



HOLME PIERREPONT HALL

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## Reputation Grows for Charitable Christmas Fair at Holme Pierrepont Hall



2018 marks the 28th anniversary of the magical annual Christmas Fair event at Holme Pierrepont Hall which once again, is raising money for Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People.

Loughborough-based Rainbows provides care and support for children with life-limiting conditions and their families and is the only children's hospice based here in the East Midlands. The charity relies on public donations of over £6 million a year, simply to keep its doors open and last year alone, the Christmas Fair raised over £12,200 in support of the charity, with donations coming from visitor and stallholder donations. To date, the fair has raised £52,000 for Rainbows over the years.

19<sup>th</sup> generation owners of Holme Pierrepont Hall, Robert and Charlotte Brackenbury open their family home for the fair each year, which sees the grand 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century reception rooms and gardens transformed into a magical winter shopping feast for discerning gift buyers.

Charlotte Brackenbury says, "Each year, with the help of our dedicated support committee, we manage to take the fair from strength to strength – not only increasing the amount of money we raise for this amazing charity but also improving the quality and range of products for visitors to purchase."

She goes on to say, "This year, we have 49 stallholders, each selling high quality products you don't typically find on either the High Street or in craft markets. The committee purposely selects stallholders renowned for their high quality merchandise, unique gift ideas and locally made produce."

Rainbows Fundraising Manager, Paula North highlights that the fair is a key event in the Rainbows fundraising calendar. She says, "Rainbows are thrilled to once again to be supported by this prestigious event and would like to thank the Brackenbury family for opening up their beautiful home. We are truly grateful for all the money raised which supports the work of the Hospice caring for local children and their families. The committee work incredibly hard to put on an event which gets better and better each year and it really is a wonderful start to the Christmas festivities."

For the third year, the event is sponsored by law-led professional services firm, Gateley. Partner and Head of the firm's Nottingham office, Andy Matthews, raised more than £11,800 for Rainbows this year as part of his challenge of walking the entire South West Coast Path, which is more than 620 miles.

Andy said: "Once again we are proud to sponsor the Holme Pierrepont Hall Christmas Fair; it's a great event, which in turn supports a fantastic charity.

This year we are running a painting competition with the children that currently reside at Rainbows along with their siblings. A panel of judges from Holme Pierrepont, Rainbows and Gateley will choose winners based on several different categories and the winning art work will be exhibited at the fair on the Gateley stand."

The fair will take place in the Hall on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018**, from **9.30am to 4.00pm**. **Entrance is by £5.00 donation to Rainbows** and tickets can be purchased either on the door or securely online on the hall's website at [www.holmepierreponthall.com/christmas-fair.html](http://www.holmepierreponthall.com/christmas-fair.html) .

A Fair Preview Evening is also held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 5.30pm to 9pm, exclusively for ticket holders wishing to come and enjoy Christmas shopping with a bowl supper and a glass of Prosecco. Tickets for this event are strictly limited but can be purchased online at [www.holmepierreponthall.com/preview\\_evening.html](http://www.holmepierreponthall.com/preview_evening.html) .

All proceeds are donated to Rainbows.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS:

## Holme Pierrepont Hall Christmas Events Calendar 2018

### Christmas Fair Preview Evening

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 - 5.30pm to 9.00pm

Entrance by pre-paid ticket only. Tickets £22.50 include a bowl supper and glass of Prosecco.

Sponsored by Gateley Plc. Proceeds to Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People.

### Christmas Fair

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 9.30am to 4pm. Entrance £5.00 donation. Sponsored by Gateley Plc.

Proceeds to Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People.

### Christmas Wreath-making Workshop

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 7pm to 9pm. Tickets £45.00 include all materials, mince pies and a glass of Mulled Wine.

### Winter Wonderland Christmas Party

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 7pm to 1am

Join us for a drinks reception, delicious 3 course festive meal in The Long Gallery, prepared by Chef Karl Tyler followed with dancing in the magnificent Ball Room until after midnight. A special yet intimate venue for your office Christmas Party. Table bookings for up to 10 guests per table now being taken at [www.holmepierreponthall.com/events.html](http://www.holmepierreponthall.com/events.html) .

### Christmas Concert

Featuring early chamber music from Musica Donum Dei and Christmas Carols for all to join in the merriment in the Long Gallery. Tickets £18.00 for Reserved Seating (front two rows), £15.00

Unreserved seating. Visit [www.holmepierreponthall.com/events.html](http://www.holmepierreponthall.com/events.html) for details.

### 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 Grade II listed courtyard garden.

Restoration of the Courtyard Garden Wall is currently in progress, thanks to a grant being awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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