

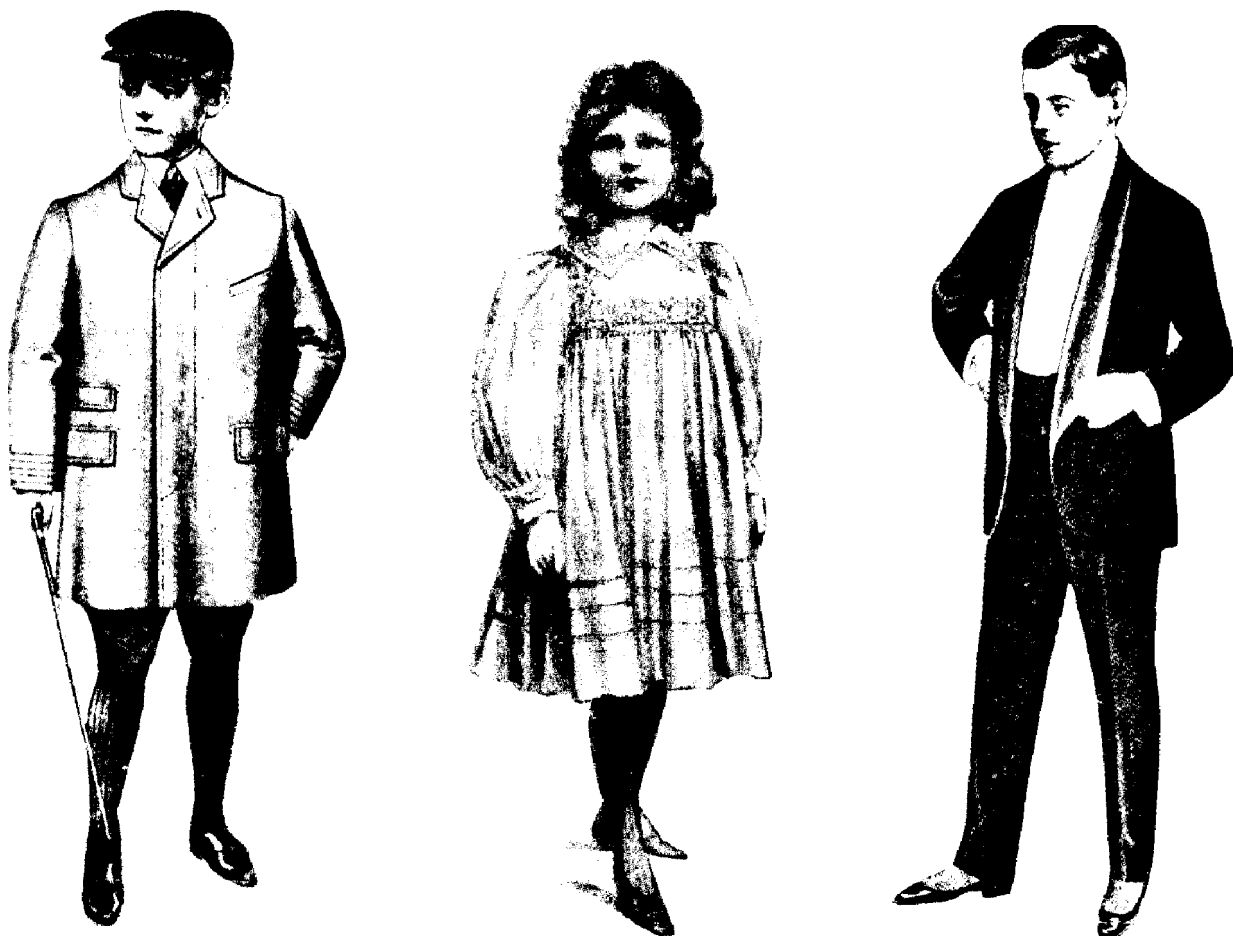
Costume Suggestions - Suitable attire for the guests of Lord & Lady Sefton

Young Ladies :-

Medium to ankle length dresses - confirmation dresses, bridesmaid dresses, etc. It is advisable to wear warm underclothing as the hall can be rather chilly. Shawls can be a useful addition to the costume. Neat and tidy appearance, hair can be tied back, set into ringlets, or left long - but well groomed. Other accessories could include dainty hand bags, dress gloves, bonnets, and costume jewellery.

Young Gentlemen :-

Smart suits, black or checked - always well buttoned up! Tail coats or tweed jackets a good alternative. Dark trousers - plus fours if possible. White shirts should be worn - some schools have created the high Victorian collar by ironing a standard collar into wing collar shape. Dark tie, dark bow tie or cravat. Well polished shoes - (no trainers!) - smart well groomed hair. Other accessories could include monocle, gloves, canes, suitable hat ie checked cloth caps or top hats.



Costume Suggestions - for the servants

Housemaids, Kitchen Maids & Dairy Maids:-

Long black skirt with a white or black, high collared blouse. White apron - bibbed if possible must be worn and a mop cap. Mop caps are easy to make from a hemmed circle of white cloth with an elasticated head band. Clean tidy 'well scrubbed' appearance!

Footmen:-

Smart black jackets or tail-coats with waistcoats. Black or dark trousers - plus fours if possible. Trousers can be given the 'breeches look' by tucking them neatly into knee length white socks. White high collared shirts buttoned to the collar, worn with black or white bow ties. White gloves if possible and well polished black shoes. Hair - neat and combed. A gelled parting can add a touch of authenticity.

Outdoor Servants - Stable hands, Garden hands and Woodboys:-

Old tweed or dark jackets, old cord or thick wool type trousers, collarless shirts, scarves, waist coats or old woolly jumpers, flat caps, old woolly gloves, strong boots, shoes or wellies. Lots of layers are a good idea. Clothing should have a well worn appearance. An authentic addition could be trousers or jackets tied with rope, or gaiters.

