



Preserving Surrey's Heritage

Welcome to our new Patron

We are delighted to report that Mr Michael More-Molyneux, who recently succeeded Dame Sarah Goad as Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the County of Surrey, has accepted the invitation from Surrey Historic Buildings Trust to become our Patron. Mr More-Molyneux (*pictured right*) is the first Patron in the history of the Trust. He is, of course, not only the owner of one of Surrey's finest historic houses, namely Loseley Park, but is a longstanding and active supporter of the cause of heritage conservation in Surrey, and as such is ideally qualified to be our first-ever Patron. We welcome Mr More-Molyneux to the Trust and are sure that our association will be long and successful in advancing our shared cause – preserving Surrey's heritage.



Our latest conservation grants

Between September and December 2015, Surrey Historic Buildings Trust agreed a further £8,000 in grants for building conservation and restoration projects across Surrey. These included funds for the replacement of damaged weatherboarding and an oak door on the 17th century barn at St Piers School, Lingfield, repairing the walls of a medieval hall house, the Old Farmhouse, Outwood, re-rendering the wall of a former coachman's house at Brockham Warren, Box Hill, repairing the 19th century clock tower at Clockhouse Mews, Godalming, and the chapel windows of St Catherine's School, Bramley.

All the buildings for which grants have been agreed are considered to be of significant architectural or historical interest. In many cases the grants given by Surrey Historic Buildings Trust help to 'leverage' larger grants from organisations such as the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic England, so while our grants are sometimes modest in size they can often trigger much more substantial funding from other sources. We also work alongside other grant-making bodies such as the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust and with local authorities to ensure that our grants have maximum impact.

Tour of Farnham

Our autumn visit was a walking tour of Farnham. Despite rather gloomy and drizzly weather, a large group of Friends of Surrey Historic Buildings Trust turned out for this event and enjoyed a fascinating guided walk around the town (*see pictures below*), followed by afternoon tea.



Annual General Meeting 2015

The 36th Annual General Meeting of the Trust was held in the Council Chamber at County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, on Wednesday 14th October 2015. The Chairman, Mrs Angela Fraser DL, welcomed members to the meeting and particularly the Chairman of Surrey County Council, Mrs Sally Marks. A minute's silence was observed in memory of the late Mrs Cecilia Gerard, former Chairman of the Trust.



After the formal business of the meeting, our Conservation Officer, Mr Martin Higgins, gave an illustrated talk on projects grant-aided by the Trust during 2014-15 including work at the Hope Mausoleum in Dorking, Bletchingley Castle Ruins, and the Derby Winners' Graves at The Durdans, Epsom. The Chairman then introduced Mr Geoff Pink, one of the co-founders of the Trust, who gave a talk on his career in architecture and conservation, and on the early years of the Trust. This was followed by afternoon tea, and then to round off the

afternoon a group of Trust members enjoyed a fascinating tour, conducted by Mrs Caroline Breckell, of historic County Hall, including the old courtroom (*pictured above*) and the holding cells.

Would you like to be a Trustee?

We currently have eight Trustees – Mr David Davis, Mrs Angela Fraser, Mrs Hazel Morris, Mrs Jennifer Powell, Mrs Jean Smith, Mr Roger Steel, Ms Julie Summers and Mr Colin Taylor – but we are always looking for new members to join the board, especially those with professional or other experience of building conservation or the heritage industry. If you would like to play a more active part in the work of the Trust and would consider joining our board of Trustees, please contact the Trust Administrator for further details.

Forthcoming visits

We have two visits coming up in the first half of 2016 for Friends of Surrey Historic Buildings Trust. On **Wednesday 2nd March** we will have a private tour of **Waverley Abbey House**, a splendid Grade 2 Listed 18th century mansion set in tranquil countryside near Farnham. This building is not usually open to the public so this is a rare treat for heritage enthusiasts and we are fortunate to have been offered this chance to see inside this perfectly preserved Georgian country house. Our tour starts at 2.00pm sharp (though for those arriving early there will be an opportunity to stroll across to the nearby ruins of Waverley Abbey before the main visit begins). There is ample parking at the House. The cost per person for the tour of Waverley Abbey House is only £10 and this includes afternoon tea and cakes. Numbers are limited so please book soon to avoid disappointment. A booking form is enclosed.

Also, a date for your diary – **Wednesday 11th May**. We will have a visit to the historic stables and horse graves at **The Durdans, Epsom**, which a hundred years ago was the home of Liberal Prime Minister (and noted racehorse-owner) Lord Rosebery. The horse graves, which were restored and repaired last year with funding from Surrey Historic Buildings Trust, include those of several famous Derby winners owned by Lord Rosebery. Our visit to The Durdans will be combined with afternoon tea at the nearby Chalk Lane Hotel. Full details and a booking form will be circulated with the next newsletter. In the meantime, please make sure you mark the date in your diary.

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FRIENDS OF SURREY HISTORIC BUILDINGS TRUST

I/we wish to book [] ticket(s)* for the SHBT Tour of Waverley Abbey House at 2.00pm on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 (*includes afternoon tea) and enclose a cheque for £..... (£10 per person).

Your Name

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Name(s) of any guests

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Your Postal Address

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Cheques should be made payable to 'Surrey Historic Buildings Trust'.

Please complete this form and return it, together with your cheque, to:

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