

## A taste of the Surrey Hills

If you want high quality, fresh, locally produced food and drink then Surrey is a good place to look. In recent years, numerous Farmers Markets and Farm Shops have become established across the area. These are supported by an army of small producers with niche markets and a small number of larger, regional companies – some of whom now have a national or international reach.

For those wanting wines, beers and ciders, there is a growing production base within and around the Surrey Hills and many of these find their way into local shops ranging from village stores to deluxe delicatessen. Also to be found in these retail outlets are seasonal fruit and vegetables, preserves, chutneys, cheeses, meat, bread, and many of the other ingredients needed to produce a complete meal. And, as you will see inside this magazine, Surrey Hills Enterprises has been busy signing up local producers to assist them in promoting their products.

In some instances, fresh produce from allotments is finding its way into village shops – especially those which have become established as village owned enterprises. There is even at least one

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pub in the area which, because it specialises in locally sourced food, has been offering a "cash 4 crops" initiative where locals can pass on surplus produce in exchange for vouchers to use in the pub or associated deli. Extending this theme, our Chairmans Day in May will be giving members a chance to learn more about local sourcing and cooperative enterprises when we team up with the Dorking Food Float for the



produce available to us and, since local companies rely on repeat business, the quality level is consistently high. So, whether it be a jar of honey from a local beekeeper, fruit and vegetables from within a few miles of where you live, meat grazed within the Surrey Hills or something wicked from a local chocolatier, why not take the opportunity to Support Your Local Producers. Without them, the AONB would lose part of what makes it such a special place to enjoy.



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### Chairman's View



I want to start 2014 with a big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and supporters. Firstly, a huge thank you to Kier Group Plc for their wonderful support over the last few years with the production and printing of our newsletter. It has been a pleasure to work with them and see some of the interesting projects they have done in the Surrey Hills, including the Traffic Calming project in Shamley Green featured in this edition.

I would also like to thank again June Robinson (left) as she steps down from her role as our co-ordinator. She has been such a wonderfully positive "force for good" for the Society. She has quietly and efficiently kept all of us (but especially me)

focussed on the jobs that needed doing and always with a gracious smile and with an enormous amount of energy and fun. She says she is now going to enjoy being a member of the Society without any of the responsibilities. Part of June's brief was to set processes in place that would ultimately make her redundant and that is exactly what she has done. She has set up many of the processes and trained up many of the volunteers who now run our Society.

Which leads me on to the next group to thank - and that is all our current volunteers. There are so many now, all doing very different and specialised roles within the Society, it is impossible to name them all. It is so exciting to be working with such a brilliant bunch of people who are really starting to make a difference. I particularly want to thank Nigel Davenport, the Chief Executive of Surrey Wildlife Trust, (below) who has been a Trustee since the creation of the Society in 2009. He stood down at our AGM in November. I am pleased though, to announce that he has been replaced by Sarah Chimbwandira, from Surrey Wildlife Trust, who will continue the positive and supportive relationship we have with the Trust.



There are lots of new initiatives for 2014. The social enterprise company, Surrey Hills Enterprise is now up and running, as is the Surrey Hills Trust Fund. This special fund was created to secure long term project investment for the AONB, in partnership with Surrey Community Foundation (see separate article on page 5). I have to say I am very proud of what we are managing to achieve here in the Surrey Hills and other AONBs across the country are looking at our model as a possible solution to their funding issues. We were recently a guest speaker at The Visit Surrey Tourism Annual Conference and were able to showcase the evolution of the Surrey Hills AONB as an organisation (below).

But not all is rosy for 2014. In 2013 the Government announced a review of the Green Belt, and the possible loosening of planning protection for AONBs and National Parks. All our borough and district councils are having to prepare new Local Plans and find room for thousands of new homes. This has caused outrage among many of our members. It is an extremely complex subject, which many of our members, as parish or borough councillors, residents, local businesses or passionate members of groups like the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) are engaged in.

With this in mind we have covered planning issues quite extensively in this newsletter and are also organising a Planning Information event on Thursday 20th March, for members to attend and hear more about the current planning issues facing the AONB.(see events page for details).

