

Tamworth
Castle

January-June
2020

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FUN EVENTS & STUNNING DISPLAYS

Dragon Hunt • Egg Hunt • Canterbury Tales
St. George's Day Extravaganza • WWII • Castle Quest



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TAMWORTH
Explore. Play. Enjoy

battle and tribute

COMING
SOON!

New 'Battle and Tribute' exhibition coming soon to Tamworth Castle.

This year will see the launch of a new state-of-the-art and interactive exhibition at Tamworth Castle, dedicated to the area's rich Anglo-Saxon history.

Work is now well underway to transform the top floor of the Castle into the £768,000 'Battle and Tribute' exhibition, including the creation of a mead hall, an immersive combat film experience and a unique touch-table strategy game.

More pieces of the Staffordshire Hoard will also be on display, alongside items from our own collection. The exhibition will bring the area's fascinating Anglo-Saxon history to life, including the role of our famous warrior queen, Aethelflaed, and themes of battle, Kingship and warrior culture in Anglo-Saxon Mercia.

The Battle and Tribute exhibition has been made possible thanks to a grant of £499,900 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, with the remainder of the cost being matched by funding from Tamworth Borough Council, the Friends of Tamworth Castle, and the Arts Council.

A number of shield-making workshops have taken place at the Castle and in the community over the last 12 months. As a result, there are now more than 400 hand-painted shields ready to display as part of a shield wall when the new exhibition opens later this year. This will create a dramatic display around the perimeter of the Castle.

Keep an eye out on www.tamworthcastle.co.uk and Tamworth Castle's Facebook and Twitter pages for more news about the new exhibition launch in the coming months.



HALF TERM ADVENTURE AT TAMWORTH CASTLE

Dragon Hunt

Saturday 15 - Friday 21 February
10.30am – 3.00pm (building closes 3.45pm)

Tamworth Castle's resident dragon, Ruby, and her brother Hafgrim, have gone missing. Whilst playing hide and seek they now appear to be lost!

Visitors are invited to come and help us search for our dragons and pick up some dragon facts along the way. Learn how to decorate the dragon's den, identify the dragon eggs and brush up on your dragon hunting skills! In addition, children will have the opportunity to have a go at a dragon related craft.

**Admission: Adults £7.50, OAP £6.50, Child (over 5) £5.50,
Child (2-4yrs) £3.50, Under 2 yrs free.**
Family Ticket £24 (2 x 16+, 2 x Child 5-15)



EGG 

HUNT



Egg Hunt

Saturday 4 - Sunday 19 April
10.30am – 3.00pm (building closes 3.45pm)

Family fun for Easter with our 'egg-stra' special egg hunt. Ruby the Castle Dragon has disguised her eggs so that the dastardly dragon hunter will be unable to detect them. As an extra precaution Hafgrim, Ruby's brother, has hidden the eggs and now cannot find them!

Come along and join in this fun hunt but don't forget to record the egg locations on the quiz sheet – as you will hand in the sheet to receive a small prize! This is a fun event and an egg-citing way to explore the castle.

Please note: visitors will not be able to find Ruby as she will be too busy looking for her eggs!

**Admission: Adults (16yrs+) £7.50, OAP (65yrs +) £6.50,
Child (5-15yrs) £5.00, Child (2-4yrs) £3.00, Under 2 yrs free.**
Family Ticket £23 (2 x 16+, 2 x Child 5-15)

The Canterbury Tales

Friday 24 April

Doors open 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

GreenMatthews present six of the best-loved tales, told in a variety of styles. This production takes visual inspiration from Medieval mystery plays, complete with a touring set which has been specially constructed to resemble a medieval travelling theatre. The three man cast use drama, verse, physical theatre and song to bring Chaucer's characters to riotous life, telling tales packed with colourful characters and strange situations. This is definitely not a dry academic take on English literature – the show is fast, furious, occasionally filthy and invariably funny.

Admission: £15. Includes a drink (house wine, beer or soft drink)

PRE-BOOKING
REQUIRED



Please note – The show is unsuitable for under 12s (and serious scholars of the Late Middle Ages!)

