



Gertrude Jekyll garden at Loseley Park

Our Enterprising Surrey Hills

The county of Surrey is the only net contributor to the Exchequer outside of London – in excess of £6 billion per year. It is home to numerous international companies including Unilever, ExxonMobil and Sanofi Aventis. We also have a vibrant visitor economy with over 26 million day visitors, who spend over £853m each year.

A good example of Surrey's entrepreneurial spirit is to be found at Loseley Park, just outside Guildford. The More Molyneuxs have lived at Loseley since the time of Henry VII. Like many other estates they were struggling to get back on their feet after WWII, but the current owner's father was determined not to be the last and so he set about diversifying. His first enterprise after the war was to make much needed concrete pre-fab buildings. The family were also one of the first in the country to open their house to the public



Loseley Park

and added value to their dairy herd by creating the well-known Loseley ice cream. Today, Loseley is recognised as one of the top 20 wedding venues in the country.

Another example is the Tillingbourne Valley between Leith Hill and Guildford. From Tudor times, the Valley was one of the most industrialised in the world, with its series of gunpowder and paper mills. Most were owned by the Evelyn family, to which the British soap company also owes its name – "Crabtree and Evelyn".

The coming of the railways to Surrey brought closer ties with London. It also brought an opportunity for many of the successful Victorian entrepreneurs to build large country homes here to escape the smog and crush of the capital. Edwin Price Waterhouse, of consultancy firm Price Waterhouse Coopers, built a large home at Holmbury St Mary, which many of you may have visited with us on our annual pre-Christmas walk in the area. Two famous pottery families, Wedgwood and Doulton, both built homes near Leith Hill. Several famous homes were built on the profits from beer enterprises. One was Pyrford Court, near Woking, which was originally built in 1910 for the 2nd Lord Iveagh, of the Guinness brewing family and another was Polesden Lacey in Bookham. Other Victorian families who



Visit Surrey at the Houses of Parliament with Guildford MP Anne Milton

made their home here in the Surrey Hills included the Castles, who were in shipping, the Stephens, who were in inks and the Brooke Bond family who are famous to this day for their tea.

In November 2014, the Surrey Hills "family", along with Michael More Molyneux from Loseley Park and other enterprising businesses from Surrey, were invited by the destination management company, Visit Surrey, to the Houses of Parliament to showcase what Surrey has to offer as a tourist attraction. It also showcased the enterprising spirit we exhibit here in Surrey – a much needed attribute to maintain our momentum out of recession and re-create more prosperous, sustainable times.

In this issue you can read about some of the enterprising men and women who accompanied us up to London and celebrate with us why this little corner of the world is so special.

Chairman's View



Jo Tollow's retirement at AGM

What an amazing year 2014 was! We had more volunteers creating even more events, doing more shows, talks and volunteering on practical projects, thank you to all of them. We gave special thanks to two of our original management committee members (pictured above) at our recent AGM. We also started the Family events and our 20s to 30s group – both doing well. Pete Lambert, organiser of the 20s to 30s group would love to see our younger members on a walk this spring, see our events diary on the back page.

I would also like to thank Surrey Life magazine for their support. They covered some wonderful stories about the Surrey Hills as well as providing the opportunity to contribute my regular column highlighting the work of the Society and its partner organisations.

One of the most exciting events I was involved with in 2014 was an invitation by Anne Milton, MP for Guildford, to take representatives from Surrey's tourism industry up to Westminster to showcase how enterprising and special Surrey is. I am a director of Visit Surrey, the Community Interest Company that was set up in the wake of all the government cuts due to the recession. Obviously, the Surrey Hills AONB is one of the "jewels in the crown" of Surrey's visitor economy and so were first on my list to invite. I am very grateful to Ken Bare and Marika Elzinga who planned and organised the stand for the AONB – including the Society, Surrey Hills Enterprises and the recently formed Surrey Hills Trust Fund. It was a long and stressful day but they did a wonderful job and many of the MPs and Peers who came to visit our event were impressed by our enterprising spirit. This is why we have decided to theme this newsletter edition "Our Enterprising Surrey Hills".



Graham Butler's retirement at AGM

I am also grateful to Tracy Carroll from "Local Food Surrey" who agreed to co-ordinate all the food and drink producers from the county for the event. Tracy is a food and drink writer who has set up a website beautifully showcasing the amazing range of food and drink products that are made here in this county. Tracy is a very "enterprising" person and I took great pleasure in introducing her to our Prime Minister.

