Fun facts about three past residents of Cassiobury house for kids

The Earls and Countesses of Essex have lived in Watford since the 12th century and many have made their home in Cassiobury House.

Arthur Capel, 1st Earl of Essex (1631-1683) rebuilt Cassiobury House which was originally an old Tudor house. He was also involved in the Rye House Plot to assassinate Charles II and his brother and died in the Tower of London awaiting trial.

Adele Capel (1859-1922), Countess of Essex

was born in New York City. A socialite who

loves a gathering, Adele was a member of the

London Society of Vegetarians and embraced

a unique form of exercise that involved balancing

and lifting pumpkins.

George Capel-Coningsby (1757-1839), 5th Earl of Essex is responsible for a major renovation of Cassiobury House in Watford, making it a perfect venue for parties! George entertained famous artists, like J.M.W Turner who liked the house so much he painted a picture of it.