

The architecture and influence of Sir John Vanbrugh in North East England: A conference marking the tercentenary of Vanbrugh's death 1726–2026

Redhills Miners' Hall, Durham, Wednesday 8th July 2026



Schedule:

- 10.00-10.15 Arrival and registration
- 10.15-10.45 Edmund Thomas and Richard Pears, Welcome and introduction
- 10.45-11.30 Jeremy Musson, 'Reflections on the genius of Vanbrugh, architect of greatness'
- 11.30-11.45 Tea and coffee break
- 11.45-12.30 James Legard, 'Vanbrugh and the Palladians: Style Beyond the Baroque'
- 12.30-1.15 Richard Pears, 'The castle air'
- 1.15-2.00 Buffet lunch



- 2.00-2.45 Mark Newman 'What was Vanbrugh really up to at Seaton Delaval Hall?'
- 2.45-3.30 Elspeth Gould, 'Who built Seaton Delaval Hall? Glimpses of the people on site'
- 3.30-4.00 Tea and coffee break
- 4.00-4.45 Edmund Thomas, 'Vanbrugh in County Durham: the rebuilding and landscaping of Lumley Castle'
- 4.45-5.30 Martin Roberts, 'Early eighteenth-century architecture in the North East: the buildings, their designers and the style's longevity'
- 5.30-6.30 Closing reception: drinks and canapes

The integrated registration fee of £38 (full rate) and £23 (students) includes lunch and all refreshments.

Please apply early to avoid disappointment.

Registration by Friday 19th June 2026.