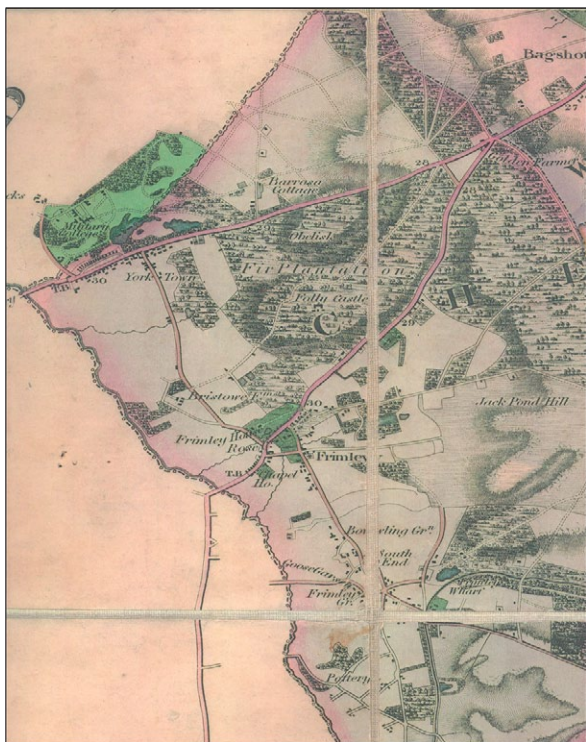


Membership

An individual fee of £8 per person (18 years and over) or joint membership (2 people) of £12. Under 18 year olds are free.

Membership includes:

- **Evening talks** linked to the museum's exhibition programme
- **Walks** around the area led by local historians
- **Special invitation evenings** to private viewings of our exhibitions
- **Annual family day**, fun events for all ages
- **Outings** to local/regional historic sites
- **20% discount** in the museum shop and ticketed activities.



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Tuesday – Saturday 11am–4.30pm
Closed bank holidays
Free admission



Surrey Heath Museum Heritage Supporters' Group July–Dec 2021



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Aim

Working together to promote and support the work of Surrey Heath Heritage Services through engaging and entertaining projects.

Objectives

Improving communication and building links with other heritage stakeholders (business and community organisations).

Preserving and recording Surrey Heath Heritage.

Encouraging all ages to become involved in their local heritage.

Organising an informative and diverse annual programme of events.

Committee

We have five local heritage enthusiasts who work together to support Heritage Supporters' Group initiatives – Rob Agar, Pippa Anderson, Ken Clarke, Julia Curnock and Thora Ray. We are grateful to all for their support.

Exhibitions

Free French Forces Sat 3 July – Sat 18 Sept

From 1941, the Old Dean Common was the site of a Free French Forces military camp. During World War II, the Vichy Government signed an armistice with the invading German army in June 1940.

This forced many French soldiers, sailors and air forces to escape to the UK. A young French Officer, Charles De Gaulle, led the Free French Forces in England, setting up many training camps in preparation for the allied invasion of France in June 1944. The exhibition covers the Free French history locally and celebrates our existing French links. The museum is working with local schools providing workshops on the Free French history.

Exhibition tour and talk Thu 9 Sept, 7–8.30pm, £3

Free French in Surrey with Gill Riding, Snr Heritage Officer.



Dawn on You Art Therapist Dawn Buckley Sun 26 Sept – Sat 30 Oct

Guildford-based Art Therapist, Dawn Buckley, believes in treating your heart and soul, your mind and your body with the greatest care and respect. Art is a medium for her to achieve this with her clients. The post-pandemic world we find ourselves in can be disorientating – we hope this colourful and inspiring exhibition will support our visitors to take up a pen, pencil, paintbrush, felt tip to create their own inspirational journey. Dawn will be running art sessions during the exhibition.



Exhibition talk and tour Thu 7 Oct, 7–8.30pm, £3

'The Healing Therapy of Art' with Dawn Buckley.

Changing Childhood Christmas Sat 13 Nov – Fri 24 Dec

Celebrating Christmas through the centuries, this exhibition showcases the museum's collection of toys, games and puzzles – Christmas presents of the past.

Family Day Sat 27 Nov, 11am–2pm, free drop-in session

Enjoy our 'Changing Christmas' exhibition packed with toys from Christmas Past. Plus the chance to make a variety of Christmas decorations to take home. Suitable for adults and children.



Trips

Fairoaks Airport Thu 12 Aug, 5–7.30pm, £8

Fairoaks Airport dates back to 1931 and has been a private airfield for many years. In the Second World War the RAF trained pilots to fly Tiger Moths.

The airport have kindly agreed to organise an airside tour of the historic buildings which includes an original 1937 blister hangar along with the watch tower.

We will then reminisce over refreshments at the end of the tour sharing memories of the airport.

In memory of Michael Jones, local historian and author of *The History of Fairoaks Airport* who sadly passed away on 16 May. Michael began his association with the airfield at the age of 12 and published a book on its history.

Frimley Park Manor Sat 25 Sept, 1–2.30pm, £5

One of the area's oldest buildings, the Manor House of the Manor of Frimley, was built in 1699 by James and Mary Tichborne. It was enlarged in late 1700s and sold to James Laurell in 1790 who landscaped the gardens and built the lake; he allegedly lost the estate in a game of cards. John Tekel and his wife, Griselda Stanhope, bought the estate, selling part of it to the War Office (to build RMC Sandhurst) in the early 1800s. In 1898 the Crown Prince of Siam lived there and in WW2 it became a maternity hospital and military convalescence home for wounded soldiers. Post War it was the home of the Women's Royal Army Corp from 1951–1957 and in 1959 it became the National Centre of Excellence for the Cadet Movement. A walk and talk around the main building and gardens, covering the history of the house and the Cadet Corps – Captain Will Matthews (Adjutant) has kindly agreed to lead the tour, accompanied by local historian, Ken Clarke.

Private Tour and Talk with Q&A Timber Hill Gardens, Chobham Date TBC, £15

Homemade tea and cake available

Timber Hill is a lovely 16-acre garden in Surrey woodland with views to the North Downs. Special features throughout the year include camellias, magnolias and rhododendrons. June in particular brings early roses around the house. The Sealy family have lived at Timber Hill since 1951. The land has changed in this time beyond recognition from a simple small holding to a park with beautiful mature gardens. This has been the result of the huge interest and enthusiasm of the current occupants as well as a longstanding, committed and knowledgeable gardener. Some 220 camellias have been planted and a few dozen rhododendrons besides, as well as thousands of bulbs. The woodland gives a view to the North Downs and local rural view across Fairoaks Aerodrome.