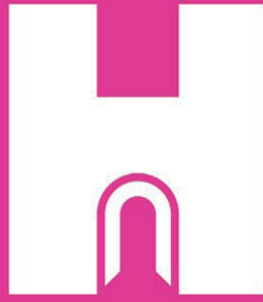


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heritage open days

THE PROGRAMME GODALMING & ENVIRONS

SATURDAY 14TH TO SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024



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

This is the 30th Anniversary of Heritage Open Days which 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. Nationally, Heritage Open Days is coordinated 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.

This year's theme is exploring routes, networks and connections, looking at how people and ideas have moved around and come together throughout history. How the transport routes, communication networks have affected the local history and the travellers who have spread ideas. In Godalming, mid-way between London and Portsmouth (the home of the English navy from 16th century) the coaching inns supported the local economy, not just in hospitality but also the associated care and maintenance of horses and carriages. Since 1764, Godalming has been at the southern end of the Wey Navigation, leading to the River Thames at Weybridge and hence on to London. The railway, which arrived in Godalming in 1849 led to growth of Godalming and Farncombe with housing for London commuters. In the early 20th century the Arts and Crafts movement had many links to Godalming and the surrounding area.

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,

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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 (see entries re opening times and location below).

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.

A number of National Trust properties are open for free during the Heritage Open Days, see information on two of the local ones at the end of this programme and look on property specific websites for others that will be taking part.

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 tour tickets must be booked in advance. They will be available from Godalming Museum (in person preferred) or 01483 426510 from Saturday 24th August at 10am. Please make sure that you arrange collection of your tickets at least 30 minutes before the tour ON THE DAY. As there are limited numbers of places available if you are unable to attend please return your tickets to the Museum so that they can be reallocated.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANKS

The Godalming Trust wishes to thank Godalming Town Council for their continued support in the promotion of the Heritage Open Days programme. They are also grateful to Godalming Museum for the distributions of the tickets, to Jeni Goddard for allowing us to use Stephen's sketches in publicity material and to Stefan Reynolds at VantagePoint for setting the programme. And finally thank you to all those who welcome people to their buildings and events over the weekend without whom there would be no Heritage Open Days..



Neither the Godalming Trust nor any of its representatives can accept any legal responsibility for any accidents or incidents that might occur during HODs. This programme is correct at time of going to press, any changes will be posted in the Museum and Pepperpot during the weekend and on www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

• AT A GLANCE

Venue	Ticket needed?	Saturday	Sunday
The Pepperpot		10am - 4.30pm	10am - 4pm
Godalming Museum		10am - 4pm	10am - 4pm
3 Church Street	Yes		Tours at 10.30 am & 12 noon
Bell Ringing	Yes	2pm & 3.30pm	
St Peter & St Paul Church		1.30pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm
Quaker Meeting House		10am - 3pm	
Godalming Masonic Centre		10.30am - 3.30pm	
St Mark's Church		2pm - 4pm	2pm - 4pm
Ladywell Convent & The Franciscan Centre	Yes	Tours at 2pm, 2.30pm & 3pm	
Skillway Workshops		9am - 12 noon	
Charterhouse	Yes		Tours at 10am, 12.30pm & 2.30pm
Prior's Field School			10am - 3pm
St John The Evangelist Church, Farncombe		10am - 12 noon	2pm - 4pm
St John the Baptist Church, Busbridge		10am - 4pm	1pm - 4pm
Munstead Wood	Yes	Tours at 10.30 am, 12.30pm & 2.30pm	Tours at 10.30am, 12.30pm & 2.30pm
St Peter's Church, Hascombe		10am - 4pm (Talk at 3pm)	1pm - 4pm
St Mary and All Saints Church, Dunsfold		2pm - 5pm	2pm - 5pm
St Peter's Church, Hambledon		10am - 4pm	1pm - 4pm
Barrow Hills School		2pm-4pm Tours at 2pm & 3pm	
King Edwards School	Yes		Tours at 1pm and 3pm
St John the Baptist Church & Womersley Village Walk		10am - 1pm	
Bargate Stone Walk		10.30am	
Town History Walk			10.30am

THE PEPPERPOT**High Street, Godalming**

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 it 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-4.30pm** and **SUNDAY 10am-4pm**.
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GODALMING MUSEUM**High Street, Godalming**

Godalming Museum was founded in 1921 and is located opposite the Old Town Hall, affectionately known as the Pepperpot. The museum is a friendly and welcoming place for all to visit and tells the story of Godalming and the surrounding area. Our fascinating galleries explore the way the town has developed since prehistoric times, and tell the stories of famous Godalming residents such as the notable garden designer Gertrude Jekyll, and the Titanic's wireless operator Jack Phillips. Visitors can relax with a hot drink in our coffee shop, get some sun in our

Jekyll-inspired walled garden, and buy locally sourced gifts and souvenirs in our shop. Our family-friendly summer exhibition, Beyond Everest: George Mallory, a Godalming Pioneer, will share the story of Mallory's fateful expedition in 1924. We will have plenty of crafts and activities running alongside the exhibition to keep your little ones entertained.