On a more positive note, I would like to announce the creation of two new Events Groups for the Society. Firstly, we have created a new Family



Events calendar for 2014 especially designed for young families. Secondly, we have a new Events Group for the 18- 35s as we have discovered many young people are not really sure how to access the countryside, and get to know the area and would like to meet other young people they can enjoy the Surrey Hills with. This Group is being led by Guildford resident, Pete Lambert (above) and will have its maiden outing on Saturday 15th March.

#### Chris Howard, Chairman

Please remember, we're always happy to hear from you, good or bad, and will aim to respond quickly.

Email: info@surreyhillssociety.org Mobile: 07530 949302 If you have one, it's useful for us to have your email address on file.

Our thanks to Kier for providing graphic design and printing of our newsletters. Thanks to our society members for their on-going contributions and their photos.



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## **News from the Surrey Hills Board**

## Something in the air

### Could there have been a secret wartime communications facility on Reigate Hill?

In the last month the Front Line Surrey Hills team, who have been trying to get to the bottom of strange military structures on the top of Reigate Hill and nearby Gatton Park, have had a series of exciting breakthroughs in their research. Recently discovered evidence seems to point to the buildings being linked to a secret role in monitoring wartime communications.

Investigating a large unknown structure on top of the National Trust's Reigate Hill, the team found a hole, about 10cm in diameter and approximately in the centre of the roof, extending vertically through it. Richard Maddox, researcher on the project team says "the hole could have been a socket for a radio aerial, perhaps connected with Bernard Montgomery's South East Army HQ which was further down the hill, or it may even have been used by other wartime government departments to monitor enemy communications".



It's known that during the Second World War there were many radio aerials on land near to Reigate Hill and the area's nick name was Radio City. Local residents who knew ARP wardens during the war, believed that the structures on and around Reigate Hill were listening posts.

Armed with this information, and having taken a look at similar structures in the area, the team have since found two electrical insulators and cabling near the large structure. The Front Line Surrey Hills team now believe that this evidence does point to the structures being linked to secret radio communications.

All this means that the Front Line Surrey Hills team will have plenty of work ahead of them trying to identify just who worked in these previously secret buildings.

If you have any information that could help the team, please contact Paul Bowen at paul.bowen@surreycc.gov.uk

About the Front Line Surrey Hills project Some of Surrey's leading conservation organisations are working together to reveal the lesser-known military history of Reigate Hill. Funding has been granted to the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Board who is working with the National Trust, Gatton Trust, the Surrey Youth Support Service and Surrey County Archaeological Unit to devise an exciting programme of educational and research events for local communities to take part in.

The project will run over the next two years and will include fort garrison days, living history events and a series of walks and talks. Gatton Community Theatre will be staging an open air theatre production in the grounds of Reigate Fort and Surrey County Archaeological Unit will investigate mysterious structures around the site, presumed to date from the Second World War, as well as uncovering more evidence of "Monty's secret bunker".

## **Planning update**

Both the developers and Mole Valley District Council have lodged appeals against the High Court judge's decision to quash the planning permission for a golf course, hotel spa and cookery school at Cherkley Court, Leatherhead. The judge placed great weight upon protecting the landscape. The Court of Appeal will hear the cases on 10th and 11th March 2014.

A High Court appeal into the Inspector's decision to dismiss the appeal against the planning refusal for the Bury Hill, Coldharbour oil and gas exploratory drilling proposal is to be held at the end of April 2014.

Earlier in 2013 the Prime Minister wrote a reassuring letter to Reigate MP, Crispin Blunt, about protecting the Green Belt. Recently in October and November the Planning Minister, Nick Boles, wrote to Guildford MP, Anne Milton, reiterating the importance the Government continues to attach to protecting the Green Belt.

In preparing local plans Nick Boles stated: "national planning policy, including the appropriate balance to be struck between enabling sustainable development and conserving and enhancing our valued natural and historic environment, is designed to be interpreted and applied locally by Local Planning Authorities in conjunction with their communities". Also, that the National Planning Policy Framework "makes clear that local plans should allocate land for development with the least environmental value ...". Further that the Government "while supporting economic development, is committed to safeguarding the natural and local environment".

These letters strongly indicate that the Government attaches great importance to protecting Green Belts and designated landscapes such as the AONB. It is for Local Planning Authorities in preparing their local plans in conjunction with their communities, and not the Government, to strike an appropriate balance between accommodating the areas' housing needs and avoiding protected landscapes provided

that balance is clearly justified. The impression given by some in Councils that the Government is forcing them to make substantial housing provision in spite of restrictive policies protecting the Surrey Hills landscapes, does not seem to be the case judging by these letters and a reasonable interpretation of Government policy.

