

The Friends of Romsey Abbey

Events 2018:

This programme of events is organised by the Friends, with first priority for all events given to members.

March

Friday 16th March: **Coffee morning** in the Town Hall. 10am – 11.45am. Members and non-members all welcome.

April

Tuesday 10th April: A cruise on the **Kennet & Avon Canal**, from Bradford-on-Avon to Bath. Transport by luxury coach. Welcome hot drink, and two-course luncheon served during the 4-hour cruise. Further drinks available on board (at own cost). Leave Romsey 9.30am, return by 5.30pm. Led by Colin and Rosemary Davis. Cost (inclusive of coach, boat and lunch) is £50 per head. (Fully booked: Waiting list being compiled.)

May

Friday 18th May: **Coffee morning** in the Town Hall. 10am – 11.45am. Members and non-members all welcome.

June

Tuesday 5th June: Trip to **Hampton Court Palace**. Leave Romsey 9am, return by 4.30pm. Lunch (at own cost) at the venue's café, or take a picnic. Led by Tim Rogerson. £35 each, including transport by minibus (or coach if high take-up) and entrance. Payment with booking please.

Thursday 7th June: **FRA Annual General Meeting** in the Church Rooms. Starts 7.30pm. All members welcome.

July

Friday 20th July: **Coffee morning** in the Town Hall. 10am – 11.45am. Members and non-members all welcome.

August

Tuesday 7th August: Trip to the **Weald and Downland Museum, Singleton** (north of Chichester). More than 50 historic buildings to explore. Leave Romsey 9.15am, return by 4.15pm. Lunch (at own cost) at the venue's café, or take a picnic. Led by Jill and John Thompson-Hall. £27 per head including transport by minibus and entrance. Payment with booking please.

September

Friday 21st September: **Coffee morning** in the Town Hall. 10am – 11.45am. Members and non-members all welcome.

Thursday 13th September: A day-trip to **The Vyne** (with Tudor chapel) and the **Sandham Memorial Chapel**. Depart Romsey 9.30am, return by 4.30pm. Lunch (at own cost) at the Vyne's café, or take a picnic. Led by Dick Hewett. NT Members: £10 for minibus. Non-NT members: £25 for minibus and entrances. Payment with booking please, confirming if NT member(s).

October

Tuesday 2nd October: **FRA Annual Dinner** at The White Horse. 7pm for 7.30pm. A 3-course dinner with pre-dinner drinks. Guest Speaker: Simon Hughes, ex Air Ambulance. Light musical entertainment. Organised by John Twigg and Ken Gibson. £35

person, including donation to Air Ambulance. Payment with booking please. Menu choice to be supplied later.

November

Friday 16th November: **Coffee morning** in the Town Hall. 10am – 11.45am. Members and non-members all welcome.

December

Saturday 1st December: Abbey Christmas Fair, including **Tombola Stall** run by FRA. In Crosfield Hall, 10-2pm. All members welcome to donate bottles and support the fair.

Saturday 8th December: Trip by coach to the **Mill (Theatre) at Sonning** (on the River Thames) for lunch and a matinee performance. Led by Colin and Rosemary Davis. Likely cost: £70. *More details of this trip will be available in due course.*

Thursday 20th December: Provisional date for Service of **9 Lessons and Carols** in Romsey Abbey. 6.30pm. All members welcome. FRA provide one of the readers.

Throughout the year

Members are also encouraged to attend other events arranged by the Abbey Social Committee, details of which will be available in the Abbey Bulletin, Open Door, and on the Abbey website. We would also remind you of a regular monthly event:

Last Sunday of every month: Afternoon Parish Tea and cakes, with the Romsey Abbey Catering team. 4pm in the Church Rooms. *(This is not an FRA event, but all welcome.)*

For more details of any event:

See the Friends' noticeboard in the Abbey,

or visit the Friends' website: <http://www.romseyabbeyfriends.org/events-2018/>

If you wish to check any details, please contact the organiser of the event as shown on the details, or email events@romseyabbeyfriends.org.

To book for events:

Booking forms are NOT being used this year.

Members may book as follows.

Either pay on-line direct to the **NEW** FRA bank account at TSB, Sort Code 30-97-14, Account 31345360, Reference 'EVENTS', and email events@romseyabbeyfriends.org to confirm you are booking and have paid on-line, identifying which events) are involved. *(This is the preferred method.)*

Or write a simple note listing the event(s) for which you are booking, and post to: Dick Hewett, The FRA Bookings Officer, 42 Botley Rd, Romsey, SO51 5AP, enclosing one cheque to the total value, payable to 'The Friends of Romsey Abbey'.

You are invited to combine payments for more than one event into a single cheque or on-line payment.

Confirmation of booking and receipt of payment will be given. Bookings sent in February 2018 will be confirmed in March.

When booking for trips, please supply your mobile phone number, as we wish to have these available to organisers.

Members will be advised when any trip is full. In that instance, members are invited to register to join a waiting list, however please do not send payment until requested.