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## **GLHA Summer Afternoon – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018**

Cirencester Archaeological and Historical Society are pleased to invite you to Cirencester for the 2018 GLHA Summer visit. Cirencester, the Roman town of Corinium, with its magnificent Parish Church overlooking the market place, the Corinium Museum and many fine buildings from its prosperous medieval wool trade provides a fascinating history to be explored and enjoyed by visitors.

We will meet at **The Parish Centre, Gosditch Street**, Cirencester (Behind the Parish Church) GL7 2AG.

**1.30 pm** Doors Open. Tea/coffee/cold drinks available.

**2.00 pm** Welcome by **Dr Steven Blake, Chairman of GLHA**  
An introduction to Historic Cirencester by **David Viner**.

**2.30 pm** **Group Walks**  
There will be three group walks around Cirencester.

**Option 1** **A Walk in the (Cirencester) Park – Led by local historians David & Linda Viner**  
The walk will take in Coxwell Street to its junction with Thomas Street, past the Swimming Pool to Barton Mill and into Cirencester Park. From the Broad Ride a diversion to view the line of the former turnpike road, along Windsor Walk to view the Mansion, Queen Anne's Monument, Kennels & cricket pitch. Returning along the Broad Ride to Cecily Hill and along Park Street to view the Mansion gates and the yew hedge.

**Option 2** **The Parish Church of St John the Baptist – Led by Gary Cowley, historian and Church guide**  
Gary will lead a walk around the Church, often referred to as the 'Cathedral of the Cotswolds', pointing out notable features including the architecture and stained glass of this fine medieval building. The site of the Augustinian Abbey to the north of the Church, where many events were held in 2017 to celebrate the 900<sup>th</sup> year of its inauguration, will also be explored.  
*Suitable for those with limited mobility.*

**Option 3** **A Town Walk – Led by William Cooper and the Town Guides**  
The guides will lead a walk around part of the historic town giving accounts of how what is to be seen fits into the last 2,000 years of the town's history. The walk will conclude in the Abbey Grounds with an explanation of 400 years of the Augustinian Abbey of St Mary.

**4.00-5.00 pm** **Afternoon tea at the Parish Centre** to include sandwiches and cakes. **Dr Steven Blake** will close the meeting following afternoon tea.

**Cost £9 per person including tea**

Numbers for each walk will necessarily be restricted. Details of parking in Cirencester and a route map will be provided for all bookings received. Please book using form provided. The walks are on level even ground and visitors are advised to wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions on the day.

For those wishing to spend all day in Cirencester there are many restaurants and coffee shops around the town and Saturday markets to enjoy. Town maps will be available at the Parish Centre.