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TUESDAY 17TH July 2018

Organised by Christabel Hutchings and Dorn Swaffield

An opportunity to continue our Roman theme and visit Caerleon, the home of the 2nd Augustan Legion, in the company of Dr Mark Lewis, Curatorial Officer at the National Roman Legion Museum, Caerleon. The visit covers the amphitheatre, Prysg Field barrack site, the Roman baths, and the National Roman Legion Museum.

Refreshments provided: Total cost: £32

Last year we visited Lydney Park Estate and Caerwent and this year we continue the Roman theme with a visit to the picturesque town of Caerleon. It is important to keep in touch with the constituent parts of National Museum Wales and their ever increasing collection of artefacts. Caerleon is one of only three Roman fortresses in Britain which were occupied for an extended period of time. The site of the legionary fortress was known to the Romans as *Isca*. It was the headquarters of the Second Augustan Legion which took part in the invasion ordered by the Emperor Claudius in AD 43. *Isca* is uniquely important for the study of the conquest, pacification and colonisation of Britannia by the Roman army, as unlike the other two permanent fortresses at Chester and York, its archaeological remains lie relatively undisturbed beneath the modern town of Caerleon. This has provided a unique opportunity to study Roman legions in Britain and important new research has taken place. In the company of Dr Mark Lewis, we will visit the sites mentioned above. Dr Lewis is renowned for the interesting way in which he brings the past to life and we are fortunate that he is able to join us for the whole day. The National Roman Legion Museum has benefited in the past from the Friends' donations which were much appreciated. Refreshments will be served at the Priory Hotel and Restaurant which dates back to the 16th century.

PROGRAMME: 9.30am Depart National Museum Cathays Park; **9.40am** Depart Wild Gardens Road; **10.15am** Arrive at Caerleon. We will leave around **3.30 - 4.00 pm**. **NB:** Times are approximate. **Please wear stout shoes and be prepared for rain as you will be out of doors for the first hour of the day. THE TOTAL CHARGE for the day is £32. This includes;** coach with driver's gratuity, morning coffee/tea, a two course lunch with choice from a menu and an afternoon cup of tea/coffee - all served at the Priory.

**Please return the form below to Christabel Hutchings, 1 Fields Park Ave., Newport, NP20 5BG.
For further information tel. 01633 215376**

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VISIT TO CAERLEON, TUESDAY 17TH JULY 2018

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I/We will board the coach at NMW steps: Wild Gardens Road: