



Brighton & Hove Museums

Preston Manor House Detective Trail

Over 8 years old

Are you a super sleuth
house detective?

Can you solve the
clues, answer the
riddles, fill in the blanks
about Preston Manor?

Your name:

Date of your visit:

Preston Manor was the home of Ellen and Charles Thomas Stanford. They lived here 100 years ago, and the house today looks the same as when Ellen and Charles were living here.

The Entrance Hall



Q1. There are portraits of Charles and Ellen hanging in the Entrance Hall. Ellen is reading a book and Charles is wearing a grey suit. Can you find them?

Q2. Read the riddle, find the object and write or draw your answer below.

I'm white.
I've got four legs and
one tail.
My fur looks shaggy, but
it's hard as stone.
What am I?

The North West Corridor

There are lots of ghost stories about Preston Manor. The most famous ghost is the White Lady who has been seen many times. A visiting Colonel, who was a friend of Charles and Ellen's, spoke to the White Lady when he saw her in this corridor! What do you think he said to her? Write your ideas in the speech bubble.



The Drawing Room

The Drawing Room was where Ellen and Charles would entertain their guests before dinner. The most important people would sit with Ellen by the fire.

Q3. Can you find all these mystery objects in the Drawing Room? Look at the pictures, answer the clues, and draw arrows to show where these objects are in the Drawing Room.

Chess set



You'll find me under a table.

I have grapes on my lid.

I am a wine cooler



I'm tucked in a corner.

I've got a trumpet, but play records.

I'm a gramophone.


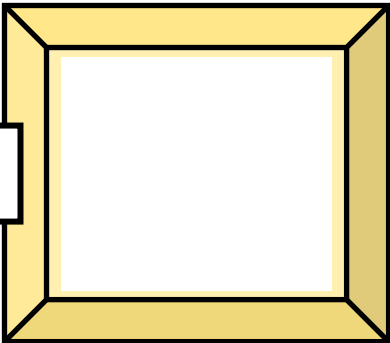
Horse's hoof inkwell



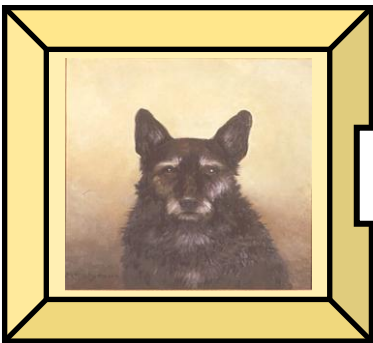
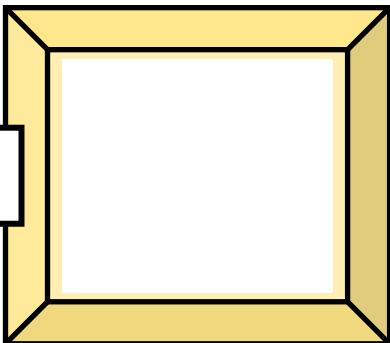
The stairs

Q4. Can you find the paintings of Ellen's and Charles's pet dogs at the bottom of the stairs? Look carefully and see if you can finish the portraits below by adding the names or picture of each dog.

Kylin



Pickle



Ellen's Bedroom

Rich couples always had separate bedrooms, usually nearby, and Ellen and Charles Thomas Stanford were no exception.

Q5. Can you find this object hanging by the side of the bed?
What do you think it does?

Hint: it has something to do with servants



Q6. What sort of bed does Ellen have in her bedroom?

Ellen had a way of unlocking her room from the inside while still in bed.

Can you follow the cord from above her bed to the door bolt?

The cord above her bed allowed her to let her servant in to make the fire in the morning.

If this was your bedroom, what would you invent to make your life easier?
Draw your invention here

Head Housemaid's Bedroom

This room shows how servants lived in Preston Manor. It is not as grand as Ellen's bedroom and has simple furniture in it. Can you find these objects in the bedroom and guess what they were used for?

Q7



Q.8



Answers

Q2. This is a statue of Ellen's favourite dog Jim. She took the statue on holiday with her.

Q4. The missing names are Jim (top portrait) and Peter (bottom portrait)

Q5. A bell pull, which would make a bell ring in the basement and alert the servants that they were needed

Q6. A four poster bed

Q7. A hip bath to wash in

Q8. A chamberpot, which is like a potty.