

Holiday History

Activities and Walks

July–August 2014



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Horrible Ewell Walk

Tuesday 29 July 2pm—3.30pm

Discover Ewell's dark past and remember the tales that some would rather forget. Learn about

exploding gunpowder mills and visit the graveyard of St Mary's where their victims lie. Discover folk who lived locally and just won't stay dead! Hear tales of witches and horrible murder, funerals without a body, tragic coach crashes and ghosts!

Our tour around the village will end with a visit to Ewell's historic jail and a chance to find out first-hand what an 18th century prison was like. Be careful not to be left behind!

Price £5 per person. Places limited to 25 and must be pre-booked with David Brooks. Please meet at the main entrance of Bourne Hall.

Fire and Gunpowder

Wednesday 30 July 2014

£5 per child per session or £8 for both sessions

11am -12.30pm

Explore the history of gunpowder from its origins from the search for an elixir of immortality in ninth-century China to the transformation of warfare in the Old World. Discover how it was manufactured and what it is made from.

2pm—3.30pm

Learn about the development of firearms and their use of gunpowder. Witness and hear the live firing of a Tudor matchlock gun and an eighteenth-century blunderbuss and French musket - and imagine being in the midst of battle with all the noise and smoke.





**Budding
Artists**

In partnership with
Bourne Hall Museum
Kids Club
bringing history alive



Thursday 31st July

Make a mosaic of a
Roman gladiator
10-11.30 pm
(for ages 6-11)



Design and paint an
ancient greek vase
12-1.30pm
(for ages 6-11)



Make a felt Tudor
rose brooch
2.30pm -3.30pm
(for ages 7-11)

Each session is £7.00 per child

Spaces are limited and are allocated on a first come first served basis

To book please contact

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www.buddingartists.org.uk

The Great War Exhibition

4 - 15 August 2014

Bourne Hall



Bourne Hall Museum and the Local History Centre will host a free exhibition on the Great War in Epsom & Ewell. The exhibition will take place in the main foyer of Bourne Hall and upstairs in Bourne Hall Museum. It will include stories of those who fought on the front line and displays about the home front, the war hospitals, and the army camps, together with the opportunity for children to have a go at battlefield archaeology. The exhibition in the Museum will continue on after the 15th.

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Commemoration of the start of World War One

Reflections

Monday 4 August

10.45pm



You are invited to a short ceremony at your local war memorial marking the anniversary of the outbreak of WW1.

Please bring a candle or torch.

- Epsom Clock Tower
- Ashley Road memorial
- Bourne Hall Dipping Well
- Horton cemetery memorial

Various churches within the Borough are also holding vigils and holding their own commemorations at this time.



Recruiting Sergeant

Tuesday 5 August

11am-2.30pm

Epsom Market Place

Take your opportunity to be one of the first to serve king and country. Hear what the recruiting sergeant and his men have to say before you **take the King's shilling and plan to be back home by Christmas.** By the end of September 1914 750,000 men had enlisted into the British Army, nearly doubling its pre-war strength.

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Horrible Ewell Walk
Wednesday 6 August
7pm—8.30pm



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Epsom's Military Camp

Saturday 9 August

10am—5pm

Ebbisham Square

A free living history event with the 10th Essex Regiment WW1 Living History Group taking part in demonstrations and displays, including **children's activities.** **Original military vehicles including a general service wagon and a veterinary ambulance for horses will be on display.**

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Horrible Epsom Walk

Tuesday 12 August

2pm-3.30pm



See beneath Epsom's genteel surface and stroll

around its ancient centre; discovering on your way the dark deeds and wrongdoings of days gone past.

Hear tales of Epsom's highwayman and the life of 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 if you would** have chosen to visit despite its perils.

Price £5 per person. Places limited to 25 and must be pre-booked with David Brooks. Please meet at Epsom Clock Tower.



Vicious Vikings

Wednesday 13 August

11am-12.30pm

Viking raider Thorulf Hammrsson will visit Ewell to rest between raids. He will tell tales of his exploits and you can decide if he really was vicious! Learn about the Berserkers and why they were revered in Viking culture and see him demonstrate his terrifying array of weapons. Uncover the culture of the Vikings, their craftsmanship and their trade. See how they made their own armour and minted their own coins for trade. Discover how far they travelled in the pursuit of money, land and goods.

£5 per child or £8 for both morning and afternoon sessions

Savage Saxons

Wednesday 13 August

2pm-3.30pm



Ewell returns to its Saxon past and is

honoured to play host to a visiting housecarl from the king's court. He is one of the king's most trusted companions in time of peace and his greatest warrior in battle. Our guest will tell tales of his life in the king's household and deeds of great bravery on the battlefield. Learn about feasts in the great hall and decide if your parents would approve of their table manners! Listen to the epic tale of Beowulf and hear English as it used to be spoken.

