



AND SO THE FESTIVE
SEASON BEGINS



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The FIVE TREES of CHRISTMAS

At Heckfield, everything begins with the land.
So, Christmas begins there too—with the trees that
have stood on this land for centuries.

This year, journey through the Five Trees of Christmas
at Heckfield Place.



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Each of the
Five Trees of Christmas
offers a different kind of gift.

For the land.
For one another.
For ourselves.
For discovery.
For intention.

Nothing is cut or wasted.

Everything is either grown on our
land or created by the wisdom of the
hands here.

We grow, not source.
We connect, not consume.

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1 THE GIVING TREE

A gift to the land. This tree offers shelter and sustenance to the birdlife on the Heckfield Estate at the most vulnerable point of the year.

2 THE TAKING TREE

A gift to one another. New treats will be added to The Taking Tree every day. Come back to see what's ready to share.

3 THE SCENT TREE

A gift to the self. A tree infused with the scents of the season. A chance to pause and immerse in a restful sensory journey.

4 THE HIDDEN TREE

A gift of discovery. Hidden in the gently wild landscape of the Heckfield Estate, this tree is about playful twilight exploration.

5 THE LIGHT TREE

A gift of intention. Shining during the darkest point of the year, this tree hints at future paths. As one year ends, look forward to its imminent turning.

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DAILY RITUALS & SCREENINGS

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HIDDEN TREE REFRESHMENTS
Every day throughout December
16:00-18:00

As afternoon slips towards evening, follow the woodland trail –
and the search for The Hidden Tree.

TAKING TREE REFRESHMENTS
Every day throughout December

Visit often to see which treats our pastry chefs have added.

EVENING SCREENINGS
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays at 19:30
Sunday 29th November at 16:00*

Curl up in our private screening room for a curated programme
of festive classics, as well as new releases, throughout December.

*For in-house guests and Friends of Heckfield only.

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FESTIVE WORKSHOPS

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Share the expertise and passion of the people who created the Five Trees and join them for a series of making, creating, foraging and sharing workshops.

FESTIVE PASTRY WORKSHOP | 14:30-15:30
30th November & 7th December £45
14th & 21st December £35

Join the team who create The Taking Tree each day for an afternoon of pastry decoration in the Glasshouse. Enjoy a glass of warming spiced apple cordial as the air fills with festive spices and sugar.

BIRD BOX MAKING | 14:30-16:00
1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December £50

After designing and making the intricate bird boxes found on The Giving Tree, our farm team will be showing you how to make one using wood gathered and repurposed from around the Estate.

WILDSMITH RADICAL
BOTANY MASTERCLASS | 14:30-15:30
2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd December £45

As the seasons shift, so do the needs of the skin. Join our Bothy practitioners for an expert-led masterclass exploring how winter affects the skin barrier, hydration and resilience, and discover the Wildsmith approach to supporting healthy skin through the colder months.

WREATH WORKSHOP | 14:30-16:00
3rd, 10th & 17th December £105

Heckfield florist Catherine, who created The Light Tree and the other installations found throughout the House, will be sharing her expert secrets as you make a festive wreath using greenery foraged from the Estate.

FESTIVE COCKTAIL MAKING | 14:30-16:00
4th & 18th December £95

Raise a glass to the season with three signature cocktails featuring some of its most iconic flavours. James, our bar manager, will show you how to mix a perfect champagne cocktail, reviving spiced daiquiri and warming sloe negroni.

BIRD FOOD MAKING
WORKSHOP | 14:30-15:30
5th & 19th December £35

Spend an afternoon in the Glasshouse making bird food - and help wildlife on the Heckfield Estate weather the most challenging months of the year.

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

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24th DEC

CHRISTMAS EVE

REINDEER & FATHER CHRISTMAS 14:30–15:30

Every Christmas Eve needs a little magic. Especially for our younger visitors. Gather in front of the House for festive nibbles and drinks—plus a special visit from Father Christmas and his reindeer.

