# THE INSIDER'S GUIDE

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OAKHILL'S GUIDE TO THE LOCAL AREA

#### WHAT'S CLOSE BY?

From your local farmers market to country parks, here's the best the area has to offer.

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#### FINE DINING

The abundance of high-quality land and sea ingredients puts Kent on the map of Britain's best dining.

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#### GLORIOUS DAYS OUT

Get lost in the medieval past. explore hidden gems and soak up the beauty of the Garden of England

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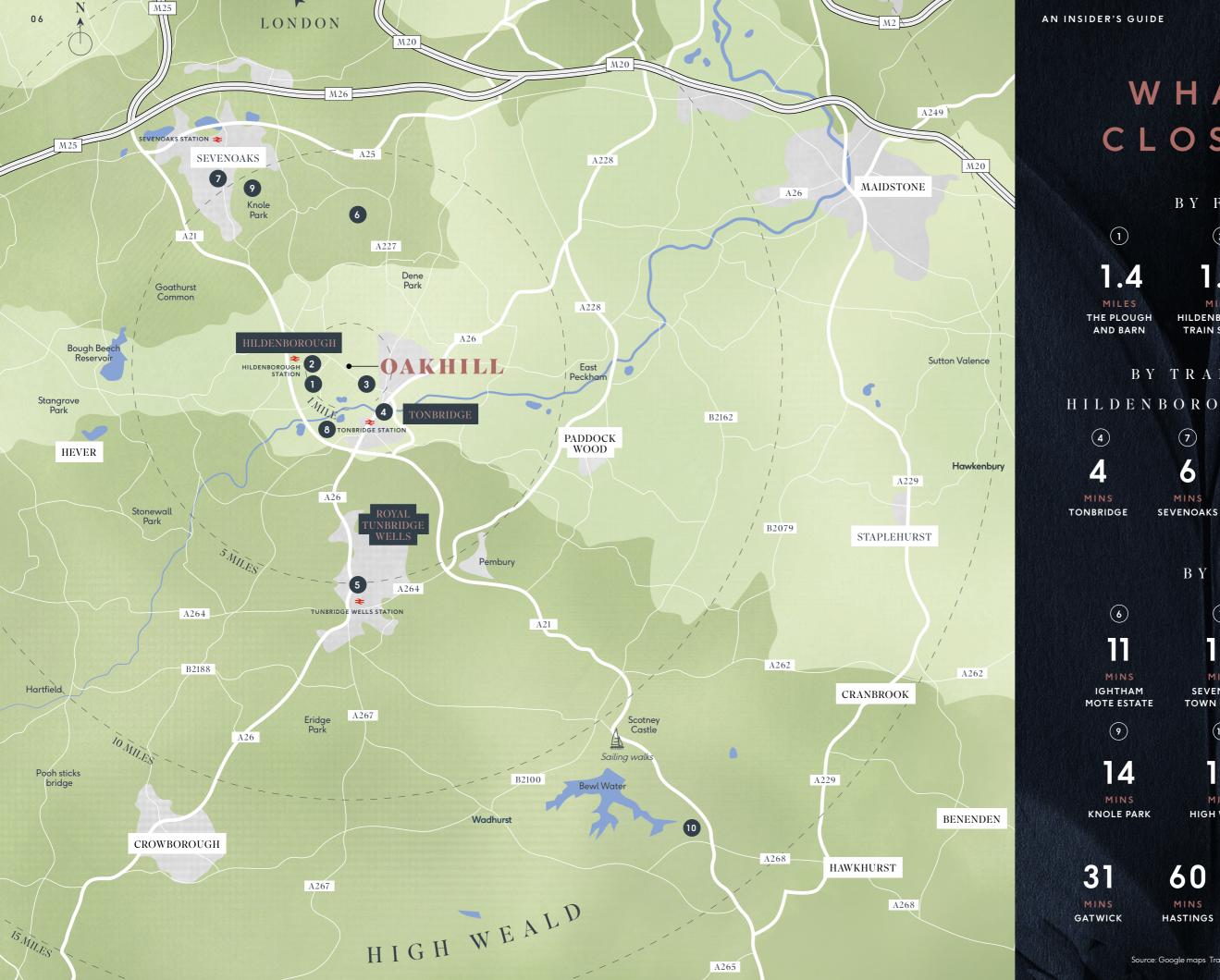




#### E V E R Y T H I N G O N H A N D

FROM FRESHLY BAKED BREAD TO SEASONAL PRODUCE
AT THE FARMERS' MARKET, THERE IS NOTHING BASIC
ABOUT THESE EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS.