Yet more thanks must go to a young enterprising chef called David Gillett of Four Gables Fine Dining. David is just 25 years old and yet oozes confidence and talent well beyond his years. Many of the county's producers donated ingredients and David then cleverly combined them into delicacies to take up to the Houses of Parliament on 26 November. You can see the event on www.livingsurrey.co.uk, thanks also to Amanda and David Campbell from LivingSurrey TV for covering the story for us.

Accompanying Anna Tomkins and myself from Visit Surrey, were also representatives from some of our top tourism attractions. These included Michael More Molyneux (representing the historic houses and gardens of the county), Alvin Hargreaves from G Live, (representing our theatres and conferencing venues), Manny Sawney, owner of Asperion Hotels (representing the accommodation sector) and Peter Milton from Surrey County Council (representing the Magna Carta events for 2015).

Visit Surrey also took information and leaflets about the many visitor attractions we have – everything that makes Surrey a great place to live or visit. The event also planned to blow away the myth that Surrey is a boring outpost of suburban London and I think we did that!

We are all so lucky to live in such a special county, with its wonderful AONB. Thank you to all of you who help me promote and support it through the Surrey Hills Society. Looking forward to 2015 we have so much more to celebrate. This year is Leith Hill tower's 250th birthday and we will continue to fundraise to support the worthwhile conservation work that the National Trust do there. In December, I met with Head Ranger Sam Bayley to hand over a cheque for £1,000 towards the historic water trough and fountain the Trust are planning to place near the tower to commemorate the celebration. We have organised a series of events throughout this year so that we can discover more about this fascinating site and assist in its conservation.

I hope to see you soon on one of our events and wish all our members a very happy 2015.

Chris Howard, Chairman



Sam Bayley receiving cheque from SHS Chairman



Summer Lightning Trail Leith Hill

The Chairman of Surrey County Council, David Munro recently visited the Surrey Hills and learnt about the problems to do with managing the many visitor pressures on popular areas like Leith Hill, where work has been underway on a new mountain bike trail, a first of its kind for Surrey. The trail is the result of four years work by the Surrey Hills Mountain Bike Working Group which

was created to look at the impact that mountain biking is having on the Surrey Hills.

There's no doubt that cyclists are having a major impact on the Surrey Hills. The popularity of mountain biking through the woods and commons of the greensand hills, with new paths being carved out around the existing network of foot and bridleways, has created tension with landowners and other leisure users.

To proactively manage the impact and ensure that all user groups are able to enjoy the area without spoiling it for each other, the Surrey Hills AONB Board has co-ordinated the creation of a new mountain bike trail named 'Summer Lightning' on Leith Hill. This new trail offers bikers a segregated route on which to enjoy mountain biking which reduces the conflict with other users and protects the wildlife of the commons. Cyclists are being encouraged to support the Board's work by donating to the Surrey Hills Trust Fund.

Chairman of the Surrey Hills Trust Fund, Neil Maltby comments;

"Mountain biking is here to stay. I am delighted that bikers now have the Summer Lightning Trail which should reduce the conflict with other users of the Surrey Hills. We do however need cyclists to support the trail through volunteering and donations in order to effectively maintain it and extend the network to benefit other areas in the Surrey Hills."

Hazel Watson, Local County Councillor for Dorking Hills comments;

"I am delighted to have supported measures that reduce the conflict in the Dorking Hills area. We need to encourage all groups to work together to ensure that we can all enjoy this special area. The new trail at Leith Hill will help to reduce conflict by ensuring that the cyclists are deterred from using the footpaths and naturally slow down before they meet bridleways."

Inspiring Views at Newlands Corner

One of the most spectacular views in South East England has been restored with funding from the Surrey Hills Trust Fund and the North Downs Way National Trail Partnership. Newlands Corner on the Albury Downs, a key viewpoint in the Surrey Hills, underwent restoration work last October. Uncontrolled growth of scrub was removed to open up this spectacular spot with far reaching views across to the Tillingbourne Valley.

The work was undertaken by Connection Crew, a leading event and logistics supplier that is expanding its services to meet the growing demand for labour within the woodland and forestry sector.

Charlie Dorman, Director of Connection Crew comments;

"We are proud to be a Social Enterprise. Our profit goes to charity and 25% of our crew are 'work ready' ex-homeless people. The whole team is highly motivated with an exceptional level of dedication and professionalism that sets us apart in everything we do. It is great to get this opportunity to contribute to conserving and enhancing the Surrey Hills AONB."

