

Patron: George Coventry
(13th Earl of Coventry)



The Friends of Croome

Dear Friends

May 2019

Welcome to the Friends of Croome programme of events for Summer/Autumn 2019 to which all members are invited.

Tuesday 18th June Cardiff Shopping or St Fagans Museum of History

Meet at RAF 9.00
Leave Cardiff 4.00

Today we visit St Fagans National Museum of History, one of the world's leading open-air museums and Wales' most-visited heritage attraction. It stands in the grounds of the magnificent St Fagans Castle, a late 16th century manor house donated to the people of Wales by the Earl of Plymouth. During the last 50 years, over 50 original buildings from different locations in Wales and from different historical periods have been re-built in the 100-acre parkland. Suitable walking shoes are recommended.

Cost: £15

Or spend the day in Cardiff City Centre, one of the top shopping destinations. It is easy to explore on foot. Visit the National Museum and the spectacular Cardiff Castle or catch a bus to the revitalised waterfront at Cardiff Bay. **Please indicate your choice on the booking form for Cardiff City or St Fagans.**

Monday 15th July Amy Forster-Smith Talk on Grayson Perry Tapestries

Meet at RAF 9.30
Cost £5

Amy Forster-Smith, Visitor experience Manager, will lead a tour of the new exhibitions in Croome Court, particularly the new tapestries and etchings by Grayson Perry. Explaining each piece in turn, she will interpret the themes and details in each artwork by Perry in an informative walking tour. Meet at RAF reception at 9.30am and we will walk down to the Court. On our return we will have coffee and refreshments in the new Learning Centre

Saturday 20th July Art Workshop

Meet at Learning Centre 9.30 a.m.
Cost £15

Join us for a new venture. Christine Dodd has kindly agreed to run an art workshop, demonstrating a pastel drawing for us to copy. Christine will be providing all the materials needed. We will meet in the Learning Centre (Sergeants and Orderlies Quarters) at 9.30 am and finish about 1.30 pm. Places are limited. This is aimed at beginners so do come along. Drinks and biscuits will be provided.

Wednesday 31st July Highclere Castle, Newbury

Meet at RAF 9.00am
Leave Highclere At 4.00pm

There will be much to see on our visit to Highclere Castle, county estate of the Earls of Carnarvon. Experience the upstairs and downstairs of this magnificent Castle, recently used for filming the movie Downton Abbey, to be released in September. Discover the amazing history of this stunning location and enjoy a stroll in the gardens and parkland designed by Capability Brown. Not to be missed is the Egyptian exhibition, housing wonderful things bought back by the 5th Earl of Carnarvon after the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb by Howard Carter. Join us for a day of exciting discoveries.

Cost: £33

Highclere need to be informed of the final numbers 6 weeks before therefore applications need to have been received by 19th June.

Anyone who is a member of HHA (Historic Houses Association) can gain free access to the House and Gardens on production of their card. There will, however, be a charge of £7 for entry to the Egyptian Exhibition which is payable in advance to Friends of Croome as part of our group booking.

Wednesday 7th August Cheese & Wine in the Walled Garden

Meet at 6.30

Cost: £12.50

Come and spend a summer evening in the walled garden with our hosts Karen and Chris Cronin, who will provide refreshments of cheese and wine. View the restored Tomato and Pineapple houses along with the new Mediterranean Garden that has been created along with the other planting that has taken place so far this year.

Parking will be via the London Arch, **not the NT car park**, there will be attendants on duty to show you the way.

Thursday 5th September Dudley Canal Trip

Meet at RAF 9.15
Leave Dudley 3.15

Cost £30 to include
Buffet lunch & Tea or
Coffee on arrival

This 2-hour tour gives you the opportunity to travel the full 2888m length of the mighty Dudley Tunnel. You'll get the chance to experience the traditional art of 'legging'. It also includes a comprehensive tour of the remarkable Limescale Mines and Caverns – an entertaining video show in Little Tess Cavern explaining how the limestone was originally formed and emerged from the earth's crust. Fascinating details about how the fossilised remains of small creatures and plants that is now clearly visible in Castle Mill's coral reef once lay under the seabed. Reconstructions in Hurst Cavern with mannequins depicting how miners worked in the tunnels during the 18th century and lastly an astonishing music and light show in the Singing Cavern.

