



THE PEERAGE IN QUESTION
THE HOWARDS

TUESDAY 14 JULY OR THURSDAY 30 JULY

John Howard was created Duke of Norfolk by Richard III in 1483, since when the Dukes of Norfolk remain the premier Dukes of the Realm in the Peerage of England and the principal Catholic family in the kingdom. They inherited the Arundel title in 1580. Cadet branches of the family include the Howards of Effingham, the Howards of Carlisle, the Howards of Suffolk and the Howards of Penrith. The family has lain at the heart of English history: Ann Boleyn was the niece of a Howard, as was Catherine Howard, while the present queen is descended from the First Duke; the Tudor poet Henry Howard Earl of Surrey was executed for treason, for conspiring against Elizabeth I on behalf of Mary Queen of Scots, while Charles Lord Howard of Effingham was renowned for commanding the fleet that defeated the Spanish Armada. Charles Howard 3rd Earl of Carlisle invited Vanbrugh to design Castle Howard, and George Howard 9th Earl of Carlisle was a major patron of the pre-Raphaelites and William Morris while Rosalind Countess of Carlisle was a leading figure in the temperance and suffragette movements. Howards have acted as stewards of a dazzling array of English country houses including Arundel Castle, Alnwick Castle, Naworth Castle, Framlingham Castle, Bungay Castle, Worksop Manor, Carlton Towers, and Norfolk House in London.

MEET 10.30 am coffee for 11 am lecture at Pushkin Society

ENDS 3.30 pm Pushkin Society

COST £85 members, £95 non-members, including coffee, light lunch with wine