

ROMSEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

PROGRAMME 2026

Please note most of our January and February meetings will be held on Zoom. Members will receive invitations to the Zoom meetings with the link details. Visitors can obtain the link by contacting the society by email at:

romsey.history@gmail.com

JANUARY 2026

'A week in the life of an archaeological consultant'

Speaker: Dr Mike Heyworth
Date: Monday 12th January 7.30pm
Zoom meeting

Why was Alfred called 'the Great'?

Speaker: Mike Kelley
Date: Thursday 29th January 7.30pm
Zoom meeting

FEBRUARY

Easter Island

Speaker: Francis Taylor
Date: Monday 9th February 7.30pm
Zoom Meeting

North Baddesley - A Slide Show

Host: Jane Powell
Venue: Town Hall Court Room
Date: Friday 20th February 2pm coffee for 2.30pm start

The Romsey Pageant 1907

Speaker: Barbara Burbridge
Date: Thursday 26th February 7.30pm
Zoom meeting

MARCH

Health and Disease in prehistory part 3

Speaker: Prof. Margaret Cox
Venue: Town Hall Court Room
Date: Monday 2nd March 7.30pm

Girl Guides - A Slide Show

Host: Phoebe Merrick
Venue: Town Hall Court Room
Date: Friday 20th March 2pm coffee for 2.30pm start

BOOK LAUNCH New Edition of *So Drunk He Must Have Been to Romsey*

Speaker: Janet Kearns
Venue: Town Hall Council Chamber
Date: Thursday 26th March 7.30pm

A Walk - The Past and Present pubs of Romsey

Leaders: Janet Kearns and Mary Harris
Date: Monday 30th March 7.00pm
Meeting Place: The Charter Stone

APRIL

A Historian's Search for the Everyday Life of Townspeople in the late Middle Ages

Speaker: Prof Chris Woolgar
Venue: Town Hall Court Room
Date: Monday 20th April 7.30pm

A Walk - to Studley Castle, site of Medieval Hunting Lodge. Joint with Romsey and District Society

Leader: Prof. Roger Leech
Date: Wednesday 22nd April 7.00pm
Meeting Place: Bramshaw Telegraph car park

Ampfield - A Slide Show

Host: Lynda Emery
Venue: Town Hall Court Room
Date: Friday 24th April 2pm coffee for 2.30pm start

Netley Abbey

Speaker: Dr Cheryl Butler
Venue: Town Hall Court Room
Date: Thursday 30th April 7.30pm

MAY

A Walk/Visit - tba

Date: Monday 11th May 7.00pm

Places of Worship - A Slide Show

Host: Phoebe Merrick
Venue: Town Hall Court Room
Date: Friday 22nd May 2pm coffee for 2.30pm start

A Walk/Visit - tba

Date: Thursday 28th May 7.00pm

JUNE

Don't Delay - Enrol Today" Women's Land Army

Speaker: Dr John Lander
Venue: Town Hall Court Room
Date: Monday 8th June 7.30pm

The Moody Family Album- A Slide Show

Host: Ronnie Munday
Venue: Town Hall Court Room
Date: Friday 19th June 2pm coffee for 2.30pm start

A Walk/Visit - tba

Date: Thursday 25th June 7.00pm

JULY

Romsey Festival

Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th July 10am-4pm

Exhibition in Romsey Town Hall

Guided Walks around the historic centre of Romsey Monday 6th July 6pm; Wednesday 8th July 2pm; Thursday 16th 10am. Cost £3 please book through the Festival website.

AUGUST

Events in the Market Place - A Slide Show

Host: Phoebe Merrick

Venue: Town Hall Council Chamber

Date: Friday 14th August 2pm coffee for 2.30pm start

SEPTEMBER

The Turking of Mrs Pelham 1,2,3and her connections with Rownhams & Romsey Abbey".

Speaker: Alec Morley

Venue: Town Hall Court Room

Date: Monday 14th September 7.30pm

A Walk - tba

Date: Tuesday 15th September 10.30am

Female Secret Agents of the SOE

Speaker: Louise Morrish

Venue: Town Hall Court Room

Date: Thursday 24th September 7.30pm

OCTOBER

The environmental archaeological work from Winchester

Speaker: Frank Green

Venue: Town Hall Court Room

Date: Monday 12th October 7.30pm

Medieval Women and where to find them.

Speaker: Cindy Wood

Venue: Town Hall Court Room.

Date: Thursday 22nd October 7.30pm

Mottisfont Village - a Slide Show

Host: Phoebe Merrick

Venue: Town Hall Court Room

Date: Friday 23rd October 2pm coffee for 2.30pm start

NOVEMBER

AGM followed by a talk on

Romsey Tanneries

Speaker: Ronnie Munday

Venue: Town Hall Council Chamber

Date: Monday 2nd November 7.30pm

Pictures from the 1950s - a Slide Show

Host: Phoebe Merrick

Venue: Town Hall Court Room

Date: Friday 20th November 2pm coffee for 2.30pm start

Romsey Signal Box

Speaker: Dick Hewitt

Venue: Town Hall Court Room

Date: Thursday 26th November 7.30pm

DECEMBER

Christmas Film Show and refreshments

Venue: Town Hall Council Chamber

Date: Monday 14th December 7pm for 7.30pm

Romsey Local History Society (LTVAS Group)



Programme of Events 2026

All meetings free to members.
Visitors welcome, donation appreciated.

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