

Tamworth Aethelflaed Festival

Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th July
11.30am-4.00pm



Come and find out what life was like for those living in Tamworth during Saxon times. Learn about our very own warrior princess Aethelflaed, Lady of the Mercians, find out about Saxon battle tactics, take your place in the shield-wall and see if you can solve our runic puzzles! Have a go at digging for artefacts and find out about Saxon archaeology as you discover how objects can tell us about the past; and finally follow the riddles in the Castle rooms and claim a small prize if you complete the quiz sheet!

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

Saxons at the Castle

Tuesday 24th – Thursday 26th July
11.30am-4.00pm



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Opening Times

Summer Season – April to September
Tuesday to Sunday: 11.30am to 4.00pm
(Building closes at 4.45pm. *)

Winter Season – October to March
Saturday and Sunday 11.30am to 3.00pm.
(Building closes at 3.45pm.**)

Please phone to check as opening times and seasonal start dates may vary. We are open extra days for Schools and Bank Holidays.

* The Castle is also open on Mondays during Staffordshire school holidays – please check Tamworth Castle website

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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).

Admission charges for special events and Bank Holidays may vary.

Facilities

Toilet facilities available on site including easy access toilet. Gift shop available 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.

Tamworth Castle

The Holloway, Tamworth, Staffordshire B79 7NA

Tel: 01827 709 626 (during opening hours)
or 01827 709 629 (24hr message board)

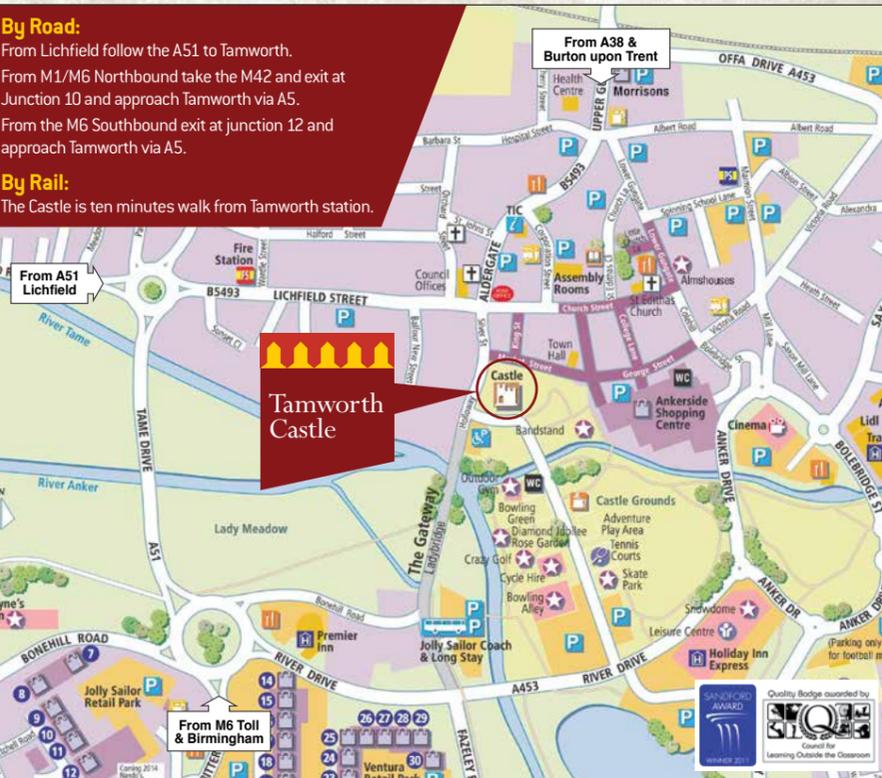
Email: heritage@tamworth.gov.uk
Visit: www.tamworthcastle.co.uk

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 on 01827 709 632

Email: castleeducation@tamworth.gov.uk

All details are correct at time of going to print but are subject to change at any time. Please contact 01827 709 629 for up-to-date information on events, opening times and prices. Tamworth Borough Council reserve the right to close any part of the Castle or Grounds without prior notice. Map: © Arka Cartographics Ltd 15/16 Tel: 01342 823 423.

Tamworth Castle

July-December
2018



Plan your visit now

FUN EVENTS & STUNNING DISPLAYS
Intact Historic Rooms • Displays • Hands-On Activities • Saxon Tales
Haunting & Halloween • Bonfire Night • Christmas for Children



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TAMWORTH
Explore. Play. Enjoy



Summer with the Saxons

Hear tales of our warrior princess, learn battle tactics and get digging for artefacts



This year, 2018, is a special year in Tamworth as it marks the 1,100 years since the death of Aethelflaed one of the most powerful and influential women in Anglo-Saxon England. Daughter of King Alfred the Great, Aethelflaed is a key figure in the history and making of England. She ruled Mercia with her husband Aethelred (also known as Ethelred) and together they led the battle to defend the ancient kingdom against Viking invaders.

