

LET'S FIND OUT ABOUT LYDIARD HOUSE!

LYDIARD HOUSE WAS ONCE ONE OF THE GRANDEST HOUSES FOR MILES AROUND. DOZENS OF SERVANTS WORKED FOR THE ST JOHN FAMILY WHO LIVED HERE. THEY DID EVERYTHING FROM CLEANING TO EMPTYING CHAMBER POTS!



You can do this trail in any order



THE HALL

Important visitors entered Lydiard House through the Hall. Servants made sure everything on show looked good. Which object do you think was most tricky to dust?

DRAW IT HERE.

THE DINING ROOM

Wealthy people, like the St John family, ate fancy meals with lots of courses.

Gardeners grew fruit such as apples and wild strawberries in the Walled Garden.



Answer: 4

TRY THIS RECIPE FOR STRAWBERRY SHERBET WHEN YOU GET HOME.

YOU WILL NEED:

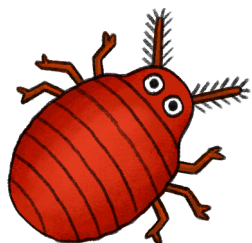
- * 2 punnets of strawberries
- * Juice of 1 lemon and 1 orange
- * 4 tablespoons of caster sugar

WHAT TO DO:

- 1 Mash the strawberries until smooth.
- 2 Add the lemon and orange juice.
- 3 Leave to stand for about 3 hours.
- 4 Put the sugar into a bowl. Strain the fruit through a sieve on to it.
- 5 Serve in small glasses with a lump of ice.

THE DRAWING ROOM

Guests used this room to relax in. Look at the wallpaper. The red dye comes from crushed beetle shells!



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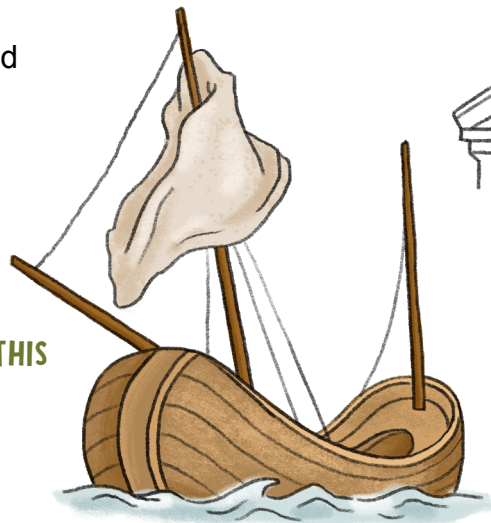
THE DRESSING ROOM

Look for the painted window. It comes from a much older house that stood here about 400 years ago. Each piece of glass has a different picture.

TICK THESE THINGS OFF AS YOU SPOT THEM.

- A bird
- A mermaid
- A horse
- A flower
- A turkey

CAN YOU SPOT THIS DUTCH BARGE?



THE BEDROOM

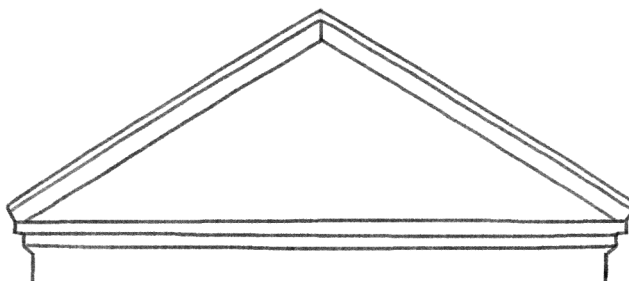
Servants were expected to answer calls for service - immediately!

CAN YOU SPOT:

- The bell to call the servants
- A secret door to bring in refreshments, hot water and coal for the fire
- A chamber pot

OUTSIDE

In 1729 John, 2nd Viscount St John, married wealthy Anne Furnese and decided to bring Lydiard House more up-to-date.



In the 1740s he rebuilt the House in the 'classical style' inspired by ancient Greek and Roman art. This triangular shape is called a pediment. How many can you find on the front of Lydiard House?
Answer: side 1

THE LIBRARY

Look for the picture of a horse over the fireplace. It belonged to Frederick, 3rd Viscount St John, who lived here in the 1700s. He was super rich and spent his money on race horses, gambling, drinking, expensive clothes - and girls!

If you were super rich what would you spend money on?

I'D SPEND IT ON.....

My husband used MY money to build his dream house!

