

Bringing Alive Sandwich Heritage present:

## A Carnevale Medieval Banquet

on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
at St Mary's Church, Sandwich, Kent

an evening of merriment, music and entertainment



Following the success of our **sell-out midsummer banquet** in 2011, BASH invites you to a celebration of food and frivolity to **brighten the dark days of winter**.

Join us in the atmospheric setting of Sandwich's 14<sup>th</sup> century church for an **authentic medieval dining** experience, lively **entertainments** and raucous sounds from early music **performers Rough Musicke**. Dine from **platters**, drink from reproduction pottery **goblets** and sample locally sourced **ale, wine and mead** from our licensed bar. **Costumes** are actively encouraged!

Planning a candlelit **Valentine** supper? Why not do something completely different and **celebrate medieval style?**

### Medieval revelry

**Carnevale marked a high point in the medieval calendar**. Communal feasting and merriment preceded the long, lean days of Lent, when rich foods and boisterous behaviour were out of bounds for the six weeks before Easter. Carnevale - **'farewell to flesh'** - provided a final opportunity to enjoy the rich foods banned during Lenten fasting - as well as to indulge in some much-needed, last-minute license.

BASH's Carnevale Banquet will **revive the spirit** of this ancient celebration, with **music, dance and entertainments to accompany the feast**.

Dishes for the Carnevale Banquet will be prepared using authentic recipes from medieval manuscripts and cookbooks. As well as using **fresh, seasonal ingredients**, our team of cooks will source some surprising **medieval luxuries** to add to the menu. Sandwich, once a thriving medieval port, was a major importer of fine foods and rare spices, destined for the tables of merchants and gentry, and our banquet will showcase some of these delicacies. While meat will be much in evidence, **vegetarians** are welcome too – just let us know your dietary requirements when booking.

### How to book

Advance booking is essential, and **tickets are now on sale at £25 a head\***. **Doors open at 7.30pm**.  
Licensed bar - over 18s only.

Tickets can be purchased in person (cash or cheques) from **The Delf Farm Shop, Deal Road, Sandwich** and **Balloons R Us, King Street, Sandwich**. Alternatively, visit the website [www.B-A-S-H.org.uk](http://www.B-A-S-H.org.uk) to **download a postal booking form** or to **book tickets online**.

\*An **early bird discount of 10%** is available on postal and online bookings received before 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

For more details about BASH or Rough Musicke, visit [www.B-A-S-H.org.uk](http://www.B-A-S-H.org.uk) or call Sonia Frost on 01304 617335.