The anniversary of the death of Aethelflaed will be marked throughout the year in Tamworth with a number of major events, including the unveiling of a new six-metre statue. Find out more about this fascinating period and how Tamworth was so important in Saxon times by visiting the Castle this Summer.



Where history comes alive!

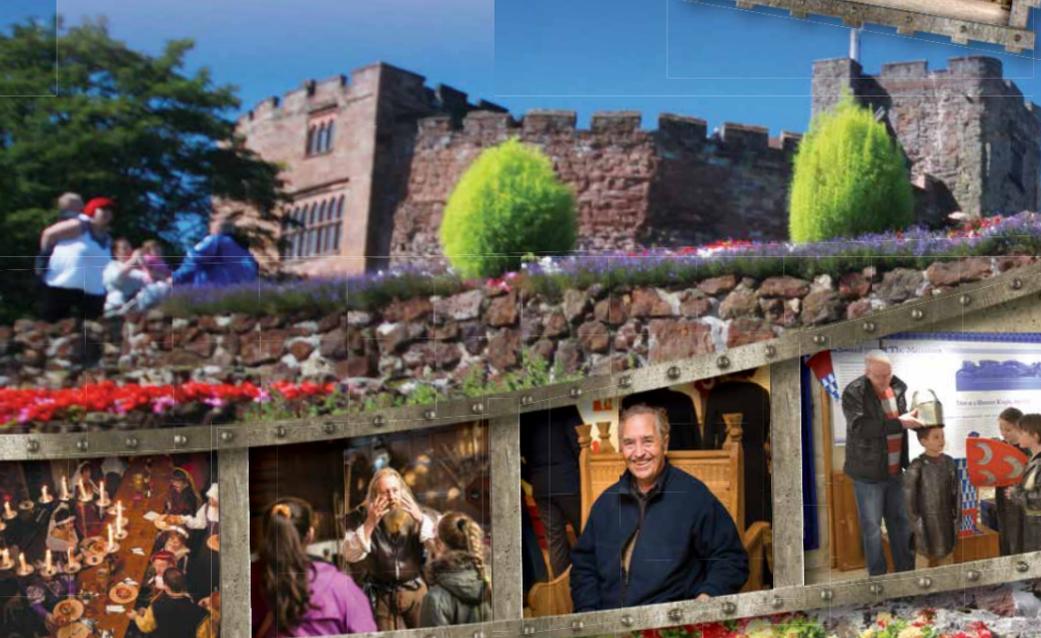
More great days out for all the family

Explore 900 years of history

Come and join us to enjoy the fantastic displays and explore the stunning intact rooms that tell the story of the unique history of this truly wonderful Castle.

If you are planning a day out this Summer, or later in the year, there's something for everyone with a chance to get hands-on experiences of how life used to be from Saxon beginnings right through to Victorian times.

Don't forget to look further ahead and get our Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas events in your diary.



Get hands-on as history comes alive!



NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Medieval Living History

Tuesday 31st – Thursday 2nd August
11.30am-4.00pm

Discover what life was like for Medieval Castle Household characters. Visit Lady Freville to learn about the types of activities that would fill her days. Encounter the laundress and help her prepare clothes for washing the Medieval way. Don't forget to look in on the Armourer, find out how chain maille was made, and discover the different types and use of Medieval weapons!

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

Georgian Living History

Tuesday 7th – Thursday 9th August
11.30am-4.00pm

Have fun exploring the pastimes of Georgian children and discover the toys they would have played with. It's the age of invention, so help Lord Townsend with his experiments in the revolutionary art of science, then seek out the Lady's maid to have a go at Georgian dancing and etiquette.

