



THE FESTIVAL OF HISTORY AT

KELMARSH HALL

SET IN 3,363 ACRES of estate, in the heart of Northamptonshire, Kelmarsh Hall is an impressive, 18th-century stately home. The house was built to designs by James Gibbs for William Hanbury and, although there are Victorian additions, it is the Georgian detailing that stands out. The hall is built in brick with stone pediments to highlight the windows, doors and roof. The interiors reflect the Adam style, which was popular at the time: pastel-coloured walls and ceilings are ornamented with classical-styled plasterwork, offset by elegant furnishings.



Kelmarsh was home to six generations of the Hanbury family before being sold to the Liverpool banker R C Naylor in 1864, and then passing to the Lancaster family. It was Nancy Lancaster who developed the 'English Country House Style', evident at Kelmarsh both in its interiors and gardens.

She is considered one of the most influential interior and garden designers of the early 20th century. Garden highlights include the Long Border, Fan Rose Garden, Sunken Garden and Grass Terrace edged by pleached limes.

Within the grounds there is also the remains of a medieval village, visible as a series of bumps and hollows in the grass.

The *Festival of History* showground is set on the far side of the lake with fine views of the terrace and house. For more information about visiting times and prices for Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens throughout the year, go to www.kelmarsh.com or call 01604 686543.

FESTIVAL GUIDELINES

To ensure everyone enjoys the best possible day and gets a good view of the arena and battlefield events, please follow our guidelines:

- When visiting living history displays, please do not touch anything unless invited to do so by the performers.
- For their own safety, children must be kept under control.
- Any dogs at the festival should be kept on a lead at all times.
- Please do not cross any barriers unless invited to do so by the performers.
- Please be careful near horses, which can bite and kick when alarmed.
- Please use the litter bins provided.

PERIOD ICONS

Some event articles have an icon which will help you to pinpoint the historical context. There are ten periods:



Prehistoric (Pre AD 43)
Roman (43AD-410)
Invaders (410-1066)
Norman (1066-1216)
Medieval (1216-1485)

Tudor (1485-1603)
Stuart (1603-1714)
Georgian (1714-1837)
Victorian (1837-1901)
Modern (1901-present day)

ENGLISH HERITAGE PROPERTIES TO VISIT IN THE AREA



▲ KIRBY HALL, NORTHANTS

A great Elizabethan hall with elaborate designed 'cutwork' garden.
 Tel: 01536 203230

JEWRY WALL, LEICESTER

A length of Roman wall over nine metres high, with a museum displaying the archaeology of Leicester and its region.
 Tel: 01162 254971

▼ RUSHTON TRIANGULAR LODGE, NORTHANTS

Quirky triangular building from the late 16th century that was built by Sir Thomas Tresham as testament to his Catholic faith.
 Tel: 01536 710761



78 DEANSGATE, NORTHAMPTON

New for 2005. House re-designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh in 1917 and now fully restored.
 Tel: 01604 603407

KENILWORTH CASTLE, WARCS

Magnificent Tudor castle with a huge Norman keep. Tel: 01926 748900

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