

DORKING  
**ARTISAN**  
MARKET

ON THE FIRST SUNDAY  
OF EVERY MONTH\*

Dorking's West Street car park is the home to a monthly, antique inspired market, offering a fresh and 'new to-Dorking' selection of:

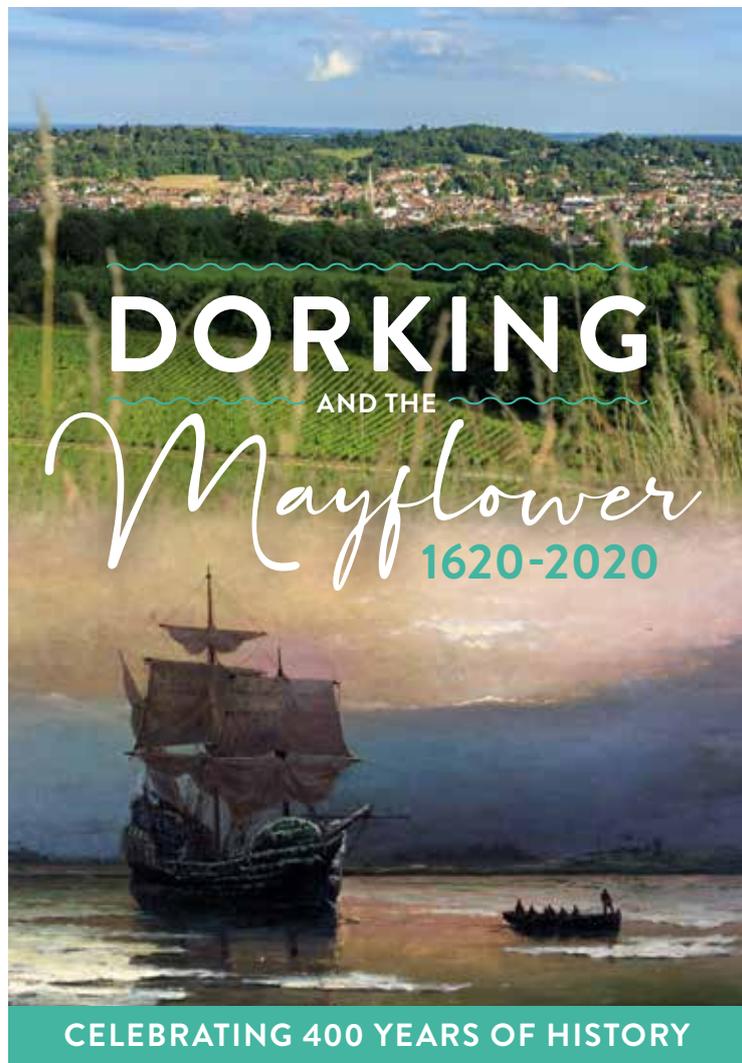
JUNKYQUES	FLOWERS
VINTAGE BROCANTE	ARTISAN FOOD
VINTAGE CLOTHING	ARTS AND CRAFTS

to complement our already fabulous  
small independent shops, cafes and businesses.

Dorking Artisan Market takes place in West Street car park, located between West Street and Church Street. Car parking is free on Sundays in all of Dorking's council owned car parks (parking will be unavailable in West Street car park for the duration of the market).

\*Subject to change. For more information and confirmed dates please visit [hellodorking.com/dorking-artisan-market](http://hellodorking.com/dorking-artisan-market)

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# Welcome to **DORKING**

**The town in the heart of the Surrey Hills –  
an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty  
– with a unique link to the Pilgrim Fathers**

Cradled in a valley between capital and coast,  
there is so much to discover in Dorking.

Quirky independent shops and stylish boutiques.  
Artisans, antiques and art. Woodland walks and sports.  
Live music, dance and theatre. Markets and museum tours.  
Mouth-watering menus showcasing award-winning local  
produce.... Just a taste of what makes Dorking so special.

Four centuries ago, William Mullins, his wife and two of  
their children departed Dorking for an epic journey on the  
Mayflower. Their future in the New World uncertain.

