



## COVID 19

**Please read the statement on COVID Security Information for Hirers**

### Handling Box Contents List

#### The Victorians

**Queen Victoria reigned from 1837-1901**

**Electric lighting wasn't installed into houses until after the Victorian era. Many houses had gas lighting in the later Victorian era, but most homes were mainly lit by candles or oil lamps.**

#### **In the Home**

Candlestick holder (original) with wax candle *point out the wick down the middle*

Wick trimmer (original)

Candle snuffer (replica)

Victorian key (original)

**Victorian kitchens had a range with a fire. This is where the water was boiled and food was cooked.**

#### **The kitchen**

Enamel cup (replica)

Pair of wooden butter pats (replica)

Ceramic marmalade jar (original)

Ginger Beer bottle (original)

Mineral Water bottle (original)

**Monday was traditionally washday and the laundry took all day. The boiler would be filled and the fire lit underneath. Whites first for the "boil wash",**

moving through colours. Then rinsing and through the mangle before being pegged out onto the washing line to dry. Finally, items were ironed with a solid flat iron that would be heated either by being filled with coals, placed on a heat source or by heating an insert called a 'slug'.

### The laundry

Bar of carboric soap (replica)

Wooden washing tongs (replica)

2 x Victorian and 2 modern wooden dolly pegs (replica)

Flat iron with **space** for heated metal 'slug' (replica) *lift the handle and point out the slug which would have been heated to warm the iron*

Wooden darning mushroom (original)

**Many Victorian houses didn't have bathrooms and the toilet was outside. Morning wash was from water heated on the fire and poured into a wash bowl. Soot, chalk and powdered cuttlefish were all used to make Victorian toothpaste.**

Enamel chamber pot (replica) *kept under the bed for use in the night and emptied in the toilet in the morning*

5 x Bone toothbrushes (original) *the natural bristles could have come from horse, swine or boar but they were only for the very rich. Poor people used a rag or a bit of soot on their finger.*

Lace parasol (replica) *used by the rich to protect from the sun but more importantly considered the 'must have' fashion accessory.*

### The school room

5 x Writing slates and 5 x slate pencils (replica)

3 x Victorian School copy books

2 x 'Vere Fosters Copy Book's (replica) – *Books like this were used for handwriting practice*

2 x History of England made easy *in rhyme to diminish the labour of obtaining knowledge!*



## Buds & Blossoms A Visit to Queen Victoria

**Victorian Toys were mainly for the rich but poorer families may have had homemade items, dolls from “dolly pegs” or wooden spinners. Wealthy families would have had dolls houses, rocking horses and train sets.**

Cup and Ball (replica)

Spinning top and whip (leather strip to allow spinning no longer present)

Diablo (replica)

### **Miscellaneous**

Red Wax stick for making wax seals on correspondence (original)

Victorian household replica ephemera pack (advertising, invoices etc)

Victorian mourning envelopes *letter writing was very important and particularly in times of death, black edged envelopes would be used.*

### **Books & Images**

Pack of photo-cards and teacher’s booklet on the Victorians

Folder of laminated images and replica newspapers and object image cards, information on the railways

‘Step Up History: Children in Victorian Times’ book

A3 Laminated information sheets on Victorian names, food and clothing

**Artefacts are not to be handled without adult supervision**

**All breakages and losses will have to be charged for.**

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