



RIPLEY CASTLE

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MEET THE LADIES OF RIPLEY CASTLE IN AUGUST

Every Wednesday in August visitors to Ripley Castle, near Harrogate, will be able to discover the fascinating stories behind some of the ladies who have inhabited the Castle over hundreds of years.

The castle is steeped in 700 years of history and has been lived in by the Ingilby family for 28 generations, currently by Sir Thomas Ingilby with his wife Emma and their five children.

There will be four performances taking place during the month including "Trooper Jane's War 1644" which is the story of Trooper Jane Ingilby who was famed for holding Oliver Cromwell at gunpoint in the Library following the battle of Marston Moor; and "At Home with Lady Alberta". Alberta was a keen artist and cartoonist and in 1930 she and her husband Sir William Ingilby, who were keen theatre goers, put on a production of 'Ripley in the Olden Days' which attracted several thousand people and raising £570 which was put towards the cost of equipment for the operating theatre at Harrogate Infirmary.

Says Sir Thomas Ingilby: "A few years ago we did a couple of performances of some of my fascinating female ancestors. Visitors enjoyed them so much we decided it would be wonderful for members of the public visiting this August to go back in time and get a flavour of how things used to be and hear their incredible stories."

There will be four performances every Wednesday and Bank Holiday Monday in August at 11.30a.m. – 12.30p.m. – 1.30p.m. – 2.30p.m. Normal admission charges to the Castle's gardens apply.

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