At Home with the Gordons

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Herein, kind reader, find presented an entirely fictitious household of the Edwardian period for use by Umpires (and their uncouth American friends referees and game masters) in their games. The house is intended to be a reasonable facsimile of a British noble's house in 1901, a few months after the passing of Queen Victoria.

Lord and Lady Gordon keep several houses including Brye Bridge Manor their ancestral home, Brye Place their London town house and the windy Scottish house which has extensive grounds for shooting and fishing.

The Gordon's are a large family for those of such aristocratic blood. To cater for their needs they employ large households at each house while the butler, footmen and chef move with the family between their homes. The tutor, Zechariah Gordon a distant relative, moves with the younger family members, who usually accompany their parents. Should they not accompany their parents a footman will remain with them to act in the role of both footman and butler to them.

Family History

The Gordon's are a family only recently ennobled. The first Lord William Gordon was the eldest son of a merchant who specialised in the import of cloth. William entered the army as an officer in the artillery. An unfortunate accident to a brother officer (who stood too close behind a gun during a salute) left an opening for an advisor on military matters for a trip to the East. While on the trip he made the acquaintance of an Indian producer of fine fabrics. On his return to Britain William was informed of the death of his father, taken by consumption, while he had been away.

William resigned his commission and gambled all of the family's capital on importing a shipment of Indian fabrics aboard a fast ship he commissioned for the purpose. His luck held, despite a run in with French Privateers, and the fabric sold for a handsome profit.

Never risking all again William built up the family business. He diversified into mining when a rich vein of copper was discovered near the family's home village of Brye Bridge. He sold much of the copper, considerably below its market value, for use in the construct of warships as part of the war effort against Napoleon. For this and other acts of wartime patriotism he was ennobled in 1817 to the rank of Baron, becoming the first Lord Gordon of Brye Bridge.

He entered into a dynasty building marriage with the only daughter of one of Britain's most ancient noble families. His new relatives could trace their routes to the Norman conquest. The irony that they had once been his father's landlords was not lost on William. This marriage set a trend that his own son, the late Lord Rafe Gordon, and great grandson Captain Geoffrey Gordon have followed.

For three generations the Gordons have continued developing business Hobbies in both Asia and the British isles. Their main Hobbies are as cloth merchants dealing in imported silks along with the mining of various metals and coal. A significant portfolio of land with incumbent tenants provides a large, but falling, income from rents.

While political marriages have both improved the family's position and wealth it has led to a number of inefficiencies with the family owning several London town houses and a number of expensive country homes. Brye Place is the result of William's rationalisation of the family's London holdings. Where previously they owned three townhouses in areas of declining reputation they now own one, far more suitable house, within both easy reach of the city and the country.

Brye Place is a house on the fashionable, recently developed outskirts of London set in a few acres of land. As well as the main house there is a stable block and a variety of out buildings. The gardens, while not as extensive as those at Brye Manor, are well maintained and make good use of the land available. The house was completed in 1900 and the family moved from their older London homes shortly after its completion. The sale of two central London residences has offset a large part of the expense of building Brye Place.

The Family

Baron William Gordon of Brye Bridge

The third Gordon to hold the title of Lord of Brye Bridge. Known to his staff and tenants as WG as that is how he signs himself when he sends them little notes on their birthdays. An unusual practice but one that has endeared him to his staff especially as he sometimes includes, what to him, are small sums of money. His annual income, after operational costs, from holdings, industrial concerns, interest in the silk trade and other miscellaneous sources exceed £70,000. While he normally votes with the Tories he has been known to vote with the Liberals when he feels an injustice needs to be righted. He enjoys country pursuits and has a keen interest in photography.

Lady Beatrice Gordon

When not overseeing her household her ladyship spends much of her time campaigning on issues affecting the poor and raising money for charitable causes. At least one charitable ball is held at the house each year to raise funds for her current favourite charity. She sits awkwardly between the old Victorian ways and the new ways that are replacing them. It is impossible to predict, should an argument or situation arises, if she will go with tradition or radicalism. She met Gordon on returning from a three year long tour of foreign and colonial parts. While family commitments prevent her travelling as extensively as she did in her youth she still finds the opportunity to visits some exotic part of the world for a few months every few years.

Lady Francesca Gordon

Lord Gordon's mother and a woman, who since her husband's death, has found her voice and opinion on many topics. A staunch Tory she has been known to not speak to her son for weeks when he has voted with the Liberals. She dislikes suffragettes, liberals, rabble rousers, gamblers and union activists. She spends a considerable amount of time reading the papers in her private drawing room.

Mr Sidney Gordon

The Gordon's second son and the family's black sheep and is always in trouble. He has a motorcar and has received several fines for breaking the speed limit. His father has had to pay off his gambling debts twice, despite a generous allowance of £2000 a year. One of the housemaids at the Manor had to be dismissed after an indiscretion involving Sidney. This is not surprising considering his charm, good looks and willingness to splash around money to entertain the pretty young things that flutter round him like butterflies.

