

# PROGRAMME

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Dr David Starkey (Historian): The political and cultural significance of Lady Margaret Beaufort, Countess of Richmond and Derby

## SESSION 1: ART

Dr Elspeth Graham (Liverpool John Moores University): The Shakespearean stage: Prescott, Lathom and Knowsley

Dr Richard Stephens (University of York): The 10th Earl as a collector of old master paintings and patron of the arts at Knowsley during the 1720s

Jonny Yarker (Trinity College, University of Cambridge): Hamlet Winstanley as an artist, copyist and art-agent for the 10th Earl

Xanthe Brooke (Walker Art Gallery, National Museums Liverpool): Aspects of the old master picture collection at Knowsley during the 18th century

Professor Gill Perry (Open University): The image of Eliza Farren, Georgian comic actress and Countess of Derby

## SESSION 2: ANIMALS AND EDWARD LEAR

Sir David Attenborough (Broadcaster): Edward Lear's natural history watercolours and prints for the 13th Earl

Colin Harrison (Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford): Edward Lear's landscape watercolours in the Derby Collection

## SESSION 3: POLITICS

Professor Angus Hawkins (University of Oxford): The forgotten Prime Minister – the 14th Earl

Douglas Hurd, Lord Hurd of Westwell: The 15th Earl's career as Foreign Secretary

Dr Bendor Grosvenor (Philip Mould Ltd): The Eastern Question and the 15th Earl's foreign policy

Dr Jennifer Davey (University of East Anglia): The Invisible Politician – the political career of the 15th Countess of Derby

Please note the above programme of events is subject to change.

# ART, ANIMALS & POLITICS

KNOWSLEY & THE EARLS OF DERBY

9TH OCTOBER 2013



A study day with keynote speakers including  
Sir David Attenborough and  
Dr David Starkey



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Historians, art historians and natural historians will be presenting exciting new research on three of the outstanding legacies of the Earls of Derby and the Stanley family: the art collection, the natural history library and the political archive. Emphasis will be also be placed on the family's considerable historical and social influence in the north-west of England, as well as their political impact on the national and international stages, notably throughout the 18th and 19th centuries and the first half of the 20th century.



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## SPEAKERS



Sir David Attenborough, the distinguished broadcaster, will be speaking about his passion for the watercolours and coloured prints made by Edward Lear, depicting exotic birds and animals in the aviary and menagerie formed by the 13th Earl of Derby in Knowsley Park during the first half of the 1830s.



Douglas Hurd, Lord Hurd of Westwell, the former Foreign Secretary, will lead a series of papers from a group of eminent political historians, by making a presentation on the career of the 15th Earl of Derby who was himself Foreign Secretary during the 1860s and 1870s.



Dr David Starkey, the leading historian of the Tudor period and cultural commentator on TV and radio, will begin the Study Day with a keynote address on the political and cultural significance of Lady Margaret Beaufort (1441-1509), the mother of Henry Tudor, later King Henry VII. Her third husband was Lord Thomas Stanley, who switched his troops at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485 from Richard III to the side of Henry Tudor. As a result Thomas Stanley helped changed the course of the history of England, and he himself was made 1st Earl of Derby.

## HOW TO REGISTER FOR TICKETS

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EVENTS@KNOWSLEY.COM OR CALL 0151 489 4827

Tickets are priced at £50, to include:

- Tea and coffee on arrival
- Mid morning tea, coffee and biscuits
- 2 course hot and cold buffet lunch
- Afternoon tea, coffee and homemade cakes