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Ashley Road Cemetery Walk

Thursday 14 August

2pm-3.30pm

A gentle stroll visiting the final resting place of Epsom's townsfolk since 1871 when Elizabeth Dorling, Mrs Beeton's mother, enjoyed the dubious accolade of being the first person to be interred. Find the famous; from war heroes and a Victoria Cross winner to exotic dancers, jockeys and politicians. Discover their impact on the Borough or the wider world through their words and deeds and understand why **Epsom's war memorial is situated here rather than in the Town Centre.** Price £5 per person. Places limited to 25 and must be pre-booked with David Brooks.



Hidden Ewell Walk

Tuesday 19 August 11am—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 with its Bronze Age and Roman offerings to ancient gods. Tread in the footsteps of the Romans on Stane Street **and discover their sacred shafts. Learn about the village's Saxon** cemetery and its long-lost church. Relive the terror of exploding gunpowder mills and the splendour of Nonsuch Palace.

Price £5 per person. Places limited to 25 and must be pre-booked with David Brooks. Please meet at the main entrance to Bourne Hall.

Flint Knapping

Wednesday 20 August

11am-12.30pm & 2pm-3.30pm



Discover the lost art of prehistoric tool making. As part of a small group, have the opportunity to make your own tool to take home. Learn some of the skills the ancient craftsmen developed to survive in a hostile world.

Cost per child £10 to be paid in advance and includes all the materials needed to make the tool which will be yours to keep. Places are limited to 15 children per session - pre-booking and payment with David Brooks is essential. Children need to wear long trousers and closed shoes to protect from flint shards.



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Epsom Common & Horton Walk

Tuesday 26 August

7pm-8.30pm



Explore the ancient village of Stamford and the surrounding area of Epsom Common. Why was this land chosen to be lived on? Visit the medieval landscape of Horton and the long-disappeared moated manor house.

Discover Epsom's importance to the defence of London to defend

against any German invasion of Britain in World War 2. See where men would have been expected to stand to the last whilst facing Nazi tanks. Price £5 per person. Places limited to 25 and must be pre-booked with David Brooks. Please meet by the pond on Stamford Green.

Secrets of the Stone Age

Wednesday 27 August

11am-12.30pm



Who are we and where do we come from?

Delve back into prehistory and explore our past from the earliest cavemen and hunter gatherers to the early farming communities.

Discover how they lived, what tools they used and how they hunted.

See examples of their tools and how these developed after the discovery of bronze. Explore the reasons for where they chose to live and what they believed. Learn about their culture and the amazing cave art and mysterious monuments they left behind.

£5 per child / £8 for both morning and afternoon sessions.



Incredible Iron Age Wednesday 27 August 2pm-3.30pm

Follow the advancement of technology and the discovery of iron. Discover the impact this new material had on our ancestors and the way they lived. Learn about the development and construction of hill forts and the new weaponry that the warriors could arm themselves with. Meet an Iron Age warrior and follow him to explore the beginnings of Celtic culture in what is known as the Dark Ages. £5 per child / £8 for both morning and afternoon sessions.

Epsom Common & Horton Walk Thursday 28 August 2pm—3.30pm



Another opportunity to explore the ancient village of Stamford and the surrounding area of Epsom Common. Why was this land chosen to be lived on? Visit the medieval landscape of Horton and the long-disappeared moated manor house.

Discover Epsom's importance to the defence of London in the event of a German invasion of Britain in World War 2. See where men would have been expected to stand to the last whilst facing Nazi tanks.

Price £5 per person. Places limited to 25 and must be pre-booked with David Brooks. Please meet by the pond on Stamford Green.

Bourne Hall Museum Kids Club

bringing history alive

Bourne Hall Museum Kids Club is for children who love history and like to have fun while learning about it. We travel back through time to discover the past and its people encompassing all periods of history from the deepest Stone Age to the home front in Epsom during World War 2. Recent meetings have included

- joining the Roman army,
- an audience with Henry VIII,
- surviving the stone age,
- **discovering Ewell's horrible history,**
- musket firing,
- medieval medicine and savage surgery
- experiencing life on the home front in Epsom & Ewell and being able to take part in a real archaeological dig.



The club meets on the second or third Saturday of each month at Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF between 1.00pm and 2.30pm and costs £5 per child for each session. There is no joining fee and you are welcome to just come to the meetings that interest you.

For more information or to be added to our e-mailing list please contact David Brooks on dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk Tel 020 8394 1734

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