

Properties and events in Kingston-upon-Thames 2016

All Saints' Church

All Saints Church, Market Place , Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 1JP

Kingston's only Grade I listed building – a church has been on this site since Anglo-Saxon times; several Anglo-Saxon kings were crowned on this site. The current church mostly dates back to the 14th and 15th centuries. Come and explore the site with our heritage trails, discover the history of All Saints in our heritage gallery with introductory video and interactive timelines and discover the hidden treasures of All Saints, including a replica of Athelstan's crown!

New for 2016

Climb up the secret spiral staircase to see the hidden room where the ringers pull the ropes to ring the bells. See the records on the walls of ringers, from the 18th Century to modern times, who rang for hours non-stop. See a demonstration of how the bells are rung.

Have a go at making them sound – the loudest musical instruments there are!

(Optional) Climb further up the ladder to see our 12 huge bells.

Children over six welcome. Those under 14 accompanied by an adult please.

The bell ringers will be taking part in the national peal and ringing on Thurs 8th September 6-7pm. Event not suitable for children under the age of 6.

Opening Times

- Thursday: 1000-1600; Bell Ringing 1800-1900
- Friday: 1000-1600; Tower Tours 1230, 1330, 1430
- Saturday: 1000-1600
- Sunday: 0800-1900

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Main church is free to explore but tower tours must be booked Contact: Kate Flavell Call: 020 8942 1662 Email:

kateflavell@f2s.com Booking opens: 8 July 2016 09:00 Booking closes: 8 September 2016 17:00

Access Information

Entry via west door which has a ramp. There are disabled parking bays outside the church in Thames Street, Bishop's Hall, Union Street and Memorial Square.

Additional information

Max 20 people per tour/session. Visitors are welcome to attend services. There will be services on Thursday at 1030 and Sunday at 0800, 0930 and 1800. Silent prayer will be held at 1200 on Friday. Sunday is a Choral Eucharist and sung evensong with cathedral style music to support our worship. We have a family trail around the church, interactive ipads and a café.

Directions

We are the large church in the centre of Kingston opposite John Lewis and surrounded by lawns. 5 minutes walk from Kingston railway station and well served by local buses.

Church of St Mary the Virgin

Church Lane, Chessington, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT9 2LB

Once again St Mary's, Chessington will be open in conjunction with Heritage Open Day. We will be very pleased to welcome visitors to our ancient church which has recently been refurbished inside and out.

Come and discover Chessington's 'hidden' treasure, a rural hilltop chapel until the 20th century urban development. Grade II St Mary's was first mentioned in Merton Priory records of 1174. There is an early Nottingham alabaster of the Annunciation and unusual wooden pillars were inserted when the south aisle was added in 1870.

This Open Day is hosted by The Friends of St Mary's; a charity set up to assist in the maintenance and improvement of the church and the church hall - now St Mary's Centre. We always welcome new members who support these aims, and for further details please contact the Parish Office in the first instance.

We look forward you seeing you in September. Event not suitable for children under the age of 10.

Opening Times

- Saturday: 1000-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

There is a small step to enter church which makes wheelchair access difficult.

Additional information

Parking and toilets are in the St Mary's Centre just down the road.

Directions

71 bus route from Kingston passes the church.

Cleave's Almshouses

Old London Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT2 6NQ

Almshouses established in 1669 and extended in Victorian times. Recently modernised. Set in attractive gardens - entry to hall and gardens via Old London Rd.

Opening Times

- Saturday: 1100-1500
- Sunday: 1100-1500

Booking Details

No booking required

Coombe Conduit

Lord Chancellor Walk, Coombe Lane West, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT2 7HE

Guided tours of a Tudor conduit house, part of a system built to supply water to Hampton Court Palace. This is a special opening for Heritage Open Days - the Conduit is normally opened on the second Sunday in the month from April to September.

The event is not suitable for unaccompanied children.

Opening Times

- Saturday: 1200-1600
- Sunday: 1200-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Need to climb a few steps to access the site and to enter and leave the Conduit

Additional information

Water flow was driven by gravity and the buildings show evidence of recycling of stonework.

County Hall - Heritage Day

Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 2EA

The home of Surrey County Council for 115 years, the original building was designed by County Surveyor, C H Howell, in 1893. There have been a number of additions between 1930 and 1982. The original building of Portland stone features a dominant fanciful clock tower and irregular gables. Guided tours with highlights including the Grand Hall, Council Chamber and former courts and cells.

Opening Times

- Saturday: 0930-1200

Booking Details

No booking required

Additional information

Max 20 people per tour/session.

