

Surrey Hills Society **views**



Above: National Sheepdog trials at Lower Box Hill Farm



Our Activities in the Surrey Hills

We're focussing this issue on all the different activities we undertake throughout the year and the organisations that make up the Surrey Hills family group. You only have to glance at the events calendar on the back page to see our increasingly diverse list of activities. For the first time this year, we're promoting cycling, orienteering and running in the Surrey Hills by encouraging you to join in with a couple of new events. See page 5.

At the end of last year, we held our first volunteering event in conjunction with the National Trust which was very successful. This year, we're sending a few of our members who are interested in volunteering, along to a Surrey County Council-led Volunteer Path Warden training day in June. Do get in touch if you want to know more about this. We work with many external like-minded organisations.

We've traditionally organised many guided walks for Society members, some have been more educational, visiting various heritage points of interest or private visits to interesting properties. The photo shows members at Chilworth gunpowder mills at our recent Chairman's Day event, which you can read about on our website's latest news. Other events



have been aimed more at exercise, whilst discovering new places you might not choose to visit without a guide.

But if you want to explore the Surrey Hills a bit more in your free time, remember we do have different self-guided walks leaflets, available to buy from us for a small charge. In addition, the Surrey Hills Board have just produced a new leaflet called 'Discover the Surrey Hills', see picture on page 3. The leaflet includes a beautifully illustrated map as well as information on accommodation, exploring and discovering local produce. You'll find

this and our other walks leaflets on our trailer, but they can also be ordered via the Surrey Hills website.

The Society has also been involved in the Wood Fair, held annually in Bramley in October, since its inception in 2010. The event is now being hosted under the umbrella of Surrey Hills Enterprises and as a consequence, we will be able to offer all SHS members discounted entry to the event. See inside for further details, as well as information about using your membership to maximum benefit.

Chairman's View



As you'll read on the front page, in this edition we are featuring many of the activities the Society is involved with, which will hopefully give you ideas as to how you can become more involved. Lots of

people ask me what we do in the Surrey Hills Society and how does the Society work? I hope some of the articles in this edition of our newsletter will help to explain the many aspects and the many different ways our members participate.

When I think back to only four years ago when a small group of us became Founder Members, I am amazed at how far we have come. From small beginnings, struggling to have enough volunteers to run a programme of events for that first year and wondering if anyone would turn up, we now have a new problem of events being oversubscribed! It is a lovely problem to have, but we now need more volunteers to step forward to help us run more events. We will always be limited to small groups due to practical issues like size of venues, but as we grow we are getting a real feel for what our

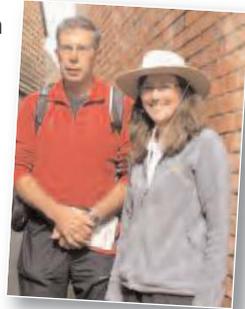


One area that is showing huge potential is the value of our membership card. We are trying to build its value through member offers with businesses associated with

the Surrey Hills. Part of our role is to support the farmers and small businesses which keep rural Surrey looking rural. Many of our members are looking to buy local products to support the local economy and we can assist by highlighting new products or places to visit and negotiate a discount for you. Keep a look out in future newsletters for offers. Hopefully some of you have already benefited from our first

offers with Denbies and Clock Barn Hall, read about who we're focussing on this issue on page 4.

Finally, I just wanted to say a big thank you to Graham Butler who stood down as a Trustee at our AGM last year but was unable to join us on that evening. Graham was a Founder Member of the Society and his work in the Ramblers Association gave us incredible insight as to how to run a membership organisation and the practical advice we needed when we started organising our own events programme. Graham's knowledge of the Rights of Way network in Surrey is encyclopaedic! We are lucky to still have him in the Society as Chairman of our Events Committee but I wanted to acknowledge the huge commitment he has made to us during his time as a Trustee.



I hope you enjoy reading this latest newsletter and I look forward to seeing many of you on one of the host of activities we have planned this summer. Take a look at page 5 to see which shows and events we plan to attend with the trailer.

Chris Howard
Chairman

Hope Springs Eternal Heritage Lottery Fund project

The historic Deepdene Estate, near Dorking, was owned by the famous Regency patron of the arts Thomas Hope. Since its break up in the early twentieth century, the remaining accessible 70 acres, stretching from Dorking to Brockham, has become disjointed and overgrown.