In response to Guildford Borough Council's recent public consultation on the Issues and Options in preparing its new local plan, the Surrey Hills Board has impressed upon the Council the need to avoid any development allocations within the AONB. Development allocations should also avoid the AGLV especially those parts determined to have sufficient natural beauty for future inclusion in the AONB should Natural England finally decide to undertake a formal boundary review. The Surrey Hills Board also sent a letter to the Prime Minister, seeking reassurances and clarification about the protection to be afforded to valued landscapes in local plan preparation.

Clive Smith, Surrey Hills Planning Adviser



## **Surrey Hills Society Views**

# To build or not to build in the Surrey Hills?

That has been the debate exercising people, not only here in Surrey, but across the country in the latter part of 2013. The Government has announced the possibility of reviewing Green Belt and AONB boundaries and even the possibility of new developments within National Parks. The debate centres around the need for growth, the need for thousands of new homes and the need to protect our green spaces.

This debate reached fever pitch in November in the borough of Guildford, where the Borough Council suggested in its Issues and Option consultation that villages like Shere, Gomshall, Chilworth, Shalford, West Horsley, to name just a few, could be taken out of the Green Belt and AONB to enable more housing to be built. This was met with anger by many of the village residents and there were heated discussions held across the borough as Councillors tried to justify the inclusion of this option within the consultation documents.

Similarly, Waverley Borough Council, in the far west of the County, has had its new Local Plan rejected by the Planning Inspectorate three times. It is trying to juggle local resident's desire to protect the Green Belt and AONB, while satisfying the Government's quota for housing. In Reigate and Banstead, at the last local elections, new champions for the Green Belt emerged in the form of the



Green Party and independent resident's group candidates, several of whom gained seats.

The Surrey Hills Society has worked closely with the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) to raise awareness of the planning issues. We have also worked closely with the Surrey Hills AONB Planning Officer, Clive Smith and the AONB Board to extract the key issues for our AONB and submit them to the relevant planning authorities, the most recent being Guildford Borough

We do not have the resources or expertise within our Society to become a lobby group on Planning issues. In fact, our close relationship with Parish Councils within the AONB would be compromised if we did, as they must be seen as independent and not affiliated to any lobby groups as part of their planning duties. It has been agreed that our role is

to highlight the issues and then leave members to make up their minds having been presented with the facts. With this in mind we have set aside the evening of Thursday 20th March to review this debate. We will have Clive Smith, the Planning Officer from the AONB presenting the issues for the AONB, while CPRE will highlight the work they are doing to protect the AONB and their response to the Government's new plans.

We also hope to secure a representative from one of the local councils developing the Local Plans so we can have a balanced discussion on the issues affecting us. We do hope you can join us. See back page for event details.

## A new way to support the Society

We now have a "Just Giving" page. If anyone is planning an adventure this year perhaps they would like to consider making it a charitable adventure and support the Surrey Hills Society through this donations website

- www.justgiving.com/surreyhillssociety

We have already made use of it in 2013 for our two members, Nick Jubert and Chris Holyoak, who supported us in the Ride London Challenge where they raised a staggering £1,250.00. Any ideas for new ways for us to raise vital funds for our charity would be greatly appreciated. Please call the Chairman, Chris Howard if you can help on 01483 894437.



Above: Concerned residents at meeting in Shere Village Hall



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# Orienteering with the Surrey Hills Society



On Saturday 12th October I joined a very enthusiastic group of people at Newlands Corner for an introductory session on orienteering, organised by Guildford Orienteers & led by Marion-Payne Bird & her helpers.

This was a new experience for most of us & after a short introduction we were given a chart, marked with letters & numbers & asked to find our way round a temporary course, set up on a grassy area. The children quickly grasped the idea of this while some of the adults took a little longer!

It was a glorious, sunny autumn morning & after chatting over coffee we set off in groups to negotiate the permanent orienteering course which starts near the Information Centre.

We were given an orienteering map of

the course with 15 control points marked as circles with numbers & one person was in charge of the "dib". We set off to find the numbered control points marked by a wooden post & recorded our visit to each one by dibbing in the box on the top of the post. From time to time we checked our location with a compass as we negotiated wooded areas & small tracks.