Mr Julian Gordon

Youngest male Gordon and quite a shallow chap. He will turn eighteen in July and has no idea of what he is going to do. Sidney frequently leads him astray which is an easy thing to do. His father plans to send him away, possibly abroad, to University not only to educate him but to break Sidney's hold on his will.

Miss Melissa Gordon

The Gordon's headstrong fourteen year old daughter. She is cultured and well educated having a liking for modern orchestral music. At the age of twenty one she will become an active suffragette much to Francesca's dismay. Francesca will spend her remaining years unsuccessfully badgering her son to cut Melissa off. Melissa, later in life, will take the reigns of the family business and see it through the darkest times of the recession and the second world war.

The Tutor

Professor Zechariah Gordon

A distant cousin of the Gordon's and formerly an academic of some note. Some of his wilder theories on the equality of the sexes, based upon Darwinian principal, became known a few years ago and he was driven from his post at one of the older Universities. Employed to tutor the younger Gordons he is under strict instructions not to discuss his theories with his charges. He is writing a book based upon his ideas and will seek to have it published under a pen name in 1907 after he has left WG's employment. It will prove to be remarkably popular and he will make quite a living from the proceeds of the books sales and as a travelling speaker until the outbreak of the Great War.

Senior Staff

Mr Harold Fenton

The family butler a quiet, stern man in his late forties who began work at the age of six. A bit of a bruiser of the old school he resolves problems with a good thrashing if his instructions haven't been followed. Originally from London he has strong opinions, which he does not voice, on foreigners, the Irish and Catholics. He dislikes his lordships over familiarity with the staff but silently to endures it. His constant, brooding can hang like a dark cloud over the under stairs staff until he explodes like a late spring thunderstorm.

Mrs Davis

The Welsh housekeeper head of the female staff. She oversees the smooth running of the household. Her husband was killed in a mining accident when they had been married for only five months. She has a beautiful singing voice and sings soprano for the local nonconformist chapel choir and a local choral society.

Pierre

The family's Chef, acquired from one of Paris' finest hotels, and a fraud. His real name is Peter Duff and he is originally from Inverness. He has concealed his true identity for fear of losing his job despite his Lordship head hunting him from his previous employers. Should Harry discover his secret he will black mail Pierre for a considerable sum of money.

Mrs Smith

The Cook and Mr Smith's wife. A thin, happy woman who works hard and eats very little. She often acts as an unofficial mediator when problems arise below stairs. If anyone can calm Harold down when he is in a rage she stands the best chance.

Ignatius Boon

Boon is a former back street boxing champion and a favourite of his Lordship's in his younger days. A fight left him with his faculties clouded so WG gave him a job as night watchman at one of the old houses. After an incident involving Boon's window box WG relieved him of his post. To Harold's dismay WG immediately reemployed him making Ignatius responsible for looking after the garden and all houseplants at the family's London residences.

Under Stair Staff

Mr Arthur Hill

Captain Geoffrey Gordon's former gunnery sergeant who rescued him from a sticky situation and then

took the wrap for the Captain's failure. His Lordship has taken him on to act as Valet to Sidney to reward him for his service to the family. He hopes Arthur will bring some discipline to Sidney's ever more problematic behaviour. Arthur is well looked after by the family who allow him considerable informality and breaches of good etiquette. This has the potential to cause Arthur significant political problems below stairs if he isn't careful.

Francis Wool

The first footman and his lordships valet. Frank is from the East End of London and doesn't want to go back. He dreams of bettering himself and is steadily putting money aside in a hidden cash box. When he has enough he intends to set himself up in business. When off duty he reads a lot and has permission from WG to borrow a book at a time from the family library.

Harry Gosling

The Gordons' second footman and their least reliable member of staff. A layabout, a drunk and source of things for Sidney Gordon with whom he conspires. Some say he will have a bad end. A country lad brought up in Brye Bridge he spent much of his time at the Manor house as a lad. Harry worked in the manor as a houseboy from the age of nine and has been promoted to footman more because of his Machiavellian intriguing than his ability. His friendship with Sidney dates back to their formative years and makes him virtually untouchable by anyone other than Mr Fenton. He is constantly devising and implementing small frauds and petty money raising schemes that are doomed to failure.

Maudred Forest

The first housemaid and Mrs Davis' key assistant. A hard worker she hopes to be a housekeeper herself someday. She works harder than any of the other

Regular Deliveries and Collections

Beer Once a fortnight

Coal Once a month during the autumn, winter and spring

Fish Thursdays

Fruit and Vegetables Mondays and Thursdays

Ice Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
Laundry Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Meat Mondays and Thursdays

Milk Every Day

Post Delivered twice a day Monday to Saturday

under stairs staff and consequently she spends much of her off duty time sleeping.