Walk in William's footsteps through Dorking and we're  
certain you'll agree time spent here is time well spent.

Welcome to our beautiful town. What will you discover in Dorking?

For more information on all the town has to offer,  
visit [www.hellodorking.com](http://www.hellodorking.com)

## MAYFLOWER CELEBRATIONS

Special events to mark the Mayflower's anniversary are planned  
throughout 2020, so you can join the celebrations whenever you visit.  
Read on for details and visit [hellodorking.com/celebrate-mayflower-400](http://hellodorking.com/celebrate-mayflower-400)



PICS: JOHN MILLER

### DID YOU KNOW?

William Mullins' house  
on West Street, is the  
only surviving home of  
a Pilgrim Father. His  
daughter Priscilla is revered  
as the founder of the  
United States.

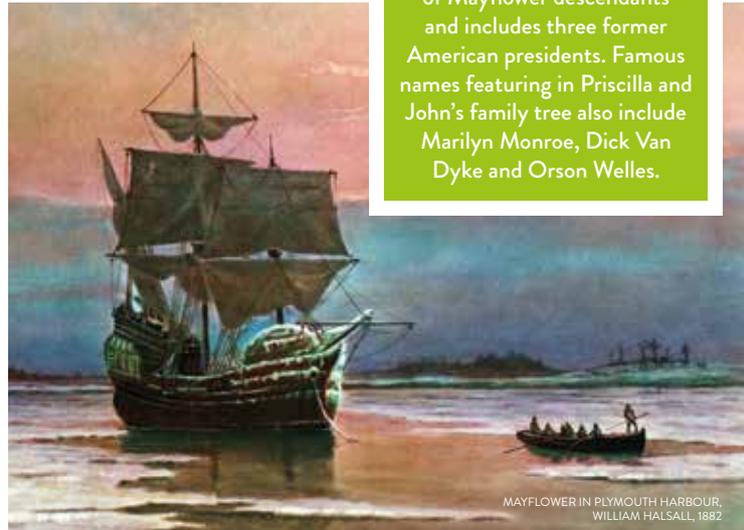


# WILLIAM MULLINS and the *Mayflower*

## Dorking's most famous son - his former home now a place of pilgrimage for Mayflower descendants

William bought his West Street home in 1612 and sold it 7 years later to invest in the Mayflower enterprise. We may never know why he decided to leave Dorking for such a perilous adventure with his wife Alice and two of his four children - teenage daughter Priscilla and young son Joseph. Was it for religious or economic reasons, or both? We do know, however, that shoe-maker William intended to establish a business in the new colony, taking 265 pairs of shoes and boots with him.

A delayed start to the voyage had disastrous consequences. Finally departing Plymouth on 16 September 1620, the Mayflower's passengers and crew endured treacherous storms crossing the Atlantic. In November, after 8 weeks at sea, the Mayflower reached Massachusetts instead of Virginia, its intended destination. ➤



### THE MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

Priscilla Mullins married John Alden and had at least 10 children and 71 grandchildren. Their's is one of the largest groups of Mayflower descendants and includes three former American presidents. Famous names featuring in Priscilla and John's family tree also include Marilyn Monroe, Dick Van Dyke and Orson Welles.

MAYFLOWER IN PLYMOUTH HARBOUR, WILLIAM HALSALL, 1882

Harsh weather conditions, sickness and lack of crops took their toll. The colony of just over 100 men, women and children was reduced drastically in its first year. William, Alice, Joseph and their servant Robert Carter, also from Dorking, all died within a few months of arriving.

Orphaned, Priscilla survived and married the ship's cooper, John Alden. After a few years, with the original colony growing, they settled further north in Duxbury where they raised a large family. In the United States, Priscilla is regarded as one of the founders of the nation, with many of her descendants still alive today.

The Dorking left behind by William and his family has evolved and grown, but its connection to the Pilgrim Fathers remains a unique part of the Mayflower story and Dorking's too.

