



HOLME PIERREPONT HALL

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'Snowdrops and Suffragettes' at Holme Pierrepont Hall



The stunning 16th century manor house and gardens at Holme Pierrepont Hall are once again set to open to the public, on selected days from Sunday 4th February.

Renowned for its seasonal displays of Snowdrops and other winter flowering bulbs, Holme Pierrepont Hall will also be opening the house to showcase its beautiful, historic interiors and some special exhibitions.

The grounds, woodland gardens and Grade II listed Courtyard Garden are some of the finest in the region – featuring displays of Snowdrops, Hellebores, Aconites, Cyclamen, Cornus and Winter-flowering Irises. The gardens are also famous for the profusion of the rare tulip, 'Tulipa Sylvestris' which appears in mid April.

Robert Brackenbury, 19th generation owner of Holme Pierrepont Hall says: *"We've an exciting year of events taking place at the hall and the Snowdrops are already beginning to make an appearance on the estate in readiness. We're expecting to see perfect displays by the time we open for visitors on the 4th February."*

He adds, *"There are a number of new exhibits to see, in celebration of some special anniversaries of my ancestors who have been associated with the Hall for over 500 years."*

2018 marks the centenary of when women gained the right to vote and Robert's direct ancestor, Georgina Brackenbury (1865-1949) was a militant suffragette and acclaimed artist. To mark the

centenary of 'The Representation of the People Act 1918', the Brackenbury Family will be exhibiting a display of Georgina's paintings for the public to enjoy on days when the house is open.

Georgina Brackenbury was a close friend of Emmeline Pankhurst and followed her lead in demonstrating for women's rights. She was jailed for her militant actions in seeking the right for women to vote but was also an accomplished artist. Georgina's painting of Mrs Pankhurst is today exhibited in The National Portrait Gallery in London and Holme Pierrepont Hall will be displaying several of her other works in the house.

Georgina was one of three members of the Brackenbury Family, collectively known as 'The Brackenbury Trio', who were militant suffragettes and each jailed for their actions in support of the cause.

In addition to the Georgina Brackenbury exhibits, there will also be a separate display of paintings by the Last Countess Manvers, Marie-Louise Pierrepont (1889-1984) – a talented and prolific artist for over 75 years.

Holme Pierrepont Hall is currently in the process of restoring the Courtyard Garden Wall, thanks to a grant from The Heritage Lottery Fund and supported by The Country Houses Foundation. The Hall features some of the oldest brickwork in Nottinghamshire and conservators will be on-site in April as part of this restoration project.

The House and Gardens will be open to the public on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout February and March. In April, the house and gardens will open on Sundays only, but closed on Easter Sunday. The gardens will remain open on selected days from April to June.

See our website at www.holmepierreponthall.com for details of opening dates and time or to purchase entrance tickets in advance.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS:

'The Brackenbury Trio' Suffragettes

Further detail relating to Georgina, Marie and Hilda Brackenbury's actions in support of the women's suffrage movement can be viewed on the Holme Pierrepont Hall website at www.holmepierreponthall.com/georgina-brackenbury

Snowdrop Media and Tourism Industry Day - Tuesday 6th February 2018

Journalists, media guests, blog writers and tourism / group operators are invited to join Robert and Charlotte Brackenbury for coffee and biscuits and a history talk, before embarking on a tour of the Hall, Gardens and Snowdrop Woodland.

Itinerary:

- 10.30am – Registration, drinks and biscuits in The Ball Room in the Hall.
- 11.00am – PHOTOCALL. Welcome from Robert Brackenbury, including an introduction to the Open House and Snowdrop Gardens.
- 11.30am – Guided walk through the Snowdrop Garden.

12.00pm – Event Closes. Guests are welcome to stay and further explore the house and gardens.

To register for this event, email rplb@holmepierreponthall.com or visit www.holmepierreponthall.com/media.

About Holme Pierrepont Hall:

Holme Pierrepont Hall is a Grade I listed Tudor manor house dating back to c.1500, set in a secluded 30 acre estate just a few minutes from Trent Bridge in Nottingham.

Open to the public on selected dates throughout the year, Holme Pierrepont Hall is also an exclusive-use wedding venue, renowned for its stunning parkland and tranquil gardens.

Images:

Image 1: The East Garden at Holme Pierrepont Hall

Image 2: Self portrait of Georgina Brackenbury, artist and suffragette which will be exhibited with other works in the Hall's Upper Lodgings on Open Days.

Image 3: The Snowdrop woodland at Holme Pierrepont Hall.

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