



Teme Valley Arts Society – Coach Outing Hartlebury Castle & Hurd Library - Wednesday 26th June

Book early to ensure a place – The coach is limited to 19 places, but should we be oversubscribed we will consider other arrangements – Final deadline June 19th

Join us on this coach outing to Hartlebury Castle with guided tours of the Hurd Library, the Bishop's Palace and the Gardens.

Hartlebury has the title of a castle and is still surrounded by a moat. However, the current building is a 1676 stately home, now more often known as the Bishop's Palace, and the decor of the elegant State Rooms dates from the 18th century. The gardens are renowned for their beauty and peacefulness and the castle also houses the excellent Museum of Worcestershire Life, with its themed galleries, toy collection, archaeological displays and evocative room sets, such as the Victorian school room and the scullery.



This outing offers a chance to see in person the type of books that Dominic Riley will be discussing in our June lecture. The Hurd Library (founded in 1782) is 'an outstanding survival of the Age of Enlightenment' and 'one of the West Midlands's most delightful and relatively undiscovered historical jewels'.

Outline of the Day: On arrival, we will be greeted with hot drinks and cake and given an introduction to the building and its history. We will then be divided into smaller groups and given guided tours of the library, palace and gardens. After the formal morning events, you will be free to explore at your own pace before our return at 3pm. You may wish to visit the café for lunch or prefer to bring a picnic to enjoy in the beautiful grounds.

Travel: We will travel by coach from Ludlow Eco Park-and-Ride. Please arrive by 9.10, ready to leave at 9.15, arriving back around 4pm. Travel time will be 50-60 minutes each way.

Refreshments: Hot drinks and cake will be provided on arrival and are included in the outing cost. Lunch is not included.

Accessibility: The building and grounds are fully wheelchair-accessible throughout, apart for the Sunken Garden. However, please be aware that the ground outside is uneven in places.

Cancellation: We reserve the right to cancel this outing if circumstances dictate. If so, you will be refunded.

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Total cost: £42.50 for members; £45 for non-members (includes coach, entrance, guided tours, hot drink and cake)

To book: Complete and return this tear-off section by the end of Wednesday 19 June, either by email to outings.temevalleyarts@gmail.com or by post to Outings Officer, 48 Vashon Close, Ludlow SY8 1XG.

Please book early to ensure a place on the coach. We are limited to 19 participants. You will be placed on a waiting list and contacted if we are oversubscribed

Name / Names:

Member/non-member (delete as appropriate)

Phone number and e-mail:

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