

Patron: George Coventry
(13th Earl of Coventry)



The Friends of Croome

Dear Friends

September 2021

Welcome to the Friends of Croome programme of events for Autumn 2021 to which all members are welcome.

At last we feel able to run a new programme of events following the lockdown. We are beginning to put together a new events team but would still welcome new members to help out with the events and programming for next year. So far we just have a programme for this year but some dates for you diary for 2022 included. Where coach travel is involved, we will be providing hand sanitiser before [boarding](#). *We ask for the safety of us all that you will have been double vaccinated and will do a home lateral flow test no more than 24 hours before the trip.*

Tuesday 28th September

Visit to Stokesay Castle and the Hop Pocket

Depart Croome 9.15 a.m.
Depart Stokesay 2.30p.m.
Depart Hop Pocket
4.15p.m.

Cost £25
English H. members £19

Stokesay Castle is a medieval manor house with stunning views of the Shropshire countryside. The castle was constructed at the end of the 13th century by Laurence of Ludlow, who at the time was one of the richest men in England. It remains a treasure by-passed by time, one of the best places to visit in England to experience what medieval life was like.

Tearoom providing light refreshments. Picnic area and gift shop.
Return journey includes stopping at the Hop Pocket, Bishops Frome.

(Sadly the planned trip to Hampton Court Castle was cancelled as they are closing earlier than expected)

Thursday 14th October

Elmley Castle Church visit with lunch at the Queen Elizabeth pub.

[Own](#) transport to
Elmley Castle Church
for 11.30 a.m. tour

Tour of Elmley Castle Church with a talk on the history of the church and the Coventry tomb therein by local historian. Then stroll over to the Queen Elizabeth Pub for a ploughman's lunch including tea or coffee.
Arrival under your own steam please! Parking in village.

Price £20 inc. lunch
Without lunch £8

Monday 15th November Richard III Exhibition and visitor centre and Cathedral, Leicester.

Depart Croome 8.45 a.m..

Depart Leicester 3 p.m.

Cost £32

With lunch £39.75

The Richard [III](#) Visitor Centre in Leicester is where 21st Century technology brings this incredible story to life. On arrival, enjoy a talk with refreshments in the Kings Suite, about the Greyfriars dig in 2012 and what archaeologists found under the car park. Bone analysis DNA and genealogy "Looking for Richard" is a fascinating talk concluding with an insight into the reburial of King Richard [III](#) in 2015. Tour the Visitor Centre situated on the site of Greyfriars Priory, then enjoy a group tour of Leicester Cathedral and see King Richard [III's](#) tomb.

Depart Croome 9.15 a.m.

Depart Stratford ~~3.30-3.30~~

Thursday 9th

December Stratford upon Avon Victorian Christmas Market

Join us and get into the Christmas spirit with a trip to Stratford upon Avon Christmas Market. Walk around the stalls and array of shops, enjoy a relaxing walk along the river and admire the swans. Free choice of many restaurants for lunch or picnic on the banks of the Avon, weather permitting of course! Have you visited the church where Shakespeare was buried? It's in the centre of town but a little visited church, well worth a visit.

Dates for your diary 2022

January 26th/27th Eckington Manor festive lunch

February 10th - Behind the scenes with Michell Fullard and Will Watson followed by coffee and cake

March 29th - Black Country Museum

Thursday 28 April - AGM, Sergeant's and Orderlies' Quarters

May 22nd - 26th Holiday to Shrigley Hall, nr Macclesfield - **N.B.** booking for this will be in the Christmas events letter at the end of November as we are keen to avoid a third cancellation!

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 addressed 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. **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.

Please make sure that you provide an emergency contact number not only for your peace of mind but ours should it be necessary to get in touch with anyone if anything amiss occurs.

Best wishes

Linda Nash
Chair of the Events Committee

Tuesday 28th September Stokesay Castle,

Please reserve.....places at £25 Cheques enclosed for £.....

Please reserve.....places at £19 English Heritage members Cheques enclosed for £.....

Name(s).....

Tel NoEmail.

Address.....

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

I confirm that I am double vaccinated and will take a lateral flow test 24 hrs before the trip

Signature.....

Cheque payable to The Friends of Croome, **SAE** and booking form to Mary Evans, Old Gardens, Moat Lane, White Ladies Aston, Worcs. WR7 4QJ 01905 345479 by the 21st September

NB Please make sure your cheques have no amendments

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Cheque payable to The Friends of Croome, **SAE** and booking form to Linda Nash, 62 Gardens Walk, Upton upon Severn, Worcs. WR8 0JE 01684 302181 **by 1st October**

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Monday 15th November Richard III Exhibition and visitors centre, Leicester.

Please reserve.....places at £39.75 inc. lunch£32 without lunch. Cheque(s) enclosed for £..... Please bring a picnic if you would prefer as limited facilities available on site

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

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Signature.....

Cheque payable to The Friends of Croome, **SAE** and booking form to Ellie Chandler, 15 Beckford Road,
Alderton, Tewkesbury, Glos GL20 8NL 01242620535 **by 1st November**

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