

A Victorian Christmas

Offered as a full-day session



Activity

Each activity session will be led by a representative from the Helena Thompson Museum. Join us at the home of the Thompson family to explore and enjoy what Christmas might have been like for them in the 1800's.

Discover how the house might have prepared for Christmas and about the simple traditions in a Victorian Home. Find out how some of the food was prepared and cooked over 100 years ago and compare it to the food we now have at Christmas and how the celebration has changed.

- Did the 'poor' in Victorian times celebrate Christmas and if so, how was it different from how the 'gentry' (rich families) celebrated?
- What kind of presents do you think children would have received 100 years ago?
- If you wish, you are invited to come to the Museum dressed in Victorian Costume.
- Would you like to swap your Christmas, and go back in history to Victorian times?

Using craft, board games and activities we look at:

- Artefacts (Victorian Christmas Shopping task).
- Comparison of rich and poor of the time.
- School and Victorian values.
- What Christmas would have been like for a Victorian child and their family.

Children's Lunch: A traditional lunch is included for each child. (Adults to pre-book please - at extra cost) During the day, each visiting group will be split into five to take part in activities; can we therefore please have at least five members of staff to accompany the group? Thank you.

Sessions are available during the month of November and beginning of December. This dates are usually advertised in September/October. Please telephone the Museum Manager, Tricia Poole on 01900 64040 for available dates and a copy of a more detailed information sheet.