Mole Valley District Council has been working with the Mausolea and Monuments Trust, Surrey Wildlife Trust, Kuoni Travel and Dorking Museum to raise funds to restore the landscape of the Deepdene, repair the grand Hope mausoleum, the centrepiece of the estate, and enable access to the Grade-II* listed Deepdene Gardens, one of the first Italianate gardens in the country, now owned by Kuoni Travel.

The HLF funding will be used over the next year to conduct surveys, consultations and other key activities to develop a second bid for further funding, known as a stage two bid. If this second stage is successful, the



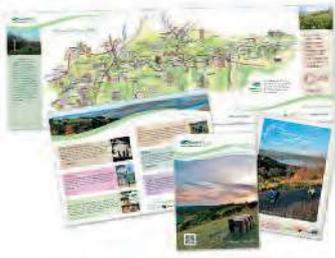
estate's historic features and walks will be repaired, the Deepdene Gardens will be made accessible to the public and education and volunteer co-ordinators will be recruited to develop a programme of community involvement which will be the heart of the project. A virtual tour of the estate as it was in Hope's time will also be produced, allowing people to learn about the estate's fascinating history. We are

planning 3 events over the summer on this subject – an afternoon talk on 10 May, visit to Dorking museum on 2 July and a walk to the site on 1 August.

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

Tourism Initiative 'Our Land' www.our-land.co.uk

'Our Land' is a major initiative to reconnect people with their local protected landscapes and boost domestic tourism, and as such champions Britain's countryside and rural responsible tourism. The project is backed by almost £1m of funding through the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) and runs for 3 years until 2014. Launched in October 2011 by two National Parks and seven AONBs in the southeast, 'Our Land' works in conjunction with online travel expert, responsibletravel.com. The Surrey Hills AONB is a key member of this.



'Our Land' has sponsored the production of the new 'Discover' leaflet, pictured here.

In a recent press release, 'Our Land' announced that despite 2012's poorest tourist season for a decade, it benefited from more than 10,000 overnight stays last year. There is clearly a growing market for rural tourism experiences which contribute to an industry worth over £97 billion to the economy.

Who does what in the Society?



Diane, Ken, Chris and Jeff Holliday

While it is clear from reading any of our literature, or scanning the website, that the Surrey Hills Society was formed to "Discover, promote and help conserve the natural beauty of the Surrey Hills for everyone to enjoy" (our Mission Statement) - what does that actually mean if you are a member?

Well, the answer is, it will be different for each member. Some members have very little time but like getting our newsletters and keeping in touch with us in the vain hope that if they ever escape their office they will join us on a walk or talk, but at least in principle they are supporting the landscape they love. Others, like some of our committee members, contribute to the Society on an almost daily basis. Stella Cantor and her team of membership volunteers process all our letters and membership renewals each week at Stella's house, helped by coffee drinking and chatting.

Ken Bare too, is always busy planning schedules for our promotional Events programme which includes attendance at

many shows. Several of our members commit to volunteering to join Ken and his team once or twice in the summer. You have to enjoy meeting and chatting to people but it is great fun and you get to attend some interesting events and free entries to the shows. New recruits often say "Oh, but I don't know what to say to people" but after a couple of hours with Ken everyone gets the patter off pretty well.

If you have ever fancied your hand at Marketing and PR then perhaps working with Diane Cooper and this team is for you. She is currently looking for someone to help with distributing the newsletter to various points around the county. They meet several times a year to plan the newsletters and other publicity material. There is also the Events Committee who plan all the activities and visits we do. Some of our members volunteer to do one event a year (perhaps on a subject of interest to them), while others work behind the scenes to co-ordinate the timings and costings and all the rsvps. We charge for events that cost us money to put on, and make a donation to charities who host events for us.

There is also the hidden world of the Committee meetings and the important job of keeping us financially sound, legal and compliant with all the legislation the modern world entails. Help here is also gratefully received and Jo Tollow, Chairman of the Finance Committee would welcome some

**The Surrey Hills Society is only as strong as its membership
- with pro-active members we will have a pro-active Society.**

Planning update

Clive Smith, the Surrey Hills Planning Adviser, suggests in his annual planning update to the AONB board, that a main message this year is to anticipate controversial planning policy documents being published by some of the Surrey Hills planning authorities for reviewing Green Belt boundaries and planning for growth. This is considered necessary to meet future housing requirements despite Government support for the Green Belt. The need will be to check whether any such proposals may affect the AONB directly or indirectly.

