

## LOCAL HISTORY WALKS SUMMER 2024



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*A series of fascinating guided walks around Epsom and Ewell for all the family during summer 2024 .*

Walks cost £6 per person and are limited to 20 people per walk.

Places must be booked with David Brooks,

Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF.

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## Epsom's Oldest Road

Tuesday 30 July 10am to 11.30am

Thursday 8 August 1.30pm to 3.00pm

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. There are connections with Charles I and the owner of the Cedars bankrolled William of Orange's invasion of England. Learn about Epsom's educational past at the old Technical Institute building, and the importance of the fire station in World War 2. Oh yes, and a few ghosts !

Please meet opposite the fire station in Church Street, Epsom KT17 4PW.



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## Ashley Road Cemetery

Thursday 1 August 10.30am to 12.00pm

Tuesday 13 August 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Explore Epsom's Victorian cemetery and visit the final resting place of the town's great and good. 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 jockeys and politicians... and learn why Epsom's war memorial is situated here rather than in the town centre. Visit the grave of a VC winner and a stunt man who stood in for Ringo Starr.

Meet at the main gate off Ashley Road, by the toilets Epsom KT18 5BP.

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## Chalk Lane to World's End

Wednesday 7 August 10.00am to 12.00pm

Thursday 15 August 1.30pm to 3.00pm

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 Charles II and Edward VII: hear about Frederick Prince of Wales who lived there, son of George II and father of George III. Learn about the influence of the Northey family and discover pubs past and present and the impact that both World Wars had on this tranquil part of town.



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Meet by the pond in Rosebery Park, Epsom KT18 5AT.

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## Heart of Epsom

Thursday 22 August 2.00 pm to 3.30pm

Thursday 29 August 10.30am to 12.00pm

See beneath Epsom's genteel surface and stroll around its ancient centre discovering on your way the dark deeds, wrongdoings and ghosts of days gone past. Hear tales about Epsom's own highwayman and the life of the evil Lord Rochester, together with the even more wicked Lord Lyttleton. Relive the time when Epsom's spa was at the height of fashion and decide for yourself if you would have liked to visit and spend a night in the town. Visited by Charles 11 and lived in by his son the Duke of Northumberland Hear about the towns crazy bone setter. Come and be haunted by ghostly stories and visit the haunted clock tower. Discover the not so ancient past and see where rioting soldiers led to the death of a brave local policeman. Meet at the Clock Tower, Epsom KT19 8EB.



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## **Nonsuch Park and Palace**

**Thursday 22 August 10.30am to 12.30pm**

**Tuesday 27 August 1.30pm to 3.00pm**

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.

Meet on the lawn opposite the café in Nonsuch Mansion House SM3 8AP. Nearest car park entry is from Cheam Road, A232.

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## Explore Epsom Common

Tuesday 30 July 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Thursday 8 August 10.30am to 12.30pm

Discover the ancient village of Stamford and the surrounding area of Epsom Common. Hear how the Common folk made a living and used the Common for brick making and laundry work. Visit the spot where Epsom salts was discovered and Charles I's mother became one of the first visitors, and hear how Epsom became the place to be and be seen—discover how the humble salts started the world's greatest horse race and a battle!

Discover Epsom's lost windmill and racecourse and its Roman past, learn how the Common played an important part in WW2 and hear about a WW1 ghost.

Meet by the pond on Stamford Green.

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## The Manor Hospital and Manor

Tuesday 6 August 2.00pm to 3.30pm

Thursday 15 August 10.30am to 12.00pm

Uncover the medieval landscape of Horton with its long-forgotten moated manor house and ancient barn. See how the landscape was affected by the Victorian policy of keeping patients with mental illnesses out of sight. See where the last fortified line to defend London was built against German invasion. Hear how important the Manor Hospital was in WW1, when it was visited by George V and other members of the royal family, and how the nursing staff dealt with a V1 in the Second. Find out how the mental hospitals changed Epsom forever

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## Epsom Downs

Thursday 1 August 1.00pm to 2.30pm

Tuesday 13 August 10.30am to 12.00pm

Discover the history of Epsom's Grandstands, which provided a home for Mrs. Beeton and a hospital for wounded soldiers. Learn what part the Downs have played in wartime, from the English Civil War to the Battle of Britain – armies have trained here and during WW1 20,000 men paraded in a snowstorm. The Racecourse and the Downs were saved by the actions of one man during WW2 – discover who and how. Hear tales of the Derby, Gypsies, pubs and ghosts! Was Queen Victoria amused by her visit to the Derby?

Meet outside the Derby Arms, Epsom KT18 5LE.



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# Hidden Ewell Walk

Wednesday 31 July 1.00pm to 2.30pm

Tuesday 27 August 11.00am to 12.30pm

Peel back time and discover Ewell's hidden past and unseen history with a guided walk around the village. A settlement since - prehistoric times, Ewell has a rich history concealed beneath the modern village.



Visit Bourne Hall's sacred lake where Bronze, Iron Age and Roman folk made offerings to ancient gods. Tread in the footsteps of the Romans on Stane Street and hear about their sacred shafts. Discover the village's Saxon cemetery and its long-lost church. Relive the terror of exploding gunpowder mills and hear the area's connections Queen Elizabeth I and William IV.



Price £6 per person. Places limited to 20 and must be pre-booked with David Brooks. Please meet at the main entrance to Bourne Hall

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# The Hogsmill

Tuesday 20 August 11.00am to 12.30pm

Thursday 29 August 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Take a walk up the Hogsmill River and learn something of the history of this important chalk river. From its source at Bourne Hall where its spring was sacred in pre-historic times where William the Conqueror legend has it watered his horse on the way to London. Visit its two mills where William IV visited and up to the packing house bridge the last reminder of Ewells gun power industry. Also discover why the pre-Raphaelite artists found the river a source of inspiration.

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