

## **The Romans Are Back!**

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

In AD43 the Roman Emperor Claudius and an army of 40,000 soldiers arrived on the south coast of Britain. Between AD50-60 the Ninth Legion Hispana had arrived in Lincoln. The Romans built a legionary fortress at the top of the hill. The fortress was defended by a deep ditch with an earth bank held in place with timber revetments and with wooden towers at intervals along the wall. Four gateways were built; North, South, East and West.

From about AD90 the site became a colonia, a self-governing town for retired legionaries, named Lindum Colonia which stood at the junction of two major Roman roads, the Ermine Street running north from London to York and the Fosse Way.

This weekend you can witness the armoured ranks of the world famous Roman re-enactors – The Ermine Street Guard. They represent soldiers of the imperial Roman army from this period of the 1<sup>st</sup> Century AD. You will be able to see these soldiers being put through their training under the watchful eye of the Centurion. Witness the colourful and armed Legionaries and Auxiliaries as they practice their combat skills, battle tactics and formidable artillery power. Youngsters can do their own drill and training with sessions throughout the day too. You can also pay a visit to the Roman surgeon for treating those battlefield injuries.

## Timetable

- 10.30am **Children's Roman Army** – Roman Drill so you too can join the Roman Army.
- 11am **Falconry** - Birds were a powerful influence on Roman culture creating many myths and superstitions that still exist today Falconry became a country noble man's sport in the late Roman period. Today our falconer will give a short demonstration of the noble art of falconry.
- 11.30am **Meet the Surgeon** – Gruesome yet light hearted presentation on battlefield injuries
- 12noon **The Imperial Roman Army** – The Ermine Street Guard proudly march into the arena for a display of Roman military might complete with a pair of mounted cavalry troopers and some formidable Roman artillery.
- 1pm **Children's Roman Army** – see 10.30am
- 1.30pm **How to Look Like A Roman** – a demonstration of Roman cosmetics – any volunteers? Discover how Roman ladies would use cosmetics and hairpieces.
- 2pm **Falconry** – see 11am
- 2.30pm **Meet the Surgeon** – see 11.30am
- 3pm **The Imperial Roman Army** – see 12.15pm
- 4pm **Children's Roman Army** – see 10.30am
- 4pm Castle Attractions close
- 4.30pm Lincoln Castle grounds close