

GUIDED TOURS THE CHURCHES OF ROMNEY MARSH 2022

The Romney Marsh Historic Churches Trust has been conducting guided tours of the churches of Romney Marsh since it was founded in 1982. The format is based on a coach with a driver who is prepared for narrow lanes, the level of activity suitable for the group and the distances involved. **Numbers should be between 30 and 50.** It is usually an all-day event, normally seeing four churches, with a pub lunch and an optional tea. The party arrives at 10.15 at the Rose & Crown at Old Romney for coffee before leaving on the morning tour, returning to the same pub for a ploughman's lunch. Following the afternoon visits, tea (optional) is provided at 4 pm back at the Rose & Crown. Leave for home at 5 pm. Tours are normally given on Tuesdays or Thursdays. We try to avoid weekends which may have weddings or other church events booked although a limited number of Saturday visits have been organised in recent years.

Our guides, who give their services free to the Trust, are speakers with knowledge of the history of the Marsh churches and their impact on people since mediaeval times. During tea, the Trust's publications are on sale.

During the past few seasons our groups have used The Rose & Crown at Old Romney (01797 367500) which is both centrally placed and convenient: see their website at >www.roseandcrown-oldromney.co.uk<

Please include your coach driver and our guide/ speaker in your numbers for lunch and tea. You should let me and the publican know your final numbers a fortnight before the visit after which time the number should remain constant. Please also notify the publican of any special dietary requirements. Payment is made directly to the establishment on the day. Please also allow an extra seat in the front of the coach for the Trust's guide/ speaker. Finally, the Trust appreciates a minimum donation of £10 per head (ie a minimum of £300 per whole day group) which goes towards its support of the churches of Romney Marsh.

To discuss a booking or for further information please contact:

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CHURCH TOURS CHECK LIST - 2022

- 1. The number of your party should be between 30 and 50. If you are unable to interest a minimum of 30 participants then please discuss with me. Please let me know the exact number 14 days before your visit and also discuss your arrangements with the pub. In addition, remember to include the coach driver and the Speaker/ Guide in your party numbers and lunch/ tea figures. *Any special dietary requirements should be made at this time.***
- 2. Morning coffee and lunch arrangements are made directly by you with Mike, the pub landlord. A ploughman's lunch (cheese & ham) is provided as it can be pre-plated and therefore saves time. Payment is made to the landlord on the day. Morning coffee is included in the overall payment of £18.**
- 3. Should you wish to have afternoon tea (scones, cream & jam), please make arrangements with the pub landlord and pay him on the day. Final numbers please 14 days beforehand. The overall charge for morning coffee, lunch and tea is then £25 a head. *Any special dietary requirements should be made known to the landlord well in advance of your visit.***
- 4. The suggested minimum donation to the Romney Marsh Historic Churches Trust is £10 per head (ie a minimum of £300 for a full day's tour). This can be given at tea-time to the guide who accompanies the tour.**
- 5. It is important that we start as punctually as possible so please try and be at the meeting point by 10.15. We do appreciate the difficulties for those travelling from a distance. If you have a mobile phone then please ring the pub (01797 367500) if for any reason you are seriously delayed. Once we have begun the visits, we should move without too much delay between the churches. Tea is scheduled promptly at 4 pm. Leave at 5 pm.**
- 6. Finally access – the majority of our churches are close to the coach dropping off point but some have steps to negotiate. As you would expect there are uneven surfaces both in the churches and in the church yards and so care should be taken at all times. Children should always be accompanied by an adult. If you are visiting Fairfield, 'sensible' shoes are recommended as this most isolated of Marsh churches lies in the middle of a field of sheep!**

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