

Barton Manor, 1909



**THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH ROMANOV SOCIETY UK,
EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL AND BARTON MANOR
PRESENT**

A PROGRAMME OF EVENTS DEDICATED TO THE

Centenary of the Martyrdom of the Russian Imperial Family and Grand Duchess Elizabeth Romanov

6th – 8th of July 2018

EAST COWES, ISLE OF WIGHT

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Unveiling of the ROMANOV MONUMENT in the Jubilee Park, East Cowes.
- Opening of the EXHIBITION "The Cross of the Romanovs" at Barton Manor, near Osborne House.
- CONCERT of Russian Spiritual and Folk Music by the St Elisabeth Convent Choir from Minsk, Belarus.
- TALKS
 - "The Last Imperial Family: Martyrs or Passion-Bearers?" by Metropolitan Kallistos. (Oxford University).
 - "The Imperial Tea Party": book launch by the author, Frances Welch.
 - "The Last Days of the Romanovs: Sydney Gibbes as a British Witness" by Fr Stephen Platt (Oxford parish of St Nicholas).
- Storytelling PERFORMANCE by Anna Conomos: "The Grand Duchess Elizabeth Romanov".
- MARKET: Russian handicrafts, icons and books.

Programme

Friday 6th July

- 17.30 – 19.30** Preview of the Exhibition "THE CROSS OF THE ROMANOVs" at Barton Manor, East Cowes. (by special invitation).
The exhibition will present rare archival photographs, films and documents, along with some artefacts and belongings of the Romanov family and Grand Duchess Elizabeth, from private collections. It will feature the Russian Imperial House links to the Royal House of Windsor and the last days of the Tsar's family and of the Grand Duchess Elizabeth and their Martyrdom in July 1918.
- 20.00 – 21.30** Concert at the Town Hall, East Cowes. St Elisabeth's Convent Choir (Minsk) and Russian Classical Music.
Tickets will be on sale.

Saturday 7th July

- 8.30 – 10.30** Orthodox Liturgy at St James's Church, East Cowes.
- 10.00 – 17.00** The exhibition is open for everybody.
- 11.30** Unveiling of the Romanov monument (sculptor Elena Bezbordova) in the Jubilee Park, East Cowes. Prayers, speeches, choir.
- 11.00 – 17.00** Russian Market at Barton Manor.
- 12.30 – 13.30** Lunch at Barton Manor (by invitation).
- 14.00 – 16.00** Guided tours and talks:
 - "The Last Imperial Family: Martyrs or Passion-Bearers?" by Metropolitan Kallistos. (Oxford University).
 - "The Imperial Tea Party": book launch by the author, Frances Welch.
 - "The Last Days of the Romanovs: Sydney Gibbes as a British Witness" by Fr Stephen Platt (Oxford parish of St Nicholas).
- 16.00 – 17.00** Showing of the archival footage.
- 18.00** Orthodox Vespers at St Mildred's Royal Church, Whippingham.
- 19.30** Reception at Albert Cottage (by invitation).

Sunday 8th July

- 08.30 – 10.30** Orthodox Liturgy, Carisbrooke Castle, Newport.
Followed by tea and snacks.
- 11.00 – 17.00** The exhibition is open for visitors. Market stalls at Barton Manor.
Activities in parallel with the exhibition:
- 11.00 – 14.00** Visit to Osborne House (English Heritage).
Pilgrimage to St Boniface Church, Bonchurch.
- 13.00 – 14.00** Lunch.
- 14.30 – 15.00** Storytelling performance by Anna Conomos "The Grand Duchess Elizabeth Romanov", at Barton Manor.
- 15.15 – 16.45** Tea Party at Barton Manor (by invitation).
- 17.00** Choir singing beside the monument, prayers and Bishop's Blessing.
- 18.30** Departure by ferry.