

Press Release
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Dine with 'Mad Jack' Fuller at Bodiam Castle

On **Thursday 4 and 11 November** Bodiam Castle are offering visitors the unique opportunity to enjoy a private castle tour and a two course lunch with the famous Georgian Squire, 'Mad Jack' Fuller, who saved the castle from demolition in 1828.

Although never proven to be 'mad', John Fuller received the nickname due to his effervescent and vociferous personality and his desperation for his name to be remembered after his death.

Many people know John Fuller from the follies he built in and around Brightling in Sussex. However, it was the eternal gifts that he bestowed upon the community of Kent and Sussex, such as Bodiam Castle, the Fullerian Professorships and the Eastbourne Lifeboat, which have given John the immortalization he desperately craved.

'Mad Jack' will take visitors on a private tour of the magnificent castle ruins, when they will have the opportunity to see the original oak door to the castle gate, which John restored when he purchased the castle.

After the tour, visitors can enjoy a delicious two course lunch, when John will answer any questions and regale diners with anecdotes from his colourful life!

11.45am Tour; Lunch 1pm. Price: £28 per person, which includes castle admission, lunch and talk with 'Mad Jack'.

To book please call 01580 830196. Places are limited and visitors are advised to book early to avoid disappointment.

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. Bodiam Castle, Bodiam, near Robertsbridge, East Sussex TN32 5UA

For more information please visit www.national.trust.org.uk/bodiamcastle or telephone 01580 830196.

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