### WHAT'S CLOSE BY

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HILDENBOROUGH STATION

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ROYAL

WELLS

TUNBRIDGE

LONDON BRIDGE

32

BY CAR

12

7

13

8

MINS SEVENOAKS TOWN CENTRE

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HAYSDEN **COUNTRY PARK** 

17

HIGH WEALD

MINS

34

BLUEWATER

60 HASTINGS

62

78 LONDON

Source: Google maps Travel time is approximate only



# DINE IN WILLIAM THACKERAY'S FORMER HOME

Serving British cuisine with modern flair, this white tablecloth restaurant occupies a 300-year-old building that was once home to the famous author.

#### THACKERAY'S

85 London Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1EA 01892 511 921

6.8 MILES FROM OAKHILL



# DELIGHTFUL



FARM TO FORK
MOVEMENT MEETS FINE
DINING AT THIS ELEGANT
SPOT IN ROYAL TUNBRIDGE
WELLS TOWN CENTRE

With stunning interiors and great attention to detail, this is the perfect spot for a decadent Sunday roast or a special occasion.

THE WARREN 5A High Street, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1UL 01892 328 191

10.3 MILES FROM OAKHILL

# EATERIES

### AL FRESCO DINING ON A PICTURESQUE WINE ESTATE

Squint and you might think you made it to the south of France. Simple, local ingredients taste best in beautiful surroundings, with a glass of wine in hand.

#### THE MOUNT VINEYARD

The Mount, Church Street, Shoreham, Sevenoaks, TN14 7SD

01959 524 008

12.4 MILES FROM OAKHILL





# LOCALLY SOURCED INGREDIENTS ARE TURNED INTO WORKS OF ART AT THE PAVILION

With floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the beautiful grounds, it's worth coming here in the daytime to soak up the view.

## THE PAVILION AT WILDERNESSE HOUSE Wildernesse Avenue,

Seal, Sevenoaks, TN15 0EA

01732 445 690

6.3 MILES FROM OAKHILL



OAKHILL

# COMBINING AUTHENTIC ITALIAN COOKING WITH LOCAL INGREDIENTS

Chef Giacomo prepares a balanced selection of Italian favourites and seasonal specialty dishes.

GIACOMO'S Morleys Road, Weald, Sevenoaks, TN14 6QR

0173 274 6200

3.2 MILES FROM OAKHILL

AMAZING PLACE
WHERE THE
CHEF IS PUSHING
BOUNDARIES

TALLOW 15A Church Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 0RX

tallowrestaurant.co.uk

4.8 MILES FROM OAKHILL



#### A ONE-WAY TICKET TO PARIS

Bistro du Vin embodies the French ethos of celebrating every ingredient. The menu includes classics such as cassoulet, moules marinière and steak haché.

