

We invite you to come and join us for a

# **VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS**

**Weekend**

At

**HOLT HALL**

**5<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup> and 7<sup>TH</sup> <sup>on</sup> of December, 2003**

**We've kept the old favourites, but this year we have new  
'Victorian' characters, new events and a visit from Father  
Christmas himself !**

**The Christmas Tree will be up.**

**The log fire will be blazing.**

**The decorations will be twinkling.**

**The food will be ample and traditional.**

**The mulled wine will be warming by the fire.**

**Come and enjoy, Victorian games, musical entertainment,  
and dancing.**

**Bring a Victorian costume with you and relive a  
bygone age.**



*Everyone, families,  
couples or singles, of any age, will be made very welcome. Why not  
make up a small party and come as a group ?  
Do join us for this Victorian Christmas Experience.*

## **The cost is just £125 per person**

(Based on two people sharing a room)

**This includes two sherry receptions, all meals (with wine on Friday & Saturday evenings), accommodation, entertainment and organised activities.**

(Reduced prices for children under 16 sharing a parents room – please ring for details).

*Although the Holt Hall staff team will be in costume for most of the weekend the main Victorian flavour will be Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening and it would certainly help the atmosphere of the period if you had some form of token ‘Victorian’ dress on these occasions (But of course, don’t worry if you haven’t – after all this is a weekend to relax and enjoy yourself).*

### **Outline Programme**

#### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

- 5.00 p.m. Guests arrive anytime after this.
- 7.00 p.m. Sherry Reception with Sir George.
- 7.30 p.m. Large Buffet Supper.
- 9.00 p.m. The poet Keats will light-heartedly regale you with his Poetry and Love Sonnets.
- 10.30 p.m. Mulled wine and folk tales by the fire.
- 11.30 p.m. The butler will secure the house for the night.

#### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9.15 a.m. Full English Breakfast.
- Free time to shop in the historic market town of Holt, or laze about the Hall and grounds.
- 12.30 a.m. Light Luncheon
- 2.00 p.m. Indoor Games or Croquet on the lawn.
- 3.30 Afternoon Tea.
- 4.00 A lively debate concerning the contentious issues of Mr. Darwin’s theories and Bishop Samuel Wilberforce who will state the case for God’s Creation.  
(or - ‘Darwin’s Bulldog’ versus ‘Soapy Sam’)
- 5.30 p.m. Break to refresh yourself and prepare for the evening.
- 6.30 p.m. Sherry Reception with Sir George.
- 7.00 p.m. SIX COURSE CHRISTMAS DINNER.
- 8.30 p.m. Displays of amazing prestidigitation to entertain you.
- 9.15 p.m. Songs and recitations by yourselves (as befits a house party).
- 10.00 p.m. A visit from Father Christmas himself !
- 10.20 p.m. Folk Dancing and Music.
- 11.30 p.m. A small nightcap by the fire.

#### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9.30 a.m. Full English Breakfast.
- 10.30 a.m. An easy coastal walk to spot birds and blow away the cobwebs, a gentle stroll around the ancient woodlands of our estate, or laze about the hall playing indoor games.
- 1.00p.m. 3 course Sunday Lunch.
- 2.00 p.m. make your own Christmas table decoration.
- 3.30 p.m. Afternoon Tea and end of weekend.

*Note: Holt Hall is now fully licensed and additional wines and spirits may be purchased if required.*

*You will be welcomed to a  
Victorian Christmas House Party  
in the home of 'Sir George Carrick' and his wife, the Lady Lucy.  
There you will join a host of characters, including:-  
An amusing and expert speaker on the works of Mr. Rudyard Kipling  
and his many adventures in the British Raj.  
Sir George will speak for T. H. Huxley and take the place of 'Darwin's Bulldog'  
in a debate with Bishop 'Soapy Sam' Wilberforce.  
Professor James T Hogg and his daughter Amelia, will astonish us with even more  
magic, prestidigitation and musical skills again this year.  
Lady Lavinia and Old Sir William Fanthorpe who will mull your wine.  
A new teller of folk tales by the fire will enthrall you.  
The Lady Julia and Mr. Compton will play with you and show you their talents !  
And the delightful Jenny will help you make things !  
  
In addition to the main activities there will be time for shopping in the historic  
market town of Holt, optional talks and outings.*

Holt Hall is situated one mile to the North of Holt in North Norfolk.  
Access is via either the Kelling Road (main entrance) or Cley Road. Holt itself can be reached along  
the A148 from Kings Lynn or B1149 from Norwich.

### **Accommodation**

For the comfort of everyone, numbers on this weekend will be limited to  
approximately 25 persons.  
Some accommodation is in twin bedded rooms and some in larger, multi-bed rooms  
which would be suitable for a family group where parents are sharing with their  
children, or two or three friends together, or a couple on their own.  
It always helps us if two friends are willing to share a room !  
There is ample shared bathroom and toilet accommodation (as befits a true country  
house weekend !) But please bring your own towels and soap.

***Please note: NO SMOKING is allowed inside the Hall.***

## BOOKING FORM

### Victorian Christmas Weekend

5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of December, 2003.

Title:.....Name.....  
Address.....  
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Postcode.....Tel. No.....

#### Other People Booking on This Form

Name.....

Name.....

(Please indicate age if under 16)

#### DIET

Please indicate how many persons, if any, require the following catering:-

Vegetarian ☐ Vegan ☐ Special Diet (Please attach details) ☐

#### Accommodation Required

I would like a room to myself ☐ (Additional £15)

Twin or multi-bedded Room(s) ☐ ( £125 per person)

(We will always try to comply with your request, but accommodation will be allocated on a first come, first served basis).

#### Remittance

A non-returnable deposit of £25 per person should accompany this booking form).

Total Deposits paid herewith:-

£.....

(Please make cheques payable to 'Norfolk County Council')

Declaration: The terms and conditions of booking are accepted by me and on behalf of those people named above.

Signature.....Date.....

#### Terms and conditions of Booking

1. A non-returnable deposit of £25 per person must be paid in order to secure a booking (If we are unable to take you on the weekend, we will return your deposit in full).
2. The balance of your payment will be due on your arrival at Holt Hall.
3. Cancellation. If you should find it necessary to cancel your booking your deposit will be retained by Holt Hall to cover administration costs.
4. If for any reason we find it necessary to cancel the course we will inform you as soon as possible. We will refund all monies paid by you to us. We will not be liable for any additional cost or expense.

Please complete and post this form to:-

Mr. David Bean, Administration Officer.

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