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WHY NOT JOIN THE ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CIVIC SOCIETY?

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The benefits of membership are many:

- knowing, above all, that you are helping to protect the 'quality of life' of you and your family in Tunbridge Wells, by joining the collective voice of the inhabitants of our town;
- and that you are joining what is for Tunbridge Wells:
- a forum for discussion and debate of local issues;
- a network for the exchange of information, ideas and views;
- a channel for the representation of your views and interests;
- + with the opportunity for you to attend 12 meetings/events a year;
- + receive a quarterly 24pp. full colour Newsletter, updating you on latest events;
- + and receive a 25% discount on all our many Local History publications.

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in & around TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th September 2018
Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th September 2018

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Choose your Place / Event(s), Day & Time

September 2018	Thur 6 th	Fri 7 th	Sat 8 th	Sun 9 th	Thur 13 th	Fri 14 th	Sat 15 th	Sun 16 th
PLACES TO VISIT / EVENTS								
Archaeological Dig				11 - 3				11 - 3
Bell Ringing *		3						
Cranbrook Museum				2 - 4.30				2 - 4.30
Cranbrook Union Mill			2.30 - 5	2.30 - 5				
The Forum								2 - 4
Hawkenbury Allotments			2 - 4				2 - 4	
High Rocks	10.15 - 7				10.15 - 7			
Mabledon House *			10 - 5					
Masonic Temple							10-4	
The Pound				2 - 5				
Salomons Museum	9 - 5	9 - 5	9 - 5	9 - 5	9 - 5	9 - 5	9 - 5	9 - 5
Hourly Tours *	1 - 4			1 - 4				
The Skinners' School				10 - 3				10 - 3
Somerhill				2 - 4				
Spa Valley Railway Station	see www.tunbridgewellsheritageopendays.org for details							
St Barnabas School			11 - 3					
Tunbridge Wells Cemetery							1 - 4	1 - 4

PLACES OF WORSHIP								
All Saints, Tudeley	9.30 - 6	9.30 - 6	9.30 - 6	9.30 - 6	9.30 - 6	9.30 - 6	9.30 - 6	9.30 - 6
St. Augustine's, Crescent Road	10 - 5	10 - 5	10 - 5	2 - 5	10 - 5	10 - 5	10 - 5	2 - 5
St. Barnabas', Stanley Rd				9.30 - 3.30				
St. James', St. James' Road					10 - 4	10 - 4	10 - 4	12 - 4
St. John's, Groombridge				10 - 12 2 - 3				
St. Martin's, Ashurst				10 - 3				
St. Mary's, Speldhurst			11 - 1.30 1.30 - 5	12 - 5				
guided talk at			12	3				

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St. Matthew's, High Brooms			10 - 4					
St. Peter's, Southborough			10 - 5					
St. Peter's Old Church, Pembury							10 - 4.30	10 - 4.30
Festival Choral Evening							6.30	6.30
St. Peter's Upper Church, Pembury					10 - 4	10 - 4	10 - 4	1 - 4
St. Thomas a Becket, Capel	see www.tunbridgewellsheritageopendays.org for details							
Masjid Al-Noor Mosque, Camden Rd							1.15 - 4	
GUIDED TOURS AND WALKS								
Public & Commercial Buildings in Tunbridge Wells *				10.30 - 12				4.30 - 6
Grosvenor & Hilbert Park Exhibition			11.30 - 5					
Guided walk			2-3.30					
Guided Walking Tours of The Pantiles			2 - 3				2 - 3	
Historic Cranbrook Walk				2 - 3.30				2 - 3.30
Inspiring Women Walking Trail *			2.30					
Listed Buildings around King Charles The Martyr *							2	
The Opera House *	4	3			3	4		
The Story of Tunbridge Ware Walk	2 - 3							
The early residents of Calverley Terrace and Calverley Parade Walk *				7.30				
The Writing on the Wall Walk	self guided tour - download activity sheet for children from website *							
Trinity Arts Theatre								12 - 4 1 & 2.30
Tours								
Tunbridge Wells Common Walk								10.30 - 12.30
2 Churches, 4 Chapels and a Burial Ground Walk		2.30 - 4.30					2.30 - 4.30	
Woodbury Park Cemetery Tour			10.30					

* Limited numbers - advance booking essential (first come first served) - See text for details

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PLACES/EVENTS

Archaeological dig - SHAAS Southborough Archaeology,

Mill House Barn, Powder Mill Lane, TN4 9EG

Iron, Gunpowder, Corn and Railways in the Southborough Valley - an opportunity to investigate an archaeological site.

Bell-Ringing at St Peter's Church,

Bayhall Road, TN2 4UU

An opportunity to ascend the tower and see what the ringers do- possibly even chime a bell yourself.