Sean Harrison, Surrey Hills Woodland Adviser adds;

"This project brings together social and environmental organisations to enhance the public's enjoyment of the Surrey Hills. As part of the clearance work the aim is to enhance the biodiversity on the Downs and use the wood sustainably locally for logs and kindling. I hope this is the beginning of many projects across the Surrey Hills with Connection Crew."



This project has been made possible with funding from the Surrey Hills Trust Fund. The Fund has been established in partnership with The Community Foundation for Surrey who promote local giving for local need, encouraging those who live in and enjoy the Surrey Hills to help preserve their local landscape. For further information on the Trust Fund visit www.cfsurrey.org.uk/surreyhills

Minister visits Surrey Hills

The Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty was the focus of a recent visit by Lord de Mauley, the Government Minister for Natural Environment and Science. Lord de Mauley took time out of his busy schedule to find out more about the work of the Surrey Hills AONB Board to conserve and enhance the area.



The Minister also gave his support to the new Management Plan for the Surrey Hills AONB, which sets out a robust policy

framework to help local councils protect and enhance the nationally designated landscape.

Lord de Mauley commented:

"AONBs are some of our finest landscapes and are cherished by residents and visitors alike. The Management Plan demonstrates how the AONB partnerships can continue to protect this precious environment despite the significant challenges it faces".

For further information on the Management Plan please visit; www.surreyhills.org



BEER

Breweries such as Hogs Back, Surrey Hills and Tillingbourne are already well represented in local pubs and are being joined by other offerings from new local micro-breweries

WINE

Surrey wines are getting a reputation for high quality. The area is already home to a number of award winning wines such as those from Denbies, Greyfriars, Albury Organic and High Clendon vineyards



CHOCOLATE & CONFECTIONERY

With local producers such as Mummy Makes, Yum-Yum, Kokoh, Ildikos and Cocoa Bombon the people of Surrey are spoilt for choice in this category

At the end of November, Surrey Hills Society and Surrey Hills Enterprises were privileged to be invited to participate in "A Taste of Surrey". This was a promotional event at the Houses of Parliament led by Visit Surrey CIC and hosted by Guildford MP Anne Milton. Working with Tracy Carroll of Local Food Surrey, numerous local producers poured their time, products and enthusiasm into this event which was designed to showcase Surrey produce, entrepreneurial activity and how much the area has to offer.



A Taste of Surrey



FISH & GAME

Our countryside is the natural home of a variety of local game including Betchworth venison. Add fish such as Tillingbourne trout and give the lie to those that think that Surrey is just an urban area

CHUTNEYS & CONDIMENTS

A category as wide as your imagination. With products from craft stalls, or small producers such as Cussacks and "own label" products in outlets such as "The Jolly Farmers" there is something to accompany all your meals



MEATS

We are privileged to have numerous high quality beef producers in the area including Coverwood, Stovold and Halliloo. Add local lamb and pork products such as those sold at the Butchers Hall and taste the difference that local provenance delivers

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JAMS

Widely found at fetes, farmers markets and farm shops, local jams and preserves are an essential part of the local produce offering



FRUIT & VEG

Community gardens and orchards or farm shops and market stalls, there are so many opportunities to buy high quality local fruit and vegetables in season. Rediscover the seasons by buying fresh, local, greengrocery



BREADS & CAKES

Whether an artisan bakery such as Chalk Hills, bespoke cakes from Emma's Cakehouse, a WI stall in a local market or brownies to die for from Crosbies, our hand-made bread and cakes are head and shoulders above the mass produced products available elsewhere



This centre page spread, which can only cover a small sample of producers, aims to highlight how many of them are out there in and around the Surrey Hills and how diverse the food and drink offering is.

Many of the categories detailed here can be found together on stalls in Farmers Markets, at Dorking Food Float or at one of our local Farm Shops such as Secretts, Fanny's, Priory Farm, Garsons Farm or Village Greens. Why not support them and keep our local food producers and sellers in business.

