

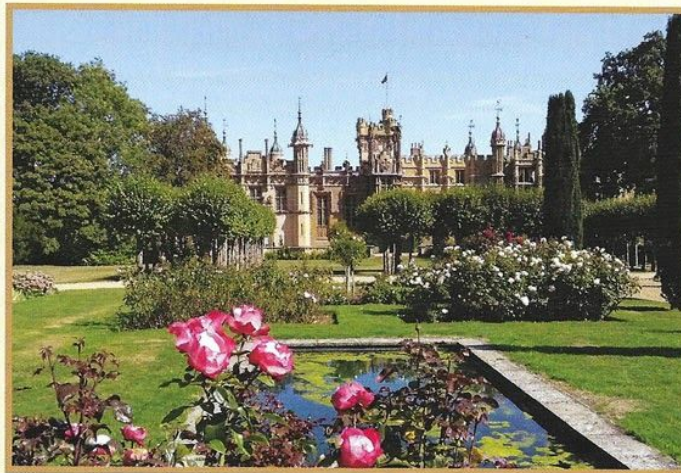
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MOVE TO KNEBWORTH 2

December 2020

This year's Christmas card which accompanied the letter announcing the Trust's move to Knebworth in Hertfordshire contained information about Knebworth House, about the Knebworth House Education and Preservation Trust (KHEPT) and about the Lytton Cobbold family who have lived at Knebworth for over 500 years.

KHEPT are the new custodians of the already much cherished Cobbold archive. There is no safer home than another registered trust in good standing with the Charity Commission.



Garden view, Knebworth House

Knebworth House

One of England's best loved historic homes, Knebworth House, embodies over 500 years of cultural and social history. Since 1492, nineteen generations of the Lytton family – diplomats, MPs, authors, playwrights, artists, political activists – have contributed to the extraordinary collection of stories and mementos housed beneath its stucco battlements.

Knebworth is listed in the top 100 of "England's Thousand Best Houses" (Simon Jenkins, 2003).

To this is to be added several centuries of Cobbold family history by the addition of The Cobbold Family History Trust archive to The Knebworth House Education and Preservation Trust (KHEPT)

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Knebworth House Education and Preservation Trust



Education

The Knebworth House Education and Preservation Trust offers education programmes for students of all ages. Using first-hand source material, experienced educators bring Knebworth's extraordinary history to life. This commitment has been recognised by the receipt of the Sandford Award for excellence in heritage education, which KHEPT has held consistently since 2001.

Preservation

KHEPT has completed five out of ten phases of a programme of essential repairs to the structure of Knebworth House.

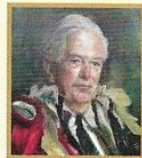
The Cobbold Family Archive

After taking control, KHEPT has committed to applying its same high standards to the Cobbold archive. Items from the archive will be incorporated into the education programmes and will be subject to the same careful preservation measures.



The trustees of
The Cobbold Family History Trust
and
the Lytton Cobbold family
wish you, your family and
our many friends
*a very happy Christmas
and a fulfilling New Year*

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Kim, 1st Lord Cobbold

The Lytton Cobbolds

Nathanael Cobbold (1839-1889) #195* was the great grandson of 'Big' John Cobbold (1746-1835) #56, 3rd-generation brewer and the grandfather of **Cameron Cobbold** (1904-1987) #490, the 1st Lord Cobbold. 'Kim' (as he was known by all) married **Lady Hermione**

Bulwer Lytton (1905-2004) #491 who inherited Knebworth from her father. Kim joined the Bank of England in 1933 and was Governor from 1949 to 1961. For his services he was ennobled as Baron Cobbold of Knebworth in 1960 and from 1963 to 1971 he was Lord Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household. He was made a Privy Councillor in 1959 and a Knight of the Garter in 1970.

He was succeeded by his eldest son **David** (1937) #625, also a banker and corporate treasurer. David and his wife **Chrissy** opened the park to the public. Visitor numbers increased dramatically and their hard work enabled some emergency repairs to be carried out.



David, 2nd Lord Cobbold and his wife Chrissy

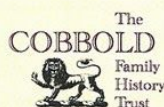
The long term future of the house though was still not secure, so in 1984 the house was given by the family on long lease to a charitable trust, The Knebworth House Education and Preservation Trust. The Trust was able to raise an endowment with the support of local authorities and after 35 years of investment has successfully completed major restorations to the house.

Since 2000 the house, park and estate have been run by their son **Henry Lytton Cobbold** (1962) #662 and his wife **Martha**, currently President of Historic Houses. They promote Knebworth as a heritage and leisure venue and seek to further endow the charitable trust to develop as a social history resource. This is what makes the Cobbold Family archive such a good fit.

* denotes position on the web family tree



From r to l: Henry, Martha, daughter Morwenna and son Edward



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