

## **The Great Wentworth Estate**

- Charlotte Bell** My name is Charlotte Bell. The Lord has been good to me and I am housekeeper in charge of the magnificent Wentworth Estate in Yorkshire. My job is to ensure that all runs smoothly for my master, mistress and their children. Servants in this household are God-fearing, respectful, hard-working and smart. Here are some of the servants:
- Nancy, the scullery-maid.
- Nancy** Bottom of the heap, I am. Scouring dishes, and being shouted at by cook.
- Charlotte** Annie, the kitchen maid
- Annie** Nancy isn't the only one the cook shouts at. Cook sends me to break up the sugar-loaf and then I am in trouble for not watching the soup!
- Charlotte** Ellen, the house maid.
- Ellen** I clean everywhere but must always be alert so that I can get out of the way quickly if any member of the family should come by. We move around the house by the back stairs.
- Charlotte** Sarah, the parlour maid.
- Sarah** I do not like to mix with Nancy, Ellen and Annie. I can read and write and I speak properly. I serve the tea in the drawing room at 4 o'clock.
- Charlotte** Jane, my lady's maid.
- Jane** My job is to wait on my mistress. I do her hair, help her dress and repair her clothes. I enjoy speaking to my lady, but must be careful not to gossip with the other servants.
- Charlotte** Mrs Ann Walker, cook.
- Mrs Walker** The housekeeper and I enjoy our quiet evenings around the fire. Charlotte considers that she is more important than me but when I am in my kitchen nobody, but nobody, has any say. I discuss the menus with my mistress directly and keep in contact with the gardener to know what food is ready to harvest. My girls have to work hard and to keep on their toes.

**John Parkin** My name is John Parkin and I am the butler. I too keep a tight rein and do not gossip. It is me that you will see if you come to visit the house. My master's concerns are my concerns. Here are some of the servants for whom I am responsible:

Robert, the groom.

**Robert** There are great stables here on this wonderful Wentworth estate. The family's horses must be ready whenever they are needed. The young ladies of the family love their horses and are often to be seen around the stables.

**John** George, the footman

**George** I work with the butler, I watch all he does so that one day I may be the butler after him and then I will have footmen of my own to shout at.