

## WARWICK CASTLE HONOURED BY ROYAL VISIT HRH PRINCE OF WALES VISITS MONDAY 2 JUNE 2014

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29 May 2014: His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales will visit Warwick Castle on Monday, 2 June to commemorate its 1,100th Anniversary in 2014. His Royal Highness will tour the Castle, including the Great Hall and the State Rooms.

The splendid State Dining Room has hosted the last seven monarchs and welcomed Royalty and other famous names for Afternoon Tea: King George VI and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother in 1951; US President Theodore Roosevelt in 1910; and Hollywood film stars Cary Grant and Grace Kelly in the 1950s.

The original fort on the site of Warwick Castle was commissioned by Ethelfleda, daughter of Alfred the Great, in 914 and the first Castle was built by William The Conqueror in 1068. It is now a popular visitor attraction that offers over a thousand years of mediaeval history in stunning grounds set on the banks of the River Avon.

To mark Warwick Castle's 1,100th Anniversary, HRH The Prince of Wales will visit the Great Hall and State Rooms before taking afternoon tea with staff and heritage maintenance contractors.

In the library His Royal Highness will view historical waxwork figures including Winston Churchill and Edward VII.

Commenting, General Manager Geoff Spooner, said: "We are hugely honoured to welcome HRH Prince of Wales in celebration of our 1,100th birthday. The visit commemorates the many generations of royal visitors who have played a significant role in the history of Warwick Castle, from its earliest days right to the present day."

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