

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



The Friends of Croome

Dear Friends

June 2018

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

Tuesday 10th July Visit to Berkeley Castle, including Dr Jenner's House and Butterfly House

Leave RAF 9.45 a.m.

Return 3.30 p.m.

Cost £23.50

The most remarkable thing about the Castle is that for nine centuries, the building, the Berkeley family, the archives (which go back to the 12th Century), the contents, the estate and the town have all survived together. The Castle is one of the March Castles, built to keep out the Welsh. It has all the trappings to match: trip steps designed to make the enemy stumble during an assault, arrow slits, murder holes, enormous barred doors, slots where the portcullis once fell, and worn stones where sentries stood guard.

Saturday 11th August An Archaeology or Eyecatchers Walk with Tea in the Rotunda

Meet RAF 1.30 p.m.

Cost £10 with tea
£6 without

Dennis Williams will lead a walk highlighting the archaeological finds within Croome. The key areas he will cover are the latrine and holloway behind the Temple Greenhouse, the boathouse, the North Lawn, and RAF Site No. 5 on the ridge near the Rotunda. If there is time and the weather permits he will visit the carriage splash and also the huge WW2 earthworks in the wood on the E boundary. 2.5 -3.5 miles dependant on route and time (less if you prefer to stop at the Court)
Michael will be leading a walk to Pirton Castle taking in the landscape of Croome from afar. He will pass Pirton Pool, Pirton Court and Pirton Church where he will tell you the story of the village and the history we have on our doorstep. This will be approx. 5-6 miles
We will meet at the Rotunda for afternoon refreshments.
Suitable outdoor clothing and shoes

Thursday 6th September Visit to Kew Gardens

Leave RAF 9 a.m.

Return 4 p.m.

Cost £30
Land train £4

Kew is a UNESCO World Heritage site offering unique landscapes and iconic architecture from every stage of the garden's history. The collection of plants is the largest and most diverse in the world. Attractions include the Palm House, Treetop Walkway, The Hive, the Marianne North Gallery and many more. There are 5 places to eat and plenty of shops to bring home 'a bit of Kew'. For an additional £4 (£5 on the day) you can use the hop-on hop-off Land Train to explore the extremities of the gardens.

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

Leave RAF 9 a.m.

Return 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 Bearsteds 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.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 23rd October Women in History a talk by Amy Forster-Smith
Monday 12th November. Talk : RAF Museum – Past, Present and Future
4th December Bath Christmas Market TBC

The next Events Letter will be in September with the Newsletter

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.

Best Wishes

Sue Lloyd

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Please reserve.....places at £23.50 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 Lyn Heath, Lower Farm House, Harewell Lane, Besford, Worcs. WR8 9AT. Tel: 01386 555332 **By 26th June**

Saturday 11th August An Archaeology or Eyecatchers Walk with Tea in Rotunda

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Tel NoEmail.....

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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 28th July**

Thursday 6th September Visit to Kew Gardens

Please reserve.....places at £30 places with prebooked Land Train £34

Cheque(s) enclosed for.....

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Tel NoEmail.....

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Address.....

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

Cheque payable to The Friends of Croome, **SAE** and booking form to Carol Atkins. 15 Hillview Gardens, Ryall, Upton-upon-Severn, Worc. WR8 0QJ 01684 593707 **By 26th August**

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