At the end of the course we were given a print out of the times we reached each check point & the total time taken to do the route. We then realised that each dib had recorded our progress along the way!

Our thanks to Marion & her team for a really enjoyable morning.

Julia Evans

# Opportunity for you to introduce your friends to the Society

Our gift packs make a wonderful original present and are a great bargain too. As a special offer for new members you receive a beautifully packaged, family membership gift pack, worth £25.00, a set of notelets valued at £4.00, a locally sourced lavender sachet from Mayfield Lavender, a postcard and car sticker as well as any seasonal offers that we may have. All this for just £15.00. It makes a perfect birthday gift!

To order, please call Chris Howard on 01483 894437



# Do you know about the Surrey Hills Trust?



The Surrey Hills Trust Fund has been established to help conserve and enhance the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The fund helps to support projects, programmes and activities that benefit the Surrey Hills landscape. In partnership with the Community Foundation for Surrey, the Surrey Hills Trust Fund works with local communities, landowners and partner organisations for the benefit of residents, workers and visitors to the Surrey Hills.

Each and every legacy helps to create more of an impact supporting local projects now and in the future. The Surrey Hills Trust Fund will support a wide-range of local projects from landscape conservation grants to community enterprise schemes. Below are examples of areas of work that your legacy could support:

- Landscape Conservation projects to open up viewpoints, restore landscape features etc.
- Working with and supporting volunteers to undertake landscape access and conservation work.
- Educating younger generations on the importance and value of countryside.
- Enhancing the ecology & biodiversity of the local area through practical projects.

If you are interested in making a legacy to the Surrey Hills Trust Fund, or are aware of a local project that could benefit from our funding, or have any other questions, please contact our grants team at the Community Foundation for Surrey on 01483 409230 or visit our website: www.cfsurrey.org.uk/surreyhills



## **News from Surrey Hills Enterprises**



Surrey Hills Enterprises Community Interest Company is set up to support the project work of the AONB Unit to conserve, enhance and promote the exceptional Surrey Hills landscape. At the same time it works to support and promote rural enterprises who display a passion for their countryside.

These business members are operating under the Surrey Hills Love Local banner which means they share their appreciation of the Surrey Hills landscape through their products and services and support rural business by buying locally.

For this edition of our newsletter focused on local food produce I am delighted to feature two of our artisan businesses, Chalk Hills Bakery and Coverwood Lakes, Gardens and Farm.

## Chalk Hills Bakery - not so run of the mill



Chris and Rosie Robinson's bakery stocks a familiar range of goods: cobs and bloomers, pastries, croissants and buns. But while some of its product lines are standard bakery fare, the production methods used at The Chalk Hills Bakery are most definitely not.

The bakery prides itself in being the only artisan bakery in the Surrey Hills, using traditional methods and the finest quality ingredients to produce natural, delicious bread and pastries.

Chris explains: "We spotted a gap in the market locally for a bakery that offered something different to supermarkets and bakery chains. Our craft bakers use organic flour from Shipton Mill which is a good, clean flour and hand mould and hand score each loaf to create a nutritious, tasty and distinctive looking loaf. Our loaves take up to two days to make, but the time taken improves digestibility and removes the need to add preservatives to increase shelf life."

As well as the popular bloomer and cob,

the bakery makes more unusual loaves such as rye and spelt and its signature loaf, the sourdough. Sourdough bread is also known as levain and is made from a starter or 'mother' which is a blend of flour and water to create a natural yeast which is unique to the bakery. The Chalk Hills starters are three years old and produce a tangy, sour note from which the bread takes its name.

Chris says: "The long fermentation method we use is centuries old and gives the bread excellent keeping qualities. In fact some of customers prefer to wait a couple of days before they cut into our sourdoughs because they prefer it that way."

Based at the Old Tractor Shed at Priory Farm in Nutfield, bread from the Chalk Hills Bakery is available from the farm shop as well as from the Bakery's own shop in Reigate, the Kingfisher farm shop in Abinger and Too Many Cooks in Dorking. The Bakery also runs a stall at markets in Camberley, Walton, Cobham, North Cheam and Westerham.

Chalk Hills Bakery is offering Surrey Hills Society Members 10% off its range, on presentation of a valid membership card, up to and including Sunday 21st December 2014; that is for items purchased and collected up to that date.

