

# Spotlight on...

Painshill Park, Cobham

During April

Don't miss the bluebells at Painshill Park this spring. Painshill's eighteenth century landscape is beautiful at this time of year and there is a series of events and activities to keep the whole family entertained. **Wild Easter Camp** runs from Tuesday 3 to Thursday 5 April and Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12 April and each day is themed differently with activities including bushcraft, den building, woodland craft and a treasure hunt. In addition, Painshill is offering **Woodworking and Chair Making Workshops** on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 April where traditional wood craft techniques will be demonstrated. Advance booking is required for both.

Information: [painshill.co.uk](http://painshill.co.uk)

## Theatre

### Richmond Theatre

Richmond

Tickets: [atgtickets.com/richmond](http://atgtickets.com/richmond)

Tuesday 17 April

#### Menopause: The Musical

Fun musical backed by an instantly recognisable soundtrack.

Thursday 19 to Saturday 21 April

#### Ellen Kent's La Traviata and

#### Madama Butterfly

*La Traviata* will be performed on Thursday with *Madama Butterfly* on Friday and Saturday.

Tuesday 24 to Saturday 28 April

#### Kindertransport

A haunting play marking the 80th anniversary of the Kindertransport.

### New Victoria Theatre

Woking

Tickets: [atgtickets.com/woking](http://atgtickets.com/woking)

Tuesday 3 to Saturday 7 April

#### The Case of the Frightened Lady

Detective thriller by Edgar

Wallace starring Rula Lenska.

Saturday 14 April

#### Ed Byrne: Spoiler Alert

Great observational comedy.

Tuesday 24 to Saturday 28 April

#### Son of a Preacher Man

Featuring the exhilarating music of Dusty Springfield.

### New Wimbledon Theatre

Wimbledon

Tickets: [atgtickets.com/wimbledon](http://atgtickets.com/wimbledon)

Tuesday 10 to Saturday 14 April

#### Sunset Boulevard

Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical starring Ria Jones and Danny Mac.

Tuesday 24 to Saturday 28 April

#### Awful Auntie

David Walliams' tale of frights, fights and friendship.

### Cranleigh Arts Centre

Cranleigh

Tickets: [cranleighartscentre.org](http://cranleighartscentre.org)

Wednesday 11 April

#### GSC Bard Walk

A charity screening of Guildford Shakespeare Company's *Bard Walk* film, with a talk and Q&A from Matt Pinches, GSC co-founder.

Friday 27 April

#### The King Lear

Set not in Stratford-upon-Avon, but in a pub!

### Dorking Halls

Dorking

Tickets: [dorkinghalls.co.uk](http://dorkinghalls.co.uk)

Saturday 7 April

#### So You Think You Know About

#### Dinosaurs...?

A pre-historic interactive adventure.

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**Epsom Playhouse**

Epsom

**Tickets:** [epsomplayhouse.co.uk](http://epsomplayhouse.co.uk)

Thursday 5 April

**The Amazing Bubble Man**

Louis Pearl, an Edinburgh Fringe Festival favourite, explores the dynamics of bubbles with entrancing tricks and lots of audience participation.

**Farnham Maltings**

Farnham

**Tickets:** [farnhammaltings.co.uk](http://farnhammaltings.co.uk)

Wednesday 18 April

**Prof. Robert Winston: Improve Your Learning**

An illustrated talk from this eminent and respected scientist on how valuable learning is and what we can do to improve our learning, both in and out of education. The talk will be followed by a Q&A session.

**Gag House**

The Back Room, The Star Inn, Quarry Street, Guildford

**Tickets:** [gaghousecomedy.com](http://gaghousecomedy.com)

Saturday 21 April

**Guildford Gag House**

Professional live comedy every third Saturday of the month.

**G Live**

Guildford

**Tickets:** [glive.co.uk](http://glive.co.uk)

Wednesday 11 April

**Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour**

The best new films from this prestigious mountain film festival featuring outdoor enthusiasts.

