

SUMMER WALKS 2021



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

Walks cost £5 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

Saturday 28 August 2pm

Tuesday 31 August 7.30pm

Friday 3 September 2pm

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 Two. Oh yes, and a few ghosts!

Please meet opposite the Fire Station on Church Street, Epsom KT17 4PW.



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Horrible Ewell

Thursday 19 August 2pm

Tuesday 14 September 2pm

Thursday 16 September 7.30pm

Discover Ewell's dark past and the tales that some would rather forget. Learn about exploding gunpowder mills. Tread in the footsteps of the body-snatchers and see where they plied their grisly trade. Hear stories of witches, tragic coach crashes and folk who won't stay dead! Discover Ewell's historic jail and see what eighteenth-century justice was like.



Meet at the main entrance to Bourne Hall, Ewell KT17 1UF.

Ashley Road Cemetery

Thursday 12 August 2pm

Saturday 21 August 11am

Friday 10 September 2pm

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.



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

Chalk Lane to World's End

Saturday 4 September 2pm

Wednesday 8 September 2pm

Thursday 9 September 7.30pm

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



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Epsom Downs

Tuesday 10 August 2pm

Friday 13 August 7.30pm

Saturday 14 August 2pm

Discover the history of Epsom's Grandstands, which have 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!
Meet outside the Derby Arms, Epsom KT18 5LE.



Heart of Epsom

Thursday 2 September

7.30pm

Monday 6 September 2pm

Tuesday 7 September 2pm

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. Re-live 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. 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.



Nonsuch Park and Palace

Thursday 26 August 2pm

Friday 27 August 7.30pm

Wednesdays 15 September 2pm

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

Sunday 15 August 2pm

Friday 20 August 2pm

Sunday 5 September 7.30pm

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 were found and hear how Epsom became the place to be and be seen. Discover how the humble salts started the world's greatest flat horse race and a battle! Discover Epsom's lost windmill and race course 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.

The Manor Hospital and Manor

Thursday 9 September 2pm

Sunday 12 September 2pm

Sunday 12 September 7.30 pm



Uncover the medieval landscape of Horton and the 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 defence line to defend London was built against the German invasion. Hear how important the Manor Hospital was in WW1, 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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