



## SUMMER WALKS 2016

A series of fascinating guided walks around Epsom & Ewell for all the family during July and August.



## Programme of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Walk</u>
Wednesday 27 July 2pm-3.30pm	Epsom's Oldest Road
Thursday 28 July 2pm-3.30pm	Riverside Ramble
Tuesday 2 August 2pm-3.30pm	Hidden Ewell
Wednesday 3 August 2pm-3.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	Ashley Road Cemetery Chalk Lane to World's End
Tuesday 9 August 7.30pm-9pm	Epsom's Oldest Road
Wednesday 10 August 7.30pm-9pm	Epsom at War
Thursday 11 August 2pm-4pm	Nonsuch Park and Palace
Tuesday 16 August 7.30pm-9pm	Hidden Ewell
Tuesday 30 August 2pm-3.30pm	Chalk Lane to Worlds End
Wednesday 31 August 7.30pm-9pm	Riverside Ramble
Thursday 1 September 2pm-3.30pm	Epsom at War

Walks cost £5 per person and places are limited to 25 people per walk. Places must be booked with David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel: 020 8394 1734  
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## Walk Details

### Hidden Ewell

Peel back time and discover Ewell's hidden past and unseen history in a guided walk around the village. Hidden beneath the modern village are secrets dating from prehistoric times. Visit Bourne Hall's sacred lake with its offerings to the ancient gods.



Tread in the footsteps of the Romans on Stane Street and uncover Ewell's Saxon past.

Please meet at the main entrance to Bourne Hall.



### Ashley Road Cemetery

Explore Epsom's Victorian cemetery and visit the final resting place of the town's lords and ladies. Mrs Beeton's mother, Elizabeth Dorling, enjoyed the dubious privilege of being the first person to be officially interred in 1871, but the first burial was much earlier.

Discover monuments to people ranging from war heroes to exotic dancers, jockeys

to politicians... and learn why Epsom's war memorial is situated here rather than in the town centre.

Please meet at the main gate off Ashley Road.

## [Chalk Lane to World's End](#)

From Madan's Walk to Worlds End, enjoy walking around this fascinating part of old Epsom. Discover Highgate House and its resident ghost together with other grand houses including Maidstone House and Woodcote House. See The Durdans, home to Lord Rosebery and visited by kings, and learn about the influence of the Northey family. Discover pubs past and present and the impact that both World Wars had on this tranquil part of town.

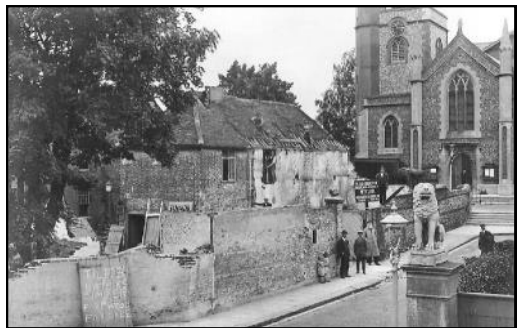
Please meet by the pond in Rosebery Park.



## [Epsom's Oldest Road](#)

Explore Epsom's ancient heart along its oldest road. Originally the centre of Epsom village it became one of the finest addresses in town. Discover the oldest surviving residential building and the site of Epsom's own brewery. See the parish church, mentioned in Domesday Book and the grand houses once inhabited by Epsom's lords and ladies. Learn about Epsom's educational past at the old Technical Institute building, and the importance of the fire station in World War 2.

Please meet opposite the fire station in Church Street.



## Epsom at War

Discover how Epsom has suffered in time of conflict from the English Civil War through to WW2: from a battle to a riot – from peasants with pitchforks to our own Dad’s Army. Epsom during WW2 was the place where the last battle to defend London was due to be fought. Discover



which pub was used by the local volunteers before leaving to face the Boers. Where was the first air raid shelter planned, and how did they conceal the shadow factories?

Please meet at the Clock Tower.

## Riverside Ramble

A walk up the Hogsmill from Ewell Village to Ewell Court, looking at the history of the four village mills and their manufacture of paper and gunpowder. Here the Pre-Raphaelite artists Millais and Holman Hunt painted their masterpieces

Follow Hunt’s encounter with a ghost, find how exploding gunpowder

explosions shaped the local area, learn about the history of Ewell Court, and trace the farms and the fields that lie beneath today’s housing estates.

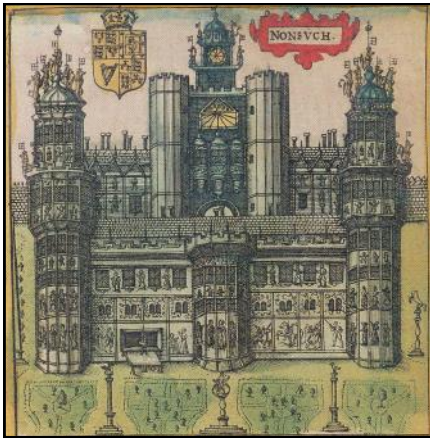
Please meet at Bourne Hall.





## Nonsuch Park and Palace

Enjoy a guided walk around Nonsuch Park and explore the history of the beautiful landscape. See where the original palace once stood and how it dominated the local area. From the ruins of the banqueting hall, hear stories of luxurious palaces, ambitious royalty, lost churches and lingering ghosts. Listen to tales of battles and discover how warfare has touched this ancient landscape. Discover which famous television presenter's ancestors used to live here and how a Queen once came to tea. Please meet on the lawn opposite the café in Nonsuch Mansion House. Nearest car park entry is from Cheam Road, A232.



# Bourne Hall Museum Kids Club

bringing history alive

Fun activities for kids throughout the year.

Our museum club holds various events throughout the holidays and on one Saturday a month during term time. Join us for activities from cave-painting, flint-knapping to reliving the Battle of Agincourt and discovering Magna Carta.

Full details of all our activities can be found in our activities leaflet, online <http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/BourneHallMuseumClub.html> or email David Brooks at Bourne Hall Museum [dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk) for more information.





**COMING**

**SOON**

**Sir Norman Wisdom:  
An Exhibition  
of his Life**

**Sir Norman Wisdom**, actor, comedian, and singer-songwriter, was best known for a series of comedy films produced between 1953 and 1966 featuring his hapless onscreen character Norman Pitkin. Sir Norman gained celebrity status in lands as far apart as South America, Iran and the Eastern Bloc countries, particularly in Albania where his films were the only ones by Western actors permitted to be shown by its dictator. Charlie Chaplin once referred to Wisdom as his 'favorite clown'.

For many years Norman had a flat in Church Street, Epsom, and was often seen shopping in the area or eating in his favorite fish and chip shop in Ewell.

Bourne Hall Museum has been most fortunate in being able to borrow from his son, Nick Wisdom, a collection of pictures, posters, awards and objects telling the story of Sir Norman's life and career. Do you have any pictures of Sir Norman taken locally or any special memories of meeting him? Please send them in to David Brooks at Bourne Hall Museum so that they may be included in the exhibition.

**The exhibition will run from 4 October 2016 to March 2017 at Bourne Hall Museum - the first time that it has been displayed in the South of England.**