

## Information for Teachers

# It's a Lord's Life

## KS1 Session

### at Longthorpe Tower



Bring a class to this unique monument and local historical site and explore this delightful medieval tower, part of a manor house that was built around 1300. Longthorpe Tower has been listed as one of the 100 most important historic sites in the UK. Kings, saints, animals, musicians and monsters jostle for space in the finest set of domestic medieval wall paintings anywhere in Western Europe.

### In the Great Chamber



The Great Chamber is the first room you will step into and it is here that you will discover the hidden gem. The main chamber is covered with an incredible set of wall paintings from the 14<sup>th</sup> Century. It is within this inspiring surrounding that you will imagine the Lord of the manor and his wife, Lord and Lady Thorpe, welcoming and entertaining their guests in this very room, 700 years ago. Do you think the guests would have been impressed? Activities will focus on the wall paintings; the stories behind them and what they tell us about medieval life.

### In the Upper Chamber



Time for dressing up! Find out what clothes Lord and Lady Thorpe and their servants might have worn and enjoy trying on different styles of medieval hats. Handle replica food ware and explore the space, peeping



out of the narrow slit windows and wondering what the view might have been 700 years ago. Discover and imagine what the room would have been used for.

Then meet altogether in the Great Chamber for a storytelling session – a lovely way to end the visit by bringing the past and the paintings to life.

The visit will conclude outside for an opportunity to draw the outside of the tower.

**National curriculum links:** History, English, PSHE.

### Learning objectives:

**Participating in this 'It's a Lord's Life' activity, it is aimed that pupils will:**

- learn about significant historical events, people (Thorpe family) and places (Longthorpe Tower, Peterborough Cathedral) in their locality.
- learn about events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally related to the medieval period (Black Death, Great Famine).
- Identify and show an understanding of aspects of medieval life (or a past life) and be able to compare with life of today.
- develop an awareness of the past, using common words and phrases relating to the passing of time.
- appreciate that primary resources such as artefacts and buildings help us to understand the past.
- participate in discussions, role-play and improvisations.
- develop pleasure in reading from listening to a story at a level beyond that at which they can read independently.

### Other information:

<b>Duration</b>	Half day (1 ½ hours).
<b>Cost:</b>	£135 per group of up to 35 pupils. Minimum charge for groups with 25 or less pupils is £120.
<b>Maximum group size:</b>	Maximum number per group is 30. We can accommodate up to 1 group.
<b>Recommended ratio:</b>	Minimum 1 adult to 6 students.
<b>Booking information:</b>	To book, please contact us by phone or email. When the activities and date are agreed, a booking form and risk assessment is emailed to you. To confirm the visit we ask that you complete the booking form and email it back to us.
<b>A note about behaviour:</b>	School teachers have overall responsibility for the behaviour of their pupils and we expect you to support Museum staff with this where necessary. As you know, pupils benefit significantly when school staff and adults also get involved in the activities so please join in where appropriate.
<b>Alternative options:</b>	For KS2+ we offer guided tours and specific focuses related to your topic.



We are happy to tweak the sessions according to your needs.  
 We welcome and encourage pre-visits.