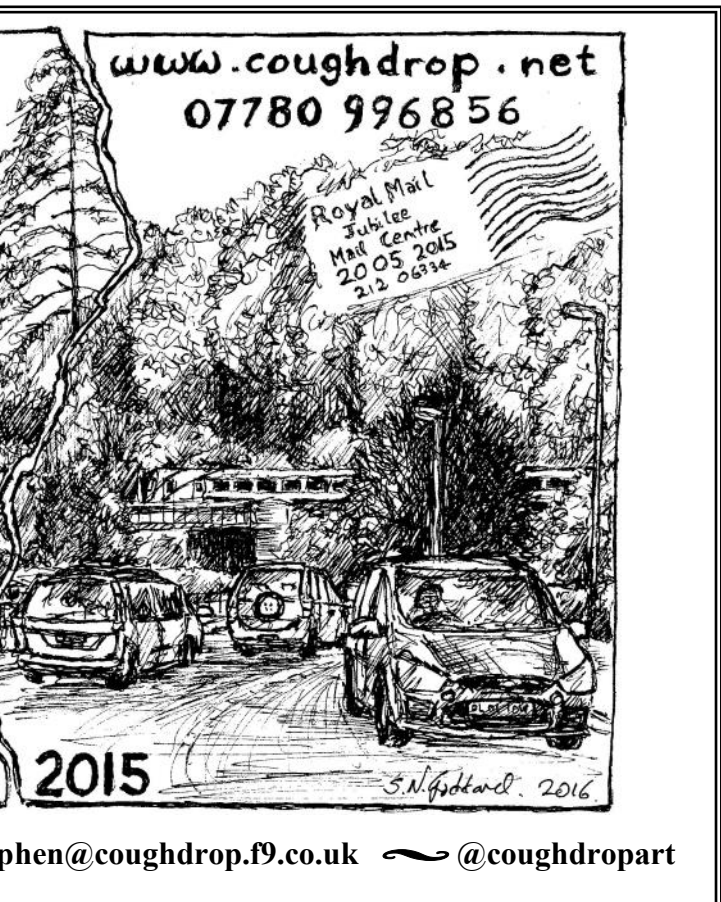
Visitors will get a view of the house from the outside & the lake. Only the Billiard Room will be open inside the house where we have an exhibition of art by Alfred Bestall of Rupert Bear fame.

Car parking is available in the courtyard.

The garden is suitable for wheelchair access but the Billiard Room is not.

Tours on SATURDAY at 2.00pm and 3.30pm.

FREE—TOURS BY TICKET ONLY



## **ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH THURSLEY**

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 Tomb, which commemorates the nearby murder of an unknown sailor by three fellow travellers in 1786 and a monument designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.

Open SATURDAY 10.00am till 5.00pm

Tours on SATURDAY at 11.00am and 2.30pm

Refreshments available.

FREE – JUST TURN UP



A Frith's series postcard of Thursley Church  
posted in Godalming 4th August 1906

## **QUAKER MEETING HOUSE THE MINT, MILL LANE**

The Society of Friends, or Quakers as they are known, has a long history in the Godalming area. Less than two miles away, in Binscombe, is a Quaker Burial Ground used from 1695 to 1720 and Fox's Barn, so called because the Society's founder, George Fox, preached here in 1655. 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. There will be a display on aspects of Quakerism.

Tea and biscuits available for a donation.

Open SATURDAY 10.00am till 4.00pm

FREE – JUST TURN UP

## CHARTERHOUSE

One of the country's great schools, founded in 1611. In 1872 they moved away from insalubrious surroundings in London to a new site on the outskirts of Godalming. Guided tours include the South African Cloisters, the Founder's Chapel, the Memorial Chapel, the Main Hall, the Library and the Scholars' Court.

Tours on SATURDAY

at 10.00am, 12.30 pm and 2.30pm

FREE – TOURS BY TICKET ONLY

## 3 CHURCH STREET

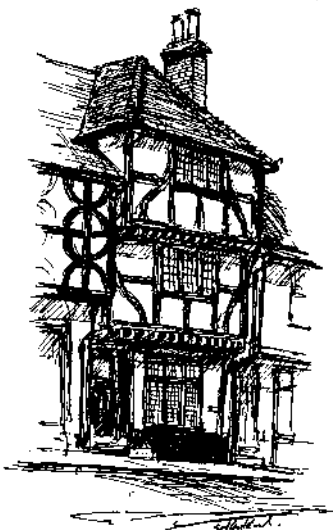
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A three storey oak framed former town house, just over 450 years old, jettied on two floors with decorative ogee curved braces.

Tours on SATURDAY  
at 10.30am and 12 noon

Including “from acorn to acrow-prop” the complete history of oak timber framed buildings.

FREE – TOURS BY  
TICKET ONLY



## BELL RINGING

The bell tower of SS Peter & Paul will be open on Saturday. Come and visit the ringing chamber, hear a talk about English church bell ringing, and see a demonstration of this unique and ancient art. Time permitting, there is also a possibility that you could have a go yourself. The friendly band of local ringers is looking to recruit new members and this is a good opportunity for you to come along and see if taking up ringing is for you.

