

# WET WEATHER RUINS RELIC AT WARWICK

*22 August, 2012:* Warwick Castle, Britain's Ultimate Castle, has been forced to repaint its sundial for the first time in sixty years after facing one of the wettest summers in over 100 years.

The incessant rainfall this summer caused significant abrasion to the historic feature at Warwick Castle that was originally erected in the 1700s. The painting operation started on Tuesday this week and the sundial should be restored to its former glory by weekend.

The sundial was originally created to determine the time of day at the Castle by using the position of the sun. The sun casts a shadow from its style onto a surface marked with lines indicating the hours of the day. The style is the time telling edge, often a thin rod or a sharp straight edge.

Commenting Tim Harrison Jones said: "Sundials existed long before we had the luxury of wristwatches and other modern timekeeping gadgets. We are particularly proud of ours as an important feature at Warwick Castle as it reflects the development both in style and form during a historical period. Perhaps renewing our dial will encourage the sun to come out a little more so our customers can enjoy the rest of the summer at Warwick Castle."

Photos available upon request.

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**Notes to Editors:**

Warwick Castle is easily accessible from junction 15 off the M40, just 40 minutes from Birmingham and 1hour 40minutes from London.

At [www.warwick-castle.com](http://www.warwick-castle.com) a family of 4 [2 adults & 2 children (4-11)] can visit for only £40 when booked one day in advance, additional child £7.50. Alternatively, book tickets 7 days in advance and receive 30% discount, book 48 hours in advance and guests will receive 20% discount and best ticket price is guaranteed online. Entry to the Castle for adults from £12.96, children from £9.36 and seniors £10.08. Visits with 10 or more guests receive at least 45% discount. Print your own tickets at home and beat the queue. Alternatively, advance bookings can be made by calling 0871 265 2000. Guests are advised to check opening times and the entertainment schedule in advance of their visit.

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