Clive has commented to Mole Valley District Council that the AONB and even the AGLV (Area of Great Landscape Value) and any sites harming views into and from those areas, should only be considered as a last resort when all other possibilities have been exhausted. He has cited government support for this approach in its NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework). He has expressed concern over the scoring system and criteria to be used with the council's 'toolkit' for assessing potential sites as giving too little relative importance to protecting valued landscapes.

It remains to be seen how the government's financial incentives to local communities to accept more housing makes any difference to housing provision coming forward, especially through Neighbourhood Plans, in the Surrey Hills area.

new volunteers to her committee.

We also need to work closely with officers paid to do the statutory work of protecting the Surrey Hills – people like Rob Fairbanks and Clive Smith who work in the AONB office, as well as officers from our commercial arm, Surrey Hills Enterprises. We also have a strong working relationship with Surrey County Council - especially as they own so much of the land within the AONB.

The glue which binds us all together is June Robinson (right), our only paid member. She is paid a few hours a week to manage all the committees and agendas and correspondence but as many of us know, she does far more hours than she is paid for and has made an enormous contribution to the Society during her time with us.



Promoting the Surrey Hills

An important aspect of the work of the Society is in promoting the Surrey Hills AONB to the public. We do this in various ways but two of the most frequent methods are by talks to groups or by taking our promotional trailer or gazebo to shows and fetes.



Volunteers Peter and Ken with local dignitaries

We have a regular flow of bookings for someone from the Society to give a talk to audiences ranging from Natural History Societies to Civic and other Community Groups (including Parish Council Annual Meetings). We also have numerous requests from Surrey branches of national organisations such as Rotary Clubs, Probus, Women's Institute, Townswomen's Guild, etc. In this way we have reached many people who have an interest in the AONB and, because we request a donation to the Society, have also created an important income stream to support our work.

Raising awareness of the special area in which we are lucky enough to be based is so important that most weekends during the "Show Season" our promotional trailer or gazebo will be out and about at events across the county. We try to cover a good cross section of shows - subject to cost effectiveness and the availability of volunteers to man the display. We are always looking for extra volunteers to help with this work so, if it appeals to you, please contact us. Also if you know of other events or local fetes in your area, we'd like to know.

Our programme evolves throughout the season but our current bookings are shown opposite.

Ken Bare

Need to get in touch?

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2013 programme of promotional events

County Show, Guildford (Visit Surrey marquee)	Bank Holiday Monday 27 May
Ashted Village Day	Saturday 8 June
Churt Fete	Saturday 8 June
Reigate Community Festival (Reigate Priory)	Saturday 29 June
Jubilocity, National Trust Polesden Lacey	Saturday 6 July
The Ripley Event	Saturday 20 July
Rustic Sunday, Tilford Rural Life Centre, Farnham	Sunday 28 July
Wings & Wheels, Dunsfold	Sat 24 & Sun 25 August
Outwood Show	Saturday 31 August
West Horsley Fete	Saturday 7 September
Banstead Countryside Day	Sunday 15 September
Surrey Hills Wood Fair, Bramley	Sat 5 & Sun 6 October

Why not come along and have a chat with us at one of the locations and have a great day out at the same time? We may also pop up at other locations, such as some Farmers' Markets, so keep an eye out for us.

Surrey Hills Wood Fair, Birtley House, Bramley

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October



The 2012 Wood Fair was bigger and better than those that went before it and the 2013 one promises to be yet another major step forward. In addition to the coppice workers, chain saw carvers and other woodcraft experts, there will be many more things to watch and take part in.

We also have numerous new attractions for you - details of which will appear

nearer the time. The central aim of the event is to promote "All that's good about wood" with a strong emphasis on local based craftsmen, suppliers and organisations. We hope to also have a significant presence from local food providers. One key aspect of the weekend is to make it a really family friendly event so there will be lots to appeal to everyone - including the dog!

Cycling



Now that we are starting to see some signs of spring, I'm encouraged to dust off my bike and get out into our glorious countryside and hopefully enjoy some sunny, warm and dry days.

Readers may remember in the last newsletter I mentioned the Round the Hogs Back cycle ride that has taken place in recent years as part of National Bike Week, organised by Martin Taplin. This is on Sunday 23 June and is about 24 miles long, but suitable for novices being on mostly quiet roads and suitable bridleways with a couple of refreshment stops. I have been along on this ride for the last three years and it is really enjoyable. The ride is open to all, just turn up at 9.15am at Guildford Borough Council offices, Millmead car park.

