

E-newsletter 3

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Dear Roman Army Schooler,

Welcome to our third e-newsletter.

This time we have a wonderful guide to 'writing a review' by David Breeze which is a considered look at the difference between being the author and reviewing the author, liking the book and not liking the book, nitpicking and assessing genuine problems.

Attached is also a flyer for a new book, '50 Roman finds from the Portable Antiquities Scheme'.

On our webpage we have new entries to our blog: Some Roman musings on a bike ride, one of our organiser's accounts of cycling Penrith and beyond

<https://www.ad43.org.uk/blog/some-roman-musings-on-a-bike-ride/>

David Breeze's comments on 'organising a tour' which was an attachment to the previous e-newsletter is now also available to read on our website should anyone wish to revisit it.

<https://www.ad43.org.uk/blog/organising-a-tour/>

And a collection of Roman inscriptions <https://www.ad43.org.uk/blog/inscriptions-from-roman-britain/>

As we begin continue to come out of Lockdown (although with some local lockdowns still in place) some of our heritage sites are beginning to open again. This list is not exhaustive, but is correct at time of issue, also please be advised that some places may require booking ahead to enter:

Vindolanda and the Roman Army Museum – require booking Fishbourne Roman Palace – does not appear to require pre-booking The Roman Baths at Bath – requires pre-booking Chedworth Roman Villa – outdoor elements only open requires pre-booking Lullingstone Roman Villa – requires pre-booking Bignor Roman Villa will be open for weekends only through September and will close on Sept 27th until 2021 when better plans are in place – they ask you to wear a facemask on site should you chose to visit. London Mithraeum – requires booking Corinium Museum – requires pre-booking The British Museum – requires pre-booking, but preference given to members where talks and workshops are concerned Segedunum Roman Fort – requires pre-booking

Most English Heritage Roman sites are open but require booking in advance as they are limiting access in order to facilitate social distancing.

Several National Trust Roman sites including the Dolaucothi gold mines remain closed as does the National Roman Legion Museum, Fortress and Amphitheatre in Caerleon.

Please do check before travelling to visit places. Most sites have all their information on opening hours and Covid risk assessments online.

And finally, is there anything that you would like to see in our e-newsletter? We welcome ideas for content, short articles and thoughts, recommended reading material etc.

With best wishes on behalf of the Organising Team, Susan Porter - Chair The Roman Army School

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