

RADLETT ART SOCIETY

THE CASTLES,ART AND HERITAGE OF CARDIFF

September 18th-22nd 2023

15 members of the Art Society were taken by coach for a 4day visit to Cardiff. En route to our destination we visited Tredegar House, considered to be one of the finest examples of a 17th century Charles II mansion in Britain and set in a beautiful 90 acre park. Our 3 night stay was in the centrally located 4* Radisson Blu Hotel in Cardiff.

On day 2 we enjoyed a morning guided coach tour with our very competent and knowledgeable Blue Badge guide, Stephen.

We then visited the National Museum and Art Gallery of Wales where we were able to spend time in the many galleries including the fine collection of impressionist art.

In the afternoon we visited Llandaff Cathedral, dating back to 1107, the Cathedral stands on one of the oldest Christian sites in Britain and is home to Epstein's "Majestas" and Rossetti's 'Seed of David'.

On Wednesday, with Stephen, we departed for a guided tour of Cardiff Castle. Located in the centre of Cardiff it has a history spanning nearly 2,000yrs and introduces us to the lavish interiors created by William Burgess for the 3rd Marquess of Bute.

In the afternoon we continue to Castell Coch, meaning Red Castle in Welsh. This fairytale castle may have a medieval exterior but the interior is pure Victorian fantasy-again created by William Burgess.

On our final day in Cardiff we had a guided tour of the Senedd, the National Assembly Building located in Cardiff Bay.

We continued then to St Fagans National Museum of History. Set in 100 acres of parkland, with over 40 original buildings, the Museum shows how the people of Wales have lived, worked and spent their leisure time over the past 500years

After saying goodbye to Stephen we made our way back to Radlett

Gill Cooper

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