

Press Release



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1940's Weekend at Bodiam Castle

On **6 and 7 August** Bodiam Castle invites visitors of all ages to enjoy their annual **1940's weekend**.

Between 10:30am and 16:00pm each day visitors can enjoy an interesting array of WWII attractions, activities and entertainment around the castle's historic grounds.

The weekend's activities will bring history to life, allowing the whole family to enjoy an educational and memorable day out.

Visitors will be able to meet re-enactors in authentic costumes and see the re-created WWII encampments, which provide a realistic insight into life in the military during the 1940s.

One of the highlights of the weekend will be the chance to see a real Spitfire plane, probably the most famous and impressive aeroplane from World War Two. Visitors will have the exciting opportunity to sit inside the aircraft and have their pictures taken. ***Small additional charge for photographs.***

Along with the themed activities visitors can see Bodiam Castle's purpose built pillbox, one of the thousands constructed throughout Britain as part of the inland natural defence barrier to defend against the expected German invasion.

Only a small 6,000 out of 28,000, pillboxes survive today.

The weekend's activities are included in the castle's normal admission price, no booking is necessary.

Bodiam Castle Gift Aid Admission: (Standard Admission prices in brackets): adult £6.80 (£6.10), child £3.40 (£3.05), family £18 (£16.20), family (one adult) £11.20 (£10.10). Reduced rate for those arriving by bicycle, on public transport or via Kent & East Sussex Railway; stations at Tenterden, Northiam and Bodiam.

For more information about the 1940's weekend or Bodiam Castle please visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/bodiamcastle or telephone on 01580 830196.

For further images or enquiries to arrange a press visit to Bodiam Castle please contact Caroline Edmunds on 01892616647 or e-mail caroline@penningtonpr.com

Notes to Editors

- Bodiam Castle dates back to early 1385
- It has been in the care of the National Trust since 1926
- Bodiam Castle is located just three miles off the main A21 at Hurst Green, midway between Hastings and Tunbridge Wells.
- Bodiam, near Robertsbridge, East Sussex TN32 5UA