



## GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH ROMANOV SOCIETY



Dear Members and Friends of the Society,

2021 is the 40th anniversary of the canonisation of St Elizabeth and the Imperial Family by the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia in 1981, and we are planning a celebration weekend around our monument on the Isle of Wight at the beginning of July. The main event of this celebration will be placing a Plaque with soil from Ekaterinburg and Alapaevsk on the base of the Romanov Monument. The programme is below, and it would be wonderful if you could come and join us!

### Friday 2nd July

**16.00** Visit to the Monument of Emperor Alexander I at St Catherine's Down, near Blackgang (PO38 2 JB) by private cars from East Cowes and Cowes. Please contact Anna Scriven (Trustee) if you need more information ([anna.scriven@yahoo.com](mailto:anna.scriven@yahoo.com))

### Saturday 3rd July

**11.30-13.00** Ceremony of placing of Soil from Ekaterinburg and Alapaevsk in the base of the Romanov Monument in East Cowes (Jubilee Park PO32 6TB, walking distance from the ferry)

Greetings and speeches

- \*Chairman of the Society, Maria Harwood
- \*Lord Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight (to be confirmed),
- \*Mayor of East Cowes (to be confirmed)
- \*President of the Romanov Family Association, Princess Olga Romanoff
- \*John Harwood (Trustee) *"The canonisation of the New Martyrs of Russia."*

**A prayer service and blessing of the plaque with the placing of Soil by Father Paul Elliott, Chancellor of the ROCOR Diocese of London and West Europe.**

Russian and British Anthems, Songs and Poems

Announcement about coming events of the Summer 2021 by our member Stephan Roman, author of a new book *"Isle and Empires. Romanov Russia, Britain and the Isle of Wight", 2021.*

**13.15 – 14.30** St Mildred's Church, Whippingham (PO32 6LW).

Visit to the grave of Princess Victoria, Marchioness of Milford Heaven, sister of St Elizabeth. Guided tour to the Royal Chapel and the grounds by Janet and David McNeals (our members).

**15.30** A Romanov Walk around East Cowes presented by Sara Lang, a Carisbrooke Castle Curator (up to 1 hour, group of 10, a fee to be confirmed). Please book with John Harwood at [jm\\_harwood@yahoo.com](mailto:jm_harwood@yahoo.com)

## **Sunday 4th July**

**10.00-12.00** Visit to Carisbrooke Castle (PO30 1XY). Talks and Guided tours, with a focus on the Royal Martyrs of England and Russia. (speakers: John Harwood and Stephan Roman) Please book your place with John Harwood at [jm\\_harwood@yahoo.com](mailto:jm_harwood@yahoo.com)

**12.30 - 14.30** Lunch at Albert Cottage (PO32 6BD)  
[www.albertcottagehotel.com](http://www.albertcottagehotel.com)

If you would like to come, please book a place with Anna Scriven at [anna.scriven@yahoo.com](mailto:anna.scriven@yahoo.com)  
(Places are limited)

Please contact John Harwood to tell us if you are planning to come and if you need any assistance. [jm\\_harwood@yahoo.com](mailto:jm_harwood@yahoo.com).

Yours sincerely

John Harwood, Trustee

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