

SURREY HILLS SOCIETY PROGRAMME - 2012

Booking is essential and usually opens 6 weeks before the event - further details: www.surreyhillssociety.org or by sending SAE to: Surrey Hills Society Events, Warren Farm Barns, Headley Lane, Mickleham, Dorking RH5 6DG

Wednesday 8 February	Talk on Shamley Green Woods at Wonersh Pavilion Patrick Mannix will present an illustrated talk about the issues of managing a wood in Surrey, including his 800 year old holly wood. (See also guided walk on 9 June.)
Saturday, 3 March	A private tour of Surrey History Centre in Woking with presentations from Janet Nixon, Senior Heritage Projects Officer and David Williams, Finds Liaison Officer for Surrey and East Berkshire.
Friday, 16 March	A talk at Shalford on the restoration of the Surrey Section of the Wey and Arun Canal
Thursday, 12 April	An exclusive visit to the gardens of Munstead Wood by kind permission of the owners, Sir Robert and Lady Clark. The 10 acres of restored gardens include woodland, swathes of daffodils, paths through azaleas and rhododendrons, sunken rockery, lawns, shrubbery, topiary box and seasonal borders. The present owners' restoration has retained Gertrude Jekyll's genius for planting and design.
Tuesday, 17 April	Beatrix Potter - A Scientist in Surrey: talk at West Horsley Village Hall During the 1890s, Beatrix had the ambition to be a scientist and came to West Horsley, to stay with her favourite uncle, to escape from her domineering family, but also for top scientific advice. Fenella Harrison will tell (with pictures) how she and the local historian of the village found all this out - almost by accident - over 20 years ago.
Saturday, 12 May	A Day in the Country – a guided walk around Headley plus lunch then a visit to the Surrey Wildlife Trust site at Nower Wood.
Friday 8 June at 7 pm	A talk by Councillor Ted Howard on the mural in Chaldon Church of the 'Ladder of Salvation of the Human Soul' together with 'Purgatory and Hell'. Followed by a presentation on the adjacent 14c Chaldon Court by its owner Madeline Hutchins and tours of the house.
Saturday, 9 June	Guided walk around Shamley Green Woods by Patrick Mannix, then lunch at the local pub.
Saturday, 21 July	Walk along stretches of the Wey and Arun Canal, followed by canal boat ride.
Wednesday, 25 July	Family Ramble at Polesden Lacey
Wednesday 15 August	An exclusive evening visit to the gardens of Pratsham Grange by kind permission of the owners, Alan and Felicity Comber. This 4-acre garden with excellent views of the Surrey Hills has been created around the late Victorian house over the last five years.
Saturday, 18 August	Afternoon Easy Access Trail walk from Margery Wood, Reigate to Colley Hill with time for members' own picnic break to enjoy the views.
Saturday 25 August	A walk across Reigate Heath from the Skimmington Castle for guided visit to Reigate Caves.
Thursday 6 September	President's Day – A visit to Epsom Downs and Racecourse with a visit to a Trainers' Yard.
September 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17	Walking the Greensand Way – from Haslemere to Limpsfield Chart (and County boundary) (average 10 miles each day). Details from Graham Butler.
Saturday, 6 October	A Day in the Country "Buckland from 1000 to 2000" a village history walk around Buckland with Duncan Ferns plus coffee, lunch and visits to the Windmill and Sandpit
Saturday 13 October	Grain and Vine Tour at Denbies Vinery Bacon butty on arrival then Vineyard grape picking. The 360° film experience will be followed by a buffet lunch with tutored wine tasting, brewery tour and tasting.
Saturday, 20 October	Bocketts Farm - a working family farm set in beautiful countryside on the slopes of the North Downs near Leatherhead. AGM followed by Harvest Supper in the Old Barn.
Saturday, 27 October	Headley Heath - join us for a day of conservation work with National Trust Ranger Will Frost. A gentle introduction to practical volunteering in the Surrey Hills.
Friday, 23 November	Surrey Christmas Customs. Presentation by Matthew Alexander, former curator of Guildford Museum at Leatherhead Institute
Saturday 8 December	A guided walk exploring more of the 65 acres grounds of Belmont School in Holmbury St Mary, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the School Hall by kind invitation of the Headmistress.