

Patron: George Coventry
(13th Earl of Coventry)



The Friends of Croome

Dear Friends

February 2019

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

Tuesday 2nd April Mailbox plus free time in Birmingham

Meet at RAF 8.30
Leave B'ham 4.00

Cost: £24 with BBC
tour
£13.50 coach only

Perfectly sited for the city centre and shopping plus lots of restaurants and interest (e.g. museums), the Mail Box trip will give you the option of a peek behind the scenes of BBC Midlands. Tours are approx. 1½ hours and commence at 10.30 am and 1.00pm. Join us on one of the tours or just visit the city centre and plan your own day. Please indicate your choice on the booking form.

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 apply by 2nd March

Thursday 11th April AGM

Meet RAF Canteen 7.15

Amy Forster-Smith will give a shortened version of her talk on 'Women of Croome' which was postponed from last year.

Thursday 2nd May Middleton Hall Tamworth

Meet at RAF 9.30
Leave 4.00

Cost £22

Middleton Hall is a Grade II listed building dating back 950 years and has been the home of a Norman magnate, an arctic explorer and 2 significant naturalists. It is set in 42 acres and has a historic walled garden dating back to 1717. Within the Hall is the Peel Museum dedicated to one of Tamworth's most notable families.

There will be coffee upon arrival and then free flow. There is also a café and a variety of shops on site. For those interested in birds, the RSPB Middleton Lakes in within easy walking distance from Middleton Hall.

Tuesday 14th May Nightingale Walk

Meet at Reception
10.00am
Return 1.00pm

Cost £5

Join us for a walk of between three to four miles to discover more about this elusive bird. Hugh Warwick, Croome's Area Ranger, will be leading our walk to show us the nesting areas and some of the nightingale habitat that has been created. This is the best time of year to hear nightingales, as they will be in full song, singing not only at dawn and dusk, but during the day as well. Anyone interested in this lovely bird, is in for a treat

The holiday is now fully booked with a waiting list.

Tuesday 18th June Cardiff Shopping or St Fagans

Meet at RAF
Leave at 9a.m.

Leave Cardiff 4p.m

Cost £15

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.

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.

Friends Extra dates:-

We will meet on the **first Monday** of the month when possible:-

Monday 4th March 10.30 at Severn Stoke Village Hall

Monday April 1st 10.30 The Sergeant's and Orderly's Quarters Croome (SOQ) **TBC**

Monday April 29th 10.30 SOQ **note two in April TBC**

No meeting in May due to bank holidays

Monday 3rd June 10.30 a.m. SOQ Croome **TBC**

Dates for Your Diary

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

July 31st Highclere Castle

Aug 7th An evening of Cheese and Wine in the walled garden

5th Sept Dudley Canal Trip

The next events letter will be in June

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.

Could we please remind you to park on the right hand side of the car park by the ambulance garage.

Best wishes

Sue Lloyd

Tuesday 2nd April Mailbox plus free time in Birmingham

Please reserve with BBC visit.....places at £24 Without BBC visit.....places at £13.50

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 Lyn Heath, Lower Farm House,

Harewell Lane, Besford, Worcester WR8 9AT. Tel: 01386 555332 **By 2nd March**

Thursday 2nd May Middleton Hall, Tamworth

Please reserve.....places at £22 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

Maggie Radway, 4 Milbourne Lodge, 141 Church Street, Malvern WR14 2AN Tel: 01684 575690 **By 18th April**

Tuesday 14th May Nightingale Walk

Please reserve.....places at £5 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 Tel: 01905 350026 **By 30th April**

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

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