To help explore the Surrey Hills including off road riding, there are various sets of useful cycling maps available. One that classifies the cycling suitability of a route is the "Oaktree Routes" set of maps available from:

jocelynmonk@mobileemail.vodafone.net.

There is also a set of eight cycle maps produced by Surrey County Council and available to buy either from them or on sale at Guildford Tourist Information Centre. They also produce a Surrey Cycleway Guide which lists the national cycle routes that cross the county as well as local ones such as the Downslink.

In addition, if you take a look at the Surrey Hills website, Explore tab, you'll find some cycle routes, with maps, that have recently been added. So, there are plenty of resources to choose from.

Finally, all cyclists should be aware that they're only permitted to use byways open to all traffic (BOATS), bridleways and those tracks for which the landowner has given explicit permission. It's the cyclist's responsibility to make sure they only use a route they are legally allowed to use.

Peter Smith, Society Member

Serious running

Did you know that our beautiful Surrey Hills hosts several of the most challenging and popular running events in the UK? In the recently-announced annual "UK's Best Races" awards from Runner's World magazine, races that follow courses up, down and across the Surrey Hills placed very highly. Here's a small selection of their vote winners.

The Knacker Cracker, which follows a challenging route starting from Burford Spur at the foot of Box Hill was voted the UK's Best Trail Race in 2012. The Greensand Marathon, which follows a route from the Nower to Winterfold Hill via Leith Hill and boasts a total of 5,200 feet of ascent and descent (a vertical mile) was voted one of the UK's top 10 marathons, followed closely by The Leith Hill Half Marathon.

The UK's toughest marathon and half marathon - the Picnic and Midsummer Munro (pictured right), are both run over a course covering Box Hill and White Hill. The races were both placed in the top 5 "Ultra" race category for their special Olympic year editions. Last, but not least, the Polesden Lacey 10km was voted one of the UK's top 5 to 10km races.

Lacing up your trainers and running the Surrey Hills is one of the best ways to explore the beautiful and diverse scenery. Keep an eye on the Society's website for details of a forthcoming taster event!

Paul Bettinson, Trustee and keen runner



Orienteering



Navigate your way to family fun!

Guildford Orienteering Club is inviting members and friends of the Surrey Hills Society to attend a "come and try it" taster orienteering event at Newlands Corner on Saturday 12 October from 10am to 12pm.

Orienteering is ideal for people of all ages, shapes and sizes. The sport provides a healthy mix of physical activity and mental decision making, and no map reading skills are necessary for beginners.

Orienteering involves using a map to navigate round a course and find control points that are marked on the ground by a red and white flag. It can take place anywhere from schools and parks to forests and remote countryside. It's

a great sport for runners, joggers and walkers who want to improve their navigation skills or for anyone who loves the outdoors.

This event will use the recently renovated permanent orienteering course, set around the

local beauty site of Newlands Corner, aimed at beginners. Members of Guildford Orienteering Club will provide a preliminary introduction and be around to help out on the event. Please bring £2 to cover the cost of the map, and a silva compass if you have one. Any queries please contact Marion Payne-Bird on marionpb@tiscali.co.uk.

For more information about Guildford orienteers and other local events, see www.guildfordorienteers.co.uk



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 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.

We will be promoting business members on this page and offering Society members valuable discounts. This issue we are focussing on the newly-created Clandon Wood Natural Burial Reserve and Sparks Young Enterprise Company who have produced a cookbook.

Surrey Wine hits the High Notes

An affiliate member of the Society and also member of Love Local and the first business to use the logo on their products, **Albury Organic Vineyard** has sent us this news. Our Silent Pool Rosé 2012 will be available at Royal Opera House Restaurants this summer.

Silent Pool Rosé was one of only three English wines served on the Royal Barge last year as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Made from a blend of Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier grapes, it is a refreshing still dry wine and is ideal as an accompaniment to light meals or al-fresco dining.

Ben Fielder, who is beverage manager for Royal Opera House Restaurants, said "The English wine industry is doing great things and with provenance an important part of our ethos, Albury Vineyard was of great interest. Following our tasting we are proud to have Silent Pool Rosé on our list."

