



GUIDED TOURS THE CHURCHES OF ROMNEY MARSH

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 excellent W.I. tea. The party arrives at 10.15 at the chosen pub for coffee before leaving on the morning tour, returning to the same pub for lunch. After the afternoon visits, tea is provided at 4 pm by the W.I. at Brookland. Departure to the start pub (if cars are parked there) or to home is 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.

We are happy to recommend the most convenient pub to suit each visit although group leaders are always welcome to make their own arrangements. During recent seasons all our groups have used The Rose & Crown at Old Romney (01797 367500): see their website at www.roseandcrown-oldromney.co.uk.

We will make the booking for the W.I. tea which costs £5.50 a head. *Please include your coach driver and our guide/ speaker in your numbers for lunch and tea.* You should let the Tours organiser and the publican know your final numbers a fortnight before the visit after which time the number should remain constant. 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 John Hendy using the tours information contact form linked from the bottom right hand corner of the website.

Alternatively call him on: 01797 344090

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- 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 the Tours organiser know the exact figure 14 days before your visit and also inform your chosen pub. In addition, remember to include the coach driver and the Speaker/ Guide in your party numbers and lunch/ tea figures.**
- 2. Morning coffee and lunch arrangements are made directly by you with the pub landlord. Payment is made to him on the day. Morning coffee should be included in the overall payment.**
- 3. We book the W.I. teas. Again, final numbers please 14 days beforehand. The charge on the day to the W.I. is £5.50 a head.**
- 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. You should therefore bring three cheques: the pub, the W.I. and the Trust.**
- 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. Our W.I. tea is scheduled promptly at 4 pm. Departure to the start pub (if cars are parked there) or to home is 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. 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!**

The RMHCT bears no liability whatsoever for any accidents, damages or claims. Any insurance liability is solely the responsibility of visiting groups.

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