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# A children's guide to..... The Vyne



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### I spy!

Look out for these I spy challenges on the pages - look at the picture/ room to find the area to spot the features & items at The Vyne.

### Key word alerts!

Learn new vocab to become a true History expert!

### ***Did you know?***

Find out interesting facts about the History of The Vyne.

Thinking questions, games and imagination ideas to keep you entertained!



# Intro- about the house



## I spy .....Can you spot:

- **The wonky windows** (the Chute side of the building sank but the Tudor windows are straight!)
- Eagle statues:** Influenced by the grandeur of Rome!

## Key word alert!

Portico: A roof supported by columns, often at the entrance to a building. These could be found in Ancient Greece and Rome and became popular in England in the 1600s.



## 10 Facts to know about The Vyne:

1.

There used to be an old Medieval Manor House here dating back to the 1200s.

2.

The Sandys family owned The Vyne from the late 1400s.

3.

Between 1500-1520 The Vyne was transformed into a Tudor palace. This palace was huge and stretched down to the Lake.

4.

- The Tudor palace was the work of William Sandys- he was very important as the Lord Chamberlain (from 1526) to King Henry VIII!

5.

The House you see today is only 1/3 the size of the Tudor palace.

6.

The Vyne was visited by important Tudor royalty! Henry VIII, Henry's 1<sup>st</sup> wife- Catherine of Aragon, his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Anne Boleyn, and later his daughter Queen Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup>.

7.

During the English Civil War in the 1640s, The Sandys family fought on the side of the King (the Royalists), however the Parliamentarians won a nearby battle at Basing House and then occupied The Vyne.

8.

In 1653, The Vyne was sold to a politician called Chaloner Chute.

9.

Chute redesigned The Vyne- it was modernized and made smaller. The portico was added: the first of its kind on an English Country House.

10.

The Vyne stayed in the Chute family until 1956 when they gave the house to The National Trust to look after.

Take a wander around the 18th century.....

# The Walled Garden



**Mmm .... Yummy vegetables!**

Play the 'I would grow' game:

- Walk around the Veggies.
- Look at the labels.
- Choose your top 5 vegetables that you would grow.



In the Spring and Summer:  
Sit and admire the beautiful wild flowers- great for insects!

Take a look!  
What is growing in the glass house?



**I spy! .....Can you find:**

- **3 species of flowers**
- **3 types of herbs**
- **3 kinds of vegetables**
- **3 varieties of fruits**



Smell the herbs- which do you think smells best?

Which is your favourite flower and why?



# *A walk through the grounds.....*

I spy! .....Can you find:

- A tree that is thought to be over 650 years old!  
(hint: look for the sign!)
- How many swans can you count?
  - Carved wooden creatures.
- Willow trees- where do they like to grow?
  - How many cows can you see?
    - A bridge to walk across.
    - Goose poo on the lawn!



The Summerhouse is possibly the earliest domed garden building in England, dating from c1635.

## ***Did you know?***

This building would be enjoyed by the owners and their party guests in the summer for banquets! ... It was later used a dovecote (a house for Doves!).





