

**BRAVE BRITS OF ALL AGES PUT TO THE TEST
AT SPOOKTACULAR WARWICK CASTLE**

**WARWICK CASTLE, THE HAUNTED CASTLE: 27 OCTOBER- 4 NOVEMBER 2012
DAYTIME FUN AND AFTER-DARK DEVILMENT**

23 July, 2012: Warwick Castle, The Haunted Castle (www.warwick-castle.com) will test the bravery of the whole family this Halloween with a creepy calendar of fun frights for days – and nights – out. Ninety three per cent of Brits claim not to be afraid of the dark so for the first time Warwick Castle will remain open until 9pm, making the whole Halloween week scarier than ever before. Spooks and spirits, witches and warlords will haunt Britain's Ultimate Castle from Saturday 27 October until Sunday 4 November 2012: book online up to seven days in advance to save up to 30 per cent with adult daytime entry from £15.96 and child entry from £10.92. Daytime entry includes The Haunted Castle after dark attractions.

Families with younger children will love to visit during the day (10am-5pm): scary sirens are plotting to evict the resident princesses from their Tower and recruit young witches to create The Witches' Tower while over in the Mill & Engine House the Mad Professor is sure to entertain. Follow The Haunted Hallows Trail of carved pumpkins meandering through a graveyard, a witch's hovel and a spooky spider's lair...while Warwick's Duelling Dead promise a dazzling and dastardly display of swordsmanship. Children, beware the headless spirits and creepy castle-dwellers, lost souls and heinous hags roaming the Towers and Ramparts, State Rooms and Castle grounds!

This is the first Halloween that Warwick Castle has opened after dark – the Castle is open until 9pm - and the week's events include Ghost Stories and a spine-chilling series of 'Spirits Unleashed' Séances in Secrets & Scandals to bring neck hairs to full bristle, whilst over on River Island, Britain's biggest Trebuchet (giant siege engine) will light up the sky each night at 8pm with fearsome fireballs.

Opened in spring 2012, The Witches of Warwick - a manifestation of malevolence within The Castle Dungeon live actor attraction - boasts perhaps the highest fright factor at the Castle and marks its first Halloween by terrifying even the most dedicated scare seekers: no wonder it's for the over 10s only! The Castle boasts a thousand years of ghoulish goings-on and wicked witchery – and it is brought to life in the dark, dank dungeons. Surely only the boldest will venture to The Gaol located

deep in the bowels of Caesar's Tower, the final destination for so many unfortunate characters in the Castle's gory history.

Feeling brave? Then book online (www.warwick-castle.com) in advance for a hair-raising Halloween at The Haunted Castle from only £15.96 (adult) and £10.92 (child), saving 30 per cent if booked up to seven days ahead.

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Notes to Editors:

All results from independent One Poll survey of 1,000 UK adults conducted in March 2012.

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 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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