

FRIENDS F READING ABBEY (FORA)

AUTUMN OUTING

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2014

WINCHESTER

Proposal: A visit to Winchester to see the Cathedral, Winchester College Chapel and St Cross Hospital.

There is a lot of Medieval Winchester to see, and it will not be possible to do it all. Most historic venues, including the Cathedral, in Winchester charge for admittance. Like Reading, parking is also at a premium in the city, which is reflected in its price. Unless there is a high level of interest which would justify hiring a small coach, travel will be by private car, hopefully with some sharing.

Suggested Timetable:

- 09.00 Leave Reading (private arrangements)
- 10.00 Arrive Winchester – suggested parking in Chesil long-stay car parks (multi-storey or surface - £6 a day long-stay parking)
Walk to Cathedral past Abbey Gardens – site of **Nunnaminster**, founded by Queen Eahswith, wife of King Alfred
- 10.15 Meet outside Winchester Cathedral, at **New Minster** Interpretation Board
Professor Brian Kemp to welcome party and explain pre-Norman history of Monastic settlement in Winchester
- 10.30 Visit to **Winchester Cathedral**
- 11.30 FREE TIME IN WINCHESTER
Options: Winchester Castle Great Hall – Free entry, but suggested £3 donation
Hyde Abbey Gate and St Bartholomew’s Church (this is a good walk)
City Mill (National Trust)
Wolvesey Castle (Historic Bishop’s Palace – English Heritage – free)
LUNCH (own arrangements)
- 14.00 **Winchester College**
Guided tour to include C14th Gothic Chapel, and Chamber Court.
- 15.30 Walk back to Chesil Car Park via The Wiers walk (alongside the River Itchen)
- 15.45 Return to cars, drive to St Cross Hospital
- 16.00 **St Cross Hospital**
Afternoon tea
Admission to hospital / church
- 17.00 Leave St Cross to return to Reading
- 18.00 Return