

For more details of any event:

See the Friends' noticeboard in the Abbey,

or visit the Friends' website:

<http://www.romseyabbeyfriends.org/events-2020/>

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 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: 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 accepted from 17th March onwards.

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.

The Friends of Romsey Abbey

Events 2020:

*This programme of events is organised by the Friends, with first priority for all events given to members. All meals and refreshments at own cost unless shown otherwise. (** = non-FRA event)*

March

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

April

Monday 20th April: A cruise on the River Thames, from Caversham. Cost (inclusive of coach, boat and lunch) is £75. *Fully booked – and the waiting list is already quite long.*

May

Friday 15th May: Coffee morning in the Town Hall. 10am – 11.45am. Members and non-members all welcome.

June

Thursday 4th June: FRA Annual General Meeting in the Church Rooms. Starts 7.45pm. All members encouraged to attend.

Monday 8th June: Day trip to The Newt In Somerset (gardens). Depart Romsey 8.45am, return by 5.15pm. Group tour on arrival. Return via Hill's Café and **Brush Museum, Mere**. Led by Andrea Wooldridge and William Slegg. **£40** for minibus, entrance and tour. Payment with booking please.

July

Tuesday 7th July: Day trip to **The Hawk Conservancy**, nr Andover. Depart Romsey 9.30am, return by 4.45pm. Led by Colin and Rosemary Davis. **£25** for minibus and entrance. Payment with booking please.

Friday 17th July: **Coffee morning** in the Town Hall. 10am – 11.45am. Members and non-members all welcome.

Thursday 30th July: Day trip to **Dorchester Abbey, Oxfordshire**. Leave Romsey 10.30am, return by 6pm. Led by Dick Hewett. **£30** including minibus, group tour of Abbey, and tea/cakes. Payment with booking please.

August

Thursday 27th August: Day trip to **Watts Gallery & Artists Village**, and **Hatchlands House (NT)**, near Guildford. Leave Romsey 9am, return by 5.30pm. Led by Dick Hewett. **£30** for minibus and Gallery/Village entrance. Payment with booking please.

September

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

October

Tuesday 6th October: **FRA Annual Dinner** at The White Horse. 7pm for 7.30pm. A 3-course dinner with pre-dinner drinks. Light musical entertainment. Organised by Jill Thompson-Hall and Dick Hewett. **£40** per person. Payment with booking please.

Wednesday 14th to Sunday 18th October: **** Ethelflaeda Festival** in Romsey Abbey. Lecture and concert both sponsored by FRA.

November

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

Saturday 28th November: **** Abbey Christmas Fair**, including **Tombola Stall** run by FRA. In Crosfield Hall, 10-2pm. All members welcome to donate bottles and support the fair.

December

Saturday 5th December: Trip by coach to the **Mill (Theatre) at Sonning** (on the River Thames) for lunch and a matinee performance of “Top Hat” (Irving Berlin). Led by Colin and Rosemary Davis. **£80** per head. Payment with booking please.

Thursday 17th & Sunday 20th December: **** Provisional dates for Services of 9 Lessons and Carols** in Romsey Abbey. 6.30pm. All members welcome. FRA provide one of the readers at each.

**** We would also remind you of the regular monthly parish event: Last Sunday of every month: Afternoon Parish Tea and cakes**, with the Romsey Abbey Catering team. 4pm in the Church Rooms.

**** 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**.**

Members need to be aware that FRA do not provide insurance cover for personal injury or loss and therefore attend events at their own risk. Transport by minibus or coach is covered by their fleet insurances, whilst venues likewise have their own insurance cover.