Wednesday 25 and

Thursday 26 April

**Teletubbies Live**

The Teletubbies perform in their first-ever theatre show created especially for pre-school children.

Saturday 28 April

**Puccini's Madama Butterfly**

Heartbreaking opera with beautiful sets in a performance of an Ellen Kent production by Opera & Ballet International.

**Guildford Shakespeare Company**

Various venues

**Tickets:**

[guildford-shakespeare-company.co.uk](http://guildford-shakespeare-company.co.uk)

**Saturday 21 to Monday 30 April Will's Birthday Bash**

The GSC's annual celebration of Shakespeare's birthday starts with its **Sonnet Walk Weekend** (21 and 22 April) in the grounds of historic West Horsley Place. Don't miss these mystery walking tours encountering Shakespeare and his characters in very unlikely places! The Bash continues with a staged reading of Shakespeare's **The Two Noble Kinsmen** on 25 April, with the final event from the **GSC Young Company** on 29 and 30 April as it performs in public for the second time.

**The Electric Theatre**

Guildford

**Tickets:** [electric.theatre](http://electric.theatre)

Thursday 5 to Saturday 7 April

**The Jungle Book**

The Man In The Moon theatre company returns with *The Jungle Book*, featuring a young cast with local talent in this retelling of the classic story.

**Yvonne Arnaud Theatre**

Guildford

**Tickets:** [yvonne-arnaud.co.uk](http://yvonne-arnaud.co.uk)

Tuesday 10 to Saturday 14 April

**Gallowglass**

A thriller from the pen of Ruth Rendell, writing as Barbara Vine.

Monday 16 to Saturday 21 April

**The Kite Runner**

Based on Khaled Hosseini's best-selling novel, this is a haunting tale of friendship spanning cultures and continents.

Tuesday 24 to Saturday 28 April

**Turn of the Screw**

Henry James' classic ghost story.

Wednesday 2 May

**Shylock**

Guy Masterson portrays one of Shakespeare's finest character creations – villain or victim?



Guildford Shakespeare Company, Sonnet Walk Weekend (image from 2013)



The Case of the Frightened Lady, New Victoria Theatre, Woking PHOTO CREDIT: PAMELA RAITH PHOTOGRAPHY



Esther Yoo, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, G Live PHOTO CREDIT: MARCO BORGREVE



**Spotlight on...**

**Cadbury Easter egg trail**

National Trust properties

**See venues for dates**

Many National Trust venues offer a Cadbury Easter egg trail this Easter. Just a few are listed here, but see the Trust website at [nationaltrust.org.uk](http://nationaltrust.org.uk) for more. **Claremont Landscape Garden:** a nature-themed spring trail (30 March to 2 April). **Hatchlands Park:** a trail through the parkland for a chocolate prize (30 March to 2 April). **Leith Hill Place:** pick up a trail from the house (30 March to 2 April). **Polesden Lacey:** Help the animals of Polesden explore the woods in a Creature Comforts' trail (30 March to 15 April). **River Wey Navigations and Dapdune Wharf:** Easter-themed races, craft activities and a chocolate prize (30 March to 2 April). **Runnymede and Ankerwycke:** A spring trail for a chocolate prize at the site of politics and picnics for over 800 years (30 March to 2 April). **Winkworth Arboretum:** Spring trail and special activities for children (30 March to 2 April).

**Information:** [nationaltrust.org.uk](http://nationaltrust.org.uk)

Left: Easter at the National Trust PHOTO COPYRIGHT: NATIONAL TRUST IMAGES/MEGAN TAYLOR

**Music**

**Cranleigh Arts Centre**  
Cranleigh

**Tickets:** [cranleighartscentre.org](http://cranleighartscentre.org)

Thursday 26 April

**Farlowe, Anderson and Brooks**

An evening of blues, R&B and gospel.

**Epworth Choir**

Holy Trinity Church, Guildford

**Tickets:** [epworthchoir.org](http://epworthchoir.org)

Saturday 21 April

**60th anniversary concert**

The Choir will be joined by Epworth Brass in a concert in support of Surrey Young Carers.

