

Kent History Federation

List Guided Tours

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Please note the Federation publishes this List of Guided Tours in good faith but would remind members that the list should not be taken as a recommendation.

Whilst every care has been taken in its preparation, it is accepted that other tours may be worthy of inclusion. Societies and individuals can help by drawing attention to other tours who can then be contacted by the KHF for possible addition to the list. It is also important to inform the KHF of any knowledge of amendments, which should be made.

Please address all amendments and recommendations to the Hon. Editor of the Journal of Kent History. Regular amendments, additions, and deletions shall be published in the *Journal of Kent History* in the next available publication. Updates to the online list will be amended as soon as possible.

Aylesford	John E Vigar MA FSA Scot FRSA Trehaun 20 City Way Rochester Kent ME1 2AB Tel: 01634 400075 Mobile : 07962 368062 john@johnevigar.com www.johnevigar.com	Specialist tours of Kent and Sussex Churches for parties. Car or coach tours, all churches specially opened, tour of each one, Suggest four in a day chosen for their unique features. Areas to be visited, fees, size of groups by arrangement	Guided walks of Aylesford Village — where England began. Teas available parties up to 50 welcome
Chalk, Cliffe, Dartford, Gravesend, Swanscombe	Christoph Bull BA Hons, MCLIP, ALA I Miller Road Chalk Kent, DA12 4TP Tel: 01474 320156 Email: christoph.bull@talktalk.net	Fee: £60 (2013)	Guided Tours/Walks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chalk Village • Chalk Parish Footpaths • Chalk Church (including the tower) • St Helen’s church, Cliffe • SS Peter & Paul’s’ church, Swanscombe • Dartford Central Library (Historical tour of magnificent Carnegie building inside & out) • Gravesend Central Library (Historical tour) • Gravesend town centre: walking the historical spine of a Kentish riverside town. • Swanley town: a blooming Kentish railway town. • Guided walk of East Chalk & the churchyard. • Swanscombe Town: Kentish industrial revolution revealed • Shorne Village • Greenhithe village • Northfleet: Cement, Civil War and Civic pride • St Mary Hoo – a marshland gem • Gravesend Riverside
Charing	The Charing and District LHS Email: walkabouts@charinghistory.co.uk	10 – 40 people Fee: £2 per person Teas can be arranged if pre-booked Tours takes approximately two hours	The tour will include a visit to the 13th Century Church followed by a perambulation of the medieval High Street

Eden Valley Museum	www.evmt.org.uk curator@evmt.org.uk @EdenMuseumKent 01732 868102	Free Each walk is roughly an hour and includes a highlight tour of the Medieval Market Town 2015 Walk dates are as follows: 13 June (6:30pm) 11 July (2pm) 8 August (6:30pm) 12 September (2pm)	Explore historic Edenbridge. Walk along the old Roman Road and under the Old Crown Inn signboard, unique within Kent. Discover the stories of the buildings, industry, and people of Edenbridge in days gone by. The museum will be open afterwards.
Faversham	The Faversham Society Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre 10-13 Preston Street Faversham Kent ME 13 8NS Tel: 01795 534542 ticfaversham@btconnect.com www.faversham.org	Tours: £3:50 per head Museum: £3 Concessions : £1.50 Guided tours of the Town of Faversham. There are regular tours every Saturday April – October, 10:30am - 12 pm, from the Heritage Centre (these tours cater for individuals not parties) Town Heritage walks for groups can usually be arranged in advance for any day of the week by contacting the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre. We can recommend eating places	Guided Tours: Town of Faversham. Every effort will be made to include items specifically requested. Usually includes: Fleur De Lis Heritage Centre, Mediaeval Town Centre and Abbey Street, the Church of St Mary of Charity. Chart Gunpowder Mills and Maison Dieu can be included on request
Headcorn	Headcorn Local History Society Mr T C Thomas 23 Brooklands Headcorn Kent TN27 9QS Tel: 01622 890270 www.headcorn.org.uk	Times to suit parties, subject to helpers being available. Teas are available at the coffee shops and tearooms in the village. We can arrange a reservation, if required.	Escorted tour covering Parish Church and Centre of Headcorn on foot. We do not make a formal charge, but a donation to the Society would always be welcome.
Hythe	Hythe Civic Society Mrs Sally Chesters 30 Castle Road Hythe Kent CT21 5HN Tel: 01303 266118 chestersnsl@btinternet.com	Walks led by a member of Hythe Civic Society take place every Thursday, June to September and every day during Hythe Festival Week Meet Hythe Town Hall, High Street, Hythe at 10:30am Cost: 50p (Crypt extra)	“A History of Hythe and the Cinque Ports” A Walk around the old town taking in historic buildings, St Leonard’s Church and crypt and the Royal Military Canal Walk lasts 1½ hours — distance 1 mile
Lydd	Friends of Lydd	The FOL runs the Lydd Town Museum, which is	The FOL conducts tours around Lydd Town area and covers historic

