



Happy Society members on a monthly walk

Anniversary of the Surrey Hills

To celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Surrey Hills Society, our Spring newsletter touched upon some of the major events enjoyed by our members over the past decade. Our Summer edition continues the theme by looking back on more of our special memories and achievements.

In addition to our ever expanding events programme, often gaining access to places not normally open to the general public, we wanted to reflect on some of the projects and activities we have undertaken to conserve and promote the Surrey Hills over the past ten years.



SHS members on an exclusive visit to private Arts & Crafts houses in Blackheath

Reaching out to new members is crucial. Stella Cantor, our current Membership Secretary, believes the recent introduction of the free monthly walks, originally intended to attract a younger age group, has inspired new memberships, as have the monthly articles by Chairman, Chris Howard, in *Surrey Life*, along with exhibiting and speaking at the many

shows and events across the county. Ken Bare, our Vice Chairman, has been especially active with the assistance of our gazebo and trailer.

In fact one of Peter Hattersley's early memories included canvassing views on having a trailer during a violent storm in Guildford High Street. Early highlights was indeed the trailer having its first outing at Guildford Farmers' Market back in 2010.



Peter Salisbury, Ken Bare, Diane Cooper & Chris Howard with the SHS Trailer at Surrey Hills Challenge 2016

Diane Cooper, who took on production of this newsletter until two years ago, remembers securing sponsorship as an important milestone enabling it to expand to its current eight pages. We are most grateful to our previous sponsors and to the current sponsor of our newsletter, Anthony Wakefield, for his ongoing support.

Raising funds to fulfil our wider goals and work with our key partners is crucial, so the £30,000 raised in 2016 has to be another significant high spot.

Engaging with our many local partners, the Surrey Hills Board, National Trust, Surrey Wildlife Trust and the Gatton Trust, and many more has been invaluable for all concerned. The volunteering days at Leith Hill, Headley and Gatton Park, family days such as the annual Wood Fair and the Heritage Lottery funded Tales and Trails of the Tillingbourne Valley, are all worth a mention.

There is so much more we could have included but a significant highlight, certainly for all those involved, and hopefully for many of our members, was getting the new SHS website up and running last year.

Society Chairman, Chris Howard reflected that she, "can't believe it is ten years since the first small committee sat down to try to establish the charity. It has been such a privilege to work with all the volunteers and partnership organisations involved in the Surrey Hills. From small beginnings, we now deliver on so many projects and activities. It is so rewarding to see our charity growing in confidence every year and I look forward to seeing where we get to in the next ten years."

Chairman's Views



My time as your Chairman is drawing to a close this year, as our Constitution only allows our Trustees to hold office for 9 years (3x3 terms). Sadly, my Vice Chairman, Ken Bare has also served his time as a Trustee. That does not mean though that we are leaving the Society. Both of us plan to continue serving as volunteers, supporting the work of the Surrey Hills AONB.

Ken recently wrote this article and I felt it was a fitting piece for Chairman's Views. I hope to see you at one of our events over the summer.

Chris Howard, SHS Chairman

Vice Chairman's Views:

Time is elastic. Our memories sometimes play us false. What goes around comes around. Just three truisms which spring to mind while looking back through the archives of the Society. On our website, we have copies of all our previous newsletters. "Gosh! Was that really as long ago as that?" sums up many of the items in these fascinating records of how your Society has developed.

Was it really back in spring 2010 when we first took our newly purchased gazebo to the Haslemere Charter Fair? Surely it wasn't in December 2009 that we first did the Belmont School pre-Christmas walk! Well yes, it was and we are still repeating both events with great success. 2010 also records our purchase of a promotional trailer which has gone on to become a regular feature of many external shows ranging from village fetes to the County Show. As we reported in Newsletter 7 it has also kept us, and our customers, dry – unlike the first gazebo which we took to Guildford Farmers' Market in 2009.

Over the years we have attempted to take a

different theme with each newsletter – writers, gardeners, woodland, heritage, food & drink, volunteers etc. There is so much choice when it comes to the history and current day activities of the Surrey Hills. Some topics, like planning, have come around on a number of occasions. The North Downs Way runs through the area and has provided content on several occasions. We even see some of the same faces popping up; in our first edition our profiled Founder Member was Chris Howard who has gone on to be a driving force of the Society and is currently Chairman. But other volunteers have also been included and it is pleasing to see how many of them are still members and, frequently, active volunteers.