**Farnham Maltings**

Farnham

**Tickets:** [farnhammaltings.co.uk](http://farnhammaltings.co.uk)

Friday 20 April

**Folk music night**

The best in original contemporary folk music from three local bands.

Friday 27 April

**Ruby Turner**

Talented R&B, soul and gospel singer performs.

**G Live**

Guildford

**Tickets:** [glive.co.uk](http://glive.co.uk)

Saturday 7 April

**Lisa Stansfield**

Fabulous singer and talented contributor to British soul.

Wednesday 2 May

**The Waterboys**

An extended band returns.

Thursday 3 May

**Royal Philharmonic Orchestra**

A concert featuring two Scandinavian works: *Grieg's Holberg Suite* and *Sibelius' Violin Concerto*, with young solo violinist Esther Yoo.

**Investec International Music Festival**

Various venues

**Information:** [iimf.co.uk](http://iimf.co.uk)

Thursday 19 April

**Insight evening at**

**The Lodge, Shere**

Sandy Burnett explores the music of this year's season, including the Belcea Quartet on 3 May and An Evening of Song on 4 May. See website for full programme details.

**Leith Hill Musical Festival**

Dorking Halls

**Information:** [lhmf.org.uk](http://lhmf.org.uk)

Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 April

**Competitions and concerts**

Three consecutive Festival days of choir competitions, rehearsals and evening concerts. See website for details of the full programme.

**Surrey Concerts**

Various venues

**Tickets:** [surreyconcerts.co.uk](http://surreyconcerts.co.uk)

Saturday 21 April

**An evening of opera with**

**Saira Luther and Emily Leather**

The performance takes place at St James' Church, Weybridge.

Saturday 28 April

**Jim Kelleher**

A musical tour of Europe with classical guitar music at St Andrew's Church, Cobham.

**The Boileroom**

Guildford

**Information:** [theboileroom.net](http://theboileroom.net)

Throughout the year

A creative community hub for music, the arts and events.

**Festivals**

**Farnham Beerex**

Farnham Maltings

**Tickets:** [farnhammaltings.co.uk](http://farnhammaltings.co.uk)

Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 April

With a range of real ales, ciders, food and live music.

**Lightbox Literary Festival**

The Lightbox Gallery and Museum, Woking

**Tickets:** [thelightbox.org.uk](http://thelightbox.org.uk)

Friday 20 to Sunday 29 April

The second Festival has an expanded schedule of events, including a Poetry Slam Day. See website for the full programme.

**The Surrey Food Festival**

Old Deer Park, Richmond-upon-Thames

**Tickets:** [surreyfoodfestival.com](http://surreyfoodfestival.com)

Saturday 21 April

Surrey's largest food festival has over one hundred food stalls showcasing a range of food and drink, demonstrations from traders and a KidsZone. Local charities will benefit from proceeds.

## Cinemas

**Cranleigh Arts Centre** 01483 278000 or [cranleighartscentre.org](http://cranleighartscentre.org)  
**Farnham Maltings** 02152 745444 or [farnhammaltings.com](http://farnhammaltings.com)  
**Odeon Esher** 0871 2244007 or [odeon.co.uk/fanatic/film\\_times/s89/esher](http://odeon.co.uk/fanatic/film_times/s89/esher)  
**Odeon Epsom** 0871 2244007 or [odeon.co.uk/fanatic/film\\_times/s88/epsom](http://odeon.co.uk/fanatic/film_times/s88/epsom)  
**Odeon Guildford** 0871 2244007 or [odeon.co.uk/fanatic/film\\_times/s92/guildford](http://odeon.co.uk/fanatic/film_times/s92/guildford)  
**The Screen Walton** 01932 252825 or [screencinemas.co.uk](http://screencinemas.co.uk)  
**The Ambassadors Cinema, Woking** 0844 871 6743 or [ambassadorstickets.com/cinema](http://ambassadorstickets.com/cinema)

## Exhibitions

### Dorking Museum

Dorking  
**Information:** [dorkingmuseum.org.uk](http://dorkingmuseum.org.uk)

To Friday 18 May  
**A New View**

Capel Camera Club exhibit images of Dorking landscapes.

