

# The Friends of Romsey Abbey

## **Events 2022:**

*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 18<sup>th</sup> March:** **Coffee morning** in the Town Hall. 10am – 11.45am. Members and non-members all welcome.

### **April**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May:** **The Beauty of Stained glass:** Four churches around Fordingbridge. Guide: Brian Woodruffe. Depart Romsey 9.30am, return by 4.30pm. Led by Dick Hewett. Pub lunch. **£15** for minibus and donations to churches. Payment with booking please.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May:** **Coffee morning** in the Town Hall. 10am – 11.45am. Members and non-members all welcome.

### **June**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June:** **FRA AGM** in the Church Rooms, 4.30pm. Followed by a **Friends' Strawberry Tea**, and an invitation to attend a **Choral Evensong dedicated to FRA** at 6.30pm. All members encouraged to attend. Payment for tea (**£5**) with booking please.

### **July**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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. (+ Will be re-arranged if too windy for the birds.)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** **Coffee morning** in the Town Hall. 10am – 11.45am. Members and non-members all welcome.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July:** Day trip to **Dorchester Abbey, Oxfordshire**. Leave Romsey 10.30am, return by 6pm. Led by Dick Hewett. Lunch (own cost) in the White Hart. **£30** including minibus, group tour of Abbey, and tea/cakes. Payment with booking please.

### **August**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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. **£35** for minibus and Gallery/Village entrance. Payment with booking please.

### **September**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September:** **Coffee morning** in the Town Hall. 10am – 11.45am. Members and non-members all welcome.

### **October**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October:** **FRA Annual Dinner** at The White Horse. 7.15pm 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.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October:** **\*\* Ethelflaeda Festival** in Romsey Abbey. Lecture sponsored by FRA.

## *November*

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November: Coffee morning** in the Town Hall. 10am – 11.45am. Members and non-members all welcome.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November:** \*\* Abbey Christmas Fair, including **Tombola Stall** run by FRA. In the **Abbey**, 10-2pm.

## *December*

Our annual trip to Sonning will not be held this year.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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*\*\* 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.

*\*\* In addition to the events listed above, we will also be working closely with the Abbey Social Committee. Through the year it is proposed to mount a series of **Abbey tours** featuring different aspects of the Abbey and its life. Details of these and **further joint events** will be announced in due course. We will keep you posted!*

*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.*

### **For more details of any event:**

See the Friends' noticeboard in the Abbey,

or visit the Friends' website:

<http://www.romseyabbeyfriends.org/events-2022/>

*If you wish to check any details, please contact the organiser of the event as shown on the details, or email [events@romseyabbeyfriends.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 1st 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.*