

A DAY IN BROCKHAM
Saturday, 15th October 2016
Brockham Green 10.00 am to approximately 15.45 pm



A chance to visit one of the most picturesque villages in Surrey, with its green nestling below the North Downs. We will be fortunate to not only visit the main points of interest, but will also hear about two important village organisations. Steve Thorpe of BERT (Brockham Emergency Response Team) will tell us about his organisation. This was set up at the time of the floods at Christmas 2013, and can be called out when necessary now. Also, we will be visiting right at the middle of the period when the famous Brockham bonfire is being built, and Tony Hines, Chairman of the Bonfire organising committee, will give us an insight into how this large event is put together by a whole host of volunteers from the village.

This is a village particularly recognised for its community activities with the bonfire and BERT, but also a Victorian themed village weekend once a year. It might be interesting for members from across the county who would like to emulate this in their own locality.

Two walks will be included – one tour of the village, and the other to Betchworth Castle. The Castle is not normally open to the public, but we are lucky that Martin Higgins, the owner of the site, will be our guide.

Exact details of where to meet and park will be sent with your confirmation of booking.

An outline of the programme is as follows:

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| 10.00 am | Assemble at The Royal Oak for coffee. |
| 10.30 | Introductory talks by Bob Thomas, Chairman of BERT, and Tony Hines, Chairman of the Bonfire Committee |
| 11.00 | Set off on walking tours
Group A to Betchworth Castle with Martin Higgins, the owner of the site, as guide.
This is a walk of about a mile each way, along a flattish, partially-paved old coach road
Group B a walking tour of the village to include the bonfire being built, the chapel, pound, church, school, and Way House. |
| 12.45 for 1.00 | Return to the pub for lunch
Sample menu will be sent with your confirmation and food should be ordered during the coffee period earlier in the day so that food can be ready when we arrive for lunch. |
| 2.00 | Group A to do village tour
Group B to Betchworth Castle |
| 3.45 approx | Visit ends |

As a lot of this event will be outdoors, clothing should be appropriate for the prevailing weather conditions, including the possibility of a change for the worse during the day. Sensible walking shoes should be worn, although the surfaces involved should not be too challenging but perhaps muddy in parts.

The event is not designed for children.

Well behaved dogs could come along and are welcome in the pub, but it might not be the best fun for them!

The event would not be suitable for wheelchair users, but the walks are not particularly challenging or long with stops for viewing.

The cost will be £10 for members and £12 for non-members which will include coffee, but not lunch which is at your own expense. Your ticket price also includes a donation to the local organisations which are helping us with this day.

Booking is essential. If you would like to join us would you please complete and return the attached slip to arrive at Warren Farm Barns before **Friday, 7th October**.

Please include your e-mail address or a stamped addressed envelope so you may be sent full details, directions and locations for the visit.

For further details and enquiries, contact us at info@surreyhillssociety.org or on mobile 07530-949302.

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Please detach and return this slip with your e-mail address or a stamped addressed envelope to:
SHS – Name of Visit, Warren Farm Barns, Headley Lane, Mickleham, Dorking, RH5 6DG

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I wish to book _____ member places at £10 per person and/or _____ non-members at £12

I enclose my cheque for £ payable to "Surrey Hills Society".

NAME MEMBERSHIP NO.....

ADDRESS

..... POSTCODE

Telephone E-mail

NAME(S) of other applicants (if more than three, continue below):

First name.....Surname.....

First name.....Surname.....

First name.....Surname.....

Signed **Date**

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