



# HEADSTONE MANOR & MUSEUM

A message from....  
Bill the Duck!



Hi everyone! 🖐️ The Stuart era quickly moved into the Tudor times, featuring the most famous of Kings, Henry VIII (who happens to be Margery's favourite!). The King even owned Headstone Manor! For all of 6 days....

But before he came on the scene, Headstone Manor had actually been owned by the Archbishops of Canterbury since 1344. During this time the farm was let to the Reding family, who provided service to the Archbishop and his guests as part of their rent. One of the services may have been attending on the Archbishop and his guests in the Great Hall (which we'll see next week) during feasts! They might even have used the staircase you can see in the picture below to get to the first floor without being seen by the fancy people! The rest of the stairs have gone now, just leaving this floating section here...weird!

When King Henry VIII made himself the head of the Church, he forced Archbishop Thomas Cranmer to give up Headstone Manor. Clearly it wasn't good enough for him though and he quickly sold it to Sir Edward North, one of his chancellors. But even Sir Edward didn't want to live here (what was wrong with all these people!). So the Reding family were able to stay and treated the house as if it were their own - finally, someone recognised this gem! Talking of which, I'm off to do some swimming, have a good weekend everyone! 🖐️





This is the Tudor room!  
Headstone changed hands  
several times during this period.

The rooms changed a bit, too!  
Can you spot the stairs to nowhere?



For a few days, it  
was even owned by  
King Henry VIII,  
Margery's favourite!

1502

First African slaves transported  
to the Americas.

1506

'Mona Lisa' by Leonardo  
Da Vinci is completed.

1517

The Reformation begins in  
Germany, when Martin Luther  
posts his Ninety-Five Theses  
denouncing Church abuses.

1519

The first circumnavigation of the  
world, by Ferdinand Magellan  
and Sebastian Elcano.

There had been no such thing as a  
the past, but it was a shock when  
made himself Supreme Head of the Church of  
England in 1534, and no longer recognised the  
authority of the Pope.

The king began to seize land and valuables  
from the Church. In 1545 Archbishop Thomas  
Cranmer was made to give up the Manor of  
Harrow, including the house and farm at  
Headstone, to Henry VIII. A few days later it  
was sold to Sir Edward North, one of the  
king's chancellors.

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