Conceived as a Burial Reserve - Designed as a Nature Reserve



The beautiful simplicity of natural burial was the inspiration that led to the creation of **Clandon Wood Natural Burial Reserve**. The creation of a self-sustaining, wildlife environment is the answer to the enduring question: how do we find enough space to accommodate human burials responsibly? From a practical standpoint, a new burial reserve had to be in an area where there was a need; it needed to be easily accessible with road and public transport links and it had to be of a certain size to be commercially viable.

In September 2009, thirty-one acres of former farm land were discovered near Guildford in the Surrey Hills AONB. The two fields had lain fallow for the preceding eight years but lying at the foot of the Surrey Hills and nestling between the villages of East and West Clandon, this site was the perfect place. It was

decided to create as diverse an environment as possible; by including wildflower meadows and a lake and wetland, surrounded by woodland. This vastly increases the potential wildlife ecosystems.

The Pavilion, where funeral and memorial services are held, is built entirely of timber and glass supported by wooden columns on stone foundations. It is fully heated by a wood pellet furnace when it turns cold and in fine weather the glass walls slide apart to flow out to the wooden decking.

As an exclusive offer, Clandon Wood are pleased to pay the deposit fee of £250 on a plot for members of Surrey Hills Society on bookings made in 2013. For more information see: www.clandonwood.com

Clandon Wood Natural Burial Reserve, Epsom Road, Clandon, GU4 7RJ

'Tastes of Surrey'

Sparks Young Enterprise Company, set up as a commercial enterprise by pupils in their GCSE year at Guildford High School, have produced a cook book called 'Tastes of Surrey', which sources local produce and recipes from farmers' markets and independent shops across the county. The book not only provides delicious, locally-sourced recipes, but also information about the variety of local markets and shops throughout Surrey that provide our county with delicious high quality food and a rural feel that is quintessentially English.

Some of the recipes in the cookbook have been contributed by businesses that are signed up to Surrey Hills Love Local and the book is co-branded. If you want to support this by buying a copy, Sparks are offering the cookbook for £10 (including P&P) and cheques, made payable to Sparks, should be sent to Guildford High School, London Road, Guildford, GU1 1SJ with your name and address. Your copy will be posted directly to you. All profits go back into the company to produce more books, depending on demand.



Surface treatment season

The 2013 highway surface treatment season is in full swing, and we are in the midst of significant programmes of work to make roads safer in Surrey.

Surface treatments help to prevent roads deteriorating and increases the life of the road surface. It provides a cost effective, permeable top surface and significantly reduces maintenance costs. It also aids road safety by improving the skid resistance of the road surface.

In the next few months we will be carrying out surface treatment works in and around the AONB including works in Dorking and Westcott.

Included for 2013 is a resurfacing project called 'Project Horizon', this is a £100m investment programme to deliver



significant improvement in Surrey's road network over a five year period from 2013 to 2018.

Surrey Highways teams up with Tour of Britain 2013



Surrey will host the penultimate stage of this year's Tour of Britain when the race sweeps the UK this September. Surrey Highways will provide essential services during the Surrey stage of the Tour of Britain, including the organisation of 600 plus signs, providing A&E crews and Traffic Management services. We will also have a dedicated representative during the Surrey stage of the tour who will liaise all highway resources. The 96 mile stage will take place on Saturday, September 21, starting in Epsom and finishing in a final climb up Guildford High Street.

The rider line up has not yet been announced but previous competitors include former world champion and Tour de France stage winner Mark Cavendish and Olympic gold medallist and Tour de France winner Sir Bradley Wiggins.

This year's Surrey stage is even tougher than 2012 with daunting climbs over the first half of the race before some flat-out sprints in the run up to Guildford. Hugh Roberts, Chief Executive of The Tour of Britain, added: "As a Surrey based company we are delighted to once again have a home stage, particularly one with such an iconic finish as

Guildford. Surrey will once again provide a perfect backdrop for the Tour as it draws towards the conclusion of the 2013 race."

The Tour of Britain 2013 will begin in Scotland on 15 September and end in London seven days later on Sunday, September 22.



Sponsor's message



As predicted we have had a very busy winter, delivering essential winter maintenance services to Surrey residents.

In the first three months of 2013, we made 23,279 road repairs, many of which were caused by freezing winter temperatures, ice, rain and snow. This equates to almost 259 fixes per day, or almost one every five minutes. With a successful winter service delivered we now look forward to next phase in our works.

Amongst the ongoing highway maintenance service we provide to Surrey, we are excited to announce we will be supporting the Tour of Britain 2013 in September and hope to support the Ride London-Surrey 2013 held in August. The cycle events in Surrey will offer our team a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate how we can work together with the local community and demonstrate our service in a positive and beneficial way.