SAUSAGES

No longer a humble product, the sausage has come of age. Chertsey has its local one to raise money for flood relief, the Surrey Hills Heritage sausage is gaining an excellent reputation and local butchers such as Conisbees are producing whole ranges of sausages for the discerning local



HONEY

Beekeepers across the county provide us with a wonderful range of flavours from their local honey with nectar gathered from local crops, countryside and gardens. Look out for the local beekeeping organisations around Guildford or Reigate or buy from a hobbyist or small producer

MISCELLANEOUS

There are so many other local categories which we could add – cheese (Norbury), eggs, gin – yes, really! (Silent Pool Distillery), fresh whole grain products (Imbhams Farm), lavender (Mayfield) and herbs, watercress (Kingfisher) plus many more. Go out and explore the local food scene soon



News from Surrey Hills Enterprises

New Year, New Website!

Surrey Hills Enterprises (SHE) is a Community Interest Company set up to support the exceptional work of the Surrey Hills AONB through brand development, marketing and promotion, events and projects as well as educational programmes.

The profits made by SHE will be put back into the community of the AONB through its management plan, which pledges to enhance, preserve and protect the landscape.

To ensure that this plan is fully delivered, SHE aims to bring together a range of independent companies through a membership scheme and provide a marketing platform to raise awareness of the unique local character of businesses in the Surrey Hills influenced by the AONB.

SHE has just relaunched its website which has been redesigned by Akiko Design, a leading Surrey based digital agency. The aim of the new website is to maximise the opportunities for SHE business members to promote themselves online. Surrey Hills Society members should bookmark the



'Special Offers' webpage for easy access to the latest promotions from SHE businesses.

If you are interested in finding out more about Surrey Hills Enterprises, please visit the new website at www.surreyhillsenterprises.co.uk

Surrey Hills Butchers – Traditional Butchery with a Modern Twist

The team at Surrey Hills Butchers feel very lucky to be based in a beautiful old butcher's shop that has served the village of Oxshott and the surrounding area since the early 1900s. Owned by Simon Taylor who has worked in traditional butchers shops since he was 13, Surrey Hills Butchers consider themselves to be very traditional but also very modern. Simon's wealth of experience, respect for this knife skill trade and knowledge

of old school cuts is combined with his understanding of the way the culinary world moves daily. At Surrey Hills Butchers you will always find a reinvented dish or a spin on the classics as well as new ideas on how to cook less well-known cuts. Inspirational recipes for meat can also be found on their website www.butcherscook.com

Aberdeen House, High Street, Oxshott, KT22 0JR. 01372 844890

MEMBER OFFER

Surrey Hills Butchers is pleased to offer members of the Society a 10% discount on meat throughout February and March 2015 on presentation of their membership card.

Terms and conditions:

- Subject to Availability
- Offer can be withdrawn at anytime
- No cash alternative and non-transferable

New year offer exclusively for Surrey Hills Society music lovers!

Early Bird Offer - **save £5** on every full-price ticket by 1 March quoting **CONCERTOSHS15**

The Surrey Hills International Music Festival brings world-class music to intimate venues in the Surrey Hills

You can buy a maximum of 4 tickets per household to any of the 3 concerts but only by phone or in person directly from the Guildford Tourist Information Centre, 155 High Street, Guildford (01483 444334).

Thursday 30 April, 8pm

Denbies Wine Estate, Dorking, starring international musicians Han Xiaoming, Michael Collins, Alexander Sitkovetsky, Leonard Elschenbroich, Wu Qian and Natalie Klouda. Full price tickets £26.

Friday 1 May, 7.30pm

Holy Trinity church, Guildford, with Cellophony, a stunning cello octet performing a programme ranging from Gabrielli and Bach to Schubert and Dvorak. Full price tickets are £26.

Saturday 2 May 7.30pm

Gala Concert St Teresa's, Effingham featuring world renowned soloist and conductor Dimitri Sitkovetsky, Natalie Clein, Leticia Moreno and the London Mozart Players. Full price tickets are £29.

Under 21s tickets £10 for all performances.

For full details of the 2015 season please go to the Festival website www.shimf.co.uk.



Sponsor's View

Happy New Year. Each year at Christmas we shut the office for a well-deserved break. We were lucky enough to enjoy a wonderful family Christmas and a gala dinner on New Year's Eve and have come back to work refreshed and ready for a prosperous year – hopefully.

We are very proud to have raised £2,540 in November of last year for Will Aid. We



provide a Will writing service for people and in return they donate money to Will Aid who choose eight charities who will benefit from the donations. We have been working with Will Aid for eight years now and look forward to repeating the process later this year. If you need to update your wills and would rather not pay a solicitor to prepare them, then why not take advantage of Will Aid 2015!

