



# Bourne Hall Museum Kids Club

bringing history alive



Summer

Activities

July—August

2013





## **Horrible Ewell Walk**

### **Wednesday 31 July 2pm**

Discover Ewell's dark past and remember the tales that some would rather forget. Learn about exploding gunpowder mills and visit the graveyard of St Mary's where their victims lie. Discover folk who lived locally and just won't stay dead! Hear tales of witches and horrible murder, funerals without a body, tragic coach crashes and ghosts!

Our tour around the village will end with a visit to Ewell's historic jail and a chance to find out first-hand what an 18th century prison was like. Be careful not to be left behind!

Price £4 per person. Places limited to 25 and must be pre-booked with David Brooks

Please meet at the main entrance to Bourne Hall.



## **Ancient Warfare Thursday 1 Aug**

**11am—12.30pm - Greeks**

**2pm—3.30pm - Romans**

With our visiting Greek and Roman soldier discover the art of ancient warfare over two sessions and see the differences between the Greek and Roman Armies. In the morning learn about the Greek city states of Athens and Sparta and their persistent quarrels. Hear how the Battle of Marathon was won against all the odds.

In the afternoon discover the weapons and armour of the Roman Army. Learn how they conquered the Ancient Britons and how their arrival changed this country forever.

Price £4 per child per session or £7 for both sessions.



## **The Rockman Tuesday 6 Aug** **11am 12.30pm - Earth & Rocks** **2pm—3.30pm - Dinosaurs**

Meet Graham Woollard, otherwise known as The Rockman, fossil hunter extraordinaire, and explore earth's amazing history

Morning session - Discover how the earth was formed and became the land we know today. Learn about the incredible secrets that lie below the earth's crust and how to identify the rocks around us.

Afternoon session - Explore the fantastic world of fossils and dinosaurs. See The Rockman's amazing collection of genuine and replica fossils and meet his tame dinosaurs! Learn where to search for and how to identify fossils .

Price £4 per child per session or £7 for both sessions.

## **Horrible Epsom Walk** **Wednesday 7 Aug 2pm**

See beneath Epsom's genteel surface and stroll around its ancient centre; discovering on your way the dark deeds, wrongdoings and ghosts of days gone past.

Hear tales about Epsom's own highwayman and the life of the evil Lord Rochester, together with the even more wicked Lord Lytton. Relive the time when Epsom's spa was at the height of fashion and decide for yourself if you would have liked to visit and spend a night in the town.

Price £4 per person. Places limited to 25 and must be pre-booked with David Brooks.

Please meet at the Clock Tower in the market place.





## Nonsuch Park & Palace Walk

### Tuesday 13 Aug 2pm

Enjoy a guided walk around Nonsuch Park and explore the history behind the beautiful landscape. See where the original palace and its banqueting hall once stood and understand how it dominated the local area.

Hear stories of luxurious palaces, royalty, lost churches and ghosts. Listen to tales of battles and discover how warfare has touched this ancient landscape. Discover which famous television presenter's ancestors used to live here and how a Queen once came to tea.

Price £4 per person. Places limited to 25 and must be pre-booked with David Brooks.

Please meet on the lawn opposite the café in Nonsuch Mansion House. Nearest car park entry from Cheam Road, A232.

## Hidden Ewell Walk

### Wednesday 14 Aug 2pm



Peel back time and discover Ewell's hidden past and unseen history with a guided walk around the village. A settlement since pre-historic times, Ewell has a rich history concealed beneath the modern village.

Visit Bourne Hall's sacred lake with its Bronze Age and Roman offerings to ancient gods. Tread in the footsteps of the Romans on Stane Street and discover their sacred shafts. Learn about the village's Saxon cemetery and its long-lost church. Relive the terror of exploding gunpowder mills and the splendour of Nonsuch Palace.

Price £4 per person. Places limited to 25 and must be pre-booked with David Brooks. Please meet at the main entrance to Bourne Hall.



## King Raedwald Thursday 15 Aug

11am—12.30pm Saxon Secrets

2pm—3.30pm Beowulf

The Saxon King Raedwald rises from his grave at Sutton Hoo and returns to reveal his secrets.

Morning Session Discover why he was such an esteemed warrior king and how he was able to

amass such amazing treasure and wealth. Learn about the rituals of his amazing ship burial at Sutton Hoo. Dressed in his full armour, experience Saxon royalty in all its glory.