Visit: www.chalkhillsbakery.com

## **Coverwood Lakes, Gardens and Farm**



While the Surrey Hills are synonymous with Lutyens architecture and rolling chalk downland, it's rarely thought of as an agricultural economy but there are a surprising number of farms producing

quality produce the length and breadth of the AONB.

Coverwood Farm sits between Guildford and Dorking in Ewhurst and is home to a herd of pedigree Hereford cattle and pedigree Ryeland sheep. High welfare standards and the quality of the grass and hay feed ensure that the meat is second to none.

The beef is hung for a minimum of four weeks and all meat is professionally butchered and vacuum packed for freshness. From fillet steak and lamb chops to burgers and sausages, Coverwood offers an extensive range of cuts and mixed packs. Customers can visit the farm to choose their own meat or

ask about delivery options.

If you're out and about at events this summer, then look out for The Fillet and Bean, Coverwood's new 'Airstream' style mobile professional kitchen. Offering a selection of its own meat products such as burgers, minute steak rolls and sausages as well as tempting vegetarian options, The Fillet and Bean is headed by a Cordon Bleu trained cook who can cater for informal or silver service events.

To benefit from a 10% discount on purchases until the end of April 2014, quote this newsletter and produce your Surrey Hills Society membership card.

Visit: www.coverwoodlakes.co.uk



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## **News from our sponsor**

# Rural traffic calming news in Shamley Green



Surrey Highways have been working closely with the residents of Shamley Green in a pilot to introduce new traffic calming measures that are designed to reduce the speed of traffic in rural communities. The scheme is a radical departure from traditional traffic calming measures of signage and coloured lines on the road. The idea for the beautiful village of Shamley Green, in the heart of the Surrey Hills AONB, was to design signage that looked more appropriate in a rural area.

The design was based on the pioneering work of Colin Davis, a consultant highway engineer who has also pioneered the controversial work in Chelsea in London, where a lot of street signage and traffic lights were removed and shared pedestrian surfaces put in.

Chris Howard, Chairman of the Society,

said she would like to thank the "huge number of people engaged in this project, including the Chairman of the Surrey Association of Local Councils, who chaired the group leading on the project, local residents, councillors, officers from Surrey County Council and the Guildford & Waverley Local Committee that approved the scheme."

"The residents are delighted with the final look of the project which keeps the village in this protected rural landscape attractive, while making a real impact on traffic speeds."

Chris Howard also said she would like to "thank Surrey Highways for the professional way in which they carried out the work with minimal disruption, sometimes working through the night so the road was open for peak hour traffic the next day".

### Sponsor's message



The Surrey Highways contract has had a great few months delivering several major projects including our Winter Operation, Horizon and working on our surface treatment

programme. The highways team has also been working hard to develop the gully cleaning part of the contract and we have delivered a successful emergency response service dealing with the once every 25 years storm.

Kier strives to meet its pledge to 'deliver a brighter future for our communities' — by getting involved in the places we call home. Community engagement is very important to our business and we aim to work and support as many local charities and organisations as we can.

So, after a successful two years of supporting the production and printing of the Surrey Hills Society newsletter, we are now looking to rotate our support to other organisations.

We have very much enjoyed working with the Surrey Hills Society and going forward hope to continue in working on local improvement projects.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and wish you a happy 2014. Take care

Jim Harker, General Manager Kier Group

## More than 300 roads safer thanks to winter damage fund

Surrey Highways has fixed the equivalent of nine rugby pitches after earmarking funds to tackle winter road damage. Back in September 2013, Surrey County Council's Cabinet allocated £5 million to fix more than 600 of the road surfaces most affected by ice and snow last winter.

So far, the Highways Team has completed 63,725 square metres of repairs – nine rugby pitches' worth – on 332 roads. Winter repair teams are working on another 278 roads. John Furey, Surrey County Council's

Cabinet Member for Highways, said: "Keeping Surrey moving is essential, and this council is working flat out to ensure our residents and businesses have safe and congestion-free roads to drive on.

"As well as our five-year, £100 million project to overhaul the roads in Surrey that need it most, careful financial planning allows us to spend extra money on improving 200 miles' worth of other roads that were damaged by expanding ice last year."