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

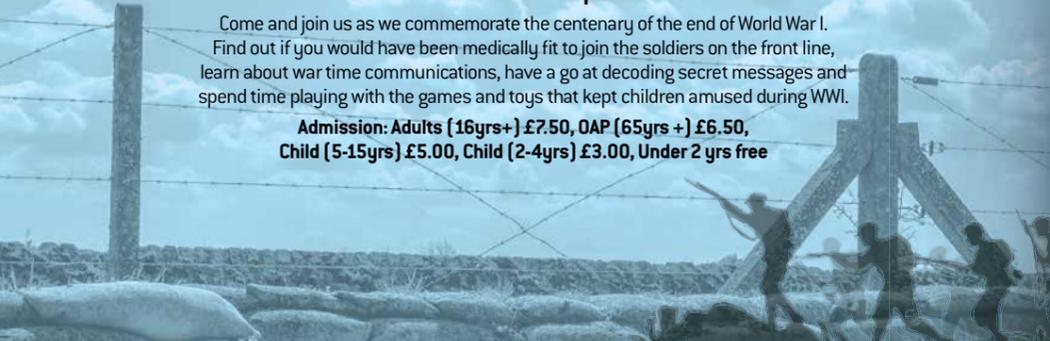
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WWI Centenary

Tuesday 14th – Thursday 16th August
& Tuesday 21st – Thursday 23rd August
11.30am-4.00pm

Come and join us as we commemorate the centenary of the end of World War I. Find out if you would have been medically fit to join the soldiers on the front line, learn about war time communications, have a go at decoding secret messages and spend time playing with the games and toys that kept children amused during WWI.

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



Let's get spooky! The fun starts here

Children's Halloween Evening

Saturday 27th October
5.00pm-8.00pm

Time slots are allocated to visitors

A fun evening hosted by the Friends of Tamworth Castle charity. Bring all the family, get dressed up in your spookiest costume and enjoy the ghostly goings on around the Castle. Free pumpkin lantern for all paying children*. This is a very popular event, so please book your time slot in advance.

Admission: Adults £8.00, OAP £6.50, Child 3 years and over with pumpkin lantern £6.00, Child 2 years and under free – with no pumpkin lantern

* For health and safety reasons pumpkin lanterns can only be lit once outside the Castle building. If the visitor wants their child to have a pumpkin lantern they must pay the £6.00 child price. Tickets available at the Tamworth Tourist Information office. For further information regarding the Friends of Tamworth Castle charity, please visit www.tamworthcastlefriends.org

PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL



Haunted Castle

Daytime: Sunday 28th – Friday 2nd November
11.30am-4.00pm

A week full of ghostly goings on at Tamworth Castle's haunted spooktacular. Encounter a series of creepy characters and activities as you tour the Castle. See if you can meet the cackling hags, then look out for Master Slaughter as he may try and steal some body parts! Only the courageous will manage to finish their tour without being spooked.

Recommended age 6-11 yrs, Below that age admission is at parental discretion.

Ghost Search

Wednesday 31st October
7.30pm - Midnight

PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Join us for a night with a difference on our ghost walk around the Medieval Castle, with vigils conducted in reputedly haunted rooms. Cameras or camcorders can be used, and we advise warm clothing and rugs or cushions for use during the vigils as rooms can be chilly!

Soft drinks are available for purchase on arrival. Then during a break in the evening complimentary tea and coffee with a slice of cake are served.

Doors open 7.30pm, for an 8.00pm. start until 12.00 midnight.

Over 18s only: Adults £28.50, No concessions.

Spectacular!

Bonfire Night

Saturday 3rd November
5.30pm-8.00pm

This is a chance to visit Tamworth Castle after dark, before enjoying the ever-popular breath-taking firework display in the Castle grounds. Castle Grounds activities start at 6.00pm with Fireworks at 8.00pm. Castle doors close at 8.00pm.

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

Note: There is no admittance into or out of the Castle during the firework display and there is no access to the Castle Tower during the evening and visitors cannot view fireworks from the interior Castle parapets.



Christmas at the Castle

Children's Victorian Christmas Santa Trails

Saturday 8th, Sunday 9th,
Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th,
Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December

As you hunt through the Castle on your Santa trail you will meet the Victorian household readying themselves for the annual visit of our very special guest. Visitors will join in with a series of activities by helping the cook to make Christmas pudding, the mistress to decorate the Castle, the Stablehand to find the reindeers carrots, before entering Santa's grotto to receive a surprise gift.

Admission: Child 3 years and over £7.00, Child 0-2 years £4.00, Adult £4.50 and £6.50*

N.B. First 2 adults accompanying per child will be charged at £4.50 per adult. Any other adults thereafter will be charged at £6.50 each. All paying children will receive a gift appropriate to the 2 age ranges. Children 0-2 years will receive a soft toy.

The Trail Tour in the Castle lasts approximately 1½ hours so please allow sufficient car parking time.

Please note that the Castle will be closed for additional hours over the Christmas period. Castle will be closed from Monday 24th December to Friday 4th January inclusive. Re-open weekend 5th/6th January. See website for further opening information.