



## **THE LAST SUPPER IN POMPEII**

**A TALK BY DR PAUL ROBERTS FOLLOWED BY DINNER**

**WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2019**

## LECTURE

From Dr Paul Roberts curator of the exhibition “Last Supper in Pompeii”, Ashmolean Museum, August 2019-2020.

*“For the Romans, life meant getting together to eat and drink, in a pub or at a banquet. Last supper in Pompeii celebrates the Roman love affair with food and drink - a journey, from fields and vineyards to markets and shops, from tables to toilets and the tomb.*

*We see the influence of the Greeks and mysterious Etruscans, and visit fertile Vesuvius to see how Romans got their food and drink (and a Roman vineyard buried in AD79!). Into the bustling city, past hawkers, shops and bars we enter the house, visit the shrine of the gods (with a chicken head!) and the gorgeous garden with its flowers and fountains. We recline in the dining room, with exotic food and fine wine, and surrounded by Greek-style luxury – fine silver, mosaics and frescoes.*

*Dare we see the kitchen? No fridge, no running water, no hygiene – and there is the Roman Britain with objects from sheepy Chedworth and metropolitan London with the first brewer, the first cooper and even the first pub landlord! Finally we see the monuments of the dead feasting into the afterlife. Seize the day - Carpe diem!!”*

**Dr Paul Roberts**, Sackler Senior Curator of all antiquities, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, is well-known to us as an expert on Roman history. He was the main curator of the very successful and major exhibition “Life & Death in Pompeii and Herculaneum”, British Museum 2013

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*request the pleasure of your company at*  
**THE LAST SUPPER IN POMPEII a talk by Dr Paul Roberts**  
*on Wednesday 22 May 2019*  
*on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 55 Exhibition Road, London SW7 2PN*

**RSVP**

*Lecture at 6.30 for 7 pm*

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Dinner: £45

**Dress Code:**

*Gentlemen: Lounge suit | Ladies: Cocktail dress*

**Guests**

Lecture £20

Dinner: £50