

# Edwardian Golden Era

## What is it?

An Edwardian inspired family fun day or weekend of leisure.

Finely bred ladies and gentlemen wander the delightful grounds of the estate to the quaint tones of a string quartet. Laughter echoes from a Punch and Judy stall as carousels spin and the scent of tea and scones drifts the air.

Welcome to the Golden Era...

## How does it work?

Your guests experience a day of leisurely Edwardian pursuits in the grounds of a wonderful country house or stately home.

Guests arrive to a tea and coffee reception before taking part in a variety of fun activities led by our costumed instructors. Lunch, afternoon tea and an evening meal can also be provided.

Our extensive range of pursuits allows you to select as many or as few activities as you wish – shaping the Edwardian Golden Era event according to your audience and requirements. With so many activities available, the options for your day are virtually endless.

## Activities Could Include:

### **Antique Clay Shooting**

Clay pigeon shooting, the old fashioned way. Using an antique black powder musket which is loaded via the barrel, try to hit the clay before it falls from the sky.

### **Antique Dating**

With the advice of our expert antiques dealer, spot an antique and discern its function. With replicas and authentic pieces, will you be able to tell the difference? Antique dating could take place throughout a tour of a venue's house.

### **Band Stand**

Classic period music - including harps, drums, guitars and percussion to create mood and ambience. Just sit back, sip some Pimms and enjoy the music.

### **Boules**

A relaxing and fun game for all - we will set up a "terrain" for up to four players to cast their balls onto. An umpire can be provided to keep score.

### **Butlers and Maids**

Uniformed butlers and maids can mingle with the guests and supply them with drinks and food.

### **Carousel**

A fantastic centrepiece - providing a show of light, sound, and lovingly painted wooden horses...

### **Carriage Driving**

Harking back to a by-gone era, learn how to drive these wonderfully majestic carriages, or just go along for the ride.

### **Croquet**

The classic pastime of the aristocracy, which involves hitting balls with a mallet through hoops embedded into a grass playing area.



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## **Donkey Derby**

A lively donkey-powered chariot race. Steer and cheer your mighty steed to victory! Or maybe a carrot bribe is in order?

## **Duck Herding**

Duck Herding is an ancient art - it's true! Following a short introduction, teams get the chance to steer their fowl friends around a course with the aid of a dog. Create the right rapport with your dog and master the correct shepherd terminology to send the ducks efficiently through a series of fences, slides and tunnels.

## **Falconry**

A selection of winged wonders. An expert falconer introduces various birds and their abilities. The activity culminates with guest participation during a falconry demonstration – have an Owl or a Harris Hawk glide through the air and settle on your fist!

## **Fencing**

A testing sport indulged in by Lords and gentry folk. Watch the experts battle it out - defending their pride and dodging the point...

## **Ferret Roulette**

Take a baffling piece of apparatus comprising of many tubes, add a charming member of the weasel family, and you have ferret roulette. Drop the little blighter into the central chamber and make a bet on which tube he will pop his head out of.

## **Gun Dog Trials**

Meet and take control of your very own Gun Dog. After some instruction, you and your canine contestant tackle an assault course brimming with tunnels, slaloms and walls. If your connection and communication with the Gun Dog is effective, you could be guiding yourselves to a record time!

## **Harpist**

Why not sit in the sun and allow the relaxing sound of the harp wash over you?

## **Horse and Carriage Display**

Traditionally dressed ponies will draw this beautiful antique carriage.

## **Interactive Theatre – Poetry Recitals**

Sit in the shadow of a magnificent tree or in a beautiful manor house room and marvel at the beauty of poetry. A thespian takes you back through the centuries with their words and actions.

## **Look-alikes**

Famous faces from the past - from stars of the time to royalty.

## **Musket Shooting**

Going back to a time of shootouts at dawn, try your hand at this magnificent piece of armoury.



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## Photographer

The best way to capture your guests in all their glory is with a photograph of them in costume. Our photographer will roam around and take stills of all your guests enjoying the day. You may like to present each of the families with a sepia photograph as a memento of the day.

## Pony Rides

Learn to ride like the equestrian elite and trot around the grounds.

## Punch & Judy

At regular intervals we can perform a Punch & Judy show. Everyone's favourite puppeted pair!

## Shoe Shine Boy

Have your boots or shoes shined while you sit and relax.

## Side Stalls

Try your hand at these traditional side stalls. There can be a costumed instructor at each of them. Give-away prizes can also be handed out to the children:

- Traditional Coconut Shy
- Hoop-la stall
- Pin the Card

## Steam Organ

What high society garden party would be the same without a steam organ? Reminiscent of fairgrounds from the turn of the century, these organs sound magnificent and become a centrepiece for the activities.

## Swing Boats

Move your suspended ship through the air, and hold on to your hats!

## Traditional Archery

Budding Robin Hoods and William Tells will be provided with a selection of the latest left and right handed composite bows, for adults and children alike. An expert archer will give you all the coaching needed to hit bullseye. Best to avoid any apples!

## Traditional Country Dancing

With expert tuition on hand, learn to perform the dance of the day.

## Treasure Trail

Hunt high and low; where could the treasure be? The secret garden perhaps? Or maybe in the wooded glen? What about the manor's tea room? Unravel the clues to find the hidden treasures.

## Wandering Entertainers

Fully costumed Jesters or Harlequins mingle with guests - performing a variety of tricks, juggling and riding unicycles. Guaranteed to amuse and entertain!

## Watercolour Painting

Use watercolours and capture the serenity of your surroundings as a lasting reminder of the day..



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## Who is it suitable for?

- All ages, genders and organisations
- Colleagues, clients or families
- Most effective for 40 or more people

## Enhancements

- Our catering staff can lay on a traditional English meal or a barbeque
- We can supply period costumes for you guests
- We can also provide a 'give-away' for all the guests, such as a hat for the gentleman and a posy of flowers or smelling salts for the ladies
- Capture your Edwardian day on film to present as a memento to your guests

## Timing and Logistics:

<b>Number of people</b>	Unlimited.
<b>Duration</b>	From 3 Hours.
<b>Venue / Logistics</b>	A nationwide selection of venues available.
<b>What we supply</b>	Marquee, Edwardian game masters and all necessary equipment for each activity. Pre event planning and on site management
<b>Pricing</b>	Price on application
<b>Health and safety</b>	Risk Assessed & £10million Public & Product Liability Indemnity Insurance

- We can enhance the Edwardian theme with 8ft columns, themed backdrops, portraits, fountains, giant urns, newspaper stand, shoe shine stand, gingerbread street-seller, Edwardian shop front panels, black iron street lamps and food stalls
- This event can be used to extend a MotivAction murder mystery or Clue D'oh activity

## What are the benefits and outcomes?

- A day of leisure and enjoyment
- Reward and recognition for your colleagues and their families
- Socialise in a relaxed setting
- Experience of different activities