For a fascinating potted history of the Society and interesting short articles on numerous Surrey Hills topics, I thoroughly recommend a dip into the Newsletter page of the website at www.surreyhillssociety.org/Newsletters

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time serving as Vice Chairman. Thank you all for your support.

Ken Bare, SHS Vice Chairman



Pippa on Gorgeous with William

Olympic medallist launches hacking trails

Three time Olympic medallist and Surrey Hills resident Pippa Funnell MBE has been helping to promote horse riding in the Surrey Hills by launching a series of new hacking trails. Pippa comments; "We are so lucky to live and work in the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), a wonderful asset and so close to

London. The hills are perfect for keeping our horses fit and the variety of terrain keeps them mentally alert which is important on the Eventing circuit. I feel proud to live in such a beautiful part of the country".

To view the new hacking trails visit www.surreyhillssociety.org/route/horse-riding

Volunteer Portrait – the Turner family

We are founder members of the Surrey Hills Society, along with our younger son Edward, who attended the inaugural meeting at Denbies and was keen to be involved with the Society right from the outset.

We all have an interest in the environment and in particular in preserving the beautiful countryside in this area, which is sadly so much under threat, and welcomed the chance to volunteer for this worthwhile organisation. We started volunteering with the trailer going round to shows and events trying to recruit members. We were then invited to join the Events Committee and have since organised a number of visits to

places of interest including Chinthurst Place, Chilworth Manor, Goddards, Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden and Guildford Cathedral.

Mark worked for some years as a lawyer for DEFRA where he was involved in the implementation of the CROW Act and Virginia has been involved with the RHS Garden Wisley for many years, both in a voluntary and work capacity. Edward worked for the Ramblers Association when they were campaigning for the Marine and Coastal Access Act. He is a keen walker and sportsman when time permits. Needless to say we are all committed to supporting the aims of the SHS, now, more than ever.



Founder members and active volunteers, Mark and Virginia Turner with their son Edward

Gig Up and Down for The Hills!

Broadband for the Surrey Hills (B4SH) is installing a brand new, independent, highly reliable, full fibre broadband network bringing fibre to homes and businesses offering a speed of 1000Mb/sec download and upload simultaneously – an unprecedented speed, to solve rural Surrey Hills' broadband problems.

"We have modelled ourselves on the successful Broadband for the Rural North (B4RN) scheme that brings a completely stand-alone fibre network with hyper speed internet to rural Cumbria," comments Walter Willcox, director of B4SH.

B4SH is a Community Benefit Society (CBS), a not for profit organisation that will

not only depend on, but flourish with, the support of volunteers. "We are actively seeking both investors (individuals and businesses) that wish to take out shares in the CBS as well as volunteers who can commit time to installing this exciting network throughout the Surrey Hills," continues Willcox. B4SH have already secured initial investment of £150k from investors as well as commitment from landowners and farmers to allow access for the installation of the fibre.

For further information please contact Walter Willcox at enquiries@b4sh.org.uk or call 07437 165949.



Surrey Hills Arts artists and panel with the Programme Manager, Ali Clarke in the middle

Surrey Unearthed

Surrey Hills Arts have been awarded a grant of £67K from Arts Council England for an exciting new project exploring the natural materials of the Surrey Hills landscape. Surrey Unearthed will see ten established and emerging artists create new work along the entire width of the AONB and engage a wide range of people along the way.

Projects will include a photosynthesis piece by renowned artists Ackroyd and Harvey, giant structures formed of hay bales which slowly illuminate as dusk falls by Mary Branson, an innovative ceramic installation by Steven Edwards, an art documentary exploring the process of sand extraction by Amanda Loomes and more...

An exhibition at Leith Hill Place from 6-22 July will showcase the work. For more information, see www.surreyuneearthed.org or www.surreyhillsarts.org

Grant awarded to engage school children with the Surrey Hills through Art

The Surrey Hills Trust Fund have recently awarded a grant to local charity Delight for an exciting new project aimed at schools. Focused at Box Hill, children will participate in a habitat workshop with a National Trust ranger. The workshop will be followed by a woodland themed theatre production co-ordinated by the Human Zoo Theatre Company. Back in the school classroom children will create their own forest character and habitat from what they have learned. Their finished work will be used to create an 'Art Trail' around Box Hill.

