

## **Events Schedule Spring / Summer 2025**

### **Friends of Croome**

#### **Leonard Edwards talk, Part 2**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March in SOQs starting 2pm**

**Places at £12 pp including refreshments, non-members £14 pp**

Leonard Edwards lived with his family at Croome until he was 18 years old. His father, Albert, was caretaker at the Court from 1948 to 1998. Leonard will share memories of what life was like at Croome during that time and how he helped his father in and around the Court, from mowing the lawn to the north of the house, to locking up at night. This talk, the 2<sup>nd</sup> part, will include slides and will include a look at the time of the Hare Krishnas at Croome.

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#### **Visits to Pirton Court Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March, SOLD OUT**

**See below for our next visit to Pirton in July**

This has proved to be a really interesting event, sold out quickly, so we are adding another different event at Pirton, see below.

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#### **Visit to Powys Castle and Gardens on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Depart Croome at 9.30am, return approx. 5.30pm**

**Places at £20.00 pp (please bring your National Trust card with you) Non-members £22.00pp**

Powys Castle and Gardens, a National Trust Property.

Powys Castle was built in mid-13<sup>th</sup> Century by a Welsh Prince. See inside the castle and explore the beautiful grounds. In 1309 the castle and lordship passed to an heiress who married Sir John Charlton from Shropshire. Various owners of the castle ensued until the estate was at its height. In 1909 the Prince and Princess of Wales visited. George Herbert, great grandson of Edward Clive, (Clive of India), and his wife, Violet, inherited the title of 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Powys along with the Castle and Estate. Tragedy strikes in 1916 when both of George and Violet Herberts' sons were tragically killed and George bequeathed Powys to the Nation, in the care of the National Trust.

Why not bring a picnic to eat al fresco in the wonderful gardens, there is also a café on site.

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#### **AGM Friends of Croome Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**More info to follow**

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### **Visit to Ludlow's Secret Gardens and Ludlow Farm Shop**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June, Depart Croome 9.30am, Arrive back to Croome approx. 5.30pm.**

**Places at £ 30.00 pp, Closing date 15<sup>th</sup> May, no refunds after this time. Non members welcome at £32.00pp**

Please join us for a trip to Ludlow Secret Gardens, starting with a visit to Ludlow Farm Shop, a super centre where we can have coffee, food, purchase unusual gifts or food treats to take for a picnic or to take home. This is a large centre with lots to offer. Then onward to Ludlow to collect tickets and explore some of the loveliest gardens in the historic town of Ludlow. Gardens are all within walking distance of the town centre. Diverse in style, size and settings, they range from beautiful spacious gardens with lawns to die for to delightful terraced spaces full of colour and interest, with spectacular views over Ludlow castle and the Shropshire hills. Lunches and teas available at various venues in the town or bring a picnic to eat Al Fresco. We depart Ludlow at 4pm to head back to Croome.

**Please car share to Croome if possible as Sunday parking is limited. Please park in the Paddock, as close as possible in line of cars.**

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### **Visit to Pirton Court, Summer Evening Event**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 5pm to 8pm**

**Wine and Cheese outdoor event with walk and talk on Lady Deerhurst, Virginia Lee Coventry.**

**Places at £23.00pp, Closing Date 1st May, no refunds after this time.**

**Limited spaces available so book early.**

Please join us for what promises to be a very special Summer outdoor event at Pirton Court. Pirton has been intertwined with the Coventry family for generations and many of the Coventry family have lived there over the past several hundred years. Enjoy light refreshments, snacks, cheese and wine on the lawns of this historic property including a 30 minute walk and talk by Peter Hare, current owner of Pirton Court, on Virginia Lee Coventry (nee Bonynges) 1866 to 1948, who resided at Pirton Court from 1910 to 1948. The talk encompasses information from Peter's recent research on this great lady. A summer garden party with a marquee and space in the Great Hall if weather is inclement.

**Car share if possible as limited car parking space at Pirton Court**

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