Open **SATURDAY** and **SUNDAY 10am-4pm**.
FREE- JUST TURN UP

• 3 CHURCH STREET**Godalming*****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. Please note that there are steep and narrow stairs to negotiate.

Tours on **SUNDAY at 10.30am and 12 noon** (note change of day).

FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

• BELL RINGING

The bell tower of SS Peter & Paul Church Godalming 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 very steep, narrow staircase.

On SATURDAY at 2pm and 3.30pm (lasts c. 1 hour).

FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

GODALMING MINSTER CHURCH STREET -ST PETER & ST PAUL'S CHURCH

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 1.30pm-4pm (please allow wedding party to leave) and SUNDAY 1pm-4pm.

FREE – JUST TURN UP

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 1659 and 1790 and Fox's Barn, so called because the Society's founder, George Fox, reputedly preached there in 1655. Local Quaker Meetings such as Godalming are part of a network of Area Meetings, Regional Meetings and - at the national level - Britain Yearly Meeting. But it doesn't stop there - Quaker groups and communities exist all over the world. Inspired by our faith and a commitment to working for equality and peace, we forge connections with other groups and organisations who share our vision of a more just and peaceful world. George Fox (1624-1691) was amazing at networking. From the age of 24, he travelled extensively in Britain, Ireland (1669) and America (1671-3), preaching and protesting against hypocrisy and social injustice. He was frequently imprisoned, but was respected by many influential people. In 1665, King Charles II wrote an order for his release from Scarborough Castle where he had been incarcerated. His close associate, the Quaker William Penn, founded Pennsylvania in 1681. 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 10am-3pm

FREE – JUST TURN UP AND TALK TO US

GODALMING MASONIC CENTRE

Ockford Road, Godalming GU7 1RQ

The original Masonic Hall in Godalming was built around 1888 in South Street and was replaced by the current Masonic Centre, opposite the Inn on the Lake in 1988, when the Council undertook a major redevelopment of the town centre to relieve traffic congestion in the High Street. Whilst the current Masonic Centre is only some 36 years old, it was significantly refurbished internally during the COVID pandemic. Despite this refurbishment it continues to showcase several features from the original building, including the large stone fireplace, two beautiful stained glass windows, several ornate chairs and a variety of other masonic items still in regular use in the temple today. This year's Heritage theme of "Exploring Routes, Connections and Networks" is well suited to freemasonry given the number of masonic lodges and their members; not just in the United Kingdom but across the world. Our talks in the temple will make reference to those themes. Local freemasons will be on hand to answer questions on these and other topics of masonic interest. AMPLE FREE car parking on site.

Open SATURDAY 10.30am to 3.30pm.

FREE JUST TURN UP

GODALMING MINSTER - ST MARK'S CHURCH FRANKLYN ROAD



St Mark's Church is celebrating 90 years this year. The foundation stone was laid on 8th August with the dedication service

on 18th December 1934. It has been at the centre of community life since then. The Church expanded in the late twentieth Century to include a number of rooms, including a small hall, toilets and kitchen. It is now part of Godalming Minster in Franklyn Road. Why not visit the Award Winning Eashing Cemetery alongside the church. There will be displays of events over the years and refreshments will be available.

Open SATURDAY and SUNDAY 2pm to 4pm.

FREE – JUST TURN UP

• 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 and extensive grounds

were 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 including a magnificent chapel consecrated in 1959, with striking mosaics imported from Italy. In 2019, an extensive refurbishment project commenced, during which further examples of the original Arts & Crafts features were discovered within the Main House. The thriving Franciscan Centre provides a space for people to encounter God in the spirit of Francis and Clare of Assisi and for visitors to experience the history and missionary legacy of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood.

Tours on SATURDAY at 2pm, 2.30pm and 3pm. (Tours are about 1 hour in duration).

FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

SKILLWAY WORKSHOPS

Nightingale Cemetery, Deanery Road, Godalming, GU7 2PG

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.

FREE - JUST TURN UP

• CHARTERHOUSE

Godalming GU7 2DX

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 will include the historic South African Cloister, Memorial Chapel, the Main Hall, the Library and Scholars' Court.

Tours on SUNDAY at 10am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm. (Tours take a little over 1 hr).

FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

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. 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 the school with historical interest. Toilets; very limited disabled access; refreshments; parking

Open SUNDAY 10am-3pm.

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. 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

FREE – JUST TURN UP

GODALMING MINSTER BRIGHTON ROAD - ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH BUSBRIDGE

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 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. There will also be information on the graveyard and a quiz for children. The Yew Tree Café in the churchyard is open 10am to 2pm and until 2.30pm for takeaway on Saturday only.

Open SATURDAY 10am-4pm and SUNDAY 1pm-4pm.

FREE – JUST TURN UP

• MUNSTEAD WOOD

Godalming



Munstead Wood is the handsome, yet simple, Arts and Crafts home of garden designer Gertrude Jekyll. It is tucked away behind a long garden wall, in a quiet corner on the edge of Godalming, and yet, it is of international significance. Building it together was a decisive turning point in the careers of both Gertrude Jekyll and the architect Edwin Lutyens and set in motion a creative zeal in Jekyll. A zeal which would change the way we garden for ever and touch the lives of gardeners worldwide to this day. Jekyll was a born collaborator and developed connections with people across Godalming, Surrey and the world. Whether it was with an article for the *Manchester Guardian*, a book about gardening with children, sewing a banner for the local suffrage society or recording the history of her beloved west Surrey, Jekyll was passionate about connecting with a wide audience. A private home since it was built, the house and 11 acres of the original gardens are now owned by the National Trust. The property remains closed to the public while we work to ensure a sustainable future for this remarkable home and garden. Join us for a behind the scenes tour of Munstead Wood to learn about its history, its remarkable owner, and our work. Tours take approximately 70 minutes. Visitors should not attempt to reach the property independently. Access and travel arrangements will be confirmed on collection of tickets.

Tours: SATURDAY and SUNDAY at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm.

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. Theme: Arts & Crafts & Architect Henry Woodyer.

Services on www.hascombe.com. NADFAS (now the Arts Society) children's trail available

Open SATURDAY 10am-4pm and SUNDAY 1pm-4pm.
Tour with short talk on SATURDAY at 3pm.
FREE - JUST TURN UP

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

GODALMING MINSTER - 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 open SUNDAY 1pm-4pm.

FREE - JUST TURN UP

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.
FREE - JUST TURN UP

• 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, opened and 2023 saw the addition of our new Upper Sixth Form House which has been designed as a stepping stone to university education. The tours will start at New Reception situated off the Gurdon's Lane 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 JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH AND WONERSH VILLAGE WALK



Why not make Wondersh, Surrey your destination on Saturday 14th September. You can combine a visit to the Grade II listed Church

of St John the Baptist with a 45 minute self-guided walk "Exploring Historic Wondersh" using a free leaflet and map which guides visitors around the centre of the pretty village of Wondersh, taking in many of its fascinating older buildings, and which can be picked up at the Church on Saturday morning. Those taking part in the walk do so at their own risk. St John's Church, 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 Wondersh History Society will be on hand to answer questions. Tea and cakes, wheelchair access, car parking and toilets are available at the Church.

St Johns Church: Open SATURDAY 10am-1pm.
All FREE – JUST TURN UP and enjoy both Church and Village.

TOWN WALKS

Enjoy two guided walks around Godalming this weekend. Please note children should be accompanied by an adult.

First on Saturday, a walk around the town guided by Hazel Morris and John Bennett to look how Bargate, the local stone, influenced the character of the town over many centuries.

Meet by the Fox and Finch on SATURDAY at 10.30am.
FREE – JUST TURN UP

On Sunday a guided history walk around Godalming looking at its wider and sometimes surprising heritage through its buildings with Graham Kimber and Pam Talbot.

Starting under the Pepperpot on SUNDAY at 10.30am.
FREE-JUST TURN UP

OAKHURST COTTAGE, HAMBLEDON



Visit the simply furnished, timber-framed Oakhurst cottage to travel back in time. A 16th-century labourer's dwelling that was continually lived in until the mid-1980s, the cottage brings four hundred years of uninterrupted occupation to life. See first-hand the radical changes home life has undergone over the past few centuries and explore the delightful cottage garden outside. Please visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/surrey/oakhurst-cottage for details.

WINKWORTH ARBORETUM

Visit on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 September for an opportunity to explore a masterpiece in landscape design created by Dr Wilfrid Fox, whose unconventional approach to planting has created a richly colourful space loved by locals and revered for its internationally recognised collection of trees and shrubs. As well as free entry, families can enjoy a brass rubbing tree trail, archery, and a bug hunting activity sheet.



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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