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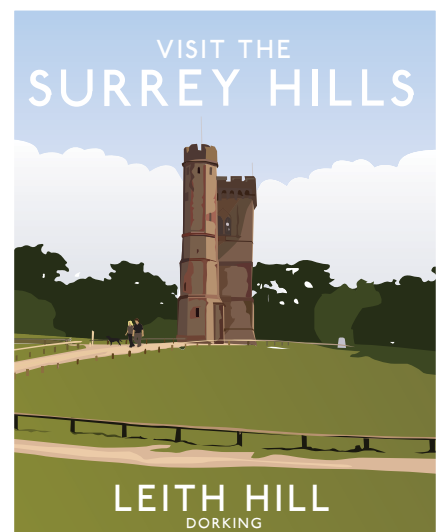
Surrey Hills Limited Edition Prints

To celebrate 60 years of the AONB, 6 limited edition prints have been created by Ockley based artist Louise Dunckley. Each print captures a unique view of the Surrey Hills, showing the Devils Punch Bowl at Hindhead, the Great Pond at Frensham, a view from Newlands Corner on the North Downs Way, Leith Hill Tower, the viewpoint at Box Hill and the Inglis Memorial on Colley Hill, Reigate. Why not collect them all!

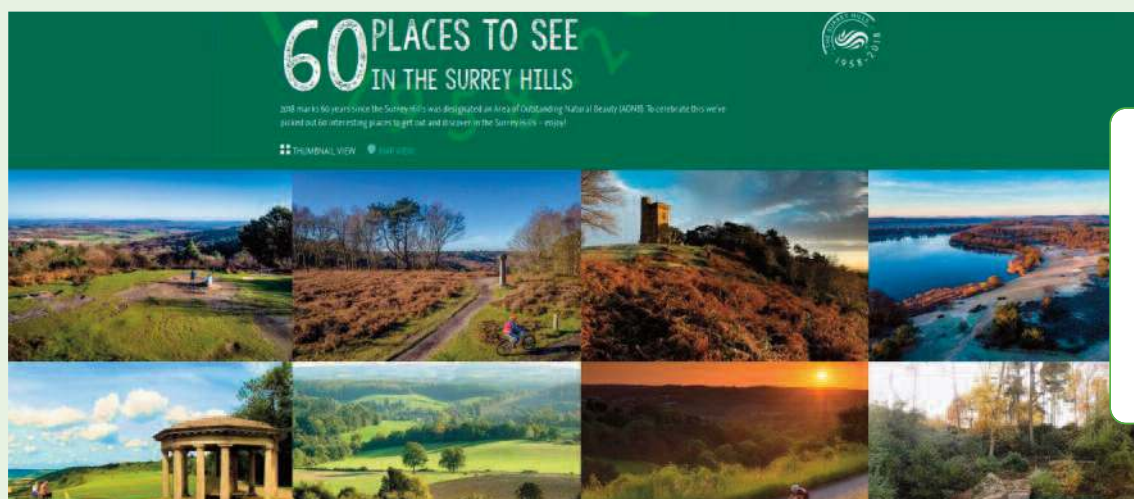
Each limited edition print is numbered and signed by the artist. Also £5.00 from each purchase will be donated to the Surrey Hills Trust Fund – which helps to conserve and protect the Surrey Hills landscape through a programme of projects and activities.

Visit www.illustrationsandprints.com/limited-edition/index.html to view and buy the prints.

The Leith Hill Tower print – other prints can be seen on the artist's website



Celebrating 60 Years as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



2018 marks 60 years since the Surrey Hills was designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). To celebrate this the Surrey Hills Board have picked out 60 interesting places to get out and discover in the Surrey Hills. From traditional villages to vibrant market towns, wildlife or history, events or relaxation, excitement, heritage, culture and style, there is no doubt that the Surrey Hills is an outstanding landscape with something for everyone. It was hard to keep our list to just 60 as there is so much more! We've included some well-known iconic sites such as Box Hill, Leith Hill Tower and Newlands Corner plus the more unusual including the Tillingbourne waterfall, Wilberforce memorial and Atlantic Wall – you're bound to discover something you didn't know about in the Surrey Hills. Find out more about the legend of Silent Pool, the military history associated with Reigate Fort and why Wanborough Great Barn is the oldest and most important wooden building in Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire! Each place we've listed also has options for walks nearby and other interesting things to do in the area.

