Organised by The Godalming Trust

THE PROGRAMME

GODALMING & ENVIRONS

SATURDAY 15TH TO SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

Established in 1994 Heritage Open Days are England's contribution to a Pan-European event. 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.

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 road. The railway led to growth of the town with housing for London commuters. Godalming was also the first town in the world to have a public electricity supply.

heritage open days

2018 is the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I and this is highlighted in exhibits in some of the properties open this weekend.

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

FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

This symbol means that tour tickets need to be booked in advance. They will be available from Godalming Museum 01483 426510 from 10am on Saturday 11th August.

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. The Godalming Trust 2018 Civic Design Awards will be on display. Open courtesy of Godalming Town Council.

Open SATURDAY and SUNDAY 10am till 5pm FREE – IUST TURN UP

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.

On SATURDAY there will also be an exhibition by Studio 12 which will reflect a diversity of media and subjects.

On SUNDAY will be the first day of a new exhibit on the Impact of WW1 on Godalming

TUESDAY to SATURDAY 10am till 5pm. Extra opening for Heritage Open Days SUNDAY 10am till 4pm Refreshments available FREE – JUST TURN UP

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Tours on SATURDAY at 10.30am and 12 noon. Including 'from acorn to acrow-prop' the complete history of oak timber framed buildings.

FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

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 and SUNDAY 10am till 5pm. Guided tour at 3pm on SUNDAY. NADFAS children's trail available. Services on SUNDAY at 8am (BCP Holy Communion), 10am (Choral Eucharist) and 6.30pm (Evensong).

FREE - JUST TURN UP.

BELL RINGING



The bell tower of SS Peter & Paul will be open on Saturday 15 September. 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 also be a short talk about English church bell ringing and a demonstration of this ancient art, more-or-less unique to the UK. Time permitting, there is also a possibility that you could have a go yourself.

On SATURDAY at 2.30pm and 4pm Please note for safety reasons under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

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 there 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. Homemade confectionary available for a donation.

Open SATURDAY 10am till 4pm 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 18th century house with 16th 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 BUT PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

THE MEATH Epilepsy Charity



Come and discover the rich tapestry of history at Westbrook Place, a beautiful 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 Charity continues that work today but now supports both men and women who live with complex epilepsy and associated disabilities with a progressive pathway of care. Visitors will see the main house, the walled garden and the chapel where there will be a display of photographs of the Meath. There will also be an opportunity to find out more about the current work of this dynamic charity which in its 126th year remains at the very heart of the Godalming Community. Children welcome to join our free 'History Hunters' activity.

Tours on SATURDAY at 10.00am, 11.00am, 2.00 pm and 3.00pm Refreshments available. Donations welcome

FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

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 2pm, 2.30pm and 3pm.

FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

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.

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 just 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 will be displayed. Local freemasons will also be on hand to talk with visiting guests and explain the significance of various items in the Temple. Ample car parking available.

Open SATURDAY 10.30am till 4pm FREE—JUST TURN UP

CHARTERHOUSE



One of the country's great schools, founded by Thomas Sutton 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 10am, 12.30 pm and 2.30pm

FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

SKILLWAY CRAFT WORKSHOPS At Nightingale Road Cemetery

Skillway (Charity) is a project begun in 1997 which provides manual craft skills training, taught by skilled craftsmen to raise employability, self-esteem and motivation in teenagers. It is housed in The Old Chapels (Grade II Listed) within the classic Victorian Nightingale Road Cemetery, where Jack Phillips grave can be seen next to the caretaker's garden. A copy of the cemetery records will be available for reference.

Open SATURDAY 10.30am 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 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. There will be a display in the Church.

Open SATURDAY 10am till 12 noon Open SUNDAY 2pm till 4pm Refreshments available. FREE – JUST TURN UP

UNITARIAN CHAPEL, MEADROW



This Grade II listed chapel was completed in 1789 in the modest style of a dissenting meetinghouse, 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 4pm Refreshments available. FREE - JUST TURN UP

BUSBRIDGE CHURCH (ST JOHN THE BAPTIST)



This special little Victorian Gothic Revival church а treasure trove of designs by the grand designers of the day. Designed by 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. will also be information on the graveyard and a quiz for children. Open SATURDAY and SUNDAY 1pm-4pm Guided tour at 3pm each day. Refreshments available. FREE - JUST TURN UP

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 till 4pm Open SUNDAY 1pm till 4pm FREE - JUST TURN UP

BARROW HILLS SCHOOL ROKE LANE, WITLEY GUS 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 2pm till 3.45pm. Tours on SATURDAY at 2pm and 3pm. Visitors to report in to school reception area. FREE – JUST TURN UP

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 2pm and 3.30pm.

FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

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 9am till 6pm. Tour on SATURDAY at 3pm plus

exhibition of life in WWI in Hascombe. Services on SUNDAY at 10am & 6.30 pm

FREE - JUST TURN UP

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, THURSLEY

This Saxon church dates back to 1030. See the 11th century still containing 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 10am till 5pm. Tours on SATURDAY at 11am and 2.30pm. Refreshments available. FREE – JUST TURN UP

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, WONERSH GU5 OPG

The 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 took place in 1793 and restoration in 1901, however the core is still the Norman church. There is a Historic trail for children to follow and complete within the church. Wheelchair accessible. Toilets are available at the Church Open SATURDAY 10am till 1pm. Refreshments and parking available FREE - JUST TURN UP

ST NICHOLAS PEPER HAROW CHURCH, PEPER HAROW, OFF ELSTEAD ROAD GU8 6BQ

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.

Tour on SATURDAY at 11am (church not otherwise open except for services).

Wheelchair accessible. FREE – JUST TURN UP

NATURE WALK

One and half hour nature walk by the River Wey in Godalming, in particular taking in the Lammas Lands, an important series of floodplain meadows covering 36ha in central Godalming. Walk suitable for children, but adult supervision required. Sturdy footwear should be worn for uneven and wet ground.

SATURDAY 10.30am.

Meet at the entrance to Waverley Borough Council Offices, Godalming GU7 1HR

FREE - JUST TURN UP

HISTORY WALK

Enjoy a guided history walk around Godalming led by Stephen Goddard. Lasts about 1½ hours. Starting from under the Pepperpot

SUNDAY at 10.30am FREE – JUST TURN UP

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. Please pick up an application to join during Heritage Open Days or download one from our website, www.thegodalmingtrust.org.uk. Charity No. 263033

This programme is correct at time of going to press, any changes will be posted in the Museum & Pepperpot. For details of Heritage Open Days events round the country see www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

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