

Sublime Sanctuaries at Brookwood Cemetery
Wednesday 19th June 2019
10.30am – 4pm



Brookwood Cemetery, located in the heart of Surrey, is a beautiful Grade 1 listed site in the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens, and has been serving the community since 1854. The 220 acre park provides a tranquil, picturesque setting. The grounds are divided into many smaller plots by a multitude of roads and avenues that boast magnificent trees and offer a wealth of flora and fauna as well as local heritage. It is the largest Cemetery in Western Europe and the site is rich in architecture, ecology, horticulture and history.

In the morning, we will have a tour of a part of the Cemetery by a guide from the Brookwood Cemetery Society and visit the monastic Brotherhood of St Edward the Martyr, the King of England who died in 978. In 1982 the Brotherhood acquired a former Anglican Church and established a shrine to St Edward the Martyr. We will see the shrine to the Saint, hear about the relics held by the Brotherhood and see the extraordinary iconostasis (a wall of icons and religious paintings), whilst having a short break for tea and coffee.

The walk through the cemetery will take about two hours and will provide an introduction to this very special tranquil sanctuary. We will hear about some of the famous people buried at Brookwood and explore the amazing collection of graves, many of which are architectural monuments in their own right. The cemetery is a haven for nature and abounds with mature rare trees planted in the reign of Queen Victoria.

A light lunch will be provided at the nearby Lord Pirbright's Hall which is a five-minute drive from our initial starting point.

In the afternoon there is the option to take a short tour of the Brookwood Military Cemetery, which is 10 minutes' walk from Lord Pirbright's Hall, and is maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. With more than 5,000 Commonwealth war graves and almost 800 war graves of other nationalities, Brookwood Military Cemetery is the largest CWGC Cemetery in the UK and is the final resting place for service personnel from Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, South Africa, and the UK and Ireland. The military cemetery was established as the First World War drew to a close and then extended for the burial of Second World War service personnel.

The cost for members is £17.50 and £20 for non-members including donation to Brookwood Cemetery Society, tea and coffee, light lunch. The event is recommended to all moderately fit walkers and is generally flat, although there is some uneven ground. Dogs are not allowed in the Cemetery. Children must be supervised.

Booking is essential. If you would like to join us, please book your place online at the bottom of this page. Alternatively please complete and return the downloadable slip here below before Wednesday 12th June 2019. Full event details will be sent to you closer to the event date.

For further details, contact us at info@surreyhillssociety.org or call Gordon Jackson on 07768 953514.

Please note that the Surrey Hills Society and its Event partners accept no responsibility for any loss, damage or personal injury during events. Participants are requested to wear appropriate clothing and footwear and take due care and attention.

The Society uses members' photographs on social media and on our website. If you are not happy to have your photo taken during this event, please notify us in writing prior to the event and make the event organiser aware on the day.

*Please complete and return this slip with your e-mail address or a stamped addressed envelope to:
SHS – Sublime Sanctuaries, Warren Farm Barns, Headley Lane, Mickleham, Dorking, RH5 6DG*

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I wish to book _____ member places at £17.50 per person and/or _____ non-members at £20.

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

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If more than three applicant, please continue below.

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Date Signed