Take a look at the new website section '**60 Places to see in the Surrey Hills**' and decide where you are going to visit next!
www.surreyhills.org/surrey-hills-60

Celebrating 40 years of the North Downs Way National Trail

In 2018 the North Downs Way National Trail celebrates 40 years since its official opening on 30th September 1978 on Wye Downs. In celebration a programme of walks has been created in collaboration with a number of partner organisations along the trail and led by local experts.

The walks listed cover the length of the trail so there's something for everyone whether you want to walk in Surrey, Kent or Medway. Our walk partners come from various backgrounds and will approach the walks in very diverse ways. Each walk will be slightly different – on some walks you will learn about the landscape and wildlife, others will focus on the stories of Pilgrims and their journeys along this ancient trackway. Along the trail you will have the opportunity to soak up local knowledge, learn about the heritage and culture of the landscape and sample the local produce.

Some of the walks are in partnership with community organisations or walking festivals and are free. Others are led by experts who run walking experiences along the trail. Prices

are set by the lead partner; some include guide books and materials; others provide insight into the myths and legends along the trail and offer unique experiences, and some will focus on the wildlife and landscape. There's something for everyone.

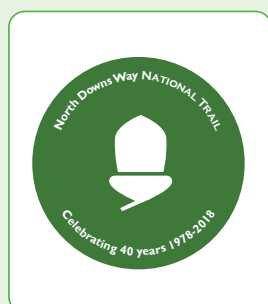
Some walks are concurrent which allows you to explore more of the trail on consecutive days and stay overnight along the trail in rural churches and visit rustic country pubs. We hope this will inspire you to come back for more!

To find out more about each walk and how to book please see our walks programme in full at www.nationaltrail.co.uk/north-downs-way/40thCelebrationWalks

Peter Morris, North Downs Way Trail Manager



SHS members walking the NDW at St Martha's church, near Guildford



Celebrating 10 years of Surrey Hills Society



The Society was formed as a charity to support the Surrey Hills AONB, as a legacy of the 50th anniversary of the Surrey Hills being given protected landscape status on 8th May 1958. On the 8th May 2008 officers from the Surrey Hills Board organised the 50th anniversary celebration at the Houses of Parliament. On the 8th May 2018, I am delighted to report, it will be the Society leading on the preparations for a similar event at Speaker's House for Members of Parliament and other representatives including Natural England, Arts Council and other VIPs.

The Society is also organising a local Surrey celebration at Loseley Park on 26th June, with kind permission from Michael More-Molyneux, the Lord Lieutenant. This event will bring together VIPs and key partner organisations to network and celebrate the many projects and activities undertaken in the Surrey Hills as part of the Anniversary celebrations.

There will be lots of ways you can all get involved over the summer with the celebrations. We are planning all sorts of activities through this year to celebrate our 10th anniversary. In particular, do come and see our celebration display at the family fair at Gatton Park on Sunday 1st July. Our free walks programme will continue to showcase the amazing stories of the Surrey Hills, our talks programme will feature our 10th birthday and our events throughout the year will continue with a 10th anniversary theme.

We have come a long way since our inception ten years ago. We are now a major delivery partner for the Surrey Hills statutory Management Plan, with several key projects under our belt, a growing membership and a growing army of volunteers to support the varied work we deliver.

Chris Howard, SHS Chairman



Local artist and SHS member, Charlotte Choi with the Surrey Hills Hare from Haslemere

Celebrating 30 years of Downlands Partnership

The Lion sculpture in Banstead Woods 'Narnia' walking trail



We work in partnership to support many related organisations and charities, one of which is the Downlands Partnership based in north east Surrey. They work to conserve and maintain the rare chalk grassland habitat found across the North Downs, as well as conservation work on woodlands and walk routes. They also have their own flock of sheep, goats and cattle that graze chalk grassland sites to benefit the native flora and fauna. Their work is supported by a loyal group of volunteers.



Downlands is celebrating its 30th year as a countryside management service this year and to mark this, our Society ran a guided walk in April on one of the sites they're involved with – Banstead Woods. Its recorded history stretches back for nearly a thousand years to the Domesday Book in 1086. The woodlands have been very well-managed for many years by volunteers from conservation groups who work in it. Two volunteers came along on our walk to tell us about this ancient woodland with many specimens of trees 300 years old and older. The trees support a wide array of wildlife making it rich in biodiversity and particularly beautiful in spring with a fabulous display of bluebells.

