The Friends of Chelmsford Museums

Visit to the Greek Orthodox Monastery, Tolleshunt Knights and the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Tollesbury

Wednesday 17th July 2024

Our visits today provide a contrast between a relatively-recently established Monastery and an ancient church originally dating from 11th Century or earlier. The Friends last toured the monastery in 2010 when we saw the stunning iconography of the largest Orthodox Monastery in western Europe established in 1959 by Archimandrite Sophrony Sakharov and accommodating both monks and nuns. We will start there at 10.30 a.m. with refreshments. The tour should take about two hours. Members can find their own lunch, possibly at the nearby Wilkin's Jam Factory cafe in Tiptree. Our visit to St Mary's will begin at 2.00 p.m. This quite charming listed church stands at the highest point and centre of the village and may originally date from the Anglo-Saxon period. It has a unique font bearing an inscription suggesting the avoidance of swearing in church! Antiquarian Dr. Alfred Harvey wrote: "...probably the quaintest (inscription)in all Christendom..."

The cost of the trip is £10.00 for members and £12.00 for non-members. Please return the form below to David Jones, 93, Hillside Grove, Chelmsford CM2 9DB (tel: 01245 281899 david_jones@btinternet.com) enclosing a cheque made payable to The Friends of Chelmsford Museums. Alternatively, payment may be made by credit transfer to Metro Bank, sort code: 23-05-80, account: The Friends of Chelmsford Museums, a/c no. 43165984. Whichever method is used please ensure that the below form is sent to David Jones.

The event is subject to the Friends' Events Booking Terms and Conditions (copy available or see Friends' website for this and other policies).

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