Afternoon Session Listen entranced as King Raedwald tells the magical and heroic legend of Beowulf. Learn what parts of the tale are fact or fiction. Discover what ordinary life was like in 7th century East Anglia as the King sheds some light on the so called dark ages of British history.

Price £4 per child per session or £7 for both sessions.

## Epsom Common & Manor

Park Walk

Wednesday 21 Aug 2pm



Explore the ancient village of Stamford and the surrounding area of Epsom Common. Why was this land chosen to be lived on? Visit the medieval landscape of Horton and the long-disappeared moated manor house.

Discover Epsom's importance to the defence of London in the event of a German invasion of Britain in World War 2. See where men would have been expected to stand to the last whilst facing Nazi tanks.

Price £4 per person. Places limited to 25 and must be pre-booked with David Brooks.

Please meet by the pond on Stamford Green.

## Myths and Legends Thursday 22 Aug

11am—12.30pm Greek Myths

2pm—3.30pm British Myths



What makes a good myth?

Find out at one of our workshops with a professional storyteller, where you can listen to either the monsters and heroes from Greek mythology or the tales of Robin Hood and King Arthur from Britain. Decide for yourself how true the stories are. Take the challenge to bring the tales up to date by joining to write a modern rap.

Price £4 per child per session or £7 for both sessions



## Ashley Road Cemetery Walk

Tuesday 27 Aug 2pm

A gentle stroll visiting the final resting place of Epsom's Lords, Ladies and townsfolk

since Elizabeth Dorling, Mrs Beeton's mother, enjoyed the dubious accolade of being the first person to be interred in 1871, but the first burial was much earlier.

Find the famous; from war heroes and a Victoria Cross winner, to exotic dancers, jockeys and politicians. Discover their impact on the Borough or the wider world through their words and deeds. Understand why Epsom's war memorial is situated here rather than in the Town Centre.

Price £4 per person. Places limited to 25 and must be pre-booked with David Brooks.

Please meet at the main gate to the cemetery.

## Horrible Ewell Walk

**Wednesday 28 Aug 2pm**

Another opportunity to discover Ewell's dark past and remember the tales that some would rather forget.

Learn about exploding gunpowder mills and visit the graveyard of St Mary's where their victims lie. Discover folk who lived locally and just won't stay dead! Hear tales of witches and horrible murder, funerals without a body, tragic coach crashes and ghosts!

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## Take Aim, Fire! Thursday 29 Aug

**11.00am – 12.30pm**

**2pm – 3.30pm**

A Museum Club special event to be held in the grounds of Bourne Hall. Discover what life was like during the 18th century in the army of King George. Meet a visiting artillery battery together with some infantrymen. Learn about their roles in battle and how effective they could be against the armies of Napoleon. Watch and hear them fire their mortars and see them demonstrate their musket drill. Learn how the weapons worked and if they were easy to use. Have the opportunity to take the King's shilling and become a recruit. All recruits will have the opportunity to fire a musket.

Price £4 per child.

Each session is limited to 25 children so pre-booking is essential. Please meet in the main foyer for the start of each session.

# The Virgin Queen

Saturday 14 Sept 1pm—2.30pm



Queen Elizabeth I will pay a visit to Ewell and her palace at Nonsuch. Become a temporary member of her court and discover what life was like in the Elizabethan age.

Price £4 per child

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Bourne Hall Museum Kid's Club is for children who love history and like to have fun while learning about it. We travel back through time to discover the past and its people, encompassing all periods of history from the deepest Stone Age to the Home Front in Epsom during World War 2. A selection of our previous time travels include:

- joining the Roman army,
- discovering the Iron Age,
- surviving the Stone Age,
- discovering Ewell's horrible history,
- entering gladiator school,
- seeing what life was like for a Victorian child,
- experiencing life on the Home Front in Epsom & Ewell,

Through a combination of hands-on experience, visiting experts, many of whom have worked in television, including Horrible Histories, and a coming together of enthusiastic minds we aim to have fun and learn together.

The club usually meets on the second Saturday of each month at Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF between 1.00pm and 2.30pm and costs £4 per child for each session. There is no annual membership fee and members are free to come to as many events as they choose.

For more information or to be added to our mailing list please contact David Brooks, [dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk) or 020 8394 1734

Details of forthcoming events may be found at;

<http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/BourneHallMuseumClub.html>