

## **Heritage Open Days – Mole Valley District Council - Ashtead**

**Free Events in Ashtead 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and one bookable.**

### **Ashtead Rye Meadows Wetlands – Sunday 9 September - Free**

Ashtead Woods Road, Ashtead, Surrey, KT21 2EQ

In the last 5 years volunteers have been creating a wetland area alongside the Rye Brook. In that time we have planted a Jubilee Wood, reshaped the river banks and created ponds and scrapes to encourage the biodiversity of the area. We have resurfaced the footpaths to enable circular walks to take place without the need to cross muddy ground and also ensuring buggies and pushchairs can be used.

We have also created a Centenary Field commemorating those Ashtead residents who fell in the Great War and constructed a wooden walkway to the ponds where there is seating.

The Meadows are a very pleasant walk along the Rye Brook.

#### **Opening Times**

**Saturday 9 September: 1200-1400**

#### **Booking Details**

No booking required

#### **Access**

Walking boots or wellingtons recommended.

#### **Directions**

Access to the fields can be gained via Ashtead Woods Road (KT21 2EQ) off Links Road, Ashtead. Parking is not available in Ashtead Woods Road but there is ample parking in Links Road. Please be considerate to our neighbours. 200 metres into Ashtead Woods Road there is a wooden farm gate into the Meadows. The walk along the Rye Brook will take you through several fields until you end in the Centenary Field. You can either walk back through the fields or take the footpath to Bushey Shaw (off Links Road) and return to your car.

#### **Website**

[www.ryemeadows.org.uk](http://www.ryemeadows.org.uk)

## **St Giles' Church and The Dell Centre Open Afternoon – Sunday 10 September - Free**

### **St Giles' Church, Park Lane, Ashted, Surrey, KT21 1EJ**

St Giles is a lovely 12th century Grade II\* listed church, which was restored and refurbished in 2009. The church and graveyard will be open in the afternoon of Sunday 10th September for visitors.

Refreshments will be available to purchase between 14:00 and 16:30 in the Dell Centre, situated next to the church.

Please do join us.

### **Opening Times**

**Sunday 10 September: 1400-1630**

### **Booking Details**

No booking required

### **Access**

Bell tower not wheelchair accessible. Dell Centre fully accessible.

### **Directions**

Turn south off A24 into Park Lane at northern end of the main street in Ashted (The Street). Church is a quarter of a mile on the left.

### **Website**

**[www.sgsgashted.com](http://www.sgsgashted.com)**

### **Organised by**

Mrs Julia Mould, Churchwarden

## **The Battling Baroness of Ashtead – Sunday 10 September - Free**

### **Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall, Woodfield Lane, Ashtead, Surrey, KT21 2BE**

The Baroness de T'Serclaes M.M., born Elsie Shapter, was a resident of Ashtead for nearly fifty years until her death in 1978. Already an early pioneer of motorcycling she became nationally and internationally famous during the First World War for her extraordinary courage in running an independent first-aid unit on the front line near Ypres. She married a Belgian aristocrat and carried her title with pride for the rest of her life. Richard Hughes, former Head of History at St. John's School, Leatherhead, tells her story emphasising her remarkable and legendary feats in the Great War.

### **Opening Times**

**Sunday 10 September: 1400-1500**

### **Booking Details**

No booking required

### **Additional information**

Max 100 people per tour/session.

### **Directions**

Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall is located next to the pay and display car park on Woodfield Lane close to the junction with The Street.

## **Guided Walk around Ashtead Village – Sunday 10 September but needs to be prebooked**

### **Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall, Woodfield Lane, Ashtead, Surrey, KT21 2BE**

Enjoy a two hour guided walk around the Village of Ashtead which will be led by a member of Leatherhead and District Local History Society. We will walk around the Village centre, visit the beautifully restored 15th/16th parish church of St Giles and see many of Ashtead's oldest buildings. We will discuss some hidden aspects of Ashtead's life in the 19th and early 20th century.

### **Opening Times**

**Sunday 10 September: 1400-1600**

### **Booking Details**

Pre-booking: Required

All participants must pre-book via the Dorking Halls Box Office

Booking Contact: Dorking Halls Box Office

Email: [boxoffice@molevalley.gov.uk](mailto:boxoffice@molevalley.gov.uk)

Write to: Dorking Halls Box Office, Dorking Halls, Regiate Road, Dorking RH4 1SG

Booking opens: 13 August 2017 10:00

Booking closes: 4 September 2017 17:00

### **Additional information**

Max 25 people per tour/session.

### **Directions**

The walk starts from the Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall which is just off the main A24 road by the Brewery Inn at the south end of Ashtead Village. There is a car park. Ashtead Railway Station is 0.5 miles away on Woodfield Lane