**HALSWAY MANOR**

**CHRISTMAS HOUSE PARTY 2016**

Greetings, Christmas Revellers.

Christmas is on the way and we shall all soon be at Halsway Manor enjoying another fantastic Halsway Christmas House Party.

The pattern will be very similar to previous years with music, dancing, singing and diverting activities liberally interspersed with eating and drinking and general enjoyment of the Halsway Christmas atmosphere.

For musicians there will be morning workshops under the tutelage of Moira and Peter leading to playing for a tea dance on Boxing Day afternoon. If you are a musician intending to take part in these workshops please email or telephone Peter and Moira to obtain your music, stating which instrument(s) you play – contact details below.

We have a number of callers coming and all that wish will be given the opportunity to call (if you think that we may not know that you are a caller please drop Ted an email). The music for some of the morning dance sessions will be generic reels and jigs only (i.e. no specific tunes) but to avoid disappointment callers should get in touch with Moira and Peter if they have a particular tune they would like at other times.

For those that do not want to go to Midnight Mass, at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve there will be an informal non-denominational celebration in the bar with readings and carols. Details of all local Christmas church services will be available at The Manor.

Christmas day lunch is the time we are invaded by Elves bearing gifts. Could you please provide a small wrapped gift labelled LADY or GENTLEMAN for someone of your own sex (value no more than £5).

On Boxing Day there will be a walk in the afternoon (weather permitting) so please bring suitable clothing remembering that it can get very muddy underfoot. The evening will be Ceilidh Night when offers of “acts” will be welcome.

If there is anything you would particularly like to see on the programme, please contact Ted (email below).

Each evening will finish with time in the bar for songs, music, stories etc.

An outline programme is attached but it is flexible and may well change.

With best wishes from your Christmas Team:

 

Pat & Ted Morse Moira & Peter Gutteridge

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**OUTLINE PROGRAMME**

Early birds are those who arrived on 22nd December for the Dinner Dance.

Meals will be preceded by carol singing.

Times and happenings are subject to change.

**Friday 23rd December**

8.30 Early bird breakfast

10.00 DIY workshop for early birds

1.00 Lunch

2.00 DIY workshop for early birds and/or walk

4.00 Tea, arrivals

5.30 Sherry reception, formal start to the House Party

6.30 Dinner

8.00 Dancing

**Christmas Eve**

8.30 Breakfast

9.30 Workshops – music/dance

11.00 Coffee

11.30 Dancing/Activity

1.00 Lunch

2.00 Singing

4.00 Tea

4.15 Handbells (tune ringing)

6.30 Dinner

8.00 Dancing

10.00 Cocoa & bar

11.30 Readings and carols

12.00 Mince pies

**Christmas Day**

9.00 Breakfast

10.00 Workshops – music/dance

11.30 Coffee

11.45 Massed phones

12.00 Dancing/Activity

1.30 Lunch, presents

3.30 Festive activities

5.00 Tea

5.15 Festive activities

7.00 Buffet supper

8.00 Dancing

10.00 Cocoa & bar

**Boxing Day**

8.30 Breakfast

9.00 Workshops – music/dance

11.00 Coffee

11.30 Dancing/Activity

1.00 Lunch

2.00 Walk/Activity

3.30 Tea

4.00 Tea Dance

6.30 Dinner

8.00 Ceilidh night

10.00 Cocoa & bar