



The Historic Landscape of Romsey

Saturday 28th April, 10.15 am. - 4.00 pm (approx.)

Building on the 2017 Conference, members of the Romsey Local History Society will lead a visit to the historic centre. Meet at King John's House in Church Street at 10.15 a.m. The party will divide into two each of which will visit Romsey Abbey Church and King John's House. A light lunch will be available at King John's House in the medieval hall; please indicate on the booking form if you would like lunch there. In the afternoon we shall visit the historic centre of Romsey.

Romsey Abbey: The tour will explore the medieval core of the building, inside and out, where features include the two Saxon roods which have survived a millennium of vicissitude. **King John's House:** it was thought to be built as a guest house for Romsey Abbey and dates to the mid-13th century. The walls include graffiti carved by Edward II's courtiers in 1304. The 'new' part of the building is Tudor and was added after the Dissolution. With King John's House comes Moody's gun shop and home, now set up as a small museum in a 19th century building.

Romsey was a thriving town by the mid 11th century and some of its streets follow medieval routes. The town is threaded through with streams which brought an essential supply of water to the town's tradesmen. Amongst other features are Lord Palmerston's statue in the historic Market Place and the War Horse statue that commemorates the role of horses in World War I. The town centre is an eclectic mix of building styles apparently dating from Tudor to recent. The walk will encompass many of these and include a visit to the River Test.

Further information, including parking, from: Mike Broderick – 01256 351624 or email: landscape@hantsfieldclub.org.uk

Cost: Members: £7.00 ~ Non-Members: £10.00 ~ Full-time Students: £5:00

Please send cheques to: Malcolm Walford, 23 Esher Grove, Waterlooville, PO7 6HJ

Section web page: <http://www.hantsfieldclub.org.uk/sections/landscape.html>

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Please reserve place(s) for the Landscape Section Visit to Romsey, Saturday 28th April 2018.

No. of Places: Members _____ Non-members _____ Students _____

Number of Lunches at King John's House: _____

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ payable to **HFC Landscape Section**. You will be notified if your booking has not been successful; but email landscape-events@hantsfieldclub.org.uk with any queries about bookings/availability.

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