Tuesday 8th October Windsor Castle

Meet at RAF 9.00
Leave Windsor at
4.00

Cost: £35

Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world, founded by William the Conqueror in the 11th century. It has been the home of 39 monarchs. The Queen spends most of her private weekends at the Castle.

The Castle is at the top of a steep hill and it is suggested that appropriate footwear is worn. There is airport type security when you enter the Castle.

Coaches cannot set down or pick up passengers at the entrance to Windsor Castle. It is a 5 to 10 minute walk to the Admissions Centre and Castle entrance from the coach park in Alum Road.

Please note: we only have a very short booking window on this trip as we have to pay up front 4 weeks in advance so please reply by 31 August.

Dates for Your Diary

November 8 th	Environment Visit Norton
December 4 th	Blenheim Place (TBC)

Friends Extra 10.30 in the Leaning Centre (SOQ) 3rd June, 1st July, 5th August, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November 2nd December. Do come along, no booking necessary.

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.

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**.

Best wishes

Sue Lloyd

Tuesday 18th June Cardiff Shopping or St Fagans

Please reserve.....places with St Fagans at £15 Places for City Centre only..... at £15

Cheque(s) enclosed for.....

PLEASE NOTE: THE PRICE FOR BOTH TRIPS IS THE SAME AS THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR VISITING ST FAGANS

Name(s).....

Tel NoEmail

Address.....

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

Cheque(s) payable to The Friends of Croome, **SAE** and booking form to

Gill Collin, 8 Red Earl Lane, Malvern, WR14 2ST Tel: 01684 572384 **By 4th June**

Monday 15th July Amy Forster-Smith Talk on Grayson Perry Tapestries

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Cheque(s) payable to The Friends of Croome, **SAE** and booking form to

Betty Mills, The Laurels 246 Worcester Road, Malvern WR14 1AW 01684 578492 **By 1st July**

Saturday 20th July Art Workshop

Please reserve.....places at £15 Cheque(s) enclosed for.....

Name(s).....

Tel NoEmail

Address.....

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

Cheque(s) payable to The Friends of Croome, **SAE** and booking form to

Sue Lloyd 29 Hillview Gardens, Ryall, Upton Upon Severn WR8 0QJ Tel: 01684 594286 **By 6th July**

Wednesday 31st July Highclere Castle

Please reserve.....places at £33 or if HHA members £7 only for Egyptian Exhibition if required Cheque(s) enclosed for.....

Name(s).....

Tel NoEmail

Address.....

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

Cheque(s) payable to The Friends of Croome, **SAE** and booking form to

Carrie Wishart 28 Barbel Crescent, St Peters, Worcester WR5 3QU 01905 350026 **By 19th June**

Wednesday 7th August Cheese and Wine in Walled Garden

Please reserve.....places at £12.50 Cheque(s) enclosed for.....

Name(s).....

Tel NoEmail

Address.....

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

Cheque(s) payable to The Friends of Croome, **SAE** and booking form to

Carol Atkins 15 Hillview Gardens, Ryall, Upton Upon Severn WR8 0QJ Tel: 01684 593707 **By 24th July**

Thursday 5th September Dudley Canal Trip

Please reserve.....places at £30 Cheque(s) enclosed for.....

Name(s).....

Tel NoEmail

Address.....

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

Cheque(s) payable to The Friends of Croome, **SAE** and booking form to

Sue Lloyd 29 Hillview Gardens, Ryall, Upton Upon Severn WR8 0QJ Tel: 01684 594286 **By 22nd Aug**

Tuesday 8th October Windsor Castle

Please reserve.....places at £35 Cheque(s) enclosed for.....

Name(s).....

Tel NoEmail

Address.....

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

Cheque(s) payable to The Friends of Croome, **SAE** and booking form to

Amanda Stone 111 Madresfield Road, Malvern WR14 2NP 01684 893214 **By 31st Aug**

You may also like to explore our website friendsofcroome.org.uk which has details of present and future events

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