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Brief biographical paragraphs on two of the most loved and most highly regarded people of the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century have been added to the family tree part of this website very recently.

Much is known and much has been written about the friendship and the professional relationship between Sir Edwin Lutyens (1869-1944) and Gertrude Jekyll (1843-1932) and we do not intend to add to it. However, our family tree does show up a relationship worthy of some further exposure and by chance it involves both of the Trust's stalwart Patrons, Lord Cobbold and Ivry, Lady Freyberg.

The story starts with two brothers, sons of John Chevallier Cobbold (1797-1882), who were born only 15 months apart. Nathanael Fromanteel Cobbold (1839-1886) fathered Clement John Fromanteel Cobbold (1882-1961) who fathered Cameron Fromanteel Cobbold whose son David is our Patron and through his mother's side is a great nephew of the great Sir Edwin Lutyens.

The other brother was Ernest St George Cobbold (1840-1895) whose daughter Isobel Amy Cobbold (1869-1931) was mother to Perronelle Mary Chevallier (1902-2004) who, in turn was mother of our other Patron, Ivry Perronelle Guild who, through her marriage to Paul Freyberg (1923-1993) is a great niece to the great Gertrude Jekyll.

But it doesn't end there. The interior of Knebworth House was considerably simplified by Lutyens between 1907 and 1911 and at the same time Jekyll designed Knebworth's "*quincunx*", or five circled herb garden, although it was not actually laid out until 1982. Ivry Freyberg lives to this day in a house partially remodelled by Lutyens which stands serenely in a garden designed by Jekyll.



*Gertrude's herb garden at  
Knebworth*

Gertrude Jekyll was no theoretician. She was a practitioner through and through and nothing demonstrates this more clearly than William Nicholson's wonderful painting of her gardening boots. Following the end of WWI Lutyens's work shifted towards War Memorials, two of which stand out from the many; The Cenotaph (1919) in Whitehall where, two years ago, we laid our wreath for the 48 lost Cobbolds, and the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing on the Western Front (1932) which records three of our own.



*Gertrude's boots. (William Nicholson)*



*Lutyens's Thiepval Memorial to the Missing*