BISTRO DU VIN Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 2LY

0189 232 0749

7.3 MILES FROM OAKHILL

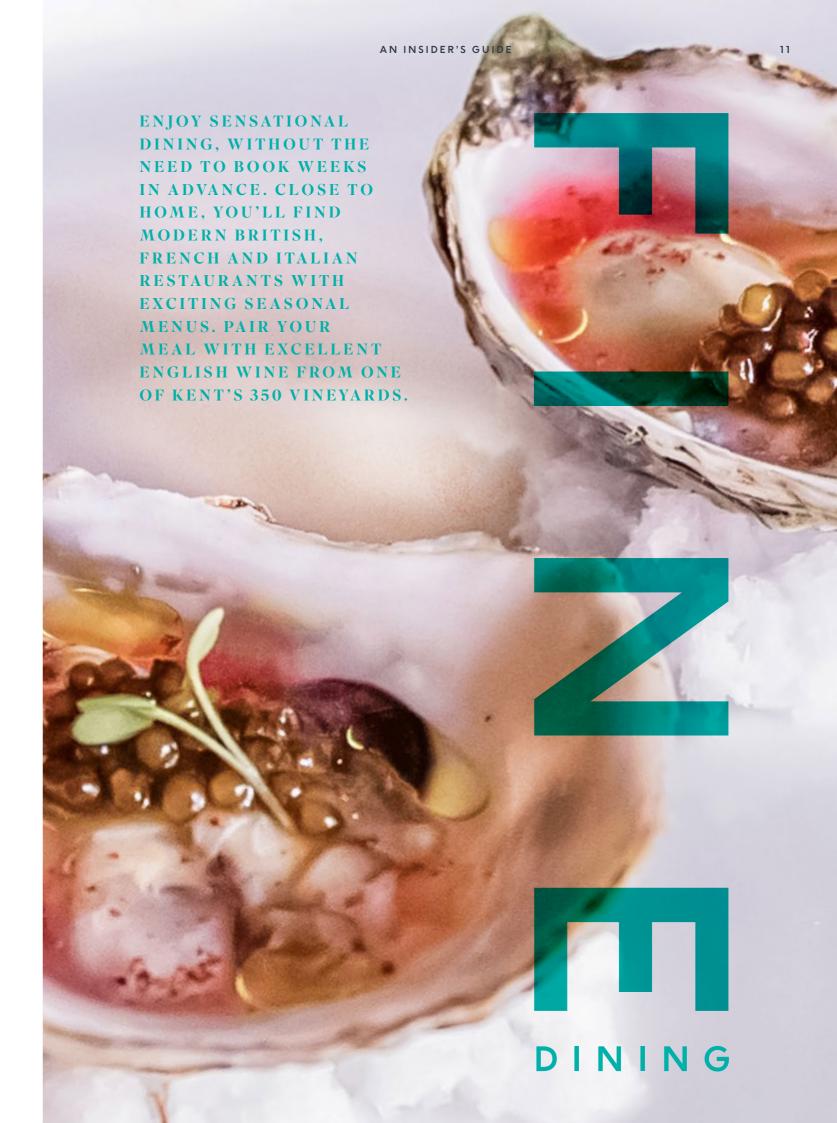
#### ENJOY INVENTIVE COCKTAILS AND MODERN BRITISH COOKING

From sumptuous roasts and grills to an extensive vegan menu – in whimsical art deco interiors.

THE IVY 46-50 High Street, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 IXF

01892 240 700

7.5 MILES FROM OAKHILL





# THIS COSY, DOG-FRIENDLY PUB HAS ALL THE MAKINGS OF A GREAT LOCAL

An excellent selection of draught beers, delicious food and friendly staff.

#### **FLEUR DE LIS**

High Street, Leigh, Tonbridge, TN11 8RL

01732 832 283

2.6 MILES FROM OAKHILL

#### OPEN FIRE IN WINTER AND A LARGE BEER GARDEN IN SUMMER

This is a year-round destination.

The daily menu features classic pub food alongside trendy small plates.

#### THE CHASER INN

Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, TN11 9PE 01732 810 360

4.0 MILES FROM OAKHILL

### A TRADITIONAL COUNTRY PUB WITH A TWIST

The Greyhound is an award-winning pub with a farm to fork kitchen, serving meats from its own farm. Come for a pint, stay for an indulgent meal and the excellent atmosphere.

#### THE GREYHOUND

Charcott, Tonbridge, TN11 8LG

01892 870 275

3.9 MILES FROM OAKHILL

# THERE'S MORE TO WINE ROOMS THAN ITS WINE SELECTION (ALTHOUGH IT'S EXCELLENT)

From cocktails by trained mixologists to a long list of sharing plates, there's something for everyone here. Wine tastings and cocktail masterclasses available.

THE WINE ROOMS 40 The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5TN

01892 522 022

7.5 MILES FROM OAKHILL



BOTH SEVENOAKS AND ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS
OFFER EXCELLENT BOUTIQUE SHOPPING. BROWSE
THE COLLECTION OF OVER 70 INDEPENDENT
STORES ON THE PANTILES, FIND YOUR FAVOURITE
BIG-NAME BRANDS AT BLIGH'S MEADOW SHOPPING
CENTRE, OR PAY A VISIT TO THE ROYAL JEWELLER.



#### INSPIRING CONTEMPORARY WOMEN'S FASHION

WHISTLES
Bligh's Meadow Shopping Centre,
Sevenoaks, TN13 1DS
whistles.com
5.4 MILES FROM OAKHILL



#### RELAXED GLAMOUR FOR WOMEN, FOR DRESSING UP OR DOWN

MINT VELVET
51 High Street,
Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1XU
mintvelvet.co.uk
7.4 MILES FROM OAKHILL



# WHERE THE BEST-DRESSED MEN IN TOWN SHOP

S. SIMMONDS & SON 64 Calverley Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 2UG simmonds-ltd.com 7.5 MILES FROM OAKHILL 16





#### PROVING THAT READY MEALS CAN BE GOURMET TOO

Frozen dinners are handmade by chefs from sustainably sourced ingredients.