## Into the woods.... Be a woodland explorer!

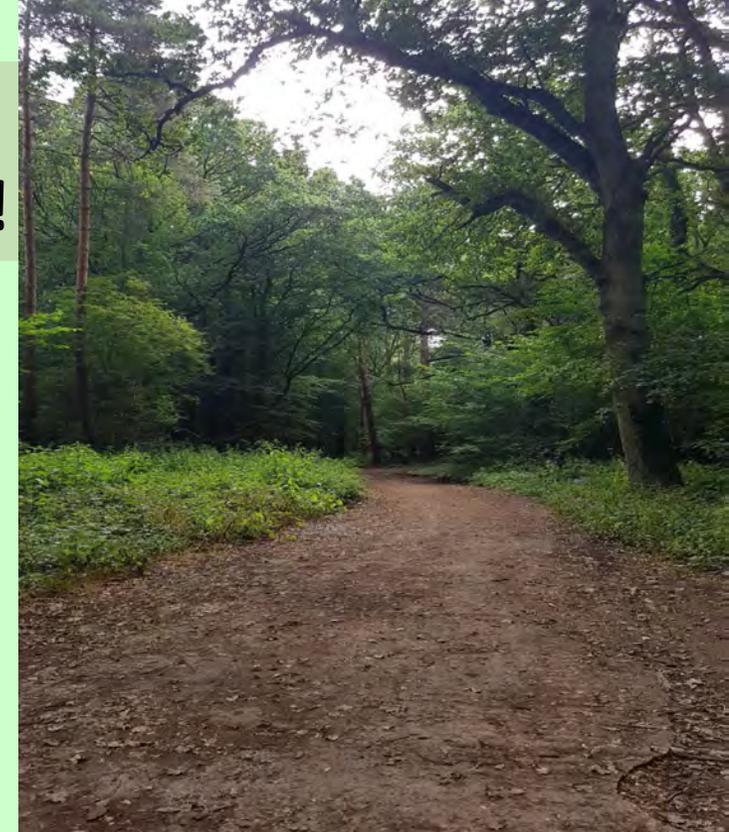
### Things to do!

- Build a den
- Splash in puddles (if it's wet!)
- Balance on logs
- Collect different types of leaves.  
(use the free Woodland trust app).



### **Get to know a tree!**

- Climb it
- Smell it
- Measure it with your arms (give it a hug!)
- Feel it with your hands- how bumpy or smooth is it?
- Watch how the tree moves in the wind.
- Are there any marks/scars on the tree?  
Think about how they got there.
- What animals are living in/on/near your tree?



## Morgaston Wood



I spy! .....Can you find:

In the Entrance:

- When was the staircase made?
- How many plates can you count in this cabinet (above)?
- The secret doorway?
- A blue vase?
- Look up at the ceiling!  
Describe what you see!

# A grand entrance.....



Built in 1769 and 1770

Key word alert!

**Palladian** style architecture comes from Italy in the 1500s. Andrea Palladio liked the architecture of Ancient Greece & Rome and based his designs on the symmetry (balance) that this gave. This style Started to become popular in the 1600s.

If you could design your own house- what would it look like?



**Did you know?**

The stairs are in a Palladian style and were built in the mid 1700s. John Chaloner Chute wanted a staircase with a `wow` factor- so he designed these himself! It looks very grand and much bigger than its actual size.

The staircase has changed colour multiple times, it was once yellow and a cream colour.



# Upstairs



## Key word alert!

A **long gallery** is a long narrow room, often with a high ceiling.

These were popular in the Tudor and Stuart periods.

If the weather was not nice, people use these rooms to walk a form of exercise, admiring the many portraits as they moved along.

I spy! .....Can you find:

## Oak Gallery:

- How many swords can you count?
- A Tudor rose
- Henry VIII
- Charles 1<sup>st</sup>
- Oliver Cromwell

I spy! .....Can you find:

## Bedrooms:

- These 2 bedrooms were once one! Find out who stayed in this bedroom!
- Find the place where they washed.
- Who is in the picture above the door?
- What can you see on the mantelpiece above the fire?

**Imagine!**

Be a Tudor lady or gentleman walking in the oak gallery- what would you do, hear, see?

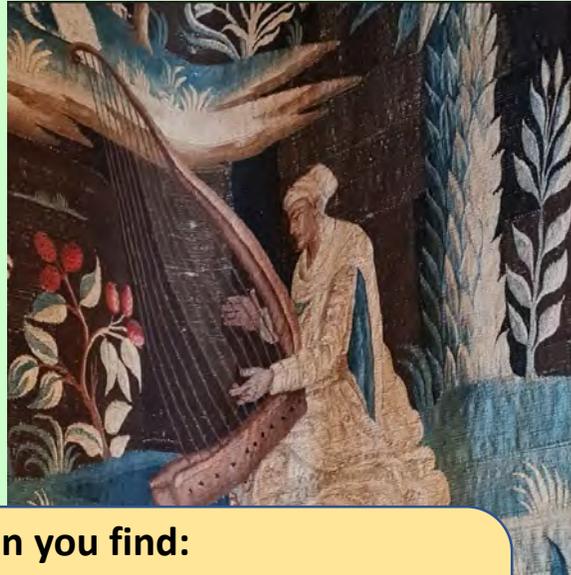


## ***Did you know?***

The Oak Gallery has been described as one of the most famous rooms in England, as it is believed to be one of the earliest long galleries in the country.

