



John Clare Cottage and Grimsthorpe Castle

Visits by private arrangement

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

In the morning we visit John Clare Cottage, the home for 40 years of John Clare (1793 - 1864), considered to be one of the greatest English poets. The cottage contains examples of his work and information about his life. The restored building is furnished as it would have been in Clare's time and an informative audio guide is available free of charge. There is a pretty garden, small café and shop. Be aware that stairs to the first floor are steep. There is however an audio visual display in the dovecote.



Lunch will be taken at Waterside Garden Centre where there is a wide choice of food to purchase. We will have a private dining area. For a sample menu visit www.watersidegardencentre.co.uk.



In the afternoon we visit Grimsthorpe Castle, home of the Willoughby de Eresby family for over 500 years. We will have a guided tour of the castle to see the remarkable collection of furniture, sculpture and porcelain plus the largest collection of royal thrones outside the Royal Palaces. The ground floor is readily accessible but there are stairs to the first floor. A virtual tour is available.

Schedule for the day

- 09:00 Depart Trumpington Park and Ride by coach.
- 10:15 Visit John Clare Cottage and garden. Drinks and cake available to purchase.
- 12:15 Rejoin coach
- 12:30 Lunch at Waterside Garden Centre.
- 14:00 Rejoin coach
- 14:30 Guided tour of Grimsthorpe Castle, followed by tea and biscuits.
- 16:30 Coach departs for return to Trumpington Park and Ride.
- 18:00 Approximate time of arrival back at Trumpington Park and Ride.

Cost: £45 per person including coach, entrance fees, gratuities and tea and biscuits at Grimsthorpe Castle before departure. *Lunch is not included in the cost.*

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BOOKING FORM

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Please complete this form and hand it to our visits organiser Diana Sage at a lecture meeting, or email it to diana.sage@ntlworld.com, or post it to her at 3 Headley Gardens, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5JZ

Please reserve _____ place(s) at £45 each for

NAME(S) _____

EMAIL _____

HOME NUMBER _____

MOBILE NUMBER _____

On the day Emergency Contact:

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Cost: £45 per person including coach, entrance fees, gratuities and tea and biscuits at Grimsthorpe Castle before departure.

As soon as your booking form is received your place(s) will be provisionally reserved and we will email you, but your place(s) will only be secured upon receipt of payment. If for any reason the visit is cancelled we will fully refund you. Otherwise your payment is in general not refundable.

Payment please by bank transfer (bank details below). Please inform Diana Sage when you have made the transfer so that she can promptly complete and secure your booking.

Bank details:

Account name: The Arts Society South Cambs. Sort code: 30-98-97 Account number: 67462363

Please use your name as the payment reference so that we can identify your payment.

If you are unable to make a bank transfer, contact Diana Sage for help.