Enjoy the race!

Jim Harker, General Manager
May Gurney

Events programme *June to December 2013*

Visit our website for more information. All events must be booked in advance, including free ones.

Saturday, 1 June - 10.30 am to 1.15 pm
Photo Walk around Guildford to offer members the opportunity to look at interesting buildings and capture on camera, led by professional photographer, Mike Sleight.

Wednesday, 5 June - 6.30pm
Mullard Space Science Laboratory
Members ONLY event due to restricted numbers. Visit UCL's Mullard Space Science Laboratory at Holmbury St Mary to learn about the origins of the UK's space science programme. Visit includes wine and nibbles.

Sunday, 9 June - 10.30 am
A Walk to "The Beach", highlighting the far south west of the Surrey Hills. Circular walk of 9 miles via Tilford, Hankley Common and Frensham Country Park. Optional packed lunch and refreshment stop at Tilford. Bucket and spades optional.

Sunday, 23 June - 9.15am to depart 9.30am
'Round the Hogs Back' Cycle Ride
A leisurely 24 mile cycle ride along quiet lanes and off-road cycle tracks. Further information on page 5 or call: 01483 504926

Tuesday, 2 July - 2.30 pm
Dorking Museum
Kathy Atherton will focus on archive material relating to the "Hope Springs Eternal" campaign at Deepdene Estate, see article on page 2. See related event on 1 August.

Thursday 4 July - 4.30 pm
The President of the Society, Neil Maltby invites you to join him for a summer evening's picnic and racing at Epsom Downs.

Friday, 12 July - 11 am
Tour of Grayshott Pottery in Hindhead with lunch included.

Saturday, 27 July - 12 noon
Chiddingfold Village - lunch at the Crown Inn, followed by 6 mile guided walk across uneven fields and through woods.

Thursday, 1 August
Thomas Hope and Dorking Deepdene
A challenging but enjoyable 5 mile walk through the Deepdene Estate with the opportunity to see inside the Hope Mausoleum. Coffee and lunch at Dorking Golf Club.

Sunday, 4 August
An opportunity to be out in the Surrey Hills and villages to view the **Ride London cycle road race**.

Thursday, 8 August - 6 pm
An exclusive visit to the gardens of "Spurfold" in Peaslake for members by kind permission of the owners, Mr and Mrs Barnes. To include wine and canapés.

Sunday, 18 August - 10 am
LandSong Walk from Newlands Corner with Edwin Datschewski - Reconnecting with nature through song.

Thursday 5 to Sunday 8 September
Understanding the Surrey Hills
A series of 4 individual walks highlighting the Surrey Hills and surrounding countryside. Further details to follow.

13 to 15 September
Heritage Open Days weekend – lots of free events throughout the Surrey Hills. See www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Thursday 19 September - 10.30 am
"Why's that field called Fox Causeway?"
Meet at the Six Bells, Newdigate for a circular walk of about 4 miles around fields of Newdigate with John Calcutt. Coffee and lunch opportunity.

Monday, 30 September - 10.30 am
Private visit to **Godalming Museum** with curator's presentation on the new "Living Landscape" Gallery. Lunch at Café Mila.

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October
Surrey Hills Wood Fair at Birtley House in Bramley. Something for all the family. See page 4.

Saturday, 12 October - 10 am to 12 noon
Taster Orienteering event in the Surrey Hills at Newlands Corner. See page 5.

Saturday, 2 November
AGM at The Parrot Inn, Forest Green.

Friday, 15 November - 10am to 1 pm
Surrey History Centre
View the Historic Environment Record and documentary archive relating to the towns and villages in the Surrey Hills

Saturday, 7 December
Annual Christmas walk with mulled wine and mince pies at Belmont School



A recent Easy Access walk event hosted by volunteers Debbie and Carol from the Downlands Project from Margery Wood to Colley Hill – along part of the North Downs Way near Reigate. Photo taken by the Inglis Memorial

Want to know more about social media?



The AONB office are running two training days during June for those interested in learning about social media. They have offered one free place to the Society for someone who is prepared to become involved in taking on this aspect on our behalf. Depending on the level of expertise of the volunteer, there is a beginner and intermediate course available. If this appeals to you, please contact us at info@surreyhillssociety as soon as possible.

Discover and help conserve the natural beauty of the Surrey Hills