

Patron: George Coventry
(13th Earl of Coventry)



The Friends of Croome

Dear Friends

December 2018

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

Monday 14th January Festive Lunch Oak Defford

Oak Inn, Defford

12.30 for 1 p.m.

Cost £21

Festive Lunch. Please join us as we start the year with our first social gathering at the Oak Inn Defford WR8 9BW Good food amongst Friends. Please see attached menu for your choices

Tuesday 6th February Behind the Scenes with Michael Forster-Smith

Meet at RAF 10 p.m.

Cost £5

Michael will once again give us a tour of The Court and show us what has been achieved since last year. He will, as always, give an informative tour and will no doubt take us from the top floor to basement. Round off the morning with a warming lunch at RAF. Pay as you go through the counter

Thursday 21st March Visit to Eckington Cookery School. Hammock Road Eckington WR10 3BJ

Meet at Eckington
Cookery School

10.45 for 11 a.m.

Cost £20

Do you want to improve your cookery skills? Learn with the professionals in a relaxed friendly environment. Eckington Manor is home to 2015 Professional MasterChef Mark Stinchcombe and his talented wife Sue. We will be treated to a professional but uncomplicated cookery demonstration, which will include a light 2 course lunch. Menu to be confirmed nearer the time. 11am – 1pm. Please make your own way to the venue – Hammock Road, Eckington, WR10 3BJ. A light 2-course lunch will be provided during the demonstration.

The Friends Holiday to Kent

I am delighted to say that the holiday bookings have been very successful, selling out within 2 weeks of advertising. Wait List only.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 3rd April tour of the Mailbox plus free time in Birmingham

Thursday 11th April AGM

Thursday 2nd May Middleton Hall, Nr Tamworth, Warwickshire

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.

Thank you for your support we wish all Friends a very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you at some of the events next year.

Best wishes

Sue Lloyd

Festive Lunch at the Oak Inn, Defford
Monday 14 January 2019 12.30 for 1p.m.

Name(s).....

Please reserve..... places at £21

Cheque(s) enclosed for £.....

Please indicate your menu choices

Starters

Cream of leek and potato soup						
Ham Hock Terrine, piccalilli						
Oak smoked salmon, prawns & Marie rose dressing						
Fan of Galia melon, berries & sorbet						

Main Course

Boeuf Bourguignonne, horseradish mash						
Pan fried sea bass, herb risotto						
Roast breast of chicken, fondant potato, glazed shallots, mushrooms & Madeira						
Cranberry, Brie & fig tart (V)						

Desserts

Vanilla pod Crème Brulee						
Glazed lemon tart, raspberry couloirs						
Apple, cinnamon & sultana crumble, vanilla custard						
Selection of cheese & biscuits						

Coffee and mints

Cheques 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 **4th January 2019**

Tuesday 6th February Behind the Scenes with Michael 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(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 23rd January**

Thursday 21st March Visit to Eckington Cookery School
Hammock Rd. Eckington. Pershore WR10 3BI

Please reserve.....places at £20 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

Gill Collin, 8 Red Earl Lane, Malvern, Worcs. WR14 2 ST 01684 572384 **By 7th March**

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