



SPECIAL INTEREST DAY and Open Meeting

THURSDAY 13 APRIL 2023

at the Big School, Epsom College

The Complete Pompeii

Three Lectures by Gillian Hovell



Our sessions on this Study Day tell the engaging narrative of the lives and deaths of people who lived in and around Pompeii 2,000 years ago. Gillian will equip you with the tricks of the trade so that you can truly enjoy and appreciate this amazing ruined city and the sites and finds that you can explore nearby.

Whether you go in person to visit Pompeii or watch TV documentaries, this Study Day brings you face-to-face with the Romans so that you can see beyond the TV screen to the vibrant world of AD 79. Roman sites will never be silent ruins ever again; what you learn today will bring them all dramatically to life.

Registration 10:00

Lecture 1. 10:15 - 11:15 - Digging Deeper in Pompeii

Become as familiar with this Roman town as the Romans were before its burial by Vesuvius' eruption in AD 79. Learn insights into how you can connect with and get the most from the wealth of daily and public art and architecture unearthed from the ashes in and beyond Pompeii.

Coffee 11:15 - 12:00

Lecture 2. 12:00 - 1:00 - Welcome to Pompeii

Romans who visited Pompeii knew exactly what to expect; every Roman town was a mini-Rome and contained everything you could possibly want in your Roman lifestyle. We explore how you too can feel 'at home' in a Roman town. What should you notice? What should you look for? How do you find your way around so that you can delve into every aspect of Roman life?

Lunch 1:00 - 2:30



Lecture 3. 2:30 - 3:30 - The Big Picture – A 2,000 Year Old Way of Life and Death

Pompeii wasn't isolated. It was one town in a vibrant region that was much favoured by the celebrities of the day who owned country houses in the area; amongst them were Cicero and Pliny who praised the glorious weather, rich crops and fresh air. As an archaeologist who has excavated at nearby Oplontis and led many tours to the Roman sites around Pompeii, and as an ancient historian who has studied the texts from the first century, we can go on a virtual tour that will inspire you with a very real sense of what Roman life was truly like. Mass entertainment, trade, religion, playboy mansions, imperial homes, they're all here in the amphitheatre at volcanic Pozzuoli, the religious site of Cumae (made so famous by the Roman poet, Virgil), the emperor's wife's superbly decorated glamorous house at Oplontis and the next door work-a-day wine warehouse on the ancient shore, as well as the party houses at Stabiae, the markets and the rich finds housed in Naples' Archaeological Museum. We touch every aspect of Roman life.

Tickets: tickets are **£44.00** per person (including lunch) and can be purchased by card payment in person at our regular monthly meeting at Epsom Playhouse on **Wednesday 1st March 2023**. Please have the booking form below printed and completed in advance.

Please Note: this is an open meeting and members are most welcome to invite a guest(s) to join them for the day.

The Arts Society Epsom: Special Interest Day – Thursday 13th April 2023

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I would like tickets at £44 pp Total Payable: £.....
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Name(s)

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Special Mobility Needs/use of Loop system

NOTE: Should you subsequently not be able to attend there can be no refunds unless the ticket is resold.

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