

CRANBROOK MUSEUM

The Museum is situated in Carriers Road, in a fine old 15th century building. Once a rectory, farm bailiff's house and artisans' cottages, it now houses the Museum, which is



arranged over three floors with thirteen rooms displaying a far reaching account of Cranbrook's past.

Come and explore broadcloth and boot making, rope making and rare birds, coinage and costumes, artists and artisans, mantraps and mangles. Visit the Victorian kitchen, remember hop picking and the railway branch line, see the schools, church and chapels and the room dedicated to the 19th century Cranbrook Colony of Artists.

There is also comprehensive archive resources for family and local history research, together with local history publications for sale.

The Museum is open from April to October, Tuesday to Saturday and Bank Holiday Mondays, 2.00 to 4.30pm.

Entry is free but donations are gratefully accepted.

www.cranbrookmuseum.org

WALKING IN THE AREA

Cranbrook and Sissinghurst are particularly well served with public footpaths to suit both the experienced and inexperienced walker. A collection of six circular walks through the stunning countryside around Cranbrook, Sissinghurst, Benenden, Goudhurst and Bedgebury are available in a handy guide entitled, "A Walk Through Time". Copies are free and can be obtained at the Weald Information Centre in Stone Street.

PARKING IN CRANBROOK

There are three town centre car parks and all are free of charge.

WEALD INFORMATION CENTRE

The Information Centre is situated at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook TN17 3HF. The offices are shared by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and Cranbrook & Sissinghurst Parish Council and are open from Monday to Friday.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Cranbrook is served by the following buses : No.5 Maidstone to Sandhurst and No.297 Tenterden to Tunbridge Wells (Mondays to Saturdays). The nearest railway station is at Staplehurst (5 miles) where there are frequent services to London or Dover and Canterbury. The No.5 bus passes the station.

CHURCH SERVICES

St.Dunstan's (Church of England), St.Theodor's (Roman Catholic), Congregational Church, Strict Baptist Chapel and The Vine Church are all located within the Town. Trinity Church can be found in Sissinghurst.

CRANBROOK & SISSINGHURST PARISH COUNCIL

The office is located in the Weald Information Centre. Visit the Council's website www.cranbrookandsissinghurstpc.co.uk for information about the Parish and details of what's on. There is also a useful business directory.

OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST

Bedgebury National Pinetum and Forest. Ideal for walking, cycling, running and riding, Bedgebury is in nearby Goudhurst. For information : www.bedgebury@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Hole Park Gardens and House are located between Cranbrook and the village of Rolvenden. The 15 acre garden is attractively laid out and highly rated. For opening times and information visit : www.holepark.com or telephone 01580-241344.

Scotney Castle is located just off the A21 road near Lamberhurst and is a National Trust property combining a moated castle, romantic garden and country house. For opening times visit www.scotneycastle@nationaltrust.org.uk or telephone 01892-893820.



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Discover Cranbrook



Ideas for spending a day or two in
our picturesque market town

St.DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

St.Dunstan's is known locally as the "Cathedral of the Weald", because of its size and splendour, although it is not a true cathedral but a large and impressive parish church. It reflects the wealth of Flemish weavers who settled in Cranbrook during the 1330s and sparked a rich 250 year period of local prosperity and growth. The building you see today dates back to 1550, but a church has been on the site from as early as the 11th century.



Highlights of any visit to St.Dunstan's include the beautiful stained glass windows, magnificent medieval

green men carvings, a unique immersion font, some fascinating connection to early American settlers and extraordinary gothic architecture.

www.fostd.org



CRANBROOK UNION WINDMILL

Cranbrook's windmill is situated within the town and is England's tallest "smock" mill. It has 7 floors and is 72ft high. It is fully operational and produces genuine stone ground flour.

Climb to the top for a fantastic panoramic view of the medieval town. There is much to see on each floor. It is great for children too - they can play with models to make flour the old fashioned way, do quizzes and climb to the top of the mill and get a certificate.

Run by enthusiastic volunteers, the windmill is open April to September on Saturdays and Bank Holiday Mondays and from mid July to the end of August is also open Sundays and Wednesdays. Opening times are 2.30 - 5.00pm. Entrance is free and donations are welcome.

Cranbrook Union Windmill,
The Hill, Cranbrook, TN17 3AW.
www.unionmill.org.uk



CRANBROOK in BLOOM

Cranbrook in Bloom are a group of volunteers who maintain the floral displays in the town and each year aim to improve other areas of the town by incorporating permanent planting and seasonal bulbs. There are some "hidden gems" both in the town centre



and outskirts e.g. The amazing Wilsley Pound roundabout on the A229/A262 road. The Forge Orchard located near Wilsley Green in Waterloo Road and the "Roadside Nature Reserve" to the south of the High Street. The natural pond within the

library grounds in Carriers Road was rescued and is maintained by the group, who are also actively involved in the ongoing landscaping and floral displays in the Regal Car Park.

The group have achieved regular successes in the RHS and South East in Bloom competition and also compete at national level, with some success, in the Britain in Bloom competition.

www.cranbrookinbloom.co.uk

SISSINGHURST CASTLE GARDEN

The world famous National Trust gardens are situated in the nearby village of Sissinghurst just off the A262 road. The garden sits within the ruin of the great Elizabethan house, surrounded by the rich Kentish landscape of woods, streams and farmland. Access is to the gardens, tower, library and wider estate. There is a restaurant and cafe on site in addition to a well stocked shop. For opening times visit

www.sissinghurst@nationaltrust.org.uk
or telephone 01580-710700