On SATURDAY at 2.00pm and 3.30pm

FREE – ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY

Please note for safety reasons under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

## **THE OLD MILL, MILL LANE**

Originally a corn mill mostly built in the early 19th century with early 18th origins. It was converted by Mr. Biggs circa 1980 into offices, with his own living accommodation on the 1st and 2nd floors. When he sold the property, the whole building was converted to offices, now occupied by Drake and Kannemeyer, surveyors, and two other companies.

Open SUNDAY 9.30am till 12 noon

FREE – JUST TURN UP



## **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 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.

There will be a display on the history of the Church.

Open SATURDAY 10.00am till 12 noon

Open SUNDAY 2.00pm till 4.00pm

Refreshments available.

FREE – JUST TURN UP

## **THE STAR, CHURCH STREET**

One of the few survivors of Godalming's many pubs and breweries, the Star is a mainly 18<sup>th</sup> century house with 16<sup>th</sup> century origins, it became a pub soon after the Beer Orders Act of 1830 when the Government encouraged a switch to wholesome English beer from the evils of Hollands gin.

Tours on SATURDAY at 11.00am and 12 noon

FREE – TOURS BY TICKET ONLY

## **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 10.00am till 4.00pm

Open SUNDAY 1.00pm till 4.00pm

FREE - JUST TURN UP



## **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.

Open SATURDAY and SUNDAY 8.00am till 6.00pm

Tour on SATURDAY at 3.00pm

Services on SUNDAY at 8.00am and 10.00am

FREE - JUST TURN UP

**Tour tickets will be available from  
Godalming Museum 01483 426510  
from 10.00am on Saturday 12th August 2017**

## **KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL WITLEY**

2017 is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of King Edward's being located at Witley. Founded in 1553 in the City of London, King Edward's has a history which represents the cornerstone of the School's renowned links with the City. Initially housed within Bridewell Palace on the banks of the Thames by Royal Charter of the boy King Edward VI, the mission of our 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, here a greater emphasis prevailed on the education of children rather than reform of character. Children aged from 8 to 18 were accepted from the City, County of Middlesex and the Borough of Southwark. In 1860 a new charity scheme for 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 the pupils to benefit from the fresh air and green countryside of Surrey.

The tour will start under the Archway at the entrance to the School, there is also a small school museum available to view.

The tour is suitable for children but inaccessible for people with disabilities as there are some stairways.

Our Coffee Shop will be open.

Copies of the book written by Bertie Mawer, an old Witleian who lives locally, will be available for donations to the Bridewell Foundation.

Car parking and toilets are available.

Tours on SUNDAY at 1.00pm and 3.00pm

**FREE – TOURS BY TICKET ONLY**



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**BARROW HILLS SCHOOL / GREAT ROKE  
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 architects Buckland and Haywood Farmer and has been said to be “the most ambitious house undertaken by the partners and is arguably one of the finest large houses produced by the Birmingham movement”. Plaster work is by Catterson-Smith Jnr. Visitors will be able to see the gardens, originally laid out by Gertrude Jekyll, but since substantially altered.

Open SATURDAY 11.00am till 1.00pm

Tours on SATURDAY at 11.00am and 12 noon

FREE – JUST TURN UP

Visitors to report in to school reception area.

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WONERSH HISTORY SOCIETY**

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH,  
WONERSH GU5 0PG**

The Church of St John the Baptist, probably originally Saxon, was re-built shortly after the Norman conquest in the 11th century with additions made until the 15th century. Major rebuilding took place in 1793 and restoration in 1901, however the core is still the Norman church.

Wheelchair accessible.

Refreshments, parking and toilets available

Open FRIDAY 10.00am till 1.00pm

FREE – JUST TURN UP

**WALK AROUND WONERSH VILLAGE**

Wonersh History Society are hosting two guided walks around the village. Meet outside The Pharmacy in the centre of the village, GU5 0PE. Limited parking is available in the Surgery car park as signposted. Please arrive at 10.20am or 2.20pm if you wish to use this facility.

Walk will take approximately 60-75 minutes.

Wonersh has narrow pathways, some cobbled, people will need to be traffic aware.

SATURDAY at 10.30am and 2.30pm

FREE – JUST TURN UP

## **HISTORY WALKS**

Enjoy a guided history walk around Godalming led by Stephen Goddard. Lasts about 1½ hours.

Starting from under the Pepperpot

**SATURDAY** and **SUNDAY** at 10.30am

**FREE – JUST TURN UP**

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## **MORRIS DANCING**

Mayflower Morris will be dancing around the town

On **SUNDAY** between 12.00 noon and 5.00pm.

Listen for the bells and music to find them.

**FREE—JUST TURN UP**

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## **MUSIC ON THE BANDSTAND**

### **PROMS IN THE PARK**

with **THE GODALMING BAND**

**SATURDAY** from 5.00pm

### **THE HORSHAM BAND**

will be playing the final concert of the summer,

sponsored by The Godalming Trust on

**SUNDAY** 3.00pm till 5.00pm

The Bandstand is in the park by the river, bring your own chairs and a picnic! Concerts will take place in the parish church if weather is too bad.

**FREE—JUST TURN UP**

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This programme is correct at time of going to press, changes will be posted in the Museum & Pepperpot.

For details of Heritage Open Days events round the country see **[www.heritageopendays.org](http://www.heritageopendays.org)**