

Press Release
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Go Wild in the summer holidays at Chiddingstone Castle

On Monday **2 August** families can 'Go Wild' at Chiddingstone Castle when they take part in a fun filled activity day between **11am and 5pm**.

From mini-beasts to mammals, visitors can discover a wonderful array of creatures living in the castle grounds on a special guided nature trail.

Rosemary Sumner, from Static Owls, will be at the castle throughout the day showing visitors her beautiful collection of Owls. This is a chance to see owls from all over the world up close as well as have your picture taken holding one.

There will be crafty animal activities for children of all ages to make and take home and the chance to enjoy animal stories too.

The day also provides families with the opportunity to explore the castle's fascinating Egyptian, Japanese, Buddhist, Stuart and Jacobean collections on display in the castle rooms, which include many rare and beautiful antiques and artefacts as well as the more unusual such as Japanese armour with facial hair and a mummified cat!

The Victorian tearoom has a choice of indoor and outdoor seating, where visitors can relax and enjoy a light lunch or home made treat.

In the castle's 35-acre grounds, children can burn off some energy and explore the award winning orangery, lake and surrounding woodland. The grounds are a picturesque setting in summer and visitors are welcome to enjoy a picnic on the lawns.

The castle is renowned for its innovative events programme, which offers a choice of entertaining activity days throughout the year. Families can enjoy all the event days, as well as entry to the castle for the whole season for just £48.50 for a family of four (2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children)

For more information please call 01892 870347 or visit

www.chiddingstonecastle.org.uk

Chiddingstone Castle is open until Sunday 26 September, Sunday – Wednesday 11am –5pm, last entry is 4:15pm.

Admission – Adult: £7, Child: £4 (under fives free) families: £19.50 (2 adults and 2 children) Please note that on Activity Days, a charge of £2 will apply for 2-4 year olds to cover the cost of materials and entertainment.

From 2010 there will be a parking charge of £2.50, for visitors arriving by car, access to the grounds, tea room and shop only is included in the parking fee. For visitors arriving on foot, access to the grounds, tea room and shop only is £1 for adults.

For more information about Chiddingstone Castle, images or to arrange a press trip please contact Caroline Edmunds on 01892616647 or email caroline@penningtonpr.com