HARPIST | 16:00–17:30

With dusk falling and log fires burning, gather in the House as a harpist plays. Sip a cocktail in the Moon Bar or curl up with fresh tea and cake as you listen.

AFTERNOON SCREENING | 16:00

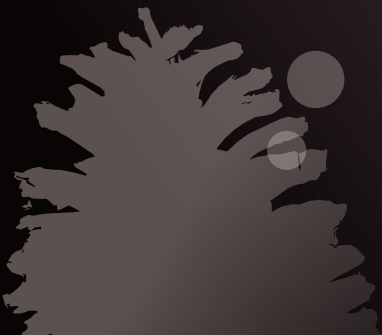
Settle in and soak up a festive favourite in the comfort of the Heckfield screening room. Popcorn, house-made chocolate and a family Christmas classic will all be on the menu.

CAROLS, HOT CHOCOLATE & MULLED WINE | 17:45

Illuminated by the light of the Living Tree, join us in front of the House to listen to a choir sing some traditional carols accompanied by a mug of steaming hot chocolate or glass of mulled wine.

JAZZ BAND | 21:00–23:00

Join us after dinner for live jazz that will play the House into the final hours of Christmas Eve. There will be cocktails, conversation and perhaps a little dancing too.



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25th DEC CHRISTMAS DAY

FALCONRY | 10:00–12:30

Head onto the Estate for a morning of falconry. Against the backdrop of a dramatic winter sky, you will have the chance to get up close to the most majestic of birds.

AFTERNOON SCREENING | 16:30

A chance to relax and unwind in the comfort of the Heckfield screening room with a classic festive film.

PIANIST | 19:00–21:00

As the House fills with music, relax in front of the fire in the Drawing Room or pull up a stool in the Moon Bar as our pianist plays.

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26th DEC

BOXING DAY

FESTIVE DUCK HERDING | 10:30

Head out onto the Estate for one of our favourite festive traditions: duck herding. Expect quick thinking, unpredictability and laughter as an expertly trained border collie herds a flock of unruly ducks.

