

<p>Total cost of room/s</p> <p>Payment can be made by cheque made out to The Historical Dance Society, or by BACS: 40-40-24, HDS account 7230 2934, ref Halsway2024 + name/s. Please post booking form and cheques to: Ann Hinchliffe, 2a Clifton Grove, Wirral CH44 0BH</p>	<p>£</p>
<p>Your contact details, including emergency contact (preferably mobile):</p>	
<p>Please note here special requirements e.g. diet or accessibility; or performance skills. It is helpful for us to know privately if you have any problems that will affect your dancing. Feel free to contact Ann Hinchliffe in confidence to discuss your needs: thedancingmaster@outlook.com, 07780 799 613 or 0151 458 6709.</p>	



Dance and performance at the Jacobean court

26-28 Jan 2024

Halsway Manor, near Crowcombe, TA4 4BD

You are invited to a friendly house-party in beautiful West Somerset featuring dancing of the early seventeenth century. With classes led by specialist tutors, you will be able to learn the basics or extend your skills, according to your experience. The weekend is based on re-creating the masque *Hymenaei*, with opportunities to dance, speak, sing and act, with music of the time led by Ruth and Colin Thompson. The masque text was written by Ben Jonson and the designs were by Inigo Jones, and the dance music is extant. It was first performed for the 1606 wedding of

Lady Frances Howard to Robert Devereux Earl of Essex. Sadly the marriage ended in divorce and scandal.

Programme

On Friday evening tutors will introduce the masque, discuss plans for its re-creation, and lead general dancing. Saturday morning classes are for beginners (with Ann Hinchliffe) or for more experienced dancers (with Anne Daye), learning steps and some more complex dances. In the afternoon and evening we shall re-create the masque: costume, dancing, music, song and spoken word. After a final rehearsal on Sunday morning, our version of *Hymenaei* will be performed.

Musicians or singers wishing to learn dances of the period are welcome; after discussions with tutors in advance, they may play for one of the classes, dance with us, or contribute to the creative sessions.

Dancers willing to take sung or spoken roles are very welcome. Please mention your experience or skills on the booking form.

Travel

Address: Halsway Manor, Halsway Lane, near Crowcombe, Somerset, TA4 4BD, UK. Halsway is just outside Crowcombe village, 11 miles from Taunton, the nearest train station. There are hourly buses on weekdays; weekend services are currently uncertain. Taxi to Taunton station costs about £50. Lifts can be arranged with other dancers attending the course: contact organiser Ann Hinchliffe, 07780 799 613 or 0151 458 6709 or thedancingmaster@outlook.com.

More information is on Halsway website: <https://halswaymanor.org.uk/>

Accommodation

All bedrooms in Mews building (on left of front-page photo) are either en-suite or with private bathroom. Bedrooms in the old Manor (centre of photo) have period character but almost no en-suite facilities, so guests must walk a few steps along the corridor for toilets and showers. Camping options are available. Food is tasty, plain and plentiful, and all diets can be catered for.

Covid precautions.

HDS and Halsway request people not to attend unless they are sure they are free from Covid. Halsway Manor is accredited 'Good to Go' and requests attenders to support them by following house protocols. The dances include hand-holds: feel free to wear gloves if you wish. Sanitiser will be provided. If the course has to be cancelled by a return of Covid, all money will be refunded.

BOOKING FORM

Ticket prices					
Prices per person for whole weekend, Fri evening - Sun afternoon, full board. It may be possible to accommodate part-time visitors, or companions who don't take part in all activities. Please ask organiser about this.					
	By 30 Nov (circle which rate)		After 1 Dec (circle which rate)		Number of people booking for each room
	<i>HDS member</i>	<i>Non-member</i>	<i>HDS member</i>	<i>Non-member</i>	
Single en-suite	£350	£360	£355	£365	
Single, shared bathroom	£315	£325	£320	£330	
Shared room, en-suite	£315	£325	£320	£330	
Shared room, shared bathroom	£280	£290	£285	£300	