And so to 2015. The firm has been doing very well over the years but as the total number of staff is 2 (Stan and myself) we will hopefully be looking to reduce the workload this year. One reason is that some of the lenders have made it increasingly difficult for small firms to represent them on conveyancing matters. This has significantly increased the cost of conveyancing to nearly double for clients and also increased our workload on transactions involving mortgages.

We are lucky enough to have a varied client base so we hope to concentrate more on other legal aspects rather than domestic conveyancing.

On a personal level our eldest daughter, Lucy, is going to Australia for a year. Our chairman will hopefully give her some pointers on where to go, as it were!

I am very much looking forward to signing up to the various Society events that have already been organised for the first part of the year and hope to see some members on these interesting and informative visits, walks, talks and varied activities. For my sins I have been co-opted onto the Events Committee and I am organising a day out for the beginning of August.

PS Don't let our chairman Chris too close to you or you will find that you have also volunteered for at least three things!!

Sall Baring, Stan Baring Solicitors

Volunteer Peter Hattersley's efforts recognised



At this year's AGM, the Chairman announced a special award for one of our volunteers who has put in an enormous amount of time and energy to support the Surrey Hills Society. Peter Hattersley is a long term resident of

West Horsley and, amongst other local activities, has been a key player in the

Lovelace Bridges restoration project. He is a founder member of the Society and can be seen appearing on our promotional trailer across the county throughout the summer – not only promoting the Society but having towed the trailer or transported the gazebo so that we have a strong visual presence.

Peter and his wife Joan have been keen horse riders and owners for much of their lives so have both had the ideal training for towing our trailer which is of similar proportions to a horsebox. Continuing the

horse theme, Peter has had connections with the British Horse Society who were formerly the governing body for Le Trec – an organisation which organises "orienteering on horseback" events. Peter was able to get them to agree to have SHS as the beneficiary of one of their events starting from Newlands Corner some years ago and we received a significant amount of money from them as a result.

All in all, Peter has helped us all along the way so it is with great pleasure that we were able to acknowledge this with an award.

More enterprising people

At the Surrey Hills Wood Fair in October I was approached separately by two young students enquiring about opportunities for volunteering. Earlier that day Patrick Mannix, who owns and works Sandhurst Copse and Sheepwalk woodland between Shamley Green and Farley Green (the Society have visited the woodland) had told me of his difficulty in finding a "gap student" to work in the woodland this winter. I advised him of my two contacts and one of them, Charlotte Hewitt (who has a Masters in Environmental Monitoring, Modelling and Management), worked for Patrick for three months. Unfortunately for Patrick, but great for Charlotte (she would say "cool") she was offered and accepted a job as a trainee ecologist with British Rail based in Chatham. The

experience of working and learning in Patrick's wood may have significantly helped in getting that job. Patrick comments "Charlotte was a good worker, also one of the nicest people that I have worked with; she played rugby at university and I observed early on that she did not mind getting mucky when working. She was brilliant for me and if I helped her move on then it could not be better."

I spoke to Charlotte who said, "I really enjoyed my time working with Patrick. It was a great chance to get outside and escape the monotony of job hunting, whilst also getting some valuable practical experience in woodland management. Patrick is extremely knowledgeable about the natural world and I would certainly say that the advice



Charlotte Hewitt working in Shamley Green woods

and ecological tips he has passed on to me will definitely come in useful when I start my job as a trainee ecologist."

Luckily for Patrick the other student was still available and has now taken Charlotte's place, assisting in the woods. Nice to see the effects of the Wood Fair last much longer than just the first weekend in October!

Chris Howard



Events programme *February to July 2015*

Visit our website for more information and additional events. Bookings generally open about 6 weeks before each event and must be booked in advance – even free ones. Non-email users can get more information by sending an SAE to the address above.

Sunday 1 February

20s to 30s Event

Walk around Devils Punchbowl 

Meet at Hindhead National Trust car park 11am

Saturday 7 February

Map reading to enjoy the Surrey Hills

A training day for those who want to get out and appreciate the Surrey Hills, but do not have the confidence and experience to use Ordnance Survey maps and a compass. Based in Wotton. More details on website.

