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Quid Novi?

A newsletter for the friends and supporters of Barley Hall
November 2008

Welcome to the first issue of the new electronic version of Quid Novi. We apologise for the delay in getting it out but hope that you will like it and find it useful to plan your visits to Barley Hall.

Christmas events

St Nicholas Fayre Medieval Market



There will be medieval traders selling their craft and wares, living history and it will be a great opportunity to buy unique presents. There will be the opportunity to buy traditional wine or ale at the bar.

This is being held in Barley Hall on 27 – 30 November, between 10am to 5 pm, admission £2 for adults, £1 for concessions and £5 for a family of four

Christmas Fayre

At these you will be able to find more unique presents and enjoy mulled wine in the wonderful setting of Barley Hall.

These are being held on 6 – 7 and 13 – 14 December, between 10 am and 5 pm, admission £2 for adults, £1 for concessions and £5 for a family of four.

Barley Hall by Candlelight

On this occasion you can share a goblet of mulled wine with 'Lord and Lady Snawsell' in a festive atmosphere. There will be tales and music to entertain you into the night.

Booking is essential and can be done via 01904 615505

This is happening on 4 and 11 December, at 7pm, cost £7.50 for adults, £6 for concessions



Next Year

PLAGUE * POVERTY * PRAYER



Life and Death in Medieval York

Opening in January 2009, Barley Hall will be host to a new exhibition entitled "Plague, Poverty and Prayer - Life and Death in Medieval York". This exhibition, which has been funded by the Wellcome Trust, will explore the living conditions for citizens living in York during the period, including looking at medical care, cures, illnesses and diseases, attitudes to medical provision, folklore, and many other relevant topics.

Academics and specialists in the field have been invited to contribute new research to the exhibition, and contributors include Dr Charlotte Roberts, from the University of Durham, Dr Alan Hall and Dr Harry Kenwood from York University, and the Trust's own Dr Andrew Jones. It is hoped that the exhibition will appeal to all of Barley Hall's visitors

and it has been created alongside a special schools workshop which explores medieval medicine.

Friends of Barley Hall will be invited to view this unique and interesting exhibition from the end of January.

Volunteer News

Barley Hall has always had a strong history of volunteer involvement and now has a designated Volunteer Coordinator to look after the team.

With a group of dedicated regular volunteers, work has begun to build on this team. By increasing numbers at the Hall we can offer extended activities for the public and a range of roles for budding volunteers to undertake.

The first area we will be focusing on is creating a Room Stewarding team to help guide our visitors around the Hall. The volunteering programme will also see us building on other roles such as Education and Research Assistants involving volunteers in new areas at the Hall.

With attendance at the recent university Fresher's Fairs helping to promote the opportunities at the Hall we hope to see some new faces in the volunteer team very shortly. We are always very pleased to hear from anyone interested in volunteering at the Hall be it for a few hours a week or a day or two a month. So, do spread the word about volunteering at the Hall and if you think you might like to be involved yourself please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,
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Education at Barley Hall

During the Summer months many exciting new initiatives have been developed at Barley Hall. To link in with the new forthcoming exhibition Plague, Poverty and Prayer we have devised two new educational workshops. Tudor Medicine and Meet the Barber Surgeon are now on offer to Key Stage 2 pupils and focus on medicine during the Tudor period. Pupils will get the chance to learn how illness and ailments were fought hundreds of years ago, as well as discovering some of the Tudor period's most gruesome diseases and grisly cures. Meeting the Barber Surgeon will show children how and why surgery was performed without anaesthetic. This session will be very interactive and children will be given the role of the Barber Surgeon's assistant and will perform roles such as stitching a wound. We expect these workshops to be extremely popular and are pleased that we have already secured bookings for 2009.

Barley Hall are now offering schools outreach visits. Schools can book a Tudor character to spend the day in their classroom. During November two schools are being visited and will be offered a whole host of activities including: Tudor dance, Clothes and Costume, Arms and Armour along with many other fun and interactive activities.

Viking Festival

Many exciting events are being planned for this event at the end of February next year, prebooking opportunities will be offered for the exciting events including a lecture by Mick Aston of Time Team. Watch this space!