



GOD'S HOUSE TOWER MAYFLOWER 400 PROGRAMME 1-16th August 2020

'And the Lord in whom you trust & whom you serve even in this business and journey, guide you with His hand' prayer given by Pastor John Robinson on the sailing of the *Mayflower & Speedwell*

The Pilgrim Fathers sailed past God's House Tower and into Southampton harbour in August 1620. Their tiny fleet of two ships the *Mayflower* and the *Speedwell* came together and moored off the West quay and spent two weeks provisioning their ships in the town.

PILGRIM SUPPER 1st August God's House Tower 7.30pm

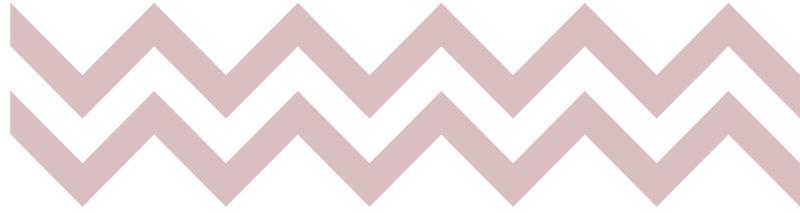
We begin our commemoration of the sailing of the *Mayflower & Speedwell* from Southampton in August 1620 with a traditional pilgrim supper, with a flavour of traditional 'Thanksgiving'. When the Pilgrim Fathers were in Southampton, God's House Tower was the headquarters of the town gunners and our supper takes place in the medieval long gallery, which once housed the guns *Thomas with the Beard* and *Maid Meg*.

As well as a delicious meal in historic surroundings there will be entertainment and a chance to enjoy the permanent and temporary exhibitions and view the scale model of the town in 1620. Weather permitting you can also ascend to the roof of the tower to enjoy a spectacular view over the town of Southampton.

Feel free to join the fun by coming in suitable costume!

Tickets price TBC. For more info please email Hannah@spacearts.org.uk





**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS –
Guided Walks 1-16th August Circular Guided Walk,
Daily 11 am from God’s House Tower**

Join our award-winning guides for a stroll around the old town of Southampton visiting places and seeing sites familiar to the Pilgrim Fathers, included the West Gate, from where they departed to the Mayflower Memorial erected in 1913.

Hear the story of John Alden, the Southampton Founding Father and the builder of the Speedwell. Tour lasts approx. 90 minutes.

Tickets £10 pp including entrance to God’s House Tower Exhibition

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**THE SARAH SIDDONS FAN CLUB THEATRE PRESENT:
“A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO AMERICA!”
5, 6, 7, August 7.30pm from Holy Rood Church, High Street, Southampton**



**Walk & Talk 9th August starting at 2pm from St Mary’s Church Southampton
William Parsons, of the British Pilgrim Trust**

The Old Way to Canterbury is a lost pilgrimage route, rediscovered from Britain’s oldest road map – the Gough map, dated c. 1360. For over two centuries, this was the most accurate map of Britain that shows overland routes. But in nearly 3000 miles of roads, the Gough map only shows one path to Canterbury. And it is not the one you might think. Will’s 90 minute micro pilgrimage will travel from Southampton’s mother church of St Mary’s visiting various Pilgrim sites and arriving at God’s House Tower for a song based arrival ritual and some Pilgrim’s Dole. Will has been pioneering new directions for British pilgrimage since 2004. Co-founder of the British Pilgrim Trust, Author and Wandering Minstrel, Will has taken British pilgrimage from BBC1 to World Service to Vogue Magazine.



Tickets £10 includes pilgrim’s dole and entrance to exhibition. Tickets will be available from www.godshousetower.org.uk please email Hannah@spacearts.org.uk for more information.

**TALKING THROUGH HISTORY: VOYAGES & PILGRIMAGES
A programme of expert talks around the theme of pilgrimage,
the New World, commemorations and The Mayflower Pilgrims.**

Venue: The Crawford Room, God’s House Tower

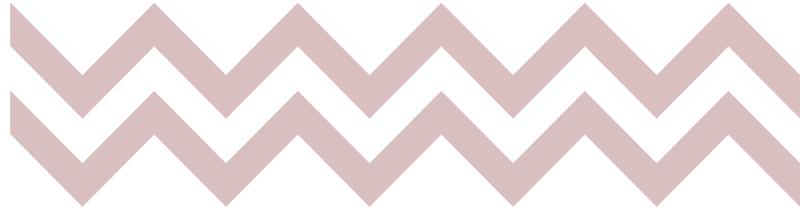
Tickets for talks £4 from www.godshousetower.org.uk



**The Story of the Mayflower Pilgrims 1590-1630, 10th August 7pm
Jake Simpkin, Blue Badge Tourist Guide**

The story of the Pilgrim Fathers: Who were they, where did they come from, and what happened to them after they sailed from Southampton? This illustrated talk brings to life the extraordinary characters, who risked everything to create a perfect society. They survived against all odds, and established a colony, but the community they hoped for never materialised. Jake has been a Blue Badge Tourist Guide since 1992, with a particular interest in Southampton’s links with the United States. His research into the Millionth Yank who sailed from Southampton during the D Day campaign led to a permanent exhibition of the story being staged in the soldier’s hometown in the USA.





Hampshire & The New World: Exploration & Empire 1500-1750, 11th August 7pm

Dr Cheryl Butler, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society

From the early days of fishing in Newfoundland, through early explorations funded by privateering and led by Humphrey Gilbert and Walter Raleigh, to the sailing of the Pilgrim Fathers and The Great Fleet. From witch trails in Salem to debtors shipped out to Georgia, for 250 years Hampshire and the port of Southampton was in the forefront of travel to the New World. Cheryl is an historian and writer, with a special interest in English merchants and exploration in the 16th Century. As trustee of 'a space' she has been the historical consultant for God's House Tower. She has written several books on historic Southampton as well as the novel *The Theatre of the World*.



The Mayflower Pageants, Memorials & Cocktails: Commemorating the Mayflower in Southampton, 12th August 7pm

Dr Tom Hulme, Queen's University of Belfast

Public interest in the story of the Pilgrim Fathers was strong in Britain throughout the late 19th and early 20th century. Southampton, as one of the places from which the ship had sail, was a keen participant in this Mayflower mania. In 1913 the town unveiled its 'Mayflower Memorial' Aand, in 1920, there were extensive celebrations – from historical re-enactment pageantry to municipal parades. Interest remained strong into the later part of the 20th century, coming to a peak with the celebrations in 1970 (which involved the creation of a new cocktail!). This talk tells the story of the cultural afterlife of the Mayflower voyage in Southampton, drawing on Tom's AHRC-funded project 'Voyaging through History: the Meanings of the Mayflower in Britain, 1620-2020.





Opening Hours

Mon – Sun: 10am – 6pm (including bank holidays)

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