

Tabley House, Art Collection and Tea Room, 2.00 pm, 28 April 2022

Tabley House, just outside Knutsford, is one of the finest Palladian houses in the north of England. The Society has arranged a guided tour of the state rooms and collections at Tabley, followed by refreshments in the Old Hall Tea Room.

The architect John Carr of York built the house in the 1760s for the Leicester family who lived at Tabley for 700 years, before it passed to the University of Manchester in 1975.



The Leicesters were foremost patrons of British art and artists, commissioning works from leading artists to hang in specific rooms. This is no more evident than in the Drawing Room where Turner's 'Tabley, the Seat of Sir JF Leicester, Bart.: Windy Day' is displayed. Other artists represented include Lely, Lawrence and their contemporaries.

Tabley House is home also to a fine collection of furniture dating from the 17th to the early 20th century. It includes pieces by Gillow and Bullock, and others attributed to Chippendale, as well as to local craftsmen. There are also two virginals, one a 16th century Italian virginal, the other a 17th century English virginal. Remarkably both are in working order.

There is a £7 entry fee payable on the day. After our tour we will take tea in the Old Hall Tea Room.

Please email clairejmoreland@gmail.com if you would like to join the party. We will all make our own way to Tabley but please let Claire know if you would like a lift, or can offer a lift.

Please note: unfortunately, at present there is no disabled access to Tabley House.