### Guildford House Gallery

Guildford  
**Information:** [guildford.gov.uk/guildfordhouse](http://guildford.gov.uk/guildfordhouse)

Saturday 7 to Saturday 28 April  
**Surrey Photographic Association biennial exhibition**

Three classes of prints on show: Colour, Monochrome and Nature.

### Haslemere Museum

Haslemere  
**Information:** [haslemeremuseum.co.uk](http://haslemeremuseum.co.uk)

To Saturday 21 April  
**Shared Art Group: Moving Pictures**  
 Works using paint, glass, textiles and resin.

Wednesday 4 to Saturday 21 April  
**Inner Sounds: British Tapestry Group**  
 Hand-woven art from artists on the theme of *Inner Sounds*.

### Museum of Farnham

West Street, Farnham  
**Information:** [farnhammaltings.com/museum](http://farnhammaltings.com/museum)

To Saturday 2 June  
**Out of the dolls house: 100 years of women's suffrage and fashion**  
 How women's role has changed.

To Saturday 22 December  
**Behind Closed Doors: 300 years of Willmer House**  
 The Museum celebrates the 300th anniversary of its home.

### New Ashgate Gallery

Farnham  
**Information:** [newashgate.org.uk](http://newashgate.org.uk)

To Saturday 14 April  
**Rising Stars 2018**  
 New craft by emerging makers.

To Saturday 14 April  
**The Pastel Society**  
 Beautiful artworks on view from this society founded in 1898.

### The Lightbox Gallery and Museum

Woking  
**Information:** [thelightbox.org.uk](http://thelightbox.org.uk)

To Sunday 24 June  
**Picasso: Paper and Clay**  
 Celebrating the artist's experimentation with drawing, printmaking and ceramics. Also don't miss the additional photography exhibition: *Lee Miller: Picasso Portraits*.

### Watts Gallery

Compton, Guildford  
**Information:** [wattsgallery.org.uk](http://wattsgallery.org.uk)

Until Sunday 15 April  
**Horses in Art Reimagined**  
 Present-day depiction of the horse in art.

To Sunday 3 June  
**A Pre-Raphaelite Collection Unveiled: The Cecil French Bequest**  
 A 'forgotten' collection of artworks.



*Towards The West, A View of Golden Cap and The Jurassic Coast by Matthew Draper, The Pastel Society, New Ashgate Gallery*



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*Puttenham Common, Surrey Wildlife Trust PHOTO CREDIT: JON HAWKINS*

## National Trust

National Trust properties offer perfect venues to explore, especially at Easter. See our Spotlight on page 63 for details of Cadbury Easter egg trails and visit [nationaltrust.org.uk](http://nationaltrust.org.uk) for more information.

### Claremont Landscape Garden

Esher  
**Information:** 01372 467436

Tuesday 3 to Sunday 15 April  
**Spring holiday fun**  
 Explore the Garden with a family trail and spring crafts.

### Hatchlands Park

East Clandon  
**Information:** 01483 222482

Sunday 29 April  
**NGS bluebell day**  
 Visit the bluebells to support the National Garden Scheme.

### Polesden Lacey

Great Bookham, near Dorking  
**Information:** 01372 452048

To Thursday 3 May  
**Adventures in Asia: a socialite abroad**  
 Celebrating Maggie Grenville's travels throughout Asia in the twenties and thirties.

### Surrey Hills

Near Dorking  
**Information:** 01372 220644

Friday 30 March to Sunday 15 April  
**Spring holiday trail at Box Hill**  
 See how the woodland fairies have spun their magic at Box Hill.

### Winkworth Arboretum

Godalming  
**Information:** 01483 208936

Tuesday 3 to Sunday 15 April  
**Spring family trail**  
 Enjoy the outdoors and have fun with Winkworth's family trail.

