

**Caradoc Court**

Sellack, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire

We have pleasure in enclosing details of the above property which we hope will be of interest to you.

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## **HISTORY OF CARADOC COURT**

The origins of Caradoc are lost in time. Reputed to have belonged to "Caradoc Vreich Vras", one of the knights of King Arthur's round table and hero of the "Ballad of the Boy and the Mantle". He was a Prince of all that country between the Severn and the Wye.

There is evidence beneath the present building of an earlier structure and finds suggesting occupation in the Post Roman period. The location of Caradoc, the evidence and the legends surrounding it, all suggest the presence of an early 'camp' or fortress commanding the crossings and fords over the Wye at this point.

The breakdown of centralised control after the Romans, left these Welsh borderlands a lawless and dangerous place. The historical likelihood is "Caradoc Vreich Vras" was a warlord exacting tolls from drovers taking livestock for sale in the Romano British towns of Worcester, Gloucester and Cirencester.

There is some evidence to suggest the fortress was abandoned or overrun by the Welsh before the end of the first millennium and that it lay abandoned and in ruins for some considerable time. The Arthurian legends owed much to the work of Geoffrey of Monmouth and the inclusion of Caradoc in those stories may derive from his knowledge of the locality and folklore.

After the Norman Conquest the land was given to Roger De Somery and he constructed the earliest phase of the present structure. Fragments of pottery beneath the original plinth stones were identified as originating in France (St Etienne) at that time.

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