

Red House Museum Gomersall

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 8 December - Children's Christmas Crafts

This event follows the very successful one held in February. Simple crafts are set out on tables upstairs in the Barn, and children can do as many as they like. Friends will serve refreshments and hold a raffle. All proceeds will go to Friends' funds. Please let Lisa know if you would like to help. Telephone her on 01274 921 517 or 079 222 4237 or email Lisa.Holmes@Kirklees.gov.uk

Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 December 12 noon-4pm - Preparations for Christmas at Red House

If you would like to help the staff prepare Red House for Christmas there are opportunities on 11 & 12 December. Please contact the staff on 01274 335100 in the morning of the day you can go.

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 December, 12 noon to 4pm - Red House Christmas

This is THE big event for Red House and Friends over the Christmas season. The House will be decorated as it might have been in the 1830s, there will be music and carols, and Friends will help visitors with simple seasonal crafts including wreaths and sugar mice. We will also help the staff serve tasters of seasonal food and drinks. Costume is optional. To ensure this event run smoothly we need at least 10 helpers on the Sunday, when staff expect the highest number of visitors, and slightly fewer on the Saturday. Please email me at jacquelineryder99@yahoo.co.uk or ring me on 01924 565428 to let me know if you can help on either day and we can discuss what you would like to do.

I know everyone is very busy in the few weeks leading up to Christmas but it would be really good if Friends can support the staff with this important event. Eric, the Manager, is investing some of his scarce resources in ensuring additional staff will be available, in anticipation of higher numbers of visitors. As an extra treat all Friends who help at any of the Christmas events are invited to join the staff after the House is closed (about 4.30pm) on Sunday 15 December for a seasonal drink and nibbles. This is a great opportunity to get to know the staff, and Friends, and, of course, to get in the mood for the festive season!

All help is very welcome at all events, from half an hour to half a day. Please ring or email the contact shown to discuss how you can help. Please get in touch if you have not helped before; the more help we have the more enjoyable it is for everyone.

Promoting Red House and Friends

The shop at Red House has a lovely selection of gifts and stocking fillers. The Burmantofts creamware has recently been reduced, and the Christmas stock will soon be available. What better way of supporting Red House, and making a start on your Christmas shopping in the calm surroundings of this beautiful house? The Friends' book stall will soon be a permanent feature in the House so you will also be able to pick up a book or two, to help you relax over the festive season, and add to Friends' funds.

On Thursday 12 December Red House will be open until 8pm for 'Deck the Halls...' The staff will be conducting tours of the House in the atmospheric twilight. There will be music and seasonal refreshments and the shop will be open. There is a charge of £10 per person and booking is essential. Please contact Red House staff on 01274 335100.