



The Victorian Christmas - 23 November 2021

Dear Members

As mentioned in the recent newsletters we are hosting a Zoom talk entitled the "Victorian Christmas" on Tuesday 23 November. The talk will be given by Katherine Kear.

Katherine is a British master florist, Chelsea Gold Medallist and has worked with flowers for over 30 years. She speaks on Radio Gloucester and appears on several TV programmes. She is also an author, teacher and demonstrator for the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies.

In her presentation Katherine will talk about the Victorian Christmas traditions and innovations. Why did the Victorians invent or resurrect them and do we still follow them today? As Katherine says "our Victorian ancestors put hearth, heart, home and family into existing ancient celebrations. As a result of that we have the traditions today that guide and formulate the way we celebrate. The talk explores the food, music, decorations and foliage that have shaped our Christmas today. Let's not forget the image of Father Christmas as well!"

Like the last Zoom talk it will be a free members only event. The "virtual doors" will open at 7.20pm to allow people to be admitted early and enable the talk to start promptly at 7.30pm.

The talk should finish at about 9 pm and there will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end.

If you wish to attend you will need to **pre-register by sending me an email**. I will forward the link to the meeting, (to those who pre-register) a couple of days before the talk.

If you are unfamiliar with Zoom I attach the following link to the Zoom website which explains what to do and also a pdf from ageuk providing some practical information and guidance.

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting#:~:text=Go%20to%20join.zoom.us,client%20to%20join%20the%20meeting.>

We hope you enjoy the talk.

Best wishes
Mary