

Roman Food & Feasting Every Wednesday in August

Find out all about Roman food and feasts. Make a Roman "sweet" and your very own Roman feast menu card to take home.

Sessions at 10.30am and 2.00pm.
For up to 11 year olds. No booking needed.
Children to be accompanied.
Entry £4.00 per child, adult carer free.



To book a School Activity Workshop
Please contact Cathy on:
07805 138465 or email
crofton.roman.villa@gmail.com
(Wed & Fri only)

Roman Bathtime Fun! Every Friday in August

Discover the secrets of having a bath in Roman times. Use your knowledge to do a quiz, make a game and colour in a Roman bathtime picture.



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Where is the Villa?

Crofton Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 8AF



Adjacent Orpington Rail Station.
Bus routes 61, 208, 353, R2 & R7.
Car parking available off York Rise.
Access for people with disabilities.

Information and Bookings

Kent Archaeological Unit
18 Highfield Avenue, Green St Green,
Orpington, Kent, BR6 6LF
Tel: 01689 860939
Email: crofton.roman.villa@gmail.com
www.cka.org.uk/crofton-villa.htm



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Opening times

Wednesdays, Fridays & Bank Holiday
Mondays: 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm
Sundays: 1st in each month only, 2pm-5pm
(last entries 4.30pm).

Admission charges

Adults £1.50 Concessions £1.00
Family (of 4) £4.00, each additional
child 50p.

Staffed by the Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit



Crofton Roman Villa in Orpington

(adj. Orpington Rail Station)

Open: 2nd April -
27th October 2017

Visit a unique part of Bromley's
heritage on show to the public



www.cka.org.uk/crofton-villa.htm



CROFTON ROMAN VILLA

About the Villa

The Crofton Roman Villa House was occupied from about AD 140 to 400 and was the centre of a farming estate of about 500 acres. Nearby would have been farm buildings, surrounded by fields, meadows and woods.

The house was altered several times during 260 years of occupation and at its largest probably had at least 20 rooms.

The remains of ten rooms can be seen today, now inside a modern cover building. Two rooms contain the remains of opus signinum (concrete) floors, and three have evidence of tessellated (tiled) floors. Details of the under floor central heating (hypocaust) can be seen, which features both channelled and pillared systems.

The site was fully excavated by the Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit, which also carried out the complete preservation scheme, with funding provided by Bromley Council. The unit now manages the scheme on behalf of the Council. For more information see contact details on the back of this leaflet.



“a gem in Orpington...
an excellent visit”

What's provided at the Villa?

- **Guided talk** on the villa house and its excavation
- **Graphic displays** of the excavations and villa
- **The Touch Table** with a selection of Roman finds from the excavation for handling
- **Replica Roman everyday objects** including pots, jewellery, lamps and writing tablets
- **Activities for children** - Roman games to play, mosaic making, dressing up as Romans and digging for finds in the excavation tray
- **Roman soldier 'rubbings'**
- **Gift shop** selling guide books, postcards, souvenirs and books on local archaeology
- **SPECIAL activity workshops for Schools**
Two hour sessions (Weds, Thurs, Fri) £3.00 per child. Call : 07805 138465
- **SPECIAL Facility for Societies**
Sunday afternoons 1st of each month.
Special guided tour of Roman villa for pre-booked societies and groups (min. 20) by the excavation director, Brian Philp. Normal charges apply, plus a donation to K.A.R.U.



What's on at the Villa?

Activity Events

Growing up as a Roman Child

Wed 5th & 12th April &
Fri 7th April



What was it like to be a Roman baby & did Roman children go to school?

Find out the answers, make a lucky charm and do a quiz to win your Roman citizen certificate.

Sessions at 10.30am and 2.00pm.

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July Festival of Archaeology

Roman Villa Family Fun!

Sunday 16th July



Discover the secrets of the Villa house with a guided talk and Roman artefacts.

Complete a family villa quiz - with a badge & certificate for children & a free Kent Excavations book for the adults!

Sessions at 10.30 and 2.30pm.

Normal admission charges apply.

Children must be accompanied.

No booking needed.