Banstead Woods was designated a Local Nature Reserve last year. This is marked by a short walking trail with natural tree deadwood sculptures from the Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe – aimed at encouraging more families to come and discover the great outdoors.

Diane Cooper, SHS Marketing and Communication Committee Chair

Our Changing Landscape



As you will have read elsewhere, 2018 is the 10th anniversary of the Society and the 60th anniversary of the AONB. Eighteen months ago, when your Trustees started pondering how to mark these events, my thoughts turned to producing some sort of look back over the years. Because I've developed our external talk programme and, consequently, done a fair bit of research about the AONB, this seemed like a good idea at the time! A few thoughts later and the idea had crystallised

into the production of a small book about how the AONB has changed over its life – with my expectation being that the research would show massive change.

Rob Fairbanks, our AONB Director, was enthusiastic and I was able to sell the concept to our Trustees and the AONB Board. Once we had discovered that the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) had a category of grant for Sharing Heritage the obvious thing to do was to apply for funding. We were successful and from that point, of course, there was no going back – the book had to be written!

Several hundred volunteer-hours later my editor Diane Cooper and I have finally published our book and, from a personal perspective, it has been a fascinating and worthwhile project. I have been privileged to interview well respected foresters, farmers, planners and many other knowledgeable people across the county. There is so much knowledge out there just waiting to be shared with like-minded people. The overwhelming message from my interviews has been how important the AONB and the Society are to the protection of the Surrey Hills. Pleasingly, everyone is incredibly

supportive of the book as a way of raising the profile of the AONB and helping to highlight the changes and risks across the area.

So what did I discover? Well, apart from a greater understanding of how and why the AONB came about, the big message is of how little the Surrey Hills have changed over the last 60 years. Yes, they have evolved because we have a living landscape which has to meet the needs of the population. However, major negative impacts have been relatively few whilst the enhancements and initiatives have been many and, generally, sustainable. In essence we have an AONB designation which has worked.

This newsletter doesn't have space to give examples of what I found in my researches so please do try to read a copy of the book. Our membership will automatically receive copies but we are distributing the book to a wide audience across the county and will also have copies available wherever we attend external events during 2018. Since the book was funded by HLF, we are not allowed to charge for it (although donations are always welcome!) so you are guaranteed a good value read.

I hope you enjoy learning about the AONB as much as I did during the book's production. Happy reading!

Ken Bare, Vice Chairman, Surrey Hills Society

Editors note: Additional copies may be obtained via the Shop page of our website with a charge of £2.00 to cover postage and packing



Planning views

For the past 9 years the Surrey Hills AONB Board has consistently supported the public expressions of concern about the proposed exploratory drilling at Leith Hill. It has made its objections clear at two public inquiries. At the first the Planning Inspector was persuaded of the overriding importance of protecting the AONB. However, the oil and gas operator successfully appealed and had that decision overturned in the courts. At the second Inquiry, another Inspector allowed the proposal even though he acknowledged there would be harm done to the SHAONB during the period of drilling.

The Board will keep a close eye on future developments of this proposal and seek to ensure that its views are given full consideration.

David Wright, Chairman of the Surrey Hills AONB Board

The Government has issued a consultation document setting out new national planning guidance encouraging the provision of substantially more housing. However, it continues to attach great weight to conserving the landscape and the scenic beauty of the AONB. However, some helpful wording supporting this approach in the existing National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is proposed to be removed.

Waverley Borough Council has agreed to adopt its new local plan following a Planning Inspector's requirement that more housing be provided which has implications for the AONB. The same Inspector has been appointed to examine the new Guildford Local Plan this summer.

Several local rural communities are preparing Neighbourhood Plans in order to influence the determination of development proposals, so far as possible. They display a strong local wish to protect the Surrey Hills AONB from development. Suitable small scale affordable housing in villages can be acceptable provided the dwellings remain available for local people in perpetuity.

Clive Smith, Surrey Hills AONB Planning Adviser

Sponsor's view

When I made my latest visit to the National Trust's lovely property at Hatchlands Park, it was fortuitous that I should go on Mothering Sunday. It fitted in well with my plans to comment in this newsletter on women's enfranchisement and the Centenary of the Representation of the People Act in 1918, when women were first entitled to vote in a General Election.

No time is better than the present to celebrate equality of the sexes.

