

Gwernygo Grange



and the

Trail of Stone

Following the monks route from Cwmhir Abbey to their important farm or Grange in Montgomeryshire. Then tracing the use of the same stone the abbey was built from at Chirbury, Buttington and Llanfair Caereinion Churches.

Lunch in Montgomery with a visit to the Castle.

Saturday 18th May

**Depart: 11.00 am Exhibition Room, Cwmhir Abbey,
Abbeycwmhir, LD1 6PH**

End: 16.00 hrs at Llanfair Caereinion Church.

Led by Dr John Davies.



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This Field Trip offers the most marvellous drive along the High Roads of Mid Wales which the medieval traveller, whether monk or stone carrier, favoured. Starting from the Exhibition Room at Home Farm by the Abbey in Abbeycwmhir we will join the ancient road at Bylch y Sarnau rising high to see the countryside around. After crossing the A483 we continue at a high level with extensive views including of the Kerry Ridgeway.

The existing farm at Gwernygo has remarkable buildings even though they are not the original Cistercian ones. Amazing views will also be had from Montgomery Castle which has a stone mystery for us as well as a good lunch in the town.

Examples of the stone that was probably used for capitals, windows and doorways (facing stone) at Cwmhir will be seen at Chirbury and Llanfair Caereinion Churches and a font made from a capital from our sister Abbey of Strata Marcella, of the same stone, will be seen at Buttington Church.

The Field Trip will end at about 1600 hrs leaving us to find our own way home either together or separately.

Notes will be available by email, please apply to admin.studygroup@abbeycwmhirhistory.org.uk

Next Heritage Trust Events

July 20th Monks Trod Pilgrimage: Strata Florida to abbey Cwmhir 25 miles *across the Green Desert of Wales*. Booking essential via web site or contact phone number over-leaf.

September 22nd Talk: *The Strata Florida Project and observations on Abbey Cwmhir* by Prof Dr David Austen. 2pm, Philips Hall, Abbeycwmhir, LD1 6PH.