

PHOEBE MERRICK

SPEAKER and GUIDED WALKS

Phoebe Merrick was a founder member of LTVAS Group, Romsey's local history society. She is an experienced speaker on local topics, both with and without illustrations. She also leads guided walks around the town. Below is a selection of her walks and talks. They can be adapted to suit the needs of particular audiences and other topics are available on application. Some of these talks are suitable for delivery without illustrations. They can be given either in person or as Zoom or Teams presentations.

Phoebe can bring projector and computer for illustrated talks, but needs a screen or suitable wall onto which to project the images.

1	A Shopping Trip in Romsey	A virtual shopping trip in old Romsey	Illustrated
2	Highways and byways of Romsey	Stories of Romsey's old streets and their origins	Illustrated
3	History of Broadlands	This talk follows the various owners of this stately home throughout five centuries.	Illustrated
4	History of Romsey	A general history of the town of Romsey	Illustrated
5	Horses for the Great War	Romsey Remount Depot. The Remount Depot was an establishment that prepared horses for work at the Front in World War I.	Illustrated *
6	Managing the Poor	An examination of the records left by the Guardians of the Poor (i.e. the workhouse) in the 19 th century – who received relief, where and how much.	Not illustrated
7	Medieval Romsey Abbey	Romsey had an abbey of nuns in the middle ages. This talk looks at the history of the building and the institution	Illustrated
8	Prisoners of War in the 1940s	Consideration of how Britain treated its POWs based on material from Hampshire	Illustrated
9	Romsey and its Streams	Romsey is laced with many streams. This talk makes sense of a confusing pattern and shows how the waterways have influenced the life of the town.	Illustrated
10	Romsey and Royalty	Royal personages have been coming to Romsey on and off since the 9 th century. This talk looks at some of the royal visitors and also how the town has celebrated royal occasions.	Illustrated *
11	Romsey between the Wars	A study of Romsey life based on reports in the <i>Romsey Advertiser</i> of 1928	Illustrated
12	Romsey in the 1950s	This is a selection of photographs taken in the 1950s which illustrate day-to-day life in that decade. Talks based on other time spans are available e.g. Victorian Romsey	Illustrated
13	Romsey's Boatbuilders	Berthon, the Victorian vicar who invented collapsible lifeboats. Petty, the 17 th century luminary who experimented with catamarans. These can be given separately or together.	Illustrated
14	The End of World War I	Two talks. One deals with how Romsey marked the end of the war and the other relates to how the town built the peace	Both illustrated
15	The Pubs of Romsey	A walk through Romsey with comments on the many buildings where alcoholic liquor was sold.	Illustrated

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16	The Second World War in the Lower Test Valley	Several talks are available based mostly on material from the <i>Romsey Advertiser</i> , and dealing with southern Test Valley. These talks are being added to all the time and cover a variety of aspects of the war. If you are interested get in touch so your specific needs can be met.	Illustrated
17	The Women's Institute at War	A study of how local branches coped with WW2, based on their reports to the <i>Romsey Advertiser</i> .	Not illustrated
18	Villages of the Test Valley	Based on old photographs of local villages, talks can be given on specific villages	Illustrated

Talks are generally 45 minutes, but the time can be adapted if required.
Fees by discussion.

To arrange one of these talks, or to book a guided walk, contact
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