## Out and about

### Albury Vineyard

Silent Pool, Albury  
**Tickets:** [alburyvineyard.com](http://alburyvineyard.com)

Sunday 8 April, 10am–12.30pm  
**Bee-keeping demonstration**  
 An introduction to bee-keeping from Sergio, bee farmer at Albury.

### Birdworld

Holt Pound, Farnham  
**Tickets:** [birdworld.co.uk](http://birdworld.co.uk)

To Sunday 15 April  
**Easter holiday 'eggstravaganza'**  
 Enjoy an Easter egg trail, crafts and entertainment, including the Jenny Wren Farm. Activities differ by date, so check website.

### British Wildlife Centre

Lingfield  
**Tickets:** [britishwildlifecentre.co.uk](http://britishwildlifecentre.co.uk)

Friday 30 March to Sunday 15 April  
**Easter holiday**  
 The Centre is open daily during the Easter holidays and is home to the UK's finest collection of native species. Don't miss Britain's first walk-through red squirrel enclosure. See website for details.

### Brooklands Museum

Weybridge  
**Tickets:** [brooklandsmuseum.com](http://brooklandsmuseum.com)

Tuesday 3 to Friday 13 April  
**Easter holiday family fun**  
 Car rides and an Easter egg trail.

Sunday 15 April  
**London Bus Museum**

**Spring Gathering**  
 The south east's biggest and longest-running bus show returns.

### Great Weybridge Cake Off

Artisan Food and Craft Market, Monument Green, Weybridge  
**Information:** [allaboutweybridge.co.uk/cakeoff](http://allaboutweybridge.co.uk/cakeoff)  
 Saturday 5 May  
 Various categories to enter: download a form from the website.



*Red squirrel, British Wildlife Centre PHOTO CREDIT: BRITISH WILDLIFE CENTRE*

### Hampton Court Palace

East Molesey  
**Tickets:** [hrp.org.uk](http://hrp.org.uk)

To Sunday 15 April  
**Lindt Gold Bunny hunt**  
 Easter family fun at the Palace.

### Kempton Park's Big Day Out

Sunbury-on-Thames  
**Tickets:** [kempton.co.uk](http://kempton.co.uk)

Saturday 7 April  
 Racing and DJ set.

### Loseley Park's Spring Garden Show

Guildford  
**Tickets:** [loseleypark.co.uk](http://loseleypark.co.uk)

Friday 20 to Sunday 22 April  
 Plant sales, garden stalls and more.

### RHS Wisley

Woking  
**Tickets:** [rhs.org.uk/wisley](http://rhs.org.uk/wisley)  
 Monday 30 April to Sunday 6 May

### National Gardening Week

Share a passion for plants at RHS Wisley.

### Rural Life Centre

Tilford, Farnham  
**Information:** [rural-life.org.uk](http://rural-life.org.uk)

Sunday 1 to Monday 2 April  
**Easter fun**  
 An Easter egg trail, Easter bonnet parade (Monday) and lots more.

### Surrey Wildlife Trust

Various locations  
**Information:** [surreywildlifetrust.org/events](http://surreywildlifetrust.org/events)

Sunday 8 April, 2–4pm  
**Spring in Banstead Wood**  
 See the wildflower carpets of spring in this woodland setting.

Saturday 5 May, 5–6.30am  
**Early bird catches the worm at Puttenham**

As dawn breaks, witness the countryside come alive.

## Farmers' markets

**Camberley** Saturday 21 April, 10am–3pm  
**Cranleigh** Every Friday, 9.30–11am  
**Epsom** Sunday 1 April and 6 May, 9.30am–1.30pm  
**Farnham** Sunday 22 April, 10am–1.30pm  
**Guildford** Tuesday 3 April and 1 May, 10.30am–3.30pm  
**Haslemere** Sunday 1 April and 6 May, 10am–1.30pm  
**Milford** Sunday 15 April, 10am–1.30pm  
**Ripley** Saturday 14 April, 9am–1pm  
**Walton-on-Thames** Saturday 7 April and 5 May, 9.30am–2pm  
**Woking** Thursday 5 April and 3 May, 9am–2pm