

2024 FIELD TRIP TO THE COTSWOLDS

Members of the Archaeology Group recently spent four days visiting the archaeological sites of the Cotswolds. Starting at the remains of the Roman villa and mosaic at Littlecote House, the group then proceeded to Cirencester - our base for the next three days. The weather was kind and a visit to the Cirencester Roman amphitheatre, Querns long-barrow and the Cirencester obelisk- all in close proximity, rounded off a pleasant evening.



Day 2 - a guided tour of Chedworth Roman Villa was followed by a visit to the enigmatic Rollright stones - a stone circle made of oolitic limestone, sculpted by weathering into fantastical shapes. On the same site is a portal dolmen burial chamber known as the Whispering Knights. Legend has it that the Knights are plotting against the King. The King Stone is sited across the road overlooking the valley across to the village of Long Compton.

Day 3 - Cirencester has a fantastic museum named after the Roman name of the town- Corinium. It contains an extensive range of collections charting the history of the area. The afternoon activity was optional : a guided walk of Cirencester or free time.

Day 4 - We say farewell to Cirencester but take the opportunity to visit the Devizes Museum. An excellent museum with artefacts from all over Wiltshire and the Stonehenge landscape.