

## Press Release

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### **Medieval Hands Make Light Work at Bodiam Castle**

The whole family can travel back to medieval times on **16 and 17 July** at Bodiam Castle in Sussex.

A variety of engaging activities will take place each day, keeping visitors of all ages entertained, while providing a fascinating insight into life in medieval Britain.

#### **Medieval Hand Spinning and Weaving**

Dressed in authentic costumes, members of the Bodiam household will bring the challenges of medieval times to life when they carry out demonstrations of hand spinning and weaving. Using authentic materials, there will be plenty of opportunities for visitors to join in and try the task for themselves. *No additional charges but normal castle admission applies.*

#### **Brass Rubbing**

Create historic brass-rubbings from a wide selection of traditional patterns and designs. Brass rubbings can be taken home and all materials are provided. *Brass rubbings cost between £1.50 and £4, depending on the size of the rubbing.*

## **Chain Mail Making**

'Mick the Mail' reveals the fascinating skills and techniques behind the creation of chain mail, an intricate mesh of metal rings used to protect medieval soldiers during gruesome battles. After the demonstrations there will be the exciting opportunity for visitors to try their hand at the various techniques, producing their very own chain mail to take home. *No additional charges but normal castle admission applies.*

In addition to the many activities, visitors can enjoy peaceful strolls around the castle's remarkable ruins and explore the impressive battlements and towers, offering wonderful views of the Rother Valley and surrounding estate.

Don't miss the castle's original wooden portcullis in the gatehouse, which is an extremely rare example of its kind.

**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). There is a reduced rate available for anyone arriving by bicycle, public transport or via Kent & East Sussex Railway; stations at Tenterden, Northiam and Bodiam.

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

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## **Notes to Editors**

- Bodiam Castle has been in the care of the National Trust since 1926.
- The castle is just three miles off the main A21 at Hurst Green, midway between Hastings and Tunbridge Wells.
- Address Bodiam Castle, Bodiam, near Robertsbridge, East Sussex TN32 5UA