

September

2nd - **A GENERAL TOUR**

9th - **VICTORIAN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ABBEY** - Victorian vicars especially Noel and Berthon made sweeping changes to the Abbey, leaving it light and airy, much as we see it today. *Guide: Andrew Keeling.*

16th - **A GENERAL TOUR**

23rd - **WORKS OF ART** - The Abbey is not a gallery, but nevertheless has many varied statues, sculptures and paintings. *Guide: Stephen Wood.*

30th - **A GENERAL TOUR**

October

7th - **ABBAY VESTMENTS AND ALTAR FRONTALS** - *Guide: Robyn Cleveland, our Verger.*

14th - **A GENERAL TOUR**

21st - **ETHELFLAEDA AND MERWENNA** - A short tour then a talk about our two local saints. *Guide: Liz Hallett.*

28th - **A GENERAL TOUR**

Thank you for supporting these tours. The volunteer guides are keen to give everyone a chance to get to know the Abbey better. Our thanks to several additional specialists who have agreed to lead some of the tours.

A couple of points:

Wheelchair access is easiest via the south door.

Floors are mostly level but uneven in places.

Please note - our guides are very happy to give you a tour at any other time by arrangement: just contact the Parish Office on 01794 513125.



Tours of Romsey Abbey

**Every Wednesday afternoon at 3pm
from 1st April to 28th October**

**A general tour one week, alternating with a closer
look at some special aspect of the church the next**

**Normally no need to
book, except groups**

**£5 per person in
aid of parish funds**

**More information in the Abbey, at www.romseyabbey.org.uk or
@RomseyAbbey on Facebook and Twitter**

COME AND JOIN US!
Tours start at 3pm and last an hour.

April

- 1st - **A GENERAL TOUR**
8th - **ROMSEY'S ABBESSES** - In this 900th anniversary year, fascinating stories of some of our abbesses and what they got up to. *Guide: Neil Jones.*
15th - **A GENERAL TOUR**
22nd - **ABBEY WINDOWS** - A look at the Abbey's stained glass and the people it commemorates. *Guide: Liz Hallett.*
29th - **A GENERAL TOUR**

May

- 6th - **ARCHAEOLOGY AND ARCHITECTURE** - A knowledgeable look at the building and its archaeology. *Guide: Frank Green, the Abbey's honorary archaeologist for 40 years.*
13th - **A GENERAL TOUR**
20th - **STORIES IN STONE, THE ABBEY'S MEMORIALS.** So many family stories are connected to our memorials. *Guide: Clive Gregory.*
27th - **A GENERAL TOUR**

June

- 3rd - **A TREE-THEMED WALK AROUND THE ABBEY.** Looking also at the bug hotel, swift boxes etc. *Guide: Sarah Hargreaves of the Parish Environmental Group.*
10th - **A GENERAL TOUR**
17th - **USES OF WOOD IN THE ABBEY** - Wood is everywhere you look and some even dates back to Saxon times. *Guide: Val Lines.*
24th - **A TOUR AROUND THE OUTSIDE** where there is much to see. *Guide: Rob Gower.*

July

- 1st - **A GENERAL TOUR**
4th - **This is NOT a Wednesday, but we invite you to join a tour of the bell tower** on Saturday July 4th - part of the 900th Celebrations and the Romsey Festival. 6 tours arranged, at 10:30, 11:15, 12:00, 1:30, 2:15 and 3:00. Booking essential. Maximum number 15 each time. Tickets available via TicketSource or Romsey Visitor Information Centre, price £4 for adults and £2 for children (aged 6 -15). Meet up in St George's Chapel five minutes before your time. **No Wednesday tour this week.**
15th - **THE STORY OF ST SWITHUN'S.** A chance to visit and learn about the Abbey's Victorian daughter church. *Guide: Richard Pratt.* Meet at St Swithun's, Crampmoor.
22nd - **A GENERAL TOUR**
29th - **WHAT WOULD THE TUDOR NUNS STILL RECOGNISE?** How has the Abbey changed since the Dissolution in 1539? *Guide: Lloyd Jenkinson.*

August

- 5th - **A GENERAL TOUR**
12th - **ROMSEY'S NUNNERY** - What would life have been like for the nuns? A short film and then a tour. *Guide: Ian Clark.*
19th - **A GENERAL TOUR**
26th - **WOMEN IN THE ABBEY ACROSS THE CENTURIES** - From the nuns to Caroline Noel; from the medieval effigy to Romsey Quilters. *Guide: Brian Lamb.*

