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A Grand Medieval Day Out

Step back in time to Medieval Kenilworth Castle this Bank Holiday Weekend.

The year is 1214 and England simmers under the rule of King John, when Nicola de la Hay, royal sheriff, comes to inspect the castle and ensure the loyalty of the garrison. Will the arrival of her brother and her own family drama tip the balance of peaceful Kenilworth into civil war? Watch the unfolding drama and witness the harsh reality of medieval life and death in the 13th century.

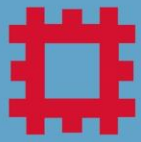
Throughout the day, explore the bustling camp where you can meet tradespeople, the knights on campaign and the families supporting them. See traditional crafts in action including the blacksmith, woodworkers and weavers.

Seek advice from the herbalist for all your ailments or visit the cook's tent to see what it took to feed an army!

Listen to the sounds of the past with our medieval musicians Caliban's Dream.

The castle jester is also on hand to bring some laughter to the day!

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| 10.00am | The Living History Encampment opens |
| 10.30am | Court Dancing Join us to enjoy a performance of court dancing accompanied by our medieval minstrels Caliban's Dream. |
| 11.00am | Benjingles The Juggling Jester from Jestershire Juggling antics and uproarious fun! Join us for a jester show that'll leave you grinning from ear to ear |
| 11.30am | The Gathering Storm Sheriff Nicola de la Hey visits the castle to inspect the garrison on behalf of King John - but could a family drama drag the peaceful castle into trouble? |
| 12.00pm | Medieval Music Lively songs and dance tunes from the 13 th and 14 th centuries played on bagpipes, the hurdy gurdy and other instruments of the period |
| 12.30pm | Medieval Fashion Find out why in the 13 th century you are what you wear! |



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- 1.00pm** **'Have a Go' with Benjingles** Step right up! Try your hand at juggling and circus antics in our 'have a go' session
- 1.30pm** **Law and Disorder** Sheriff Nicola strives to avoid open bloodshed, but when her own brother's life is at stake, how far will she go?
- 2.00pm** **Medieval Music** Medieval minstrels Caliban's Dream will delight you with the joys of courtly music.
- 2.30pm** **Arming the Knight** The tools of war and chivalry are donned and demonstrated as the knights show the extensive preparations needed for battle and shine a light on the ruthless nature of knightly combat.
- 3.00pm** **Benjingles The Juggling Jester from Jestershire** Juggling antics and uproarious fun! Join us for a jester show that'll leave you grinning from ear to ear
- 3.30pm** **Blood for Blood** As the tide of civil war looms, what will become of Kenilworth and its garrison? Can war truly be the way?
- 4.00pm** **Medieval Music** A final chance to hear our medieval minstrels Caliban's Dream!
- 4.30pm** **Last chance to explore the castle, meet our characters from the past and visit the encampments**
- 5.00pm** **Living History Encampment and Castle close**

Times are approximate and some activities are weather permitting

PLEASE NOTE:

- ❖ When visiting displays please do not touch anything unless invited to do so by performers
 - ❖ Please do not cross any tape barriers unless invited to do so by the performers
 - ❖ There will be theatrical recreations of combat and drills from the period.

If you are using the shuttle bus service – the last return bus will leave Kenilworth Castle Visitor Centre at approximately 5.30pm.

Alternatively, it is approximately a 15 - 20 minute walk from the Castle to the town centre.