Molly Rough

Molly, the second housemaid, is rough by name rough by nature. She often gets caught up in Harry's schemes and, when he feels like it, his bed. Harry plays her heartstrings like a fiddle but he has no real interest in her. When he tires of her his rejection will break her like a twig.

Mary Tuile

The third housemaid an Irish Catholic which makes her a target for Mr Fenton's unspoken anger. He is more likely to complain to Mrs Davis about some perceived failing of Mary's than any other member of the female staff. She distrusts Harry and would love to see him come a cropper.

Meredith Twopenny

Meredith, the scullery maid, is really called Jane but was worried that only "M"s got jobs as housemaids. Most of the footmen have tried to become familiar with her but she has so far resisted their charms. Her resistance only makes Harry more interested in overcoming her resistance to his charms.

Paul Gray

The houseboy from the East End. Francis arranged for him to be taken on rather than see him consigned to the workhouse when his family fell on difficult times. He works hard and is popular with the other staff.

The Chan Brothers

The identical twin, Chan brothers were Lord Gordon's guides when he toured the family business Hobbies in the East. WG retained them as watchmen due to their smooth efficiency with both hands and knives. They are believed to be supernaturally quiet by some of the other staff who call them ghosts when they are out of earshot. They speak reasonable English with a heavy accent. Harold tolerates them due to their efficient protection of the house.

Orwin Troyh

A hot-tempered Welshman of Irish parentage who, despite his large size, cannot hold his drink. He is the stoker with responsible for the boiler, the furnace and the firing of the kitchen range. He is Ignatius's closest friend in the household. He rises at four every morning to start feeding the boiler to ensure that the house is warm when the upstairs folk awake. He sleeps in the same room as the footmen.

Outdoor Staff

Mr Smith

The Coachman and Mrs Smith's husband. A jovial man who takes pride in the appearance of his carriages. He is learning to maintain motor vehicles at the local Workers Educational Institute night school to ensure he has a role in the modern world. He laughs at every problem cheerily attempting to find a solution to whatever calamity may have befallen him.

Godfrey Fineberg

The German stable boy of very few words. He works hard for his pay keeping the stables clean and the horses fed and watered.

John Inglenook

A disturbed runaway taken in and named by Boon as the garden boy. He fled the workhouse after he struck one of the supervisors in an argument. He is afraid the police and will try to avoid them at all costs believing they will arrest him for his imagined past crimes. He hears voices when no one is about.

Regular Visitors to the Gordons

Mr Anthony Faulkner

Anthony is officially his lordships private secretary but in fact he is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the family business empire. He earns £720 a year and lives, with his wife and two young children, in one of the new suburbs not too far from Brye Bridge place. He retains a staff of six including a cook, a housekeeper, a butler, a footman, a housemaids and a coachman.

Dr McGregor

The family physician, a single, elderly Scottish gentleman of excellent repute who calls on the family when required. He calls to check on Lady Francesca Gordon's health and to play chess with her at least once a month. A staunch Tory and believer in the rightness of the current order of things.

Captain Geoffrey Gordon & Mrs Euphemia Gordon

A Captain in His Majesty's Royal Artillery who recently married and no longer lives at home. He is currently on light duties recovering from injuries received during the South African war. He would most likely have been court-martialled and dishonourably discharged had then Sergeant, now Mr, Arthur Hill stepped in and taken the rap for him. The taint of the incident is such though that it is un-

likely that he will see active duty again or rise any higher in the ranks.

The Captain's new wife and the heiress to the Dovehill fortune, Euphemia, is a slight, shallow woman in her early twenties.

The Dovehill's

The Dovehill's are an ancient, aristocratic family but have produced no male heirs to continue the family. Their eldest daughter married Captain Geoffrey Gordon securing the proper continuation of noble management of their estates through the union of old and new aristocratic families.

Mr Gant

Mr Gant, his Lordship's chief consulting engineer, who personally oversaw the installation of the modern features in the house and now inspects them regularly to ensure they are properly maintained in good working order. He has little by way of a sense of humour and even less should he feel someone has interfered with his machines. He is held in high regard by WG and they share an interest in photography. He and his wife are dinner guests of the family at least twice a year.

Locals of Noteworthy Character

Inspector Collingworth

The local police inspector and an apparent pillar of the establishment. He will be called in if a serious crime needs investigating. He will shock many upstanding people, who took him for a Tory, when he resigns from the police force to stand for election as a Labour candidate after the war.

Constable Wort

The local bobby, a hard worker who sees that undesirable types don't loiter in the area or cause a nuisance for his well off charges. His basic pay is handsomely supplemented with tips quietly received from the local aristocracy.

Emily

The local flower girl who calls at the house every morning. She has just turned sixteen but could pass for eighteen. One of a variety of similar traders who sell goods door to door and on the local streets. Constable Wort makes sure only the right kind of street traders can be found in the area. He doesn't allow any riffraff to move into the area, especially if they don't pay him his cut of their take.