Dorich House Museum – Studio Home of the Sculptor Dora Gordine

67 Kingston Vale, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, SW15 3RN

Dorich House is the former studio home of the Russian sculptor Dora Gordine (1895-1991) and her husband the Hon. Richard Hare (1907-1966), a scholar of Russian art and literature. Now Grade II listed, the building was completed in 1936 to Gordine's design. Visitors to the Museum can watch a short introductory film and see Gordine's work on display throughout the house, which includes a gallery, studios, the couple's private apartment and a roof terrace overlooking Richmond Park. Also on display is the Museum's unique collection of Russian art and design. In the Museum garden, visitors can enjoy an architectural installation by students from Kingston University's School of Architecture. The installation takes the form of a pavilion inspired by the teahouses of Japanese architect Terunobu Fujimori and, weather permitting, offers great views of the house from its roof.

Event not suitable for children under the age of 3.

Opening Times

- Thursday: 1100-1630
- Friday: 1100-1630; Tour 1130
- Saturday: 1100-1630; Tour 1130
- Sunday: 1100-1630; Tour 1130

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

The museum will be open to all but the tours must be pre-booked. Call: 020 8417 5515 Email:

dorichhousemuseum@kingston.ac.uk Go to: <http://www.dorichhousemuseum.org.uk/> Booking opens: 1 July 2016 09:00

Booking closes: 7 September 2016 17:00

Access Information

Please note. The Museum is located over four floors. There are 78 steps to the top floor, which is accessed via a narrow staircase. The Museum currently has no wheelchair accessible toilets. We apologise that we are unable to offer full access for all physical abilities at this time. Kingston University is working to improve access for all visitors.

Additional information

Max 20 people per tour/session. Limited parking for 20 cars only.

Directions

Buses 85,K3, bus stop Woodview Close

Frederick W Paine

24 Old London Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT2 6QG

The town's oldest firm of undertakers has conducted funerals from these premises for over a century. The now Grade II listed interior dates from 1908, it also contains a unique collection of artefacts in the only museum in the UK dedicated to the history of funeral service. The building also houses the firm's extensive archive of funeral records carried out since 1906.

Opening Times

- Saturday: 1030-1230 & 1400-1600
- Sunday: 1030-1230 & 1400-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Wheelchair access to ground floor only. Toilets on first floor.

Hillcroft College

South Bank, Surbiton, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT6 6DF

Hillcroft is housed in a Victorian mansion house built in the 1860s for Frederick Bryant of Bryant and May Matches. The building is very typical of its time and retains many of its original features. Margaret Bryant's interest in birds, flowers and astrology is very evident in the stained glass on show and the parquetry. There will be guided tours of about an hour. Event not suitable for children under the age of 10.

Opening Times

- Friday: Tour 1030 & 1430
- Saturday: Tour 1030 & 1430

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Preferred

Please book if you can to avoid being disappointed Contact: Reception at Hillcroft Call: 020 8399 2688 Email:

opsteam@hillcroft.ac.uk Booking opens: 1 August 2016 09:00 Booking closes: 9 September 2016 17:00

Access Information

Wheelchair access to ground floor only.

Additional information

Max 12 people per tour/session. There is the Oakhill Community Heritage Project website which has a lot of interesting information about Hillcroft <http://ochp.org.uk/>

Directions

2 minutes from the back of Surbiton Station.

John Lewis Kingston Riverside

Riverside Walk, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 1TE

Discover the chalk & flint vaulted cellar built c.1350 and remains of a medieval bridge c.1170 in the basement of John Lewis. Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Opening Times

- Saturday: 1000-1600
- Sunday: 1000-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Partial push chair and pram friendly.

Directions

Via the shop go to our menswear department and go down stairs or lift to Riverside.

Kingston Ancient Market Guided Walk by Architects Tonkin Liu

Kingston Ancient Market Place, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 1JS

Architects from Tonkin Liu will be leading a guided walk at the Kingston Ancient Market. The award-winning regeneration scheme from Tonkin Liu aimed to revive and diversify the ancient market, and has just won a RIBA Award 2016.

Opening Times

- Thursday: Walk 1030

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Ancient Market area is free to explore but guided walk must be pre-booked. To book your place, please send us an email with "Kingston Ancient Market Place walk" in the Subject line. Places limited to 20 people. Contact: Kate Email: mail@tonkinliu.co.uk

Additional information

Max 20 people per tour/session.

Directions

For the guided talk, please meet at the front of the Market House, which faces the Ancient Market.

