

Press Release

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Experience medieval armoury at Bodiam Castle

There is fun for all the family during Bodiam Castle's 'Armourers at work' event on **2 and 3 July 2011**.

The medieval ruins are the perfect backdrop for the story telling sessions, where the team bring to life ancient tales of the armourers who lived and worked during the medieval period.

Visit the Guild of Saint George's medieval encampment in the grounds of Bodiam Castle and watch armour being made before your eyes. The armour is heated and shaped using a replica 15th century forge, then polished by hand using traditional methods and lots of elbow grease! Experience a fascinating display which will fuel visitor's imaginations on how medieval people lived whilst on campaign, their methods of cooking and the food they ate.

In addition to the activities, visitors can explore the castle ruins and grounds, where there are plenty of historical details to enjoy. See the castle's original wooden portcullis in the Gate House or discover the battlements and towers, which offer unrivalled views of the Sussex countryside.

In the castle shop visitors can browse a range of gifts and produce, including Bodiam wine and local honey. Relax in the Wharf tea-room and enjoy the variety of delicious seasonal treats such as light lunches, whilst Ice-creams, snacks and drinks can be purchased from the castle kiosk (seasonal).

The weekend's activities will be available between 11:00am and 16:00pm and are included in the castle's admission price.

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).

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Editors Notes

- Bodiam Castle, in the care of the National Trust since 1926, is just three miles off the main A21 at Hurst Green, midway between Hastings and Tunbridge Wells
- There is a reduced rate of £5.80 and £2.90 for adults and children arriving by bicycle, public transport or the Kent & East Sussex Railway (stations at Tenterden, Northiam and Bodiam)