Hatchlands Park is holding a series of events between the 5th June and 28th October this year on the topic of "Women and Power". Frances Evelyn (Fanny) Boscawen was the wife of Admiral Edward Boscawen, who was one of the most celebrated naval officers of his time. Together, they purchased the Park in 1750. The Admiral employed the architect Stiff Leadbetter to design the house and Fanny was instrumental in securing one of the first commissions of Robert Adam to design the interior. Fanny is best remembered

as a founder member of the forward-thinking Bluestocking Society.

The house is now host to the Cobbe Collection, which consists of a fabulous number of works of art collected by the Cobbe family in the 18th Century, but is perhaps better known for its collection of musical instruments – Europe's largest keyboard collection. Working examples of pianos, harpsichords and organs, as well as a spinet, clavichord and virginals are on display, many of which were either owned or played by such famous composers as J.C. Bach, Purcell, Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven and Chopin.

This is a working house and the Cobbe family are in residence. Please refer to the National Trust website or via Facebook or Twitter for opening hours and special activities. There is a shop, café and some 430 acres of Estate to explore.

While we as a Society celebrate our tenth anniversary, it is worthy to note that our Surrey Hills contain numerous properties that offer a rich history for us to discover and we as members can contribute to that heritage



The beautiful music room at Hatchlands Park

by visiting and supporting Hatchlands Park and other properties in, or close to our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Anthony Wakefield

Rock stars in the Surrey Hills

While the manicured lawns and opulent mansions of St Georges Hill, Weybridge were home to a good number of pop-stars in the 1960s, rock-stars who followed were more likely to head for the hills, attracted by a very different kind of Surrey lifestyle.

At the height of their careers, Cliff Richard, Tom Jones, Ringo Starr and John Lennon all chose to live a somewhat lavish lifestyle in the luxury estate – once known as the Beverley Hills of Britain. Rock legends from the 70s onwards, however, tended to choose to escape to a very different lifestyle in the real Surrey countryside.

Eric Clapton (Cream) has lived at Hurtwood Edge, near Ewhurst for many years. Ewhurst resident Kenney Jones (The Faces and The Who) stages open-air rock concerts at Hurtwood Park Polo Club, while Mike Rutherford (Cream and Mike and the Mechanics) has lived for many years just outside of Chiddingfold with his family, along with 17 horses and three dogs.

Other rock icons who were raised in Surrey include Peter Gabriel, who along with other founder members of Genesis went to Charterhouse. They were signed up by Jonathan King another Old Carthusian. Norman Cook and songwriter Paul Heaton met up at Reigate Grammar School and formed The Housemartins. Bruce Foxton from The Jam has spent most of his life in the Surrey Hills, these days near Farnham.

The Surrey Hills have also been the launch pad for some truly great albums. The Strawberry South studio at the top of South Street in Dorking was opened by 10cc's Graham Gouldman and Eric Stewart in 1976 in a former cinema. Black Barn Studios, which opened near

Ripley in 1985, was the studio of choice for the Manic Street Preachers, The Who and Paul Weller. Another of the few surviving studios is Fisher Lane in Chiddingfold, built in the early 1980s, producing albums from artists including Genesis, Phil Collins, Eric Clapton and The Cure.

And why the Surrey Hills? Proximity to London and key airports, along with seclusion, quintessential English villages and stunning countryside perhaps?



Strawberry South Recording Studio in Dorking. Image courtesy of Strawberry Recording Studio

Walk leaders Wanted!

As you know our Society is run by volunteers, including all the events and walks you see overleaf. If you love our monthly walks and walking generally, then why not think about becoming a Walk Leader? We will give you training and support, you'll be covered by the Society's insurance. All costs will be reimbursed and it's a chance to meet like-minded people and get to know the area better. Ring Chris Howard 0787984100 for further details.

Event Programme May – October 2018

Visit our website for more information and additional events.

Booking is essential – even for free ones. Bookings generally open about 6 weeks before each event. Non email users can get more information by sending an SAE to the address above.

Saturday 5th May

Walk the North Downs Way from Dorking to Reigate



Join us for this section of the trail to celebrate its 40th anniversary. Part of Mole Valley Spring Walks festival.

Sunday 6th May

Walk the North Downs Way from Guildford to Dorking



Join us for this section of the trail to celebrate its 40th anniversary. Part of Mole Valley Spring Walks festival.

Wednesday 16th May

Discover the history of Ewhurst

Join local historian Janet Balchin on a tour of this quaint village with optional lunch at a local pub after the walk.