Fred Peeves

The local postman who isn't adverse to earning an extra bob or two as part of one of Harry's schemes. He once steamed open all of the families mail for a week until a letter to his Lordship detailing some of Sidney's exploits arrived. The letter was diverted and the correspondent was placated by a generous sum of money and an apology delivered by Harry (after he and Peeves had taken their cut).

Frank Salisbury

Frank delivers fresh milk to the house at least once a day, sometimes two or three times when the weather is hot. A shy man he is sweet for Mary Tuile but hasn't had the courage to approach her.

Architectural Survey

Architecturally the house has sleek, modern lines with large windows set into its Portland stone facade. The house's interior is light and spacious painted in fashionable pale shades of cream and lemon throughout with the carpentry picked out in pristine, pure white. The arts and crafts movement has heavily influenced its furnishings produced by some of England's finest craftsmen. Many modern conveniences have been fitted including electric lighting, a lift, state of the art sanitary plumbing and hot water central heating.

The house is approached from the road along a gently inclined driveway which sweeps up towards the house. The driveway rises almost five feet along its length and is wide enough to allow the passage of two coaches or automobiles at once. It then runs along the front of the house ending with a circular courtyard with a fountain at its centre. The coach house yard lies to the side of the house and a single coach can enter it from the courtyard through an ornate iron gate.

Brye place is almost two houses in one. There is the under stairs house where the work of operating the house goes on. This world is connected by the servants' stair to the family's floors of the house and to the female servant's accommodation at its top. Then there is the family's house which has its own, more grandiose corridors and stairs.

The Stable Block

The ground floor of the stable block includes space for a total of three carriages or motorcars and stabling for up to seven horses. A variety of workrooms and store rooms for tack and feed connect to the stables. At the rear of the stable, concealed from the main garden by formal hedges are the gardeners' glass houses and work rooms. Above the stables there is accommodation for the Coachman, the gardener and their staff.

Under Stairs

The entire basement is given over to the rooms that keep the house running. Cunning design conceals the basement from view from the garden and the front of the house while small high windows allow some light into the rooms. At the east end of the house a sunken courtyard is set to the side of the house. It connects to a second drive allowing access for tradesmen without their presence disturbing the above stairs folk or their guests. The courtyard and road are concealed by a combination of landscaping and carefully planted shrubs. It leads to a side road running alongside the grounds. The butler's rooms, the footmen's quarters, butler's office and housekeeper's office are laid out around the courtyard. In 1904 a telephone will be fitted in the housekeepers office. A staircase and a mechanical hoist connect the stables to the courtyard.

A passageway runs the length of the house and then on beneath the coach house to servants courtyard. Along its length are a series of rooms where the electric lights are run almost continually to overcome the gloom. Beneath the stable block and adjoining the corridor and the courtyard are the delivery room and the coal store. This careful design ensures that delivervmen do not have access to the house itself. The boiler room heats both hot water for the house and the central heating system. Across the corridor is the laundry, which is little used, as most of the actual washing is sent away to a laundry to be cleaned. The hall boy's has a tiny workroom for polishing and cleaning. Mrs Davis has forbidden him to close the door when he is in his room to prevent him falling asleep during the day.

A series of white tiled larders run along both sides of the corridor on the way to the kitchen. There are separate larders for raw meat, cooked meat, game, fish, ices, pastry and vegetable storage. Secure storage rooms for silverware, china and table linen abut the servants' stairs and the lift. The scullery and kitchen are hives of activity throughout the day with meals for both the family and the servants to be prepared.

Beneath some of the basement, accessible by a staircase beside the servants' stair is the houses extensive wine cellar. Only the butler and housekeeper have keys to enter this area of the house.

Over Stairs

The ground floor has a disproportional high ceiling and is given over to a few rooms visitors might encounter. The main rooms on this floor are the hallway, the ballroom, his lordship's office and her ladyship's office. Three stunning, crystal glass, electric candelabra provide illumination in the ballroom. In 1904 a telephone will be installed in the hallway. Behind the grand, sweeping stairway a small hall provides access to the lift and the servants' stairs. Wide, double doors allow access from this hall to both the main hallway and the ballroom.

The first floor is a more intimate with rooms routinely used by the family when alone and when entertaining guests. The servants' hallway on this floor allows easy access for footmen bearing food to the dinning room. The second floor is given over to the master suite (used by WG and Lady Beatrice), a guest suites and Lady Francesca Gordon's suite. The master suite includes a bedroom, a bathroom, his lordship's dressing room, her ladyship's dressing room and a small drawing room. The Silk guest suite is decorated in an eastern style and includes a bedroom, a dressing room and a bathroom with imported furnishings.