### WATCH

Explore Dorking's fascinating history - watch a video celebrating William Mullins and Dorking's heritage: [hellodorking.com/celebrate-mayflower-400](https://hellodorking.com/celebrate-mayflower-400)



### MAYFLOWER GUIDED WALKS

The Dorking Museum on West Street is running a number of Mayflower Guided Walks around the town. For more information, see opposite page and visit [dorkingmuseum.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dorking](https://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dorking)

# What's on in DORKING

For more information on all these events, please visit [hellodorking.com/celebrate-mayflower-400](https://hellodorking.com/celebrate-mayflower-400)

To celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower, there's a special programme of events with something for everyone!

### HERITAGE OPEN DAY WALKS DORKING IN THE TIME OF THE MAYFLOWER

**Sunday 22nd September 2019**

Just one of the special free Heritage Open Day walks. Details available from [heritageopendays.org.uk](https://heritageopendays.org.uk).

### MAYFLOWER 400 DORKING IN THE TIME OF WILLIAM MULLINS

**Sunday October 13th &  
Sunday November 17th 2019**

Guided 90 minute walks leave from Dorking Museum at 2pm. Tickets £3 per person can be booked on the Museum website [dorkingmuseum.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dorking](https://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dorking)

### MAYFLOWER EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday 4th -**

**Sunday 19th April 2020**

Join our special Easter trail through the town, supported by over 130

shops and businesses. Family fun throughout the Easter holidays. Details from [friendsofdorking.org](https://friendsofdorking.org)

### MAYFLOWER 400 EXHIBITION - DORKING IN 1620

**September 2020 - January 2021**

Visit Dorking Museum to learn more about William Mullins and the Mayflower from a local perspective. 10am - 4pm Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Group bookings by appointment - email [admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk](mailto:admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk)

### MAYFLOWER HALLOWEEN HUNT

**Saturday 24th October to  
Sunday 1st November 2020**

A 'ghoulish' take on our Easter Egg Hunt, with over 130 spooky characters hidden in shop windows around the town. More free family fun. Details from [friendsofdorking.org](https://friendsofdorking.org)

DORKING WEST



CHALKPIT LANE

Meadowbank Football Ground



Meadowbank Park



DORKING & DORKING DEEPDENE



Box Hill

A25 REIGATE RD



## EXPLORE DORKING

Nestled in the heart of the Surrey Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the town and its surrounding areas are just waiting to be explored

**Access:** The town is perfectly located between London and the south coast, with access into the capital in under an hour by train



STATION ROAD

DORKING MUSEUM



THE WHITE HORSE



DORKING HALLS



Cotmandene

HIGH STREET

WEST STREET



GUILDFORD

A25 VINCENT LANE

SOUTH STREET



Rose Hill



HORSHAM

A24 DEEPDENE AVENUE

The Deepdene Trail



# Get out and **ABOUT**

**The chalky slopes of Box Hill, a lively high street and breathtaking countryside make this serene corner of Surrey a perfect place to visit**

There's a lot to do in Dorking. Stroll through the town. Enjoy some retail therapy. Refuel and refresh in Dorking's bars and restaurants. Haute cuisine or casual dining go equally well with our award-winning craft beers, wines and spirits. Watch a film or a show. Relax in the open spaces surrounding the town or picnic in the park at its centre.

Make time to explore a little further afield too. Visit one of our neighbours for picture-perfect village greens, quaint churches, country pubs and coffee shops. Watch cricket, football, rugby or bowls. Follow the meandering river.

Or climb out of the valley on foot or a bicycle for far-reaching views that are simply too good to miss.

## **TOWER ABOVE THE TOWN**

Views that await you from the top of Leith Hill Tower, the highest point in the South East, stretch from capital to coast. London's skyline to the north and, southwards, a glimpse of the sea.

[nationaltrust.org.uk/leith-hill-tower-and-countryside](https://nationaltrust.org.uk/leith-hill-tower-and-countryside)



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Charles Dickens wrote much of his *Pickwick Papers* whilst staying in Dorking at the White Horse and based many of the characters on local people.



