

## Points of Historical Interest on the Tilford and Frensham Walk for Farnham Walking Festival

- 1 Lutyens designed Tilford Institute and Cricket Pavilion facing cricket green was one of his earliest designs of 1893
- 2 Tilford Bridge History: This may be one of the best preserved pack horse bridges in the country constructed about 1128 and is a scheduled ancient monument.
- 3 Tilford Water Mill History: There was a fulling mill on this site from 1367 and Corn Milling was introduced in 1679 and continued until 1850 when the Mill house was then demolished.
- 4 Lime Kiln History: From Roman times and the earliest Kilns were egg shaped and used to produce Lime used in building mortars and as a stabilizer in mud renders. Lime was also used in Agriculture to reduce the acidity in soils.
- 5 Pierrepoint Farm: Donated by Jo Baker to the Countryside Restoration Trust who want to preserve wildlife working Farms to show they can be profitable to keep the countryside alive. The 200 acre Farm is one of very few working milking farms in Surrey with a heard of Jersey Cows complete with a very up to date self-milking parlour.
- 6 Frensham Little Pond History: Owned and manged by the National Trust is man-made and was formed when a dam was built in 1246 by Bondsmen on orders from William de Raleigh the Bishop of Winchester. The bondsmen were unhappy about been made to do this extra work and went on strike one of the first in England. The Bishop in the end paid then extra. The Pond was to supply fish when the Bishop was in residence at Farnham Castle and was drained every few years to gather fish.
- 7 The 13<sup>th</sup> century Tilford West Bridge: The old and the new have been brought together here. The 13<sup>th</sup> century Tilford west pack horse bridge an English Heritage ancient monument across The River Wey now closed to motor traffic. The newer bridge built to replace the bridge built by the Army in 1941. This scheme was a finalist in the PM awards in 2007 because of the use on materials blending with the old bridge and well into the landscape.
- 8 Tilford Oak History: It is thought to be about 800 years old. William Cobbet commented in 1822, it is the finest tree I have seen in my life, sadly its extreme age nearly 200 years on has now taken its toll.
- 9 Stockbridge Pond: I understand this pond was also built to supply fish for the Bishop of Winchester at Farnham Castle. It's now well used by Farnham Angling Society.