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SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2015

at 10.30am in the Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre, National Museum Wales, Cardiff

THE JENKINS VASE CHRIS DALE

This illustrated lecture tells the story of one of the treasures of the National Museum Wales – the Jenkins Vase and its colourful owners. Discovered in the in the fifteenth century at Pozzuoli on the Bay of Naples, this first century Roman artefact spent the next two hundred and fifty years on display in the palace of a poorly educated Neapolitan count and his descendants before being sold to shady antiquities dealer Thomas Jenkins then operating in Italy. He customised it to suit the prevailing taste of late eighteenth century English travellers undertaking the Grand Tour, in due course selling it at a huge price to a young Cheshire man with more money than sense. Another two hundred years later his descendants offered the piece for auction and it was purchased by the National Museum of Wales. It has been on display at Cathays Park for the last 38 years.

Originally from the Wirral, Chris Dale studied Latin, Greek and Archaeology at Cardiff University and undertook postgraduate studies at Cardiff and Glamorgan Universities. He has taught Latin, Greek and Classical Civilisation in Cardiff state and private secondary schools for 35 years, and is the author of two Latin textbooks. Since retiring he has been a lecturer with the Llanishen Cardiff based Classical Education Forum. He has also travelled widely to sites of Classical antiquity and museums, accompanied with his wife and camera, and has made no less than eleven visits to Pompeii. His library of photographs is close to 13,000 and is still growing. He will show some of them in his lecture.

The admission charge, to include post lecture coffee and biscuits in the Oriel Suite, is £8 for tickets ordered in advance, and £10 at the door. To take advantage of the concessionary rate, please complete the slip below by **Wednesday 14 January 2015** and send it with your cheque to: **Richard Carter, 5 The Close, Llanishen, CARDIFF CF14 5NG**. Tel: Landline: 029 2076 5177 Mobile 0792 1811996 E-mail: richard.carter@friendsmuseumwales.org.uk or richard.carter@cyfeillionamgueddfacymru.org.uk

To minimise postal costs, no acknowledgement will be sent. Do come – and bring your friends.

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