

Patron:-
George Coventry
(13th Earl of Coventry)



The Friends of Croome

September 2018

Dear Friends

Welcome to the Friends of Croome programme of events for Autumn 2018 to which all members are welcome.

We hope you find the programme interesting and would like to draw your attention to the Friends Extra letter, the holiday Booking form for next year and the ideas for future events list. Apologies for sending it altogether but posting is expensive. Also please note the **change of event** in November; we have postponed the RAF talk until a future date can be found.

Wednesday 10th October Visit to N.T. Upton House near Banbury

Leave RAF 9.30 a.m.

Depart Upton Ho. 4 p.m

Cost £18

Join us for a visit to NT Upton House and see the wonderful art collection and hear the stories of Upton's history as a home 'made to measure' in the 1920s. Follow the renovations and witness the before and after as the Bearstedts created a made to measure family home, fit to showcase a world class art collection, including works by Bosch, Stubbs, El Greco; as well as fine porcelain. Wander through the spectacular feature garden with lavish herbaceous planting and thriving kitchen garden, all reflecting in the Mirror Pool. With timed entry tickets we can free flow through the house before buying lunch or a snack in Iris's tearoom.

Tuesday 23rd October Women in History – a talk by Amy Forster-Smith

6.45 p.m. for 7.15 p.m.
For refreshments in the
RAF canteen

Cost £5

As part of the National Trust's year of 'Women & Power', Amy Forster-Smith, Visitor Experience Manager of Croome, will lead you through a selection of the nastiest and also the most misrepresented women in history, ending with the tragic tale of Maria Gunning and the research that has been undertaken to understand more about this fascinating woman.

Friday 16th November Trip to Swindon – Tour of Heelis NT Headquarters, Visit to the Railway Museum and Shopping at the Designer Outlet

Leave RAF 9 a.m.
Depart 3.30 p.m.

Cost £15

With Railway
Museum £21

Start the day by exploring the Railway Museum. The Museum tells the story of the men and women who built, operated and travelled on the Great Western Railway. See famous locomotives, 'drive' the train simulator and even work the signals in the interactive GWR signal box!

We have arranged a tour of Heelis at **12.30 p.m.** to see what goes on at NT Headquarters. After lunch– Heelis, the Museum and Outlet all have cafes - you can shop until you drop in the 100 designer stores. The choice of activity is entirely yours.

Tuesday 4th December A trip to Bath Christmas Market

Leave RAF 9.30 a.m.

Depart Bath 4 p.m.

Cost £16

The magical and award-winning Bath Christmas Market is bigger and better than ever! Over 200 twinkling chalets spread out across the picturesque Georgian streets of Bath selling handmade and local Christmas gifts. There will be plenty of opportunities to soak up the sights, smells and festive ambience of Bath at Christmas. Beautiful architecture and the UK's only natural thermal day spa.

Dates for your diary 2019

January - Festive Lunch at the Oak Defford

6th February - Behind the scenes with Michael Forster-Smith

March – Talk by Katherine Alker Parks and Garden Manager

19th – 23rd May Holiday to Kent/Sussex staying in Hastings

The next Events Letter will be at the end of Nov/December

If you are interested in any of the events please complete the appropriate reply slip(s), and return them with your cheque(s) and a **stamped address envelope** to the named person by the dates given. We would appreciate one cheque per event please.

You may also like to explore our website friendsofcroome.org.uk which has details of present and future events exclusive to Friends of Croome members, plus copies of our newsletters.

If you wish to bring a friend there will be an additional charge of £2 per event for non-members, if space permits **after** the closing date.

On the reply slips we are asking for the name of a family member or friend with whom we can get in touch with during an event or outing should we need to.

Polite request please – When on a coach trip from Croome we ask that you park at the top right hand side of the car park, behind the ambulance garage, thus freeing up spaces for visitors.

Best Wishes

Sue Lloyd

Wednesday 10th October Visit to N.T. Upton House near Banbury

Please reserve.....places at £18 Cheque(s) enclosed for.....

Name(s).....

Tel NoEmail

Address.....

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Emergency contact Name.....Tel no.....

Cheque payable to The Friends of Croome, **SAE** and booking form to Carrie Wishart, 28 Barbel Crescent, St Peters, Worcester WR5 3QU 01905 350026 **By 26th September**

Tuesday 23rd October Women in History – a talk by Amy Forster-Smith

Please reserve.....places at £5 Cheque(s) enclosed for.....

Name(s).....

Tel NoEmail

Address.....

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Emergency contact Name.....Tel no.....

Cheque payable to The Friends of Croome, **SAE** and booking form to Carrie Wishart, 28 Barbel Crescent, St Peters, Worcester WR5 3QU 01905 350026 **By 9th October**

Friday 16th November Trip to Swindon – Tour of Heelis NT Headquarters, Visit to the Railway Museum and Shopping at the Designer Outlet

Please reserve.....places for Coach trip **only** at £15 Cheque(s) enclosed for.....

Please reserveplaces to **include** the Railway Museum at £21 Cheque(s) enclosed for.....

Please reservefree places on Heelis tour at **12.30 p.m.**

Name(s).....

Tel NoEmail

Address.....

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Emergency contact Name.....Tel no.....

Cheque payable to The Friends of Croome, **SAE** and booking form to Sue Lloyd. 29 Hillview Gardens, Ryall, Upton-upon-Severn, Worc. WR8 0QJ 01684 594286 **By 2nd November**

Tuesday 4th December A trip to Bath Christmas Market

Please reserve.....places at £16 Cheque(s) enclosed for.....

Name(s).....

Tel NoEmail

Address.....

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Emergency contact Name.....Tel no.....

Cheque payable to The Friends of Croome, **SAE** and booking form to Betty Mills, 246 Worcester Road, Malvern, Worcester. WR14 1AW 01684 578492 **By 20th November**

Monday 8th October Friends Extra First Meeting

I would like to attend the meeting

Name.....

Tel NoEmail

Address.....

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Emergency contact Name.....Tel no.....

Please send to Sue Lloyd. 29 Hillview Gardens, Ryall, Upton-upon-Severn, Worc. WR8 0QJ 01684 594286
Or email suzilloyd01684@gmail.com