This room would have been used for entertaining, exercising and display; however reports from 1547 said that the room was barely furnished and lacked pictures.

# The Tapestry Room



**I spy! .....Can you find:**

- Find these images in the tapestry!
- Find out when the tapestry was made.
- Find out where the tapestry was made.
- What is happening to the man below?



**I spy! .....Can you find:**

- Counting time! How many busts above the bookshelves?
- Ask a room attendant! What is the oldest book in the library?
- Find the yellow globes.
- What items can you see on the desks?

**Did you know?**

## The Library

- There are 2,419 books in the library.
- Some of the library decorations come from the pews (seats) of the local church.
- These books were collected by the Chute family over 300 years.



*Upstairs*

# Downstairs

Art historian Horace Walpole once described the chapel at The Vyne as "the most heavenly chapel in all the world".

## I spy! .....Can you find: The Ante chapel (next to the chapel):

- A cheap painting of the last supper.
- Look at the ceiling- how many diamond shapes can you see?
- Find a white dog in a picture.
- Spot the row of truncheons from the 1830s.

## Did you know?

The row of truncheons are from the 1830s- they were given out to local constables to stop protestors rioting about the corn laws. Some of those rioters were hanged and others were sent to Australia!

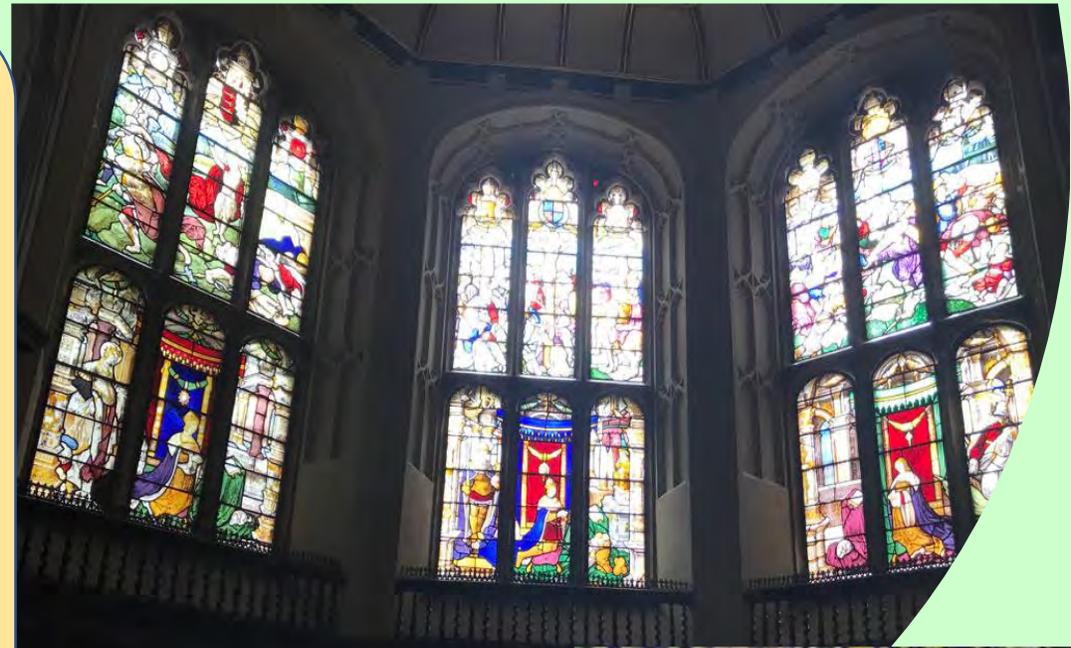


The Chute family wanted a painting of The Last Supper- but it had to be cheap as doing up the house was expensive!



