

A DAY WITH THE ROMANS!!

A STUDY TOUR TO CHEDWORTH ROMAN VILLA & THE CORINIUM MUSEUM, CIRENCESTER

LED BY CHRIS DALE, WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2016

- 8.15am Coach depart National Museum Wales, Cathays Park
- 8.30 Pick up passengers at Wild Gardens Road, Roath Park
- 10.30 Arrive at Chedworth Roman Villa (National Trust) for coffee & biscuits
- 11.00 Study tour of Chedworth Roman Villa led by Chris Dale
- 12.30 Leave Chedworth for Cirencester
- 1.00 Lunch own arrangements, followed by time to explore Cirencester
- 2.45 Meet at the Corinium Museum, Cirencester for guided tour led by Chris Dale
- 4.45 Leave Cirencester arriving back in Cardiff around 6.30pm.

The day will be led by Chris Dale who many of you will already know. Chris studied Latin, Greek and Archaeology at Cardiff University and undertook post-graduate studies at Cardiff and Glamorgan Universities. He has taught Latin, Greek and Classical Civilization in Cardiff state and private secondary schools for thirty-five years, and is the author of two Latin textbooks. Since retiring he has been a lecturer with the Cardiff based Classical Education Forum.

Chedworth is one of the glories of Roman Britain. Situated in a now secluded Cotswold valley it gives us a fascinating insight into what life was like in a late 4th century Romano-British villa. However, the 'golden age' of Chedworth proved to be short lived and following the withdrawal of the Roman army in the early 5th century, the villa was abandoned and slowly decayed. It was not until the 1860s, that Chedworth was rediscovered by chance by a local gamekeeper. The site was then excavated by a James Ferrer MP, an amateur archeologist and relative of the Eldon family who owned the land. Since then, the site has been further excavated, although parts are still waiting to be excavated. One of the highlights of Chedworth are the remarkable mosaics, among the finest in the country.

Following our visit to Chedworth we move on to Cirencester. After lunch, we visit the Corinium Museum a new and award-winning museum, and home to one of the largest collections of Romano-British antiquities mostly from Corinium, the Roman name for Cirencester and Roman Britain's second largest city. Once again the mosaics, relocated from a number of sites in Cirencester and other locations are truly remarkable.

The cost of the day includes coffee and biscuits on arrival at Chedworth, admission to the Corinium Museum and the coach. Chedworth admission is free to National Trust members (please remember to bring your National Trust card).

The cost of the day is £30.00 for National Trust Members, and £38.50 for non-National Trust members.

To join us, make your cheque payable to 'Friends of Museum Wales', and send the completed cheque and form below to Richard Carter, 5 The Close, Llanishen, Cardiff CF14 5NG

Email: richard.carter@friendsmuseumwales.org.uk Tel: 029 2076 5177 Mobile: 07921811996.

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you have not provided an email address or you wish to receive a priority voucher should the visit be oversubscribed.

To: Friends of Museum Wales: Study tour to Chedworth Roman Villa & Corinium Museum Cirencester, Wednesday 6 April 2016

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Please reserve ___ places for the above event. I enclose a cheque for £ _____ (£30.00 for National Trust members/ £38.50 for non -National Trust members) in favour of Friends of Museum Wales.

I/ we shall be boarding the coach at the NMW Cathays Park _____ Wild Gardens Road, Roath Park _____

I/we confirm membership of Friends Museum Wales _____ I/we confirm membership of the National Trust _____