Kingston History Centre

Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, Guildhall 1, Guildhall 2, High Street, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 1EU

The History Centre moved recently and is now located in the former magistrates court. There will be tours of the courtroom. There will be a special display on celebrations in the borough and the range of resources available for researchers will be highlighted. These include books and maps as well as the Surrey Comet archive on microfilm.

Event not suitable for children under the age of 12.

Opening Times

- Thursday: 1000-1900; Tour 1100
- Friday: 1000-1700; Tour 1100
- Saturday: 1000-1700; Tour 1100

Booking Details

No booking required

Kingston History Tour Guided Walks

All Saints' Church Gates, Market Place, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 1JS

Two guided walks around Kingston's historic town centre and riverside. The tours will outline Kingston's history from Saxon times until the present day. Features will include: the Coronation Stone, the Guildhall, Clattern Bridge, All Saints' parish church, the Ancient Market Place, the medieval bridge remains and undercroft in John Lewis.

Opening Times

- Saturday: Walk 1100
- Sunday: Walk 1100

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Full wheelchair access except bridge remains and Undercroft.

Additional information

Max 30 people per tour/session.

Directions

Approach the church gates from the ancient market place. The Tour Guides wear badges to identify them.

Kingston Museum

Wheatfield Way, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 2PS

Grade II listed building, from 1904. 2 permanent galleries telling the story of Kingston: Ancient Origins and Town of Kings. In addition the Edward Muybridge gallery describes the life and work of the world famous photographer.

Friday and Saturday, 12 noon, there will be a short introduction to Kingston Museum and the building.

Friday 3pm, Sensory tour of Kingston Museum suitable for all ages
 Saturday 2pm, How to Draw an Animal workshop (families)

Opening Times

- Thursday: 1000-1900
- Friday: 1000-1700; Introduction 1200; Tour 1500
- Saturday: 1000-1700; Introduction 1200; Workshop 1400

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Preferred

Call museum during opening hours Contact: Charlotte Samuels Call: 020 8547 5006 Email:

kingston.museum@rbk.kingston.gov.uk Booking opens: 8 August 2016 10:00 Booking closes: 10 September 2016 10:00

Additional information

Max 15 people per tour/session.

Kingston Quaker Centre Open Days and Architects Tour

Kingston Quaker Centre, 21 Fairfield East, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 2PT

Kingston Quaker Centre won joint first prize for 2015 in the ACE/RIBA competition in the category Religious Architecture. The Centre opened in 2014 and is already a thriving venue for community gatherings and events in addition to its role at the heart of Kingston Quaker Meeting. Built with close attention to environmental criteria, the project was designed to meet the BREEAM Very Good standard with an aspiration to Excellent where achievable.

Quakers will escort visitors round our centre individually or in groups on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September and explain the interesting features.

The architect, John Langley of Tectus will escort registered visitors round the building on SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER - 1430 - 1600, talking about the building and the vision of Kingston Quakers that shaped the new Centre. A speaker from Kingston Quakers will talk about the Quaker beliefs that created the vision. Event not suitable for children under the age of 10.

Opening Times

- Saturday: 1000-1600; Architect tour 1430
- Sunday: 1200-1600

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Preferred

Go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/architects-tour-of-kingston-quaker-centre-heritage-open-day-tickets-26662260539>

Access Information

Kingston Quaker Centre has 6 parking spaces for disabled users. For general parking, the Cattle Market Car Park is available nearby. Kingston Quaker Centre is a place of worship. We ask visitors to join us in appreciating this lovely building in a well mannered way.

Additional information

Max 10 people per tour/session. The websites below link to 1. Art and Christianity Enquiry with a link inside the front page to the 2015 Awards. 2. Kingston Quakers website Bookings available until the day of the event.

Directions

Kingston Quaker Centre is behind the Cattle Market Bus Station. A passage gives access from Fairfield North (the road with

fast traffic rushing past the Bus Station). You can see Kingston Quaker Centre from the entrance to the Kingfisher Leisure Centre.

Kingston United Reformed Church

Eden Street (on corner with Union Street), Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 1HZ

Grade II listed non-conformist chapel (originally Congregational), built 1856. Interior modified 1977, foyer, new halls and community centre built 1977 and 2005. Organ dates from 1871. Unusual carved wooden cross by H. Ibberson (1919). There will be a small exhibition of archive material and an opportunity to see around the Richard Mayo centre.

Opening Times

- Friday: 1100-1500
- Saturday: 1100-1500

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Level entrance to church, ramp to side entrance and lift access to all floors.