On the top floor of the house there is the schoolroom, Professor Zechariah Gordon's rooms, the Copper suite and the rooms of Sidney, Julian and Melissa Gordon. Captain and Euphemia Gordon make use of the copper suite when visiting. The Copper suite is decorated in a rustic, British flavour with the strongest arts and crafts movement influence to be found in the house.

Top of the House

The top of the house is a mixture of storerooms and quarters for the female staff. The housekeeper has her rooms on this floor including a sitting room and a bedroom. The cook's rooms, a slightly smaller version of the housekeepers, are occupied by the first housemaid, as the cook lives with her husband, the coachman, in his quarters above the stable block. The machine room for the lift occupies a small part of this floor by the servants' stair. There is no access to this floor using the lift, a design flaw which forces the footmen to carry heavier items up the last flight of stairs if they need to be placed in storage.

A stylised tower strikes up from the middle of the South façade. It contains the rooms for scullery

maid and additional housemaid's, should his Lordship decide extra help is needed around the house. An oily smell from the machine room permeates this floor. A water tanks occupy the towers next floor providing the house with a three day reserve of clean water. An open, roofed, observation platform tops the tower with a spiral staircase connecting it to the family's corridor on the third floor. In the towers roof a second, smaller water tank is concealed that pressurises the central heating system. Access to this tank is through a hatch in the observation tower roof.

Incorporating your Player's Characters

It is eminently possible to bring player's characters into Brye Place as guests of the family. They may simply be calling for afternoon tea, an invitation to dinner, calling on his Lordship about a business matter or they might be staying as houseguests while they are in town. Any character of mean would not cause surprise if a servant or two of their own accompanied them.

While it is easy to exploit Brye Place as a setting into which ones players may be thrust as houseguests and their accompanying retinue of servants it is possible to place characters in roles unoccupied by an existing character such as the under butler, the Pastry Chef or a Lady Maid for her Ladyship. Additional house maids, scullery maids, grooms, gardeners, coachmen and footmen would easily be employed by WG to ensure the efficient operation of the house and thus provide another route for plating player's character in the house.

The Under Butler would be Mr Fenton's chief assistant in overseeing the male staff. His duties are to ensure the house is well run and that discipline is maintained. A Wine Butler is responsible for the up keep of his lordship's cellars, beer allocations for the staff and the selection of wine for his lordship's table. The Pastry Chef's duties revolve around the preparation of pastries and puddings for his lordships table and overseeing the preparation of bread. Lady Francesca Gordon's Lady Maid would be a woman of noble upbringing fallen on hard times who acts as Francesca's maid and confidant.

Adventure Seeds

Sidney has come a cropper this time. Not only was his car speeding through town on market day but he refused to stop for the police. It might all have been cleared up had he not wrapped his car around a farmers prize bullock. The car is a write off, Sidney

needs to convalesce in bed for weeks and the bullock has had to be put down. It's difficult to tell if WG or the farmer is angrier with Sidney.

Some suggestive photographs of Molly have been found in the drawing room. Has Sidney been up to no good or has his father wavered close to the line of decency. What will Harry do if he gets his hands on the photographs?

A few small pieces of silverware are missing from the Butler's store. There hasn't been a break in so someone from the household must have taken it. Harold is on a quest to discover the culprit before he mentions it to his Lordship.

Her ladyship is throwing a ball and it promises to be a grand affair. Can everything be made ready in time? Pierre has set his heart on producing a most spectacular desert for the occasion but securing the ingredients he has demanded is driving Mrs Davis to despair. To top it all there will be guests staying in both guest suites. They will all be bringing staff and her ladyship has allowed Mrs Davis to bring some of the the staff from the Manor down to help too.

How horrid one of the Chan twins is dead and the other missing. Her ladyships £2000 pearl necklace is also gone. What could have happened and who could have committed such a terrible crime? The only clues are some specks of oddly covered earth and an exotic feather. The Inspector is completely stumped.

WG has appointed a new Lady Maid, Lady Honoria Peep, to serve his mother. She's to have Maudred's rooms. All the housemaids have to move round to accommodate the change and none of them are happy about it.

Regarding Under Stairs Over Stairs

Under Stairs Over Stairs is a short role playing game of life in Edwardian Britain. It can be obtained as a free PDF download from http://www.impworks.co.uk/.

Curriculum Vitaes

Ignatius Boon

Age: 29; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 3 Wea 3 Phy 16 Cha 6 Luc 6 Int 7 Rep 14; Occupations: Street Vendors (Carrier of Messages) 4yrs, Sportsman (Boxer) 8yrs, Household (Night watchman) 2yrs, Grounds (Gardner) 3yrs; Hobbies: Athlete (Track) 4yrs, Outdoor Recreation (Gardner) 19yrs.

The Chan Brothers

Age: 26; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 2 Wea 2 Phy 15 Cha 12 Luc 14 Int 14 Rep 10; Occupations: Expert (Local Guide) 3yrs, Criminal (Thug) 5yrs, Household (Night watchmen) 6yrs; Hobbies: Entertainer (Knife Throwing) 6yrs (Juggling) 5yrs, Travel (Britain) 4yrs (Exotic) 4yrs.