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## **Events programme February to June 2014**

Visit our website for more information and additional events. Booking opens approximately two months before each event and all events must be booked in advance – even free ones. Non-email users can get more information by sending an SAE to the address above.

#### Friday 14th February Gatton Park & Gardens

An afternoon illustrated talk by Glyn Sherratt at Leatherhead Institute. Hosted by Leatherhead Community Association. Free

#### Saturday 1st March Hands –on Volunteering Day

A scrub clearing session working with the National Trust on Headley Heath (between Leatherhead and Epsom) Free event.

#### **Sunday 16th March**

New-Gen event - Walk around St Martha's and Chilworth Gunpowder Mills - see right

#### **Thursday 20th March**

To build or not to build in the Surrey Hills Join us for an evening with Clive Smith, Planning Officer from the Surrey Hills AONB unit and Tim Harrold from CPRE to discuss the new planning issues affecting the AONB.

#### Saturday 22nd March Map reading in the Surrey Hills

An all day event based at Gomshall with the morning spent in map reading and compass tuition, followed by a practical, outdoor, session in the afternoon

#### Sunday 6th April

Family event - Lambing at Bocketts Farm - see right

#### Monday 7th April Beekeeping & Bee Products

A lively evening (indoor) talk and demonstration on beekeeping and bee products at The Jolly Farmers, Buckland. Preceded by a buffet of locally produced food.

#### **Sunday 4th May**

New-Gen event: An exploration of special pubs in the Surrey Hills - see right

## Thursday 15th May Visit to Pierrepont Farm and Tilford Rural Life Control

A morning visit to Pierrepont Farm to see the hi-tech dairy facility. Followed by an afternoon visit to the nearby Rural Life Centre to see farming and local crafts from an older perspective. Lunch included

#### Saturday 17th May

Family event - Heathland Discovery on Hindhead Common - see right

#### Tuesday 20th May Chairmans Day

This popular event allows members to spend another day out in the country discovering the hidden treasures of the area. This year will focus on local food production and includes lunch and afternoon tea in locations in and around Dorking.

#### Thursday 5th June Return visit to MSSL

A repeat visit to Mullard Space Science Laboratory at Holmbury St Mary. Numbers are restricted for this evening event and priority will be given to members who were unable to attend our previous visit.

#### Saturday 7th June

Family event - Woodland exploration activities at Shamley Green

#### Mid June

## Visit to Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden

A private view of this internationally acclaimed sculpture garden near Ockley.

#### Sunday 22nd June A Walk with the Dog

A specially created event for all our dog owning members. Bring your dogs along for this guided walk around the Peaslake countryside.

#### Saturday 21st June

#### Tales from the Surrey Hills

Join the Surrey Hills Society for a family visit to the Gatton Community Theatre's production of 'Tales for the Surrey Hills' at Reigate Fort.

## Saturday 28th June Compton area walk

Join us for a mornings walk around the Compton area - a centre for the Arts and Craft Movement. Visit Watts Chapel, and optional visit to Watts Gallery in the afternoon.

## SurreyHills Society Family

Our Family Membership section has been established to provide events which are suitable for all the family - but especially children. Many of these will be collaborative events. Our current programme includes:

## Sunday 6th April - Lambing at Bocketts Farm

Join the Surrey Hills Society for a visit to Bocketts Farm, have a picnic and see the lambs

## Saturday 17th May - Heathland Discovery on Hindhead Common

This National Trust event hosts stalls, crafts and fun for all the family. Join the Surrey Hills Society team for a picnic, walk and children's quiz/activities.

## Saturday 7th June - Woodland exploration activities at Shamley Green

A day in the woods learning some bushcraft activities such as building bivouacs, plant and bird recognition and treasure trail. Bring a picnic.

## SurreyHills Society New-Gen

**New-Gen** is a section of the Surrey Hills Society set up specifically to cater for 18-35's who wish to explore and enjoy the Surrey Hills with like minded people.

As part of the Surrey Hills Society, it will work with third parties to produce a selection of events of interest to this New Generation who are the future custodians and users of the Surrey Hills AONB.

**Saturday 15th March -** Walk around St Martha's and Chilworth Gunpowder Mills

**Sunday 4th May** - An exploration of special pubs in the Surrey Hills making use of a private hire heritage bus

To Join us go to www.surreyhillssociety.org and click on the Personal Membership tag