

Join us for a guided tour of The Guildford Union Workhouse followed by lunch at Surrey University's Lakeside Restaurant 11.00am Monday 15th May



The Guildford Union Workhouse (The Spike) sheltered the forgotten classes of Victorian and Edwardian England – the poor, the infirm, and the destitute.

A purpose-built Casuals' Ward was built to separate the 'undesirable' vagrants from the structured routine of the main Workhouse. Ragged and uneducated, vagrants led a lonely, miserable existence, with overnight accommodation at a chain of Workhouses their only respite from the elements. The Spike Casuals Ward has been painstakingly restored and, with the aid of a powerful guided commentary, you will gain a graphic picture of an Edwardian vagrant's daily life.

Afterwards, in vivid contrast, we will proceed to the University of Surrey for a two-course lunch in the stylishly appointed Lakeside Restaurant where degree students in International Hospitality Management hone their culinary skills.

Covering the guided tour of the Spike plus tea/coffee and biscuits, followed by a two-course lunch at the Lakeside, the cost is £26.50 per head.

To confirm your place simply email secretary@tscc.org.uk and make your payment to the TSCC in the normal way with the reference: 'Spike'