Booking essential on 01892 615559 (max 12 people)

Cranbrook Museum,

Carriers Road, TN17 3JX

A 16th century farmhouse/cottage which has 11 rooms of very interesting local history collections.

Cranbrook Union Mill,

The Hill, Cranbrook, TN17 3AH

A Grade I-listed windmill which is over 200 years-old and is fully working. It is the tallest surviving windmill in England.

The Forum

The Common, TN4 8YU

Built in 1939 as a restroom and public convenience, this building is now a live music venue. An opportunity to see a brief history display and walk around the music and arts centre.

Hawkenbury Allotments

Halls Hole Road, TN2 4UA

With a history dating back to 1892, the current Hawkenbury Allotment Holder's Association was established in 1933. A unique opportunity to visit nearly 300 individual plots. Entirely run by volunteers.

High Rocks,

High Rocks Lane, TN3 9JJ

The site of an Iron Age camp, it has 8 acres of wooded sandstone cliffs, some 80ft. high, the most astonishing in the Weald. A major visitor attraction in the 19th century, it was somewhat overlooked for much of the 20th century, but is now under restoration.

Mabledon House,

London Road, Southborough, TN4 0UH

Grade II-listed Neo-Gothic house built c.1805. It was the childhood home of Decimus Burton, the architect of much of Tunbridge Wells.

Booking is essential; places are on first come first serve basis from 20th August - 4th September by email at twllsheritage@gmail.com (600 visitors maximum).

Masonic Temple,

St. John's Road, TN4 9UY

A rare opportunity to visit areas of the Temple not usually open to the public.

The Pound,

Grove Hill Road, TN1 1SD

A Grade II-listed pre-20th century manorial pound, where cattle and sheep which had been grazing and strayed off Tunbridge Wells Common, were kept until reclaimed, on payment of a suitable fee, by their owners.

Salomons,

Broomhill, TN3 0TG

A Grade II listed home of the Salomons family designed by Decimus Burton and set in 32 acres of picturesque grounds.

Museum open - Tours of building-

Booking essential 01892515152 from 1st August.

The Skinners' School,

St. John's Road, TN4 9PG

Skinners' is Tunbridge Wells' Grammar School for boys. It was established in 1887 after a 17-year tussle between Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge as to who was to get this new school. View the Grand Hall and Byng Hall, the WWI Memorial and other school buildings.

Somerhill,

Tudeley Road, Tonbridge, TN11 0NJ

A Grade I-listed Jacobean mansion is now a school campus. Its historic parkland is now a school campus. Its historic parkland was painted by J.M.V. Turner. While its address is Tonbridge, it is just within the boundary of the borough of Tunbridge Wells.

St. Barnabas School,

Quarry Rd, TN1 2EY

Visit a display about WWI community of Belgians who took refuge in Tunbridge Wells from 1914-1918.

Spa Valley Railway Station,

West Station, Nevill Terrace, TN2 5QY

Tour the station and engine sheds for free, but if you want to travel to the High Rocks, you'll have to buy a ticket.

Tunbridge Wells Cemetery,

Benhall, Mill Road, TN2 5JJ

Chapel open with exhibition and book launch of "Remembered".



St. Peter's Old Church

Old Church Road, Pembury, TN2 4AT

Originally dating from at least 1147, most of the church was built in 1337. The roof is one of the best tie beam and king post type in the country.

St. Peter's Upper Church

4 Hastings Road, Pembury, TN2 4PD

A Chapel of Ease to the old church, consecrated in 1847 by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

St. Thomas a Becket Church, Chapel,

Church Lane, Capel, Tonbridge, TN12 6SX

A Grade I-listed Norman church from well before the 13th century, with rare and notable 13th century wall paintings.

Masjid-Al-Noor Mosque,

99 Camden Rd, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 2QR

A unique opportunity to observe prayers (at 13.30), and experience a guided tour and talk of a mosque.

GUIDED TOURS AND WALKS

See table for days and times of these events.

All places, walks or tours are free, but booking is either essential, required, or recommended for a number of them, because only a limited number of visitors can be accommodated.

Public and Commercial Buildings in Tunbridge Wells 1890-1914

A guided tour of some of the town fascinating buildings.

Booking required - contact Helen Mitcham 01892 529672 - 07801648837 - helenmitcham9@gmail.com

Meet Westcombe House, 2-4 Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9GW

Grosvenor & Hilbert Park, TN1 2LN

Exhibition and guided walk on history and recent restoration of the Park. Opened in 1889, it was Tunbridge Wells' first public park, and was designed by the noted landscape gardener, Robert Marnock.

Meet at the café

Guided Walking Tour of the Pantiles,

A one hour tour through the Pantiles and historic heart of this fabulous spa town. Hear about the many famous visitors from Queen Anne to Dr Who.