Inspector Collingworth

Age: 45; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 4 Wea 4 Phy 10 Cha 12 Luc 11 Int 10 Rep 11; Occupations: Police Officer (Constable) 18yrs (Inspector) 12yrs; Hobbies: Sportsman (Cricket) 12yrs (Rugby) 14yrs, Crafts (Carpentry) 9yrs

Mrs Davis

Age: 37; Nationality: British (Welsh); Attributes: Pos 5 Wea 4 Phy 10 Cha 12 Luc 12 Int 13 Rep 12; Occupations: Household (Scullery Maid) 3yrs (Housemaid) 5yrs (Lady's Maid) 6yrs (Housekeeper) 10yrs, Home (Housewife) 1yr; Hobbies: Art Lover (Books) 6yrs, Craft (Cross Stitch) 5yrs (Peg Rug) 2yrs, Music (Choral Singing) 16yrs (Piano) 3yrs.

Lord Dovehill's

Age: 67; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 18 Wea 18 Phy 9 Cha 15 Luc 10 Int 9 Rep 10; Occupations: Athlete (Rugby) 5yrs (Cricket) 5yrs, Landed Gentry(Landlord) 39yrs,Retired (Travel (Europe)) 3yrs; Hobbies: Politics (Lords) 22yrs, Country Pursuits (Shooting) 21yrs (Riding) 11yrs, Travel (Europe) 4yrs.

Lady Dovehill

Age: 62; Nationality: British (Scottish); Attributes: Pos 18 Wea 18 Phy 10 Cha 10 Luc 14 Int 11 Rep 14; Occupations: Lady (Lady of the House) 37yrs (Delicate State) 3yrs; Hobbies: Country Pursuits (Riding) 24yrs, Philanthropist (Public Works) 10yrs.

Income

	Annual Income
Lord William Gordon of Brye Bridge	£70,000
Lady Francesca Gordon	£25,000 pension
Mr Sidney Gordon	£2,000 allowance
Zechariah Gordon, Tutor	£350
Mr Anthony Faulkner, Private Secretary	£720
Mr Gant, Consulting Engineer	£600
Mr Harold Fenton, Butler	£62
Mrs Davis, Housekeeper	£39
Pierre, the Chef	£95
Mrs Smith, the Cook	£32
Ignatius Boon, Head Gardener	£36
Mr Arthur Hill, Sidney's Valet	£40
Francis Wool, First Footman	£26
Harry Gosling, Second Footman	£24
Maudred Forest, First Housemaid	£28
Molly Rough, Second Housemaid	£26
Mary Tuile, Third Housemaid	£22
Meredith Twopenny, Scullery Maid	£11
Paul Gray, Houseboy	£16
The Chan Brothers, Night Watchmen	£25 each
Orwin Troyh, Stoker	£22
Mr Smith, Coachman	£32
Godfrey Fineberg, Stable Boy	£16
John Inglenook, Garden Boy	£12

Emily

Age: 16; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 1 Wea 1 Phy 8 Cha 12 Luc 8 Int 9 Rep 12; Occupations: Street Vendor (Flower Girl) 4yrs; Hobbies: Relaxation (Public Houses) 7yrs.

Mr Anthony Faulkner

Age: 45; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 7 Wea 8 Phy Cha 11 Luc 10 Int 14 Rep 13; Occupations: Administrator (Clerk) 6yrs (Private Secretary) 9yrs (Manager) 18yrs; Hobbies: Art Lover (Opera) 10yrs (Painting) 5yrs (Sculpture) 5yrs, Politics (Tory Activist) 4yrs, Country Pursuits (Shooting) 5yrs.

Mr Harold Fenton

Age: 48; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 5 Wea 4 Phy 13 Cha 12 Luc13 Int 11 Rep 14; Occupations: Livery (Stable Boy) 2yrs, Household (House boy) 3yrs (Hall boy) 2yrs (Footman) 12yrs (Under Butler) 8yrs (Butler) 15yrs; Hobbies: Sportsman (Boxer) 10yrs (Soccer) 25yrs, Art Lover (Books) 3yrs, Politics (Tory Activist) 4yrs.

Godfrey Fineberg

Age: 15; Nationality: German; Attributes: Pos 1 Wea 1 Phy 13 Cha 10 Luc 10 Int 12 Rep 8; Occupations: Destitute (Beggar) 3yrs Outdoor (Stable Boy) 3yrs; Hobbies: Travel (Europe) 2yrs, Collecting (Stamps) 3yrs, Sportsman (Soccer) 4yrs.

Maudred Forest

Age: 26; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 3 Wea 2 Phy Cha 11 Luc 8 Int Rep 13; Occupations: Household (Maid) 3yrs (Scullery Maid) 2yrs (House Maid) 9yrs; Hobbies: Music (Singing) 4yrs, Craft (Needlepoint) 5yrs, Country Pursuits (Rambling) 2yrs.