#### COOK

Bligh's Meadow Shopping Centre, Sevenoaks, TN13 1DS cookfood.net 5.5 MILES FROM OAKHILL

#### A CHARMING FLOWER AND PLANT ARRANGEMENT SHOP

Fresh flowers delivered daily.

#### FLOWER & GLORY

Bligh's Meadow Shopping Centre, Sevenoaks, TN13 1DS T 0173 274 3419 5.4 MILES FROM OAKHILL



# RETAIL GEMS



#### EVERYTHING A MOTHER AND BABY MAY NEED

Maternity clothes, babywear, nursery products and more.

JOJO MAMAN BÉBÉ Bligh's Meadow Shopping Centre, Sevenoaks, TN13 1DS

jojomamanbebe.co.uk 5.4 MILES FROM OAKHILL

#### THE ROYAL FAMILY'S PERSONAL JEWELLER

This family-run workshop delivers the finest work, from unique engagement rings to Crown treasures.

> G COLLINS & SONS 76/78 High Street, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1YB gcollinsandsons.com 7.4 MILES FROM OAKHILL





### WINDOW SHOPPING

#### CONTEMPORARY BRITISH DESIGN

Browse tailored coats, shoes and wedding guest dresses. Designed in London, fit for a cosmopolitan lifestyle.

#### HOBBS

Victoria Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 2SR hobbs.com

7.5 MILES FROM OAKHILL

#### TIMELESS STYLES AND SEASON'S MUST-HAVES

This department store is stocked with top beauty and homeware. The popular Terrace Restaurant is perfect for a coffee or an al fresco lunch.

#### FENWICK

Victoria Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 2SR fenwick.co.uk

9.5 MILES FROM OAKHILL

#### FOR DISCERNING TASTES

In the 1800s, ladies and gentlemen would promenade on this elegant walkway before attending balls in the Assembly Room. Today, it's lined with art galleries, cafés and shops.

#### THE PANTILES

London Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5TN

7.5 MILES FROM OAKHILL

#### AN ICONIC DEPARTMENT STORE

Search here for designer homeware, fashion and beauty products.

#### HOOPERS

2-12 Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1QT hoopersstores.com

7.4 MILES FROM OAKHILL

MEDIEVAL CASTLES, LONG WALKS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND WINE TASTINGS. A TYPICAL WEEKEND IN KENT IS ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY. FROM HISTORY TO NATURE, THERE ARE PLENTY OF WONDERFUL **EXPERIENCES FOR** ALL AGES.



# DAYS OUT

THE LARGEST PINETUM IN THE WORLD.

Explore this vast conifer forest by bike, on foot, or from the tree canopy – the little ones' favourite.

**BEDGEBURY** NATIONAL PINETUM Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst, TN17 2SJ

forestryengland.uk 17.4 MILES FROM OAKHILL



#### A DELIGHT FOR BIRDWATCHERS

Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve is home to wildfowl, kingfishers, grey herons and dozens of other species. Calm lakes and woodland make a scenic setting for a long walk.

SEVENOAKS WILDLIFE RESERVE Bradbourne Vale Road. Sevenoaks, TN13 3DH kentwildlifetrust.org.uk

7.1 MILES FROM OAKHILL



#### THE MOATED MANOR HOUSE AT IGHTHAM MOTE ESTATE LOOKS LIKE IT WAS FASHIONED AFTER A PICTURE BOOK

More splendid views await along the circular walk to Oldbury Hill, passing through ancient woodland.

**IGHTHAM MOTE** Mote Road, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks, TN15 0NT nationaltrust.org.uk 4.0 MILES FROM OAKHILL

#### THE 13TH-CENTURY HEVER CASTLE IS SURROUNDED BY MAGNIFICENT GARDENS

Take a rowboat across the lake, stroll in the Blue Corner and don't miss the English Rose Garden with over 5,000 rose bushes.

> **HEVER CASTLE** & GARDENS Hever Road, Hever, Edenbridge, TN8 7NG hevercastle.co.uk

8.3 MILES FROM OAKHILL





#### KENT'S OLDEST VINEYARD.

Kent's oldest vineyard. Taste award-winning still and sparkling wines made from eleven grape varieties. Open year-round for guided and self-guided tours.

