

## Press Release

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### **Action Packed Summer Holidays at Bodiam Castle**

Families looking to entertain their children during the long summer holidays can enjoy action packed days out at Bodiam Castle's 'Summer Fun' event between **Saturday 24 July and Tuesday 31 August.**

A daily fun filled events programme is planned with a range of innovative activities to keep even the most rambunctious kiddies entertained this summer.

Every day, visitors of all ages will have the exciting opportunity to join in a variety of special Have-a-Go workshops, where they can learn archery techniques and test their skills with a longbow, crossbow and paintball cannon. ***Date: Daily between 24 and 31 August at various times. Price: £3 per activity – no castle admission necessary.***

At 12pm, 2pm and 3:30pm each day visitors will also be able to witness the daily firing of Bodiam Castle's life size, replica trebuchet, a fierce catapult used in medieval castle sieges. ***Price: included with normal castle admission.***

Families can also experience life as a medieval soldier as the Hands on History team provide a variety of armour for visitors to try on every day. **Price: £2 plus castle admission**

As well as the daily activities, the castle will be hosting a variety of other events throughout August including their famous **Knight and Princess Academy**. Suitable for all budding knights and princesses over the age of four, the academy brings children's dreams to life as they are given the exciting chance to learn how to be a real knight in shining armour or a medieval princess! After the 45-minute session every child will be rewarded with a certificate as proof of their new-found qualification! **Dates: 9, 10, 11, 25, 26 and 27 August. Price: £5 per child, no castle admission necessary. Booking can be made by calling 01580 830196. Visitors are advised to book early to avoid disappointment.**

On **Wednesday 4 August** the castle will once again be hosting their famous annual **Family Fun day** when the whole family can enjoy a memorable day out together. Between 10:30am and 5pm the castle grounds will be packed full of entertaining activities for families to enjoy including face painting, lace making demonstrations, Straw Dollies, Magic Spinning Plates, a Coconut Shie and an exciting children's fairground with rides! Families can also enjoy story telling with the well known children's author, Kate O'Hearn, who will be reading from her spell binding dragon books. **Date: Wednesday 4 August. Price: included with normal castle admission plus small charge for some activities.**

Before the holidays draw to a close families have the opportunity to take part in the castle's **Great Treasure Challenge** and search for lost treasure in the castle ruins! With the help of the secret treasure map, families have to solve the mystery by discovering the clues. Look out for the costumed castle characters as they may be hiding vital information! Once the mystery is solved families can track down the treasure to claim their prize! **Date: Wednesday 18, Thursday 19 and Friday 20 August. Price: £2 per person plus normal castle admission.**

For more information please visit [www.national.trust.org.uk/bodiamcastle](http://www.national.trust.org.uk/bodiamcastle) or telephone 01580 830196.

**Bodiam Castle Gift Aid Admission:** adult: £6.40, child: £3.20, 2 adult family £17 and 1 adult family £10.60. Visitors arriving by cycle, on public transport or via The Kent and East Sussex Railway can enjoy a discounted entry price. (Adult: £5 Child: £2.50)

Bodiam Castle is open until 31 October - Monday to Sunday 10:30am - 5pm.

From 3 November to 23 December the castle is open Wednesday to Sunday, 11am - 4pm.

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.

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