Mr Gant

Age: 45; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 7 Wea 7 Phy 12 Cha 10 Luc 10 Int 13 Rep 12; Occupations: Professional (Draftsman) 11yrs (Engineer) 16yrs; Hobbies: Art Lover (Photography) 5yrs, Country Pursuits (Cycling) 4yrs, Dilettante(Motoring) 5yrs

Lady Beatrice Gordon

Age: 55; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 16 Wea 15 Phy 10 Cha 12 Luc 11 Int 12 Rep 14; Occupations: Lady (Lady of the House) 25 yrs, Dilettante (Travel (Europe)) 2 yrs; Hobbies: Travel (Exotic Parts) 5yrs, Country Pursuits (Riding) 10yrs, Philanthropist (Charitable Works) 10yrs.

Mrs Euphemia Gordon

Age: 24; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 15 Wea 12 Phy Cha Luc Int Rep; Occupations: Dilettante (Debutant) 1yr (Riding) 2yrs, Lady (Lady of the House) 3yrs; Hobbies: Country Pursuits (Riding) 8yrs, Music (Singing) 2yrs, Travel (Europe) 2yrs.

Lady Francesca Gordon

Age: 83; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 16 Wea 15 Phy 7 Cha 9 Luc 9 Int 10 Rep 8; Occupations: Lady (Lady of the House) 63yrs; Hobbies: Country Pursuits (Riding) 15yrs (Fishing) 15yrs (Shooting) 15 yrs, Art Lover (Opera) 16 yrs, (Sculpture) 10yrs.

Captain Geoffrey Gordon

Age: 30; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 15 Wea 10 Phy 7* Cha 11 Luc 9 Int 10 Rep 10; Occupations: Military Officer (Artillery) 12yrs; Hobbies: Country Pursuits (Shooting) 8yrs (Fishing) 4yrs (Riding) 7yrs, Games (Billiards) 2yrs (Bridge) 3yrs.

* Recovering from wounds received in battle. Once returned to full health Phy 12.

Mr Julian Gordon

Age: 17; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 15 Wea 9 Phy 11 Cha 11 Luc10 Int 10 Rep 10; Hobbies: Country Pursuits (Riding) 3yrs (Shooting) 3yrs (Fishing) 3yrs.

Miss Melissa Gordon

Age: 14; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 15 Wea 9 Phy 10 Cha 10 Luc 12 Int 15 Rep 10; Hobbies: Country Pursuits (Riding) 4yrs, Art Lover (Books) 5yrs.

Mr Sidney Gordon

Age: 22; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 15 Wea 9 Phy 13 Cha 18 Luc 10 Int 12 Rep 5; Occupations: Dilettante (Womanising) 5yrs; Hobbies: Country Pursuits (Riding) 4yrs (Fishing) 4yrs (Shooting) 4yrs, Dilettante(Motoring) 5yrs.

Lord William Gordon of Brye Bridge

Age: 62; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 16 Wea 17 Phy 10 Cha 11 Luc 10 Int 12 Rep 12; **Occupations:** Military Officer (Artillery) 20yrs, Company Officer (Director) 22yrs; **Hobbies:** Country Pursuits (Shooting) 10 (Hunting) 18yrs, Politics (Lords) 20yrs, Arts (Photography) 3yrs.

Professor Zechariah Gordon

Age: 45; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 8 Wea 8 Phy 9 Cha 12 Luc 9 Int 18 Rep 4; Occupations: Academic (Scientist) 10yrs (Naturalist) 5yrs, Educator (Tutor) 10yrs; Hobbies: Collecting (Butterflies) 6yrs, Country Pursuits (Cycling) 9yrs (Riding) 8yrs (Shooting) 5yrs, Art Lover (Books) 12yrs.

Harry Gosling

Age: 25; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 3 Wea 2 Phy 12 Cha 14 Luc 13 Int 10 Rep 5; Occupations: Household (House boy) 6yrs (Footman) 10yrs; Hobbies: Criminal (Conman) 11yrs, Sportsman (Soccer) 8yrs.

Paul Gray

Age: 14; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 1 Wea 1 Phy 10 Cha 10 Luc 12 Int 12 Rep 12; Occupations: Household (House Boy) 2yrs; Hobbies: Sport (Soccer) 5yrs (Track) 3yrs.

Mr Arthur Hill

Age: 28; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 4 Wea 4 Phy 14 Cha 10 Luc 14 Int 12 Rep 16; Occupations: Street Vendor (Holders of Horses' Heads) Enlisted (Artillery) Household (Valet); Hobbies: Sportsman (Cricket) 7yrs, Academic (Mathematician) 6yrs, Country Pursuits (Rambler) 9yrs.

