

Launch event

On 18 September, some 200 family members, patrons, trustees and guests of the Lord Burghley Foundation gathered for a party, courtesy of the Society of Gray's Inn. Its purpose was to launch next year's programme of events marking the birth in 1520 of William Cecil, Lord Burghley. Gray's Inn was the place where Burghley completed his education and was therefore a highly appropriate venue for the launch. Apart from descendants of the great man, people from many walks of life attended and both Sir Mark Rylance and Dr David Starkey spoke, outlining the significance of Burghley's life and delivering excerpts from Lord Burghley's *Precepts*, bringing to the gathering the wit and wisdom of the man and his world.

For more detail on the Foundation and our plans, please see the article contributed to Reaction.life by the Marquess of Salisbury, Burghley's direct descendant: <https://reaction.life/we-are-right-to-celebrate-the-life-of-lord-burghley/>