

## Summer holiday fun for all at Welsh heritage sites. Are you ready for action?

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It's that time of year again; school is out and children will soon to be climbing the walls looking for things to do. Cadw, the Welsh Government's historic environment service, has organised a feast of exciting events at heritage sites across Wales to provide great days out in Wales (<http://www.visitwales.co.uk>).

When it comes to Welsh castles

(<http://www.visitwales.co.uk/things-to-do-in-wales/welsh-culture-and-heritage/castles/>), they don't come much bigger than Caerphilly. When it comes to events, they don't come much bigger than the August Bank Holiday Siege of CAERPHILLY CASTLE on Sunday 28th and Monday 29th August (11am-4pm). Join the Company of Chivalry and Bowmen of the Rose for a weekend full of medieval warfare at its best.

At CASTELL COCH there will be sword schools for beginners with Cadw's own knight on Sunday August 28th and Tales of Aesop's Fables on Monday 29th August while CAERLEON ROMAN FORTRESS, KIDWELLY CASTLE, TRETOWER COURT AND CASTLE, NEATH ABBEY TINTERN ABBEY and BLAENAFON IRONWORKS provide unique and backdrops for performances of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. CAERLEON ROMAN FORTRESS on Wednesday 3rd August, KIDWELLY CASTLE on Thursday 4th & Friday 5th August, NEATH ABBEY on Saturday 6th August, TRETOWER COURT AND CASTLE on Monday 8th August, TINTERN ABBEY on Thursday 11th, Friday 12th August and BLAENAFON IRONWORKS on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th August (7pm). TINTERN ABBEY will also examine the wool trade and its impact in the Middle Ages on Saturday 13th August.

CILGERRAN CASTLE (West Wales) will be brought to life on Saturday 6th, Sunday 7th and Monday 8th August (11am – 4pm) with a 'Feathers and Flight' archery and birds of prey stand-off event.

Life and death in a Roman Town will be on the cards at CAERWENT ROMAN TOWN on Saturday 6th August (11-4pm) as well as The Grave of Arthur? on Saturday 20th August (11am).

ST DAVIDS BISHOP'S PALACE has open air theatre in its sights with performances of The Merchant of Venice throughout August (2nd, 3rd, 6th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 16th and 18th at 8pm). There will also be Head to Toe music and poetry in the vaults on Sunday 7th and Sunday 14th August (8pm)

Step into BEAUMARIS CASTLE (North Wales) for a medieval fantasy on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th August (10am – 4pm) where visitors can cheer battling knights, skilful archers while taking in music and dancing, comic jesters as well as trying some medieval food, stalls and traders. There's something here for everyone.

RAGLAN CASTLE (South Wales) will be brought to life with knights and arches, jesters and jugglers at a Medieval Festival on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th August (10am – 4pm) where there will be fun for all the family. There will also be a performance of Taming of the Shrew at the Castle on Wednesday 17th August (7.30pm).

CAERNARFON AND CONWY CASTLES will be the venues for Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream at 7.30pm

on Tuesday 23rd August (Caernarfon) and Wednesday 24th – Saturday 27th August (Conwy). A must see event!

HARLECH CASTLE will host to a dramatic 15th century tourney and living history display on Sunday 28th and Monday 29th August (11am-4pm)

On Saturday 27th, Sunday 28th and Monday 29th August, 11am-4pm, RHUDDLAN CASTLE (North Wales) will be alive with dancing and devastation and exciting expert displays of music, archery and the terrible arts of war from the 1300s in its Plantagenet Medieval Society event. Shakespeare's Twelfth Night will also be performed at the Castle on Wednesday 17th August (7.30pm). VALLE CRUCIS ABBEY will also be hosting a performance of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night on Saturday 20th August (7.00pm)

With activity at some of Wales's most famous castles, abbeys and palaces providing dramatic scenery, theatre, battles and wildlife displays, there's something to entertain the whole family on days out in Wales (<http://www.visitwales.co.uk>) all summer long.