

Booking is now open for our exclusive visit to Knebworth House followed by a guided tour of St Albans Cathedral.

20th May 2024

We are lucky to have a member connected with the Lytton Cobbold family who has been able to arrange an exclusive visit to Knebworth House which will be closed to the public on the day of our visit. We will be greeted by Lord Lytton Cobbold who will give us an introductory talk about the family and house, followed by a guided tour.

KNEBWORTH - 500 years of history

Sir Robert Lytton bought the manor of Knebworth in 1490. The house was completed in 1563 and remained virtually unaltered until the nineteenth century. Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton, Victorian novelist, playwright and politician, who penned the lines "It was a dark and stormy night", and "The pen is mightier than the sword", transformed the Tudor house into a Victorian Gothic fantasy with domes, turrets and gargoyles.

The present layout of the gardens dates largely from the Edwardian era, when Sir Edward Lutyens, who married into the family, simplified the design with lawns, avenues of lime trees and 'garden rooms.'

Extra to the house and garden are three exhibition spaces:

The Lytton family in India

On location at Knebworth House

Rock concert history of Knebworth Park



ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL

A Norman church, built from the ruins of Roman Verulamium and completed in 1115, St Albans Abbey was the meeting place for the churchmen and nobles, and their discussions led to Magna Carta. It was extensively ruined in the 1500s but repaired by Victorian benefactors and created a cathedral in 1877. The nave, which has stunning wall paintings, is the longest in England. This ancient building has a fascinating history, having undergone multiple architectural changes and ongoing renovations and repairs.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

8:00 am:	Leave Sedgeford
10:25 am:	Coffee on arrival at Knebworth
11:00 am:	Guided tour of the house which will be closed to the public that day
12 noon:	Light lunch (pre-booked - see below), enjoy gardens and exhibitions
2:15 pm:	Depart for St Albans
3:00 pm:	Guided tour of St Albans Cathedral
5:00pm:	Leave St Albans
6:00pm:	Comfort stop
8:00 pm:	Arrive Sedgeford

COST

The cost is £62.00pp and includes: a return coach from Sedgeford; entrance fees to Knebworth House and St Albans Cathedral; morning coffee and a light lunch at Knebworth House; and gratuities.

You can book "online" by clicking on the link on our websites homepage or complete the form overleaf.

Knebworth & St Albans Cathedral

Personal information:

Your email address	
First name	
Last name	
Contact telephone number (mobile preferred)	
If applying for more than one ticket please provide the name of the person accompanying you (second person).	

A light lunch is included in the ticket price. Please choose from the following options:

	First person.	Second person (if applicable).
	Please tick one item	Please tick one item
Tomato soup and a ham salad sandwich.		
Tomato soup and a cheese ploughman's sandwich.		
Tomato soup and a pork and sage sausage roll.		
Broccoli and cheddar quiche, roasted new potatoes and green salad.		
Please give details of any special dietary or access requirements.		

Please indicate how you will pay.

I will remit directly to the Society's bank 'on-line' (BACS): Name: The Arts Society North West Norfolk, Sort code 40-52-40, Account no. 00060512 Please use your surname and initials as a reference	Please tick one box
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