Saturday 26th May

Walk the North Downs Way from Farnham to Guildford



Join us for this section of the trail in celebration of its 40th anniversary. Part of the Farnham Walking Festival.

Friday 1st June

Rhododendron Wood at Leith Hill

Follow the National Trust Ranger round the Rhododendron Wood, created by Caroline Wedgwood in the late 1800s. Afternoon tea at Leith Hill Place.

Sunday 3rd June

Explore Hambledon



Our FREE guided monthly walk. Meet us at Merry Harriers Pub, Hambledon Road, Godalming GU8 4DR.

Tuesday 12th June

Return to Goddards – members only

We are privileged to access a private viewing of this wonderful Arts&Crafts building, built by architect Edwin Lutyens. The garden was designed by his friend Gertrude Jekyll.

Thursday 14th June

Walk North Downs Way from Reigate to Oxted



Join our Chairman, Chris Howard and Judy Brua, from East Surrey Ramblers for this 8 mile section of the trail in celebration of its 40th anniversary.

Sunday 1st July

Gatton Country Fair



Come and celebrate the SHAONB's 60th and the Society's 10th anniversary in the beautiful surroundings of Gatton Park as part of their Country Fair.

Sunday 1st July

Explore Gatton Park



Our FREE guided monthly walk. Meet at the Wray Lane Car Park, RH2 0HX.

Friday 6th July

Chairman's AONB Partnership day

The Broom Family has been farming in Dorking for over 100 years. Discover their past and hopes for the future. Farms products available for purchase.

Monday 9th July

Goldstone Farm & Grays Dairy

An afternoon visit to the farm with trailer tour. We will see the cows being milked and learn all about the ice cream making. Followed by tea & cakes!

Saturday 14th July

Walk leader training day



FREE all day training day including training on map reading. If you love our walks and walking generally, then why not think of becoming a Walk Leader?

Thursday 19th July

Tilford Rural Life Centre and RSPB Reserve

A guided tour of the Centre with time to explore the exhibits followed by a look around the adjacent RSPB – home to a large variety of wildlife. Lunch is included.

Monday 23rd July

What is that tree?



Come and join another of our popular tree identification walks with our tree and plant expert Pamela Holt around Shamley Green.

Sunday 5th August

Explore Guildford's countryside



Our FREE guided, monthly walk. Meet at the Town Bridge, 8 High Street, GU2 4AJ.

Thursday 9th August

Croquet Afternoon at Polesden Lacey

Share a fun afternoon of croquet at the lavish country retreat of socialite and philanthropist Mrs Greville. Optional cream tea in the ever popular café.

Saturday 11th August

Hidden gems of Chiddingfold

Admire a wonderful private tropical garden featured on the BBC Gardener's World. Followed by a walk around the village and an intriguing talk on local history.

Sunday 2nd September

Explore Puttenham



Our FREE guided, monthly walk. Meet at Puttenham Common Middle Car Park on Suffield Lane, GU3 1BG.

Wednesday 5th September

Historic Titsey Place

Visit this historic house, former home to the Leveson and Gresham families, with a grand collection of family portraits and wonderful gardens with views.

Thursday 13th September

Exploring Fox Way with Richard Fox



Join Chris Howard and Richard Fox on this interesting circular path around Guildford. Part of Guildford Walkfest, see www.guildfordwalkfest.co.uk

Sunday 16th September

Heritage Weekend Walk



We continue to celebrate the Tales of the Tillingbourne. This walk will take us to the river and some of the most picturesque villages in the Surrey Hills.

Sunday 23rd September

Surrey Hills Challenge and Sports Festival at Denbies



Set in our beautiful Surrey Hills, there are a number of activities that will suit all ages and abilities. See www.surreyhillsschallenge.com to sign up.

Saturday 13th October

Surrey Hills Society AGM

Show your support and join us for the tenth Annual General Meeting in Dorking, followed by a talk and afternoon tea.

Thursday 18th October

Village Day in Bletchingley

Discover among other gems the gatehouse of Bletchingley Place, a great Tudor House which Anne of Cleves occupied after her marriage to Henry VIII was annulled.



Dog friendly but kept on a short lead throughout the walk



Family Friendly



Signposting for events where SHS will be present

▲ Our FREE guided monthly walk on 1st Sunday of the month. 10.30am for an 11am start, finishing about 1pm.



Easy/flat



Moderate



Challenging