# 10 things you must do WHILE IN DORKING

## 1 RETAIL THERAPY

Throughout the town, Dorking's eclectic mix of shops and market stalls offers something for everyone. Treat yourself to something unique or choose gifts for family and friends. Visit West Street's specialist art and antiques shops or the Artisan Market for bargains from a bygone era and retrace William Mullins' footsteps.

[hellodorking.com/dorking-artisan-market](http://hellodorking.com/dorking-artisan-market)



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### GO WINE, BEER OR GIN TASTING

Denbies Wine Estate, Surrey Hills Brewery and the Gin Kitchen offer home-grown delights. Take a Denbies train tour around the UK's largest vineyard. Visit the brewery whilst you are there. Pop in to the Gin Kitchen in Punchbowl Lane to discover why Dorking's micro gin distillery is big news.

[denbies.co.uk](http://denbies.co.uk) [surreyhills.co.uk](http://surreyhills.co.uk) [gin.kitchen](http://gin.kitchen)

## TAKE IN A SHOW

Minutes from the centre of town, our popular Art Deco theatre and cinema, Dorking Halls, is the place to enjoy shows, top comics, live music, interesting talks and the latest films. Head to the bar for refreshments or relax in the cafe with some excellent coffee and cake before curtain-up.

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

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## WINE AND DINE

Breakfast, brunch, lunch, afternoon tea or fine dining...You'll find plenty of delights eating out in Dorking, including traditional treats, international cuisine and dishes where local flavours are the star. AA Restaurant of the Year and Michelin-starred Sorrel in South Street is the jewel in Dorking's culinary crown.

[sorrelrestaurant.co.uk](http://sorrelrestaurant.co.uk)

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## PEDAL POWER

Popular with cyclists since the 19th century, Dorking rose to international fame during the London 2012 Olympics. The record ascent for Box Hill's famous 1.5 mile Zig Zag - voted Europe's best by cyclists - is 4 minutes 37 seconds, but feel free to take your time and enjoy the scenic splendour!

[hellodorking.com/cycle-trails](http://hellodorking.com/cycle-trails)

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## STEP BACK IN TIME

Delve in to Dorking's past with exhibitions, events, archives and activities at Dorking Museum, including a permanent display linked to the Mayflower and William Mullins. You can also head underground for a tour of Dorking's Caves to discover what this unique subterranean network of chambers was used for.

[dorkingmuseum.org.uk](http://dorkingmuseum.org.uk)



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
The Dorking Cockerel has long been the town's mascot. Bred by the Romans, this unique species features five claws and was a favourite on Queen Victoria's dining table.



## VISIT BOX HILL

The North Downs summit offers spectacular views and is as popular with walkers as it is cyclists. Routes vary from a short stroll to an 8-mile hike. Join a guided walk to learn about Box Hill's unique history, flora and features. A visit to the stepping stones is a must.

[nationaltrust.org.uk/box-hill](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/box-hill)

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## WALK THIS WAY

There are many wonderful walks in and around Dorking. Why not join a themed history walk to find out about Dorking's hidden heritage or learn about the town's literary connections. Or visit The Deepdene Trail to explore an ancient landscape and find a once buried treasure brought to life.

[deepdenetrail.co.uk](http://deepdenetrail.co.uk)

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## FOLLOW THE CROWDS

Watch Dorking Wanderers FC in action at Meadowbank Football Stadium. There's a lot to play for during the 2019-20 season as the club's historic promotion to National League South coincides with its 20th anniversary. Call in to the Healthy Kitchen Lounge for great pitch views and excellent food.

[dorkingwanderers.com](http://dorkingwanderers.com)

## AND REST...

Complete your Dorking experience by staying at The White Horse in the centre of town. This former coaching inn dates back to 1278 and has stories galore to share. A stylish bar and restaurant offer cosy corners to relax in and its luxury en-suite bedrooms promise a good night's sleep. Quote MAY2020 to receive a 15% discount.

[whitehorsedorking.com](http://whitehorsedorking.com)

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