	lyddtownmuseum@btinternet.com www.lyddtownmuseum.co.uk	opened on Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday, plus other Bank Holiday weekends then daily for the whole of the summer school holidays, followed by weekends only until the end of October	buildings which can be entered at certain times and includes the museum. Time taken approximately 2 hours. These tours take place on Wednesday afternoons during summer months. Meet outside All Saints Church at 2 pm. Cost £2 per adult, accompanied children free. Walks for groups can be arranged at a time to suit. Email for details
Sandwich	Sandwich Local History Society Dr Mike Vaile Tel: 01227 722324. mike.vaile@zen.co.uk	Provides guides for walkabouts Teas available in the Town. Donation please of £2 per member going on the tour	Sandwich Town Walks
Sheppey	Sheppey Local History Society Mr K J Fryer 10 Coronation Road Sheerness Kent ME12 2QN	Full, half day and evening programmes with meals of snacks throughout the year. Can be made to suit the interest of the Group. Donation to Society and Churches visited	Tours of any length on Sheppey with guide Sheppey venues: Town tour on foot in Sheerness or Queenborough. Special visit to local attractions e.g. Gatehouse Museum, Battle of Britain Laze, Queenborough Guildhall, Historic Churches at Minster, Hartly, Eastchurch and Queenborough
Smeden	Smeden LHS Programme Secretary Marilyn Ferris Bakers Bridge Cottage Pluckley Road Smarden TN27 8NJ Tel: 01233 770353 smardenlhs@gmail.com	A trail through the medieval village centre with over 20 listed buildings including the 14 th C parish church and Smarden Heritage Centre with afternoon tea, an illustrated Smarden Village talk (other talks are available to suit specific interests) and Town Trail colour leaflet. Visits last about 2½ hours and are available by arrangement. Ample parking available at the Charter Hall	An illustrated talk and a walk through our medieval village to the 14th C parish church for a guided tour followed by afternoon tea
Tenterden	Tenterden Town Tours Tenterden and District Historical Soc Contact: Mrs Sugden Tel: 01580 765581 Email: jean@aejf-sugden.co.uk	Between March and October, groups especially welcome, £2 per person, we do not organise refreshments but are able to recommend local caterers.	The tour which takes approximately one and a quarter hours, guides you round the historic town of Tenterden giving a brief description and history of the buildings
Tonbridge	Tonbridge Castle and Tonbridge Mrs Pat Mortlock 6 Keswick Close Tonbridge Kent TN9 1LP	Please contact Mrs Mortlock for details	1. Tour of Tonbridge Castle 2. Tour of Tonbridge Town

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Wingham	Wingham Local History Society Dr David Eaves 1 The Green Keeper's Hill Patixbourne Canterbury Kent CT4 5BS Tel: 01227 833866 Eaves599@btinternet.com	Anytime Fee: Please enquire	Guided walks around Wingham