#### **BIDDENDEN VINEYARDS**

Gribble Bridge Lane, Biddenden, TN27 8DF Biddendenvineyards.com 24.3 MILES FROM OAKHILL 20 OAKHILL AN INSIDER'S GUIDE 21



FOR THE ATHLETES, FOR THE RECREATIONISTS AND FOR THOSE WHO LIKE TO CHEER ON FROM THE SIDELINES – THERE'S A SPORTS CLUB FOR EVERYONE HERE.



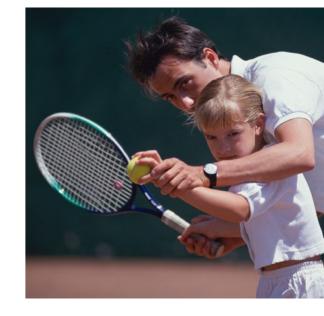
### WONDERING WHERE EVERYONE'S GONE?

They're probably watching cricket, cold beer in hand. This Kent Premier League club (crowned Champions of Kent 2014) always draws a crowd on sunny afternoons.

SEVENOAKS VINE CRICKET CLUB Holly Bush Lane, Sevenoaks, TN13 3UH sevenoaksvine.play-cricket.com

5.6 MILES FROM OAKHILL





### TENNIS FOR PLAYERS OF ALL AGES AND LEVELS

With a junior programme, individual coaching and regular tournaments, Sevenoaks Tennis Club is a fantastic place to learn and practice your skills. There are seven all-weather courts, six of which are floodlit.

SEVENOAKS TENNIS CLUB Lower Rayleys Field, Plymouth Drive, Sevenoaks, TN13 3RP

sevenoakstennis.co.uk

5.8 MILES FROM OAKHILL

HILDEN PARK GOLF CLUB Rings Hill, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, TN11 8LX

hildenpark.co.uk

1.5 MILES FROM OAKHILL

#### EVERYONE'S WELCOME AT BEWL BRIDGE ROWING CLUB

Which currently trains 190 members across Junior, Ladies, Men's and Master squads. Bewl Water offers more than 4km of uninterrupted water for rowing and sculling and the club regularly travels to local and regional regattas.

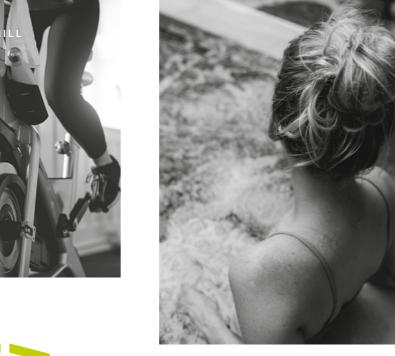
BEWL BRIDGE ROWING CLUB Bewlbridge Lane, Lamberhurst, Wadhurst, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 8JH