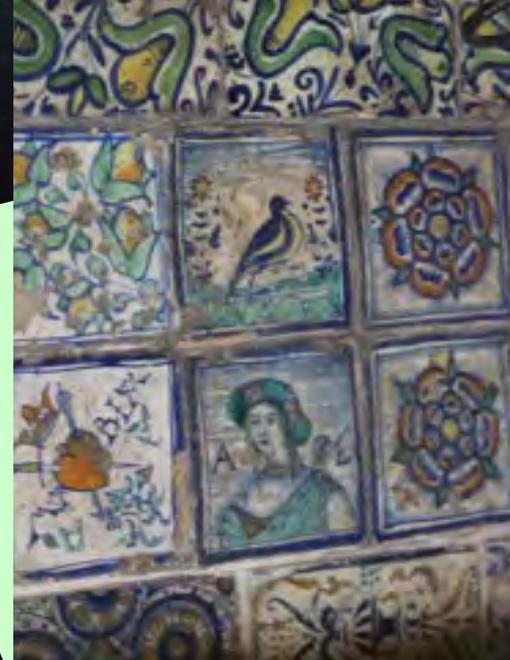
## I spy! .....Can you find: The Tudor Chapel:

- Stained glass windows: on the left; Catherine of Aragon. In the middle; a young Henry 8. On the right; Henry 8<sup>th</sup>'s sister, Margaret (who married King James 4<sup>th</sup> of Scotland).
- Look at the floor! These Flemish tiles are beautiful! Which is your favourite?
- Look up above the door! Who do you think sat up there to watch the chapel service?
- Look at the pews (seats): Can you find the Tudor Rose and Pomegranate symbols (the fruit was the symbol of Catherine of Aragon).



## Key word alert!

A **chapel** is a small building or room used for Christian worship in a school, prison, hospital, or large private house:



# Downstairs



## ***Did you know?***

The wallpaper is made out of linen and silk which was very expensive.

## **I spy! .....Can you find:**

### **The large drawing room:**

- How many paintings are there? Which is your favourite & why?
- How many horses can you see in this room?
- Q: What differences can you see between your living room and this one?

## ***Did you know?***

### **The little china room**

Have a look at this! (right): A very expensive chest covered in semi-precious stones. This was bought in the 1700s in Italy by John Chute- he was on a very long holiday (called a `grand tour`). John sent this beautiful casket to his older brother Anthony as a joke, after being told to stop spending so much money!!



## **I spy! .....Can you find:**

### **The Stone Gallery:**

- The rocking horse
- A terra cotta roundel of Ancient Rome style.
- Clues to show this once housed oranges. (remember oranges like to keep warm! Can you see something to help them to do this?).
- **Did you know? When Henry 8<sup>th</sup> visited in the 1500s, this room became his stables!**
- **Did you know? Many years later, in World War Two, evacuees who lived here used this room as their classroom!**

## **I spy! .....Can you find:**

### **The Saloon:**

- A piano – bought in 1846 and played by Wiggett Chute's 11 children!
- Tudor Roses in the paneling.
- The altered ceiling.
- A watercolour painting of the saloon as it looked in 1857.
- A painting of a woman and child- find out who this is!





What would you serve for a dinner party at The Vyne?



Look in the Scullery & pantry area: What things are the same or different to your kitchen at home today?



## What's for dinner?

### Did you know?

#### I spy! .....Can you find: The Dining Room:

- A fancy clock
- 2 Chinese dragons
- Oak paneling on the walls
- Gold elaborate mirror
- Question! Which painting would be best to look at during dinner and why?

**Did you know? With 11 children, Wiggett Chute did not host many dinner parties- it was too expensive!**



- The kitchen walls are a metre thick and would always be further away from the rest of the house (in case of fire!).
- In Tudor times they would dry & salt bacon by the fire.
- The holes in the oven area are from the Victorian range cooker.
- The room bells (top right) would be rung by the family and the servants below would hear them and quickly go to that room.