Additional information

Assistance dogs only admitted

Lovekyn Chapel

London Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT2 6PY

Medieval chantry chapel founded in 1309, which became home to a school (then called Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School) in 1561. It remains the property of Kingston Grammar School. The oldest complete building in Kingston and thought to be the only surviving free-standing chantry chapel in the country.

Opening Times

- Sunday: 1100-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Directions

The Lovekyn Chapel can be found on the corner of London Road and Queen Elizabeth Road, opposite Kingston Grammar School and adjacent to Tiffin Boys' School.

New Malden Library Tour

48 Kingston Road, New Malden, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT3 3LY

A walk and talk with the library manager around this lovely 1930s building, with an intriguing mix of art deco and wartime styling. One of the very few public libraries to be constructed during WWII.

Opening Times

- Saturday: Tour 1100

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

One disabled parking space available. Most of the tour route is wheelchair accessible. Please contact the library in advance if applicable for more information (tel.020 8547 5006)

Old Malden Heritage Walk

St John the Baptist Church, Church Road, Worcester Park, Old Malden, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT4 7RY

1.5km walk exploring the Domesday village of Malden and its ancient meadows (rough walking) putting it into historical context. Hear about its connection with the founding of Merton College Oxford; see where artist Sir John Millais painted the background to his picture of Ophelia. The meeting point is St John the Baptist Church. Event not suitable for children under the age of 7.

Opening Times

- Sunday: Walk 1400-1515

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Hilly with rough walking.

Additional information

Max 25 people per tour/session. There is rough meadow walking, please wear sturdy shoes. Toilet and refreshment facilities are available in the church at the beginning and end of the walk.

Seething Wells Waterworks and the Defeat of King Cholera Tour

Portsmouth Road Junction, Portsmouth Road, Surbiton, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT6 4ER

This is a unique site in the history of public health and the start of epidemiology. The Lambeth Waterworks was established in Seething Wells in 1852 and it was water from these works that Dr John Snow used to prove that cholera was waterborne. You can see the surviving Lambeth and Chelsea Waterworks buildings as well as the filter beds alongside the Thames now home to a rich bio-diverse wildlife. Event not suitable for children under the age of 10.

Opening Times

- Thursday: Tour 1400
- Friday: Tour 1400
- Saturday: Tour 1400

Booking Details

No booking required

Additional information

Max 20 people per tour/session. This is a linear, not a circular tour. It will end at a pub where refreshments can be purchased and toilets will be available. Comfortable walking shoes are advisable as there is no seating on the route.

St John the Baptist Church, Kingston Vale

Robin Hood Lane, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, SW15 3PY

The church has strong royal connections. Princess Mary Adelaide, the Duchess of Teck and her daughter May resided at White Lodge, Richmond Park. They were regular worshippers at St John's. In 1893 May married the Duke of York, the couple later to become King George V and Queen Mary.

Most of the stained glass windows and artefacts of the Church date from the middle to late nineteenth Century. The fabric of the interior, including pews, is original and of high quality. There is an organ where recitals are sometimes given.

Surrounding the Church is an attractive garden and open space where local activities take place.

There will be guides to show visitors around or answer questions.

Opening Times

- Friday: 1000-1400
- Saturday: 1000-1600
- Sunday: 1000-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Directions

From Kingston - 85 or K3 Bus (Putney direction). Alight at Robin Hood Stop at Kington Vale. Cross Main Road to Robin Hood Lane. Church is approximately 100 metres on right.

St John the Baptist Parish Church, Old Malden

Church Road, Worcester Park, Old Malden, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT4 7RY

A Grade II listed Jacobean church (1611) built on Saxon ruins with Victorian extension (1875) and new contemporary extension (2004), in a Conservation Area with ancient fields and the Hogsmill River nearby. Connections with Merton College Oxford and the artist Millais. A history exhibition will be on display.

Opening Times

- Thursday: 1100-1600
- Friday: 1100-1600
- Saturday: 1000--1700
- Sunday: 1400-1700

Booking Details

No booking required

St Mark's Church

St Mark's Hill, Surbiton, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT6 4LS

A church with a traditional exterior but a surprisingly modern interior. First built in 1844 to serve the new railway town of Surbiton, it was destroyed by an oil bomb in 1940 - 75 years ago. Rebuilt in 1960, it has stained glass windows, an unusual font depicting Jesus baptising a multitude of people in the River Jordan and notable altar frontals from that period. Recently restored and extended with new facilities. A display of photographs shows the bomb damage.