AFTERNOON SCREENING | 16:00

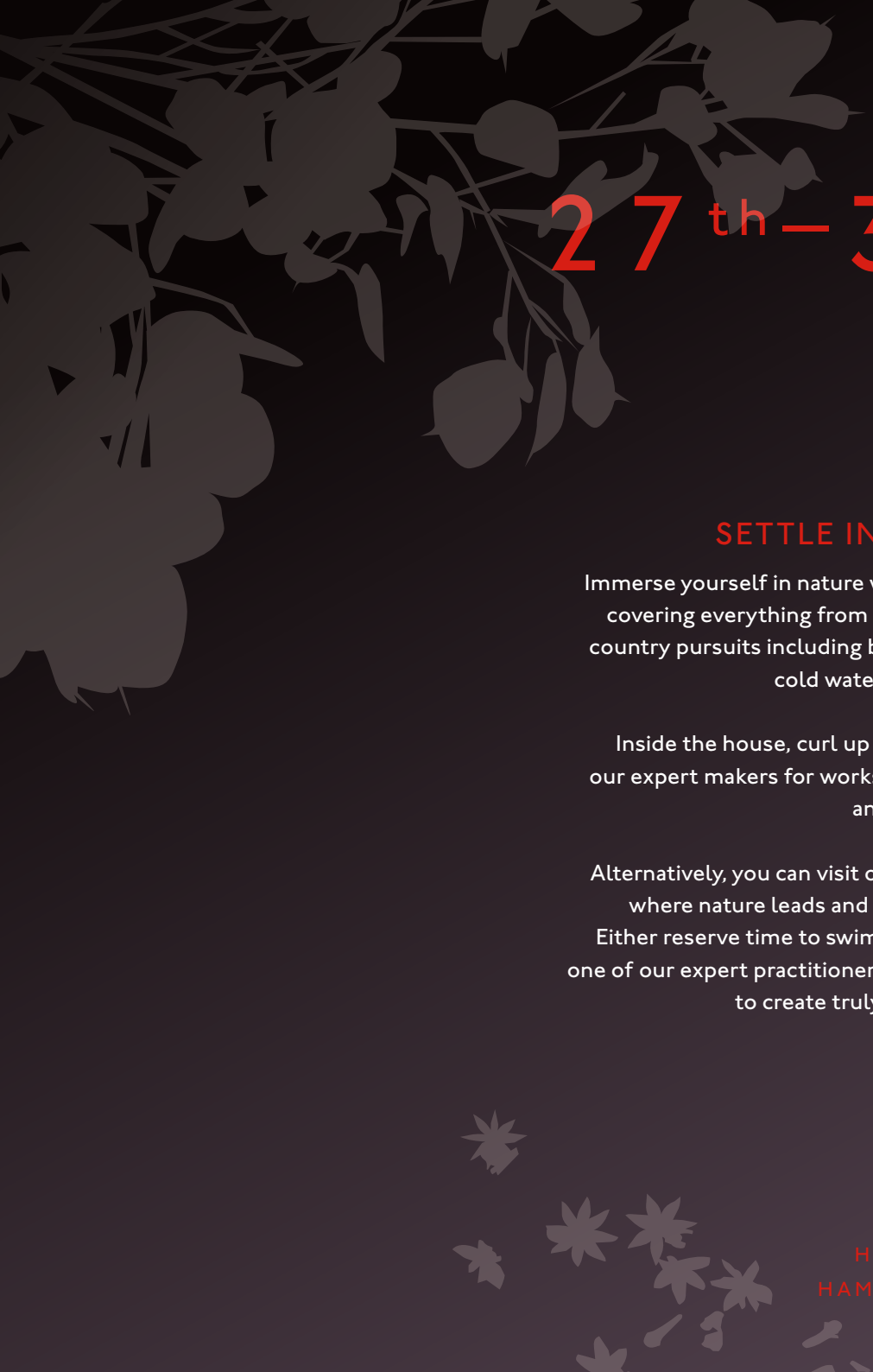
The Estate is yours to explore by day before heading to our screening room as evening falls to relax with a film.

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WALKS, WORKSHOPS & WELLBEING TIME

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27th – 30th DEC

SETTLE INTO SLOWER DAYS

Immerse yourself in nature with Heckfield's daily programme of walks covering everything from tours of the Estate to Home Farm, enjoy country pursuits including bird watching and shooting, or do a guided cold water immersion in our lake.

Inside the house, curl up in the screening room for a film, or join our expert makers for workshops including cheese tasting, chocolate and bread making.

Alternatively, you can visit our restorative wellbeing space The Bothy, where nature leads and care is shaped around each individual.

Either reserve time to swim at The Waters, or book a treatment with one of our expert practitioners who intuitively combine holistic therapies to create truly personalised experiences.



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31st DEC

NEW YEAR'S EVE

18:30-01:00

Follow the light through the House this New Year's Eve as music, cocktails and conversation unfold over a series of intimate spaces, each offering its own atmosphere.

The evening will start with a drinks reception and live music before gathering for a celebratory supper at shared tables in Marle. Across six courses, some of the season's most prized ingredients will be showcased including caviar, white truffle and fillet of beef.

Taking inspiration from The Light Tree, a series of thoughtful rituals will unfold throughout the night, inviting you to pause as darkness falls on one year and light begins to shine on the next.

Reflect. Envision what might unfold.

Then gather once more to celebrate the turn of the year as the night culminates with more live music, champagne.

And the promise of new beginnings.

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1st JAN NEW YEAR'S DAY

GUIDED COLD WATER IMMERSION | 08:00

Set your intention for 2027 with a cold-water dip in our beautiful Lower Lake. The Bothy team will guide you through the benefits—and techniques—of cold-water exposure.

FALCONRY | 10:00

As a New Year dawns, enjoy a display of majestic birds of prey on the Estate. Get up close to watch them at rest and in flight under the supervision of our professional falconer.



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WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US DURING
THIS CELEBRATORY TIME OF YEAR,
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR
FESTIVE EVENTS AND TO BOOK

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