

Holcombe Hunt Masters' Dinner

Saturday 9th May 2009 at Hoghton Towers, Lancashire



Left to right: Mark Radcliffe; Terry Leyden; Steven Ashworth (Holcombe Huntsman); Alan Richards (Master NE Cheshire Drag); Gary McClun; Brian Heal; Clive Richardson (Master and Huntsman of Vale of Lune); Jeffrey Barker; Martin Kirby.

Front row: Arnold Greenhalgh: retiring Holcombe Master: Susan Simmons incoming Holcombe Master.

Hoghton Tower is the ancestral home of Sir Bernard and Lady De Hogton.

The Holcombe Hunt Masters Dinner 2009 was to mark the retirement of Arnold Greenhalgh MH, MFH; and to welcome the new Holcombe Master Mrs Susan Simmons MH, MFH.

The members of the Holcombe are proud of their heritage, which includes the Royal Patronage of three Kings: Edward 1, James 1, and George V.

In 1617, James 1 visited Hoghton Tower he was welcomed and much charmed by Sir Gilbert De Hoghton extravagant gesture of laying velvet along the whole half mile drive up to the Tower. This cost almost ruined the De Hoghton family, but it much impressed the King who enjoyed the following hunt with Sir Gilbert he granted a Royal Warrant to hunt over 12 townships, the privilege of wearing scarlet. The King also much enjoyed the following festivities as he famously Knighted the beef that evening - "Sir Lion".