

## **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](mailto:romsey.history@gmail.com)

#### **JANUARY 2026**

##### **Title tba**

*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

##### **Search for Townspeople of late Middle Ages**

*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 1,2,3 .....and 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 2.pm 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 2.pm 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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