

## Press Release

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### Get creative this Summer at Bodiam Castle

From **9 to 10 July 2011** families can test their creative skills when they join in medieval tile making and scriptorium activities at Bodiam Castle.

This fun packed weekend will allow the family to make and take home medieval tiles or join in real medieval scriptorium. Artisans will bring the past to life with demonstrations of medieval tile making; using replica tools, equipment and traditional materials. As the artisans work their magic, listen to their stories of the life and times of the medieval and Tudor tile makers and significant events in medieval history.

If painting is more your thing then why not try your hand at illuminated lettering in the Medieval Scriptorium. Using traditional materials and equipment, visitors can make an illuminated letter with authentic parchment or an illuminated picture to take home, decorated with egg tempera. Traditional paints, quills or reed pens and ink are all supplied and are authentic replicas representing illumination work of the 7th century to late medieval or Tudor periods. This magical experience is also known as 'Painter's Alchemy' for its use of medieval pigments and semi-precious rocks. Created with Jack Greene, the brushes, pencils and pottery palettes have all been hand made for the event.

Dating back to 1385, Bodiam Castle is the ideal location for the weekend's events and is home to a wealth of historical features. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore the ruins and the castle's battlements and towers, which offer unrivalled views of the beautiful Sussex countryside.

The weekend's activities will be available between 11:00am and 16:00pm and are included in the castle's admission price. Suitable for 4 years and up.

**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).

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

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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)