

NORTHUMBRIAN CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATION
SPRING OUTING AND WALK: RABY CASTLE, nr. Staindrop, County Durham
Saturday, May 14, 2022



Raby Castle is a medieval castle located near Staindrop in County Durham, among 200 acres of deer park. It was built by John Neville, 3rd Baron Neville de Raby, between approximately 1367 and 1390. Cecily Neville, the mother of the Kings Edward IV and Richard III, was born here. After Charles Neville, 6th Earl of Westmorland, led the failed Rising of the North in favour of Mary, Queen of Scots in 1569, Raby Castle was taken into royal custody. Sir Henry Vane the Elder purchased Raby Castle in 1626 and neighbouring Barnard Castle from the Crown, and the Earls of Darlington and Dukes of Cleveland added a Gothic-style entrance hall and octagonal drawing room. From 1833 to 1891 they were the Dukes of Cleveland and they retain the title of Lord Barnard. Extensive alterations were carried out in the 17th and 18th centuries. It is famed for both its size and its art, including works by old masters and portraits. Accessibility inside the Castle is limited, due to the historical nature of the building, but there is a disabled parking area and staff will arrange access into the Castle.

We will meet at the Castle entrance at 9.45am, whence at 10.00am we shall be escorted to the Grand Hall by Raby guide(s) for refreshments prior to a tour of the Castle (tour starts no later than 10.20am, lasts approximately 90 minutes), followed by a soup and sandwich lunch in Café Yurt. Unfortunately, we cannot reserve a seating area, however, you can select seating upon collection of your pre-booked lunch, or you can take your lunch to the picnic area in the wider park to enjoy. After lunch, you will have the option of a short walk, through the walled garden and around the perimeter of the castle, with views of Raby's famous herds of red and fallow deer, or possibly a longer walk, ranging further through the 200 acre estate.

The cost for the day, including tea/coffee on arrival, soup (vegetarian) and sandwich lunch, guided tour of the Castle, and admission to the park and gardens is **£26.00** per person. The cost **WITHOUT LUNCH** is £15.00 per person.

To book for this event, please complete the booking form below and return [TO ARRIVE BY Thursday, April 21st, PLEASE], either by email to susanmaustin@hotmail.com or by post to Mrs. Susan Austin, 116 Queens Road, Whitley Bay, NE26 3AU.

Please pay by cheque, made out to Northumbrian Cambridge Association, or via bank transfer to HSBC; account name: Northumbrian Cambridge Association; account 60618446 sort code 40-34-18. Please identify your payment by RABY/YOUR SURNAME.

If you require confirmation/directions/parking information/ map by post, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

RABY CASTLE TOUR, Saturday, May 14, 2022

Name(s):

Address:

Telephone: Email:

Guest(s) (if applicable):

No. of adults: No. of children: No. of people for lunch:

Please indicate your sandwich choice(s) for lunch (gluten-free roll available pre-booked on request):

Choice:	Teesdale Ham Salad (Sliced ham, tomato, lettuce, red onion chutney, butter, white bread)	Mature Cheddar Ploughman's (mature sliced cheddar (v), red onion, tomato, lettuce, butter, Branston Pickle, brown bread)	Lactose free-Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable and humous sandwich (Pepper, aubergine, humous, lettuce, lactose spread and brown bread)
Quantity:			

Special dietary requirements:

I would like confirmation: by post YES / NO by email YES / NO

I would like directions/parking information/map: YES / NO

I enclose a cheque for, made out to Northumbrian Cambridge Association (full title, please)

OR I have paid by direct bank transfer to the account detailed above.