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Our next meeting is on Friday 24th March, and is entitled, The True History of Maria Home, Housekeeper to the Earls of Warwick

Mrs Home was housekeeper at Warwick Castle for nearly 60 years, and when she died in 1834 she left over £20,000. Sir Walter Scott said in his diary that 'his friend' Mrs Home had saved the Earl's collection of paintings from the bailiffs by paying them out of her own money. Find out how she made this money and something of the lives of servants in great households.



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