14 to 22 February

Spitfire Kids 

Signposting to a National Trust event

Create a paper-mache spitfire then follow a time capsule trail about wartime children. Polesden Lacey, Great Bookham RH5 6BD. Further information on 01372 452048 or polesdenlacey@nationaltrust.org.uk

Wednesday 18 February

Family Fun Quiz

Signposting to a Surrey Wildlife Trust event 

Drop in anytime between 10am and 5pm, follow the fun trail, answering fun and interesting wildlife questions along the way. Boldermere Car Park, Old Lane, Ockham KT11 1ND. Further information from Gemma Hayes 07970 094416

Sunday 1 March

20s to 30s Event

Walk down the River Wey from Guildford 

Meet at the White House Pub, Guildford 11am

Wednesday 4 March

Learn about Leith Hill

An evening talk at Wotton. Celebrate 250 years of Leith Hill Tower with the National Trust Head Ranger for the area. This talk will be followed in June with a guided visit to Leith Hill.

Saturday 28 March

Family Event

Lambing at Bocketts Farm 

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

28 March to 4 April

Easter Egg Trails

Signposting to National Trust events 

Various events at National Trust sites – see www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Monday 6 April

20s to 30s Event

Walk around Shere area 

Meet at Gomshall railway station 11am

Saturday 11 April

Repeat visit to the Arts & Crafts Community of Blackheath

This event is only for those who are already listed on the waitlist from our November visit. It is already FULLY BOOKED so will not be opened for general bookings.

30 April, 1 and 2 May

Surrey Hills Music Festival

3 different venues to enjoy 3 different concerts. See the offer for Society members on page 6.

Sunday 3 May

20s to 30s Event

Walk up Holmbury Hill 

Meet at Holmbury Village Hall 11am

Saturday 9 May

Bluebells at Gatton

A guided walk around parts of the Gatton Estate, near Reigate – bluebells subject to Mother Nature!

Wednesday 20 May

Chinthurst Hill Gardens

Continuing our Arts & Crafts theme, join us for an afternoon visit to the wonderful gardens of Chinthurst Hill in Womersley

23 to 31 May

Holiday Mayhem

Signposting to National Trust event 

Explore the great outdoors and get stuck into some wild half term activities at Polesden Lacey, Great Bookham RH5 6BD. Further information on 01372 452048 or polesdenlacey@nationaltrust.org.uk

Wednesday 27 May

Chairmans Day – A Surrey Hills Tipple

The Surrey Hills are now home to some excellent wines beers and spirits. Join our Chairman for a day visiting some of our producers and learning about their activities. Always an extremely popular event so book early.

Thursday 4 June

A walk around Leith Hill 

A guided tour around parts of Leith Hill (including the Tower). See the new water trough and drinking fountain for which SHS donated funds. Walk led by the local NT Head Ranger.

Saturday 6 June

Heathland Discovery Day at Hindhead Common

Signposting to National Trust event 

Stalls, crafts, fun and games for the family. Hindhead Common Car Park, London Road, Hindhead, Surrey, GU26 6AB. Further info on 01428 681050 or hindhead@nationaltrust.org.uk

Sunday 7 June

20s to 30s Event

Walk up Leith Hill 

Meet at Friday Street car park 11am

Sunday 7 June

Reigate Fort Garrison Day

Signposting to National Trust event 

Get up close to living history with the 10th Essex Regiment. Reigate Hill, Wray Lane, Reigate, RH2 0HX. Further info on 01372 220640 or reigate@nationaltrust.org.uk

Wednesday 10 June

Polesden Lacey Croquet & Cream Tea

Whether you are ultra-competitive or just fancy trying your hand at the “gentle art” of croquet, join us for this afternoon at Polesden Lacey and play the part of the landed gentry.

Sunday 28 June

Hone your Map Reading Skills

Following on from our February training session, this event will allow you to practice your map reading skills and gain confidence. It will also help those who can already read maps and use a compass but want to practice in a managed environment.

Saturday 4 July

A horse-drawn boat trip

Step back in time for this leisurely afternoon trip on the Iona – a horse drawn canal boat operating from Godalming. Watch the countryside pass by without being distracted by engine noise. Satisfy the senses with a cream tea as you enjoy the tranquillity of the area.

Thursday 16 July

An exploration of Ranmore & St Barnabas Church

Join us for this wander around Ranmore. The day will include a visit to St Barnabas church which forms such a prominent part of the local skyline. Learn about all the local connections – Cubitt, Denbies, Gilbert Scott, etc. This exploration has all the makings of a fascinating event.



Dog friendly



Family Friendly



20s to 30s group. More details on Facebook – Discover Guildford

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