

FRIENDS OF READING ABBEY

SUMMER OUTING – WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2026

MALMESBURY

Time	Activity	
09.20	Assemble for Coach - Reading Station North Side (Caversham side) stops ND	
09.30	Coach departs	
11.00	Arrive Malmesbury Cross Hayes Market Place bus stop	
	Coach park in long-stay car park at Station Yard, Gloucester Road SN16 9JT Car park in long-stay car park at Station Yard, SN16 9JT - £5.50 all day	
11.10	TEA/COFFEE The Roost , Market Lane, Malmesbury Talk about Malmesbury and Abbey by Tony Mcaleavy USE TOILETS IN TOWN HALL, OPPOSITE	
11.45	Walk to Abbey	
12.00	MALMESBURY ABBEY Guided tour Nave of C12th abbey church Burial place of King Athelstan	
13.00	LUNCH Own arrangements Many pubs and cafes in Malmesbury town centre Or bring packed lunch to eat	
	Malmesbury Town Hall • Athelstan Museum (free) – see Turner watercolour of Abbey, and exhibition on Malmesbury connections with America • John Bowen Gallery • Jackdaws Coffee House	
14.25	Assemble at entrance to Market Cross	
14.30	ABBEY HOUSE GARDENS Tudor house built on late C13th undercroft of former abbey building Late C20th garden planted by Ian and Barbara Pollard, the Naked Gardeners Outline of abbey Lady Chapel marked out	
15.15	AFTERNOON CREAM TEA – The Old Bell – Tyger Bar Hotel based in abbey guesthouse <i>NB – Please notify if gluten-free or coeliac options required</i>	
16.15	Coach departs Market Place	
17.45	Arrive Reading Station	