St. George's Day

Medieval living history in the Castle and re-enactments in the Castle Grounds

Saturday 25 April

10.30am – 3.00pm (building closes 3.45pm)

To celebrate the patron saint of England, the Castle is holding a truly Medieval experience. The day of fun includes living history at the Castle, where visitors can have a go at doing the laundry, learn about Medieval weaponry and armour, or join in some traditional games with the Castle's own Lady Freville.

In the Castle Grounds try archery, enjoy the spectacular Medieval joust, walk around the Medieval encampment, chat to the street entertainers and take part in the children's activities!

Admission: Adults £7.50, OAP £6.50, Child (over 5) £5.00, Child (2-4yrs) £3.00, Under 2 yrs free. Family Ticket £23 (2 x 16+, 2 x Child 5-15)

Grounds activities are free, entrance fee is payable for the Castle.



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OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.TAMWORTHCASTLE.CO.UK



WWII in the Castle

Friday 8 - Sunday 10 May

10.30am – 3.00pm (building closes 3.45pm)

Come and join us as we commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day that saw the end of fighting in Europe. To mark the occasion come and try your hand at war-time firefighting, learn about communications, have a go at decoding secret messages and meet the Billeting Officer.

Admission: Adults (16yrs+) £7.50, OAP (65yrs+) £6.50, Child (5-15yrs) £5.00, Child (2-4yrs) £3.00, Under 2 yrs free. Family ticket £23 (2 x 16+, 2 x Child 5-15)



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CASTLE QUEST

Monday 25 – Friday 29 May

10.30am – 3.00pm (building closes 3.45pm)

The Castle Quest is a must for those who love solving riddles and having a go at challenges! Test your wits to unravel puzzles from the clues presented and use this knowledge to complete the quest. Questers will then meet their ultimate trial...to walk the Quest grid blindfolded!

A reward is given to all questers upon completion of the grid.

Admission: Adults (16 yrs+) £7.50, OAP (65 yrs+) £6.50, Child (5-15 yrs) £5.00, Child (2-4yrs) £3.00, Under 2 yrs free. Family ticket £23 (2 x 16+, 2 x Child 5-15)

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TAMWORTH CASTLE...WHERE OVER 900 YEARS OF HISTORY COMES ALIVE

Opening Times

Summer Season – April to September
Tuesday to Sunday: 10.30am to 3.00pm*
(Building closes at 3.45pm)

Winter Season – October to March
Saturday and Sunday only: 11.00am to 2.30pm*
(Building closes at 3.15pm)

***We are open extra days for Bank Holidays and Staffordshire school holidays with the exception of the Christmas break. Please phone or check our website as opening times and seasonal start dates/times may vary.**

Admission Prices

Adults (16 yrs+) **£7.50**, Child (5 -15 yrs) **£5.00**
Child (2-4yrs) **£3.00**, Under 2 yrs free, OAP (65 yrs+) **£6.50**
Family Ticket **£23** (2 Adults and 2 Children).

Reduced admission prices apply during refurbishment of various castle areas, please see our website for more details.

Admission charges for special events and Bank Holidays may vary.

Facilities

Toilet facilities available on site including easy access toilet. Gift shop and café selling drinks and confectionery only. Visitors can exit the castle to get food from local shops, and re-enter the castle later. Large children's play area in the Castle Grounds with tables available for picnics.

Access

The castle is reached via a steep slope. Interior tour includes many steps, narrow doorways and uneven floors. Ground floor access only for wheelchair users. Carer admitted free. Drop off point for people with disabilities, please telephone before visiting for assistance. If you require any assistance with regard to access into the castle please telephone in advance or check our access statement on the website.

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Email: heritage@tamworth.gov.uk

Visit: www.tamworthcastle.co.uk

By Road:

From Lichfield follow the A51 to Tamworth.
From M1/M6 Northbound take the M42 and exit at Junction 10 and approach Tamworth via A5.
From the M6 Southbound exit at junction 12 and approach Tamworth via A5.

By Rail:

The Castle is ten minutes walk from Tamworth station.



Group Visits

Why not bring a group to one of our guided tours?
Your costumed guide will bring the Castle's colourful history to life, with tales of past owners and ghostly legends.

For further details phone 01827 709 626.

Workshops for Schools

The award-winning Education Team provide a varied programme of workshops for Key Stage 1 to 4 students throughout the year, Monday – Friday.

Contact the Education Team – 01827 709 632
Email: castleeducation@tamworth.gov.uk