John Inglenook

Age: 11; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 1 Wea 1 Phy 8 Cha 9 Luc 8 Int 10 Rep 5; Occupations: Outdoor (Gardner) 1 yr; Hobbies: Destitute (Workhouse) 4yrs, Sportsman (Soccer) 1yr, Criminal (Pick Pocket) 1yr.

Dr McGregor

Age: 50; Nationality: British (Scotish); Attributes: Pos 8 Wea 8 Phy 8 Cha 12 Luc 10 Int 14 Rep 17; Occupations: Academic (Student) 5yrs, Medical (Physician) 27yrs; Hobbies: Games (Chess) 4yrs (Bridge) 8yrs, Country Pursuits (Shooting) 10yrs (Riding) 8yrs, Art Lover (Books) 5yrs.

Pierre

Age: 31; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 5 Wea 5 Phy 11 Cha 14 Luc 11 Int 12 Rep 15; Occupations: Hotel (Porter) 2yrs (Kitchen Boy) 5yrs, Household (Chef) 11yrs; Hobbies: Music (Brass) 3yrs, Travel (Europe) 15yrs, Sportsman (Soccer) 8yrs.

Fred Peeves

Age: 22; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 2 Wea 2 Phy 10 Cha 9 Luc 15 Int 9 Rep 8; Occupations: Royal Mail (Postman) 10yrs; Hobbies: Sportsman (Soccer) 5yrs, Relaxation (Public Houses) 6yrs.

Molly Rough

Age: 23; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 3 Wea 2 Phy 10 Cha 14 Luc 10 Int 10 Rep 6; Occupations: Household (Maid) 6yrs (Housemaid) 7yrs; Hobbies: Relaxation (Public Houses) 3yrs (Music Halls) 3yrs, Music (Piano) 3yrs (Singing) 4yrs.

Mr Smith

Age: 42; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 4 Wea 3 Phy 11 Cha 15 Luc 11 Int 10 Rep 12; Occupations: Livery (Stable boy) 4yrs (Groom) 10yrs (Coachman) 16yrs; Hobbies: Country Pursuits (Cycling) 9yrs, Craft (Motor cars) 1yr (Carpentry) 12yrs, Relaxation (Public Houses) 5yrs.

Frank Salisbury

Age: 28; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 4 Wea 4 Phy 13 Cha 10 Luc 10 Int 11 Rep 12; Occupations: Shopkeeper (Grocer); Hobbies: Art Lover (Books) 3yrs, Sportsman (Track) 4yrs, Relaxation (Public Houses) 4yrs.

Mrs Smith

Age: 35; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 4 Wea 3 Phy 10 Cha 15 Luc 12 Int 14 Rep 10; Occupations: Household (Maid) 5yrs (Scullery Maid) 7yrs (Assistant Cook) 4 yrs (Cook) 7yrs; Hobbies: Country Pursuits (Cycling) 9yrs, Crafts (Crossstitch) 14yrs, Crafts (Jam Making) 6yrs.

Orwin Troyh

Age: 40; Nationality: British (Welsh); Attributes: Pos 2 Wea 2 Phy 15 Cha 7 Luc 9 Int 9 Rep 6; Occupations: Labourer (Stoker) 28yrs; Hobbies: Singing (Choral) 12yrs, Relaxation (Public Houses) 15yrs.

Mary Tuile

Age: 22; Nationality: British (Irish); Attributes: Pos 2 Wea 2 Phy 9 Cha 10 Luc 8 Int 8 Rep 8; Occupations: Agriculture (Farm Labourer) 4yrs, Household (Maid) 3yrs (Housemaid) 4yrs; Hobbies: Craft (Dressmaking) 5yrs (Cross-stitch) 2yrs, Music (Singing) 3yrs.

Meredith Twopenny

Age: 18; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 2 Wea 1 Phy 10 Cha 14 Luc 13 Int 10 Rep 8; Occupations: Household (Maid) 2yrs (Scullery Maid) 4yrs; Hobbies: Entertainer (Actress) 4yrs (Singer) 3yrs, Craft (Knitting) 4yrs.

Francis Wool

Age: 27; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 3 Wea 2 Phy 13 Cha 12 Luc 13 Int 11 Rep 8; Occupations: Shopkeeper (Greengrocers' Assistant) 1yr, Household (Hall boy) 2yrs (Footman) 6yrs (Valet) 6yrs; Hobbies: Art Lover (Books) 4yrs, Music (Fiddle) 5yrs (Singing) 3yrs, Sportsman (Cricket) 2yrs.

Constable Wort

Age: 21; Nationality: British (English); Attributes: Pos 2 Wea 3 Phy 12 Cha 10 Luc 10 Int 8 Rep 10; Occupations: Agriculture (Farm Labourer) 3yrs, Police Officer (Constable) 5yrs; Hobbies: Sportsman (Soccer) 12 yrs, Relaxation (Public Houses) 6yrs.