Opening Times

- Saturday: 1000-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

St Raphael's Roman Catholic Parish Church

Portsmouth Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 2NA

Designed by eminent architect Charles Parker with foundation in 1846 and completed in 1847, this Grade II* listed building is regarded as one of the finest examples of Victorian Italianate architecture in the country. As Leopold of Saxe-Coburg lived nearby in Claremont, there were four royal weddings celebrated in St Raphael's as the nearest Catholic church at the time. A guide will give you a tour and answer questions. No unaccompanied children.

Opening Times

- Friday: 1100-1500
- Saturday: 1330-1600
- Sunday: 1400-1530

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Side aisles are very narrow.

Directions

The church is in a prominent position overlooking the river.

SuperHome Open Day – Willingham Way, Kingston-Upon-Thames

Willingham Way, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 3JA

Pioneering owners of some of the UK's most eco-friendly SuperHomes are hosting free Open Days this September. SuperHomes are older homes refurbished by their owners for greater comfort, lower bills and fewer carbon emissions - at least 60% less!

Damon Hart-Davis owns this late '60s ex-council wood-framed end of terrace house and reported a 100% saving on bills following refurbishment. He has installed hi-tech aerogel internal wall insulation, plus triple glazing throughout.

A new gas combi boiler supplies zoned central heating and the radiators have active valves programmed to respond to occupancy. A solar PV system provides free electricity and a healthy feed-in tariff income. Individual mechanical ventilation units in the bathroom and kitchen remove moisture and bring in fresh air with very little heat loss.

Damon has written extensively online on the work he has undertaken, much of it DIY'd.

What visitors say:

"Very knowledgeable host - great detail and good descriptions/dialogue."

"A very interesting thing was how good his lounge triple and double glazed windows and doors were in respect that the surface temperature of the glass on what was a very cold day could almost be described as warm!"

Visitors can expect to come away with plenty of ideas for greening their own properties. Full details including directions will be provided when you register your interest.

Opening Times

- Friday: Tours 1300, 1500 & 1700

- Sunday: Tours 1300, 1500 & 1700

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

book via Superhomes website Go to: <http://www.superhomes.org.uk/119>

Additional information

Max 8 people per tour/session.

Surbiton History Tour Guide Walk

Surbiton Station, Surbiton, Victoria Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT6 4PE

One guided walk around Surbiton where the railway arrived in 1838 with subsequent development of large Victorian houses serviced by cooks and maids. Surbiton was the original 'Queen of the Suburbs' and acquired a lovely Edwardian Coronation Clock Tower and interesting Art Deco railway station.

Opening Times

- Sunday: Tour 1430

Booking Details

No booking required

Additional information

Max 30 people per tour/session.

Directions

Meeting outside front of Surbiton Station. Tour guides wear badges for identification purposes.

The Guildhall

High Street, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 1EU

Visitors will be given access to the Queen Anne suite, Cabinet Office room and Charter Gallery. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet the Mayor Councillor Geoff Austin or Deputy Mayor Councillor Rowena Bass in the Mayor's Parlour. The Council Chamber will also be open as will be Committee Room 1.

This is a wonderful chance to see the magnificent mayoral regalia as well as meet our civic representatives.

Opening Times

- Saturday: 1000-1200

Booking Details

No booking required

Trycyclingathon

Claremont Gardens, The Crescent, Surbiton, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT6 4BN

Three different routes are suggested to suit the different levels of fitness and confidence of each cyclist - or you can just cycle where you want to. The Experienced Ride will start at 10am and finish at approximately 1pm. The suggested route takes in some of the beautiful countryside and incorporating some of the Olympic cycling route but you can go where you like. (approx 44 miles) The Family Ride will start at 11.30 and finish at approximately 1pm. The suggested route is a gentler ride alongside the river, crossing the river twice and taking in roads, park and riverbank. (approx 10 miles) The Vintage Ride

will start at 11.45 and finish at approximately 1.15pm. (approx 5 miles)

Opening Times

- Sunday: Experienced Ride 1000-1300; Family Ride 1130-1300; Vintage Ride 1145-1315

Booking Details

No booking required

Additional information

Lots of entertainment, bike checks and sports massage also available.

Directions

Meet on the green by the clocktower.

St Andrew's Church, Kingswood: Bellringing

The Parish Church of St. Andrews, Brighton Road, Kingswood, Tadworth, Surrey, KT20 6QE

View bells in tower and possibly try ringing bells. Watch experienced ringers demonstrate ringing. Event not suitable for children under the age of 12.

Opening Times

- Thursday: 2000-2130
- Friday: 2000-2130
- Saturday: 1600-1900

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Spiral staircase so no disabled access.

Additional information

Max 6 people per tour/session.

Directions

Entrance to church parking from south carriageway. Bell tower on north side of church.