



# Exhibitions

Vanbrugh: Rockstar of the English Baroque is a new exhibition that introduces visitors to Sir John Vanbrugh. Each participating venue explores Vanbrugh's life and work, as well as his relationship with his patron and the buildings he created at that site.



Castle Howard: 20 March – 31 October  
 Seaton Delaval Hall: 25 March – 18 October  
 Grimsthorpe: 30 April – 30 September  
 Stowe House: 29 June – 31 August  
 Kimbolton: 4 October

Blenheim Palace's  
 Blueprints of  
 Power:  
 14 Feb – 31 May

# Lectures

A series of free public lectures, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, will take place throughout the year at partner houses, offering further insight into Vanbrugh's life and legacy.

## Blenheim Palace - 7 May

Speakers: Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill; Prof. Christine Stevenson, Edward Lewis, Adrian Attwood, and Jeremy Musson

## Stowe House - 11 June

Speakers: Ophelia Field and Rory Fraser

## Grimsthorpe Castle - 11 June

Speaker: Amy Boyington

## Castle Howard - 13 June

Speakers: Nick Howard; Es Devlin and Francis Terry

## Kimbolton Castle - 2 July

Speaker: Simon Thurley

## Seaton Delaval Hall - 8 Oct

Speakers: Dr Annette Rubery and Dr Nicholas Helm

For details on each lecture topic, please visit [www.vanbrugh300.co.uk](http://www.vanbrugh300.co.uk)



# Weekends

Vanbrugh300 Weekends will take place at each partner house throughout 2026. These celebratory events will feature storytelling performances, creative workshops, and hands-on activities for families and community groups – from designing Baroque-inspired buildings to exploring Vanbrugh's theatrical world.



Seaton  
 Delaval Hall 28 - 29  
 March



Blenheim  
 Palace 25 - 26  
 April



Castle  
 Howard 30 - 31  
 May



Grimsthorpe  
 Castle 20 - 21  
 June



Stowe  
 House 1 - 2  
 August



Kimbolton  
 Castle 4  
 October