

## **BACAS EXCURSION No 4 : TOUR OF GOODRICH CASTLE**

**SATURDAY 2 JULY 2022 (All Day)**

### **TOUR OF GOODRICH CASTLE**

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Our guide today will be a member of the English Heritage (EH) team based at the castle.

### **Summary**

Goodrich Castle set in beautiful sylvan surroundings is one of the finest and best preserved of all English medieval castles. It apparently led a largely peaceful existence until it experienced a single violent event in the Civil War. A castle stood here in the 11C and the stone keep was built in the late 1100's by Strongbow, the conqueror of Ireland. The remainder of the castle was rebuilt in the form we see today in the late 13 century by Henry the Third's half-brother.

At Goodrich he created one of the most up-to-date castles of its period with an impressive defensive shell concealing residential buildings of great complexity and sophistication. However in 1640 Goodrich recently and expensively restored was garrisoned by the Royalists. It suffered a two month siege brought to a ruinous end by Roaring Meg which was a huge mortar firing two hundred pound gunpowder filled shells. Goodrich then survived as an historical curiosity and tourist attraction.

### **Meeting Place and Time**

10:30 in the Castle car park.

**Directions to Goodrich Castle (HR9 6HY) near Ross on Wye.** Cross on the old Severn bridge and take the A468 up the Wye Valley to Monmouth. Turn right onto A40 towards Ross on Wye and in 5 miles turn left at signs to Goodrich Castle.

Please wear sensible footwear and clothing.

**Remember that you are responsible for your own safety and by joining this BACAS excursion you do so at your own risk.**

Maximum Participants = 20

**Cost** - BACAS members - £10 and Non members - £12.

All costs are included including entrance fee, EH guide and a copy of the EH official guide.

English Heritage members will receive a £5 refund on the day on production of a valid EH membership card