Meet at 1 The Corn Exchange, The Pantiles

Historic Cranbrook Walk,

Cranbrook Museum, Carriers Road, Cranbrook, TN17 3JS

A guided walk around historic Cranbrook led by the Cranbrook Local History Society.

Meet at the Museum, 2pm sharp. Booking required roddann@btinternet.com

Inspiring Women Walking Trail,

Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1JN

A walk to celebrate the year of extraordinary women. Led by Anne Carwardine.

Meet at the Museum. Booking is essential, call 01892 554171

Listed Buildings around King Charles the Martyr,

London Road, TN2 5LU

Meet at King Charles the Martyr.

Booking required from 1st August at chairman.rtwcivicsociety@gmail.com

The Opera House (Wetherspoons),

88 Mt. Pleasant Road, TN1 1RT

A talk and behind-the-scenes tour of this Grade II-listed Edwardian theatre, now a public house.

Essential to book from 1st to 14th September at twheritageoperahouse@gmail.com

The Story of Tunbridge Ware

A walk focusing on a world famous cottage industry, unique to the town.

Meet at the Tunbridge Wells Library.

The early residents of Calverley Terrace

and Calverley Parade Walk,

Royal Wells Hotel, 59 Mount Ephraim, TN4 8BE

"This enviable little English Elysium". Calverley, was a Picturesque development by Decimus Burton, between about 1825 and 1840. This talk looks at the early years and in particular at their development and residents.

Booking required from 1st August at enquiries@thecivicsociety.org

The Writing on the Wall Walk,

Tunbridge Wells Town Centre

Self guided tour of the burgundy plaques buildings of notable residents of Tunbridge Wells.

Visit the website to download information and activity sheet for children from website

Trinity Arts Theatre,

Church Road, TN1 1JP

A Grade II*-listed former church, designed by Decimus Burton, now a theatre and arts centre. Short talk and guided tour, with costumes and children's event.

No booking needed for this event. Just turn up and join the next tour!

Tunbridge Wells Common Walk

A guided walk of Tunbridge Wells Common.

Meet at Fir Tree Car Park, TN4 8AH. Not suitable for wheelchairs.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

All Saints Church,

Tudeley, Tonbridge, TN11 0NZ

A medieval English 'village' church, but the only one in the world to have all its twelve stained-glass windows designed by the great Russian artist Marc Chagall. Go and find out why.

St. Augustine's Catholic Church,

Crescent Road, TN1 2LY

Built in 1975, replacing its earlier 1838 and smaller building in Grosvenor Road, it reflects the modern 3-sided approach to religious worship.

St. Barnabas' Church,

Stanley Road, TN1 2RH

An imposing Victorian neo-Gothic church, built in 1887.

St. James' Church,

St James' Road, TN2 3RL

Built in 1860-62 with Ewen Christian, a president of the RIBA, as its architect. Mini treasure hunt/quiz around the church.

St. John's Church,

Groombridge Hill, Groombridge, TN3 9QE

A listed Grade I seventeenth century church with a wealth of stained glass.

St. Martin's Church

Ashurst Road, Ashurst, TN3 9TE

Originally a 10th century monk's house, the church was restored in the 13th and the 19th centuries.

St. Mary's Church,

Speldhurst Hill, Speldhurst, TN3 0PA

This medieval church was re-built in the nineteenth century following a fire, and has famous stained glass windows by William Morris and Edward Burne Jones.

St. Matthew's Church

High Brooms Road, TN4 9BW

A display covering the formation of High Brooms and showing the different and varied aspects of life and industry in the High Broom Community.

St. Peter's Church

Church Road, Southborough Common TN4 0RU

A Grade II listed building, designed by Decimus Burton and built in 1830 with the altar at the west end of the church, a fine organ and a tower with 6 bells. The Church will open it's door with historical information and photos on display.

Two Churches, Four Chapels and a Burial Ground

King Charles the Martyr Church, London Road, Tunbridge Wells

An interesting guided walk.

Meet at King Charles the Martyr Church.

Woodbury Park Cemetery Tour,

Woodbury Park Road, TN4 9NH

Visit the Victorian mortuary garden, displaying monuments to national and local people of interest, set in a tranquil habitat of ecological importance. Organised by Friends of Woodbury Park Cemetery.

Meet at cemetery gate (end of cul-de-sac off Woodbury Park).

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I wish to apply for Individual Family membership (tick as appropriate)

NAME (S) (PLEASE PRINT) _____

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I wish to pay my subscription, due annually on 1st. September, by (chose one):

cheque, made payable to the Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society:

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and please tick: I consent to my information being held on the Society's computer for administrative purposes.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please send this form in an envelope (and your payment, if by cheque) to:

Mrs Trina Lewis, RTWCS Membership Secretary,

Claremont Lodge, 49 Claremont Road, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1SY

Thank you and welcome to your personal opportunity to be involved in your community.