bewlrowing club. co. uk

15.5 MILES FROM OAKHILL









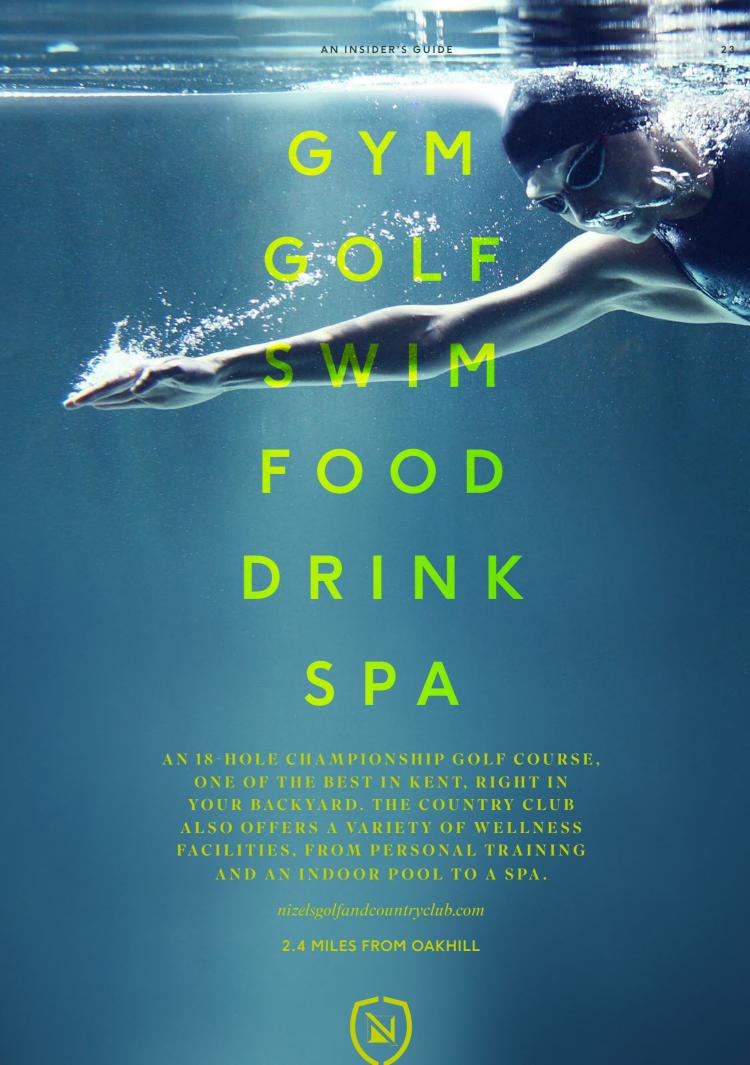












COMEDY, DRAMA,
FAMILY PRODUCTIONS,
CLASSICAL MUSIC,
PANTOMIME. THERE
IS ALWAYS SOMETHING
ON THE BILL AT THE
ASSEMBLY HALL

OAKHILL

ASSEMBLY HALL Royal Tunbridge Wells assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk

9.7 MILES FROM OAKHILL



FROM THE DECADENCE
OF THE MANOR HOUSE
TO THE SPARTAN
LIFESTYLE OF THE
HUMBLE HOP-PICKER

This fantastic collection of art, natural history, archaeology, craft and toys traces back the history of the people of Tunbridge Wells across time and class

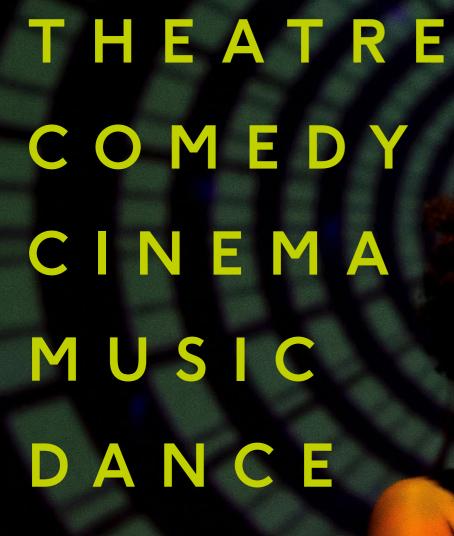
TUNBRIDGE WELLS MUSEUM & ARTS GALLERY Mount Pleasant Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells

9.7 MILES FROM OAKHII

ARTS ULTURE

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS IS THE CULTURAL HEART OF THE AREA, ATTRACTING EXCITING TALENT AND INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF ARTISTS. THE YEAR-ROUND CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEATURES EVERYTHING FROM DRAMA AND CLASSICAL MUSIC TO COMEDY AND FAMILY PRODUCTIONS.

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# YOUNG CREATIVES' STAGE

TRINITY THEATRE ISN'T JUST ANOTHER VENUE – IT'S AN INSTITUTION. FROM THE BELOVED CHRISTMAS SHOW TO LIVE BROADCASTS OF WORLD-CLASS THEATRES LIKE THE ROYAL OPERA, IT PRODUCES ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE THEATRE PROGRAMMES IN THE SOUTHEAST. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR COLLABORATIONS WITH BIG NAMES IN THE THEATRE WORLD, NOTABLY STEPHEN BERKOFF AND THE NATIONAL THEATRE.

TRINITY YOUTH THEATRE OFFERS EXCITING PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THEATRE AND PERFORMANCE. FROM CAST AND ORCHESTRA TO SOUND, MAKE-UP AND DIRECTING, MEMBERS CAN GET INVOLVED IN EVERYTHING THAT GOES INTO PRODUCING A SHOW. THE THEATRE RUNS WEEKLY DRAMA AND FILMMAKING SESSIONS AND THERE'S AN ACTIVE CALENDAR OF ONE-OFF WORKSHOPS, THEATRE TRIPS AND EVENTS FOR DIFFERENT AGES.

trinitytheatre.net
7.1 MILES FROM OAKHILL



OAKHILL-HILDENBOROUGH CO.UK





