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**Medieval Weekend Returns to The Bishop's Palace
28th-30th August 2021 10am-5pm**

The Bishop's Palace in Wells has announced that its popular Medieval Weekend will return in August 2021.

Taking place over the Bank Holiday weekend, last year's event was cancelled due to Covid, but this year, it will return to delight locals and tourists alike.

Visitors will be able to immerse themselves in 800 years of history and get into the medieval spirit as they discover the historical re-enactment and medieval weapons experts, Bowlore encamped amongst the stunning ruins of the Great Hall.

There will be displays throughout each day with demonstrations and choreographed combat with longbows, pallas, Dane hammer, Falchion and Langmesser, to name just a few!

"The Black Dog", Bowlore's weapons and armour tent can be visited to get a glimpse of medieval life, and members of the Bowlore troupe will be on hand throughout each day to share their expertise and to answer questions.

Entrance to the Medieval Weekend is included with any valid entrance ticket/membership to The Bishop's Palace.

ENDS

The Bishop's Palace is the 800-year-old home of the Bishops of Bath & Wells. The medieval palace is also home to the wells and ancient springs that give the City of Wells its name, the world famous mute swans that ring a bell alongside the Gatehouse when they want their food, and 14 acres of stunning gardens. Within the gardens are an Arboretum, formal planted gardens, the ruined and romantic Great Hall, waterfalls and well pools, a Community Garden and the new Garden of Reflection.

The Palace buildings open to the public include a medieval undercroft, a striking Long Gallery, hung with portraits of former bishops, exhibition space and the beautiful medieval Chapel.

There is a modern, family and dog friendly café, serving produce from the gardens, drinks, cakes and light meals and a gift shop. The site is accessible for wheelchair users, with new, even pathways in the gardens and a lift in the Palace building.

The Bishop's Palace is managed by The Palace Trust, registered charity number 1160830.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location:

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OPENING TIMES

Summer (31 March – 26 Oct): 10am - 5pm

Winter (27 Oct – 30 March): 10am – 4pm

Last admission is 30 minutes before closing.

The Bishop's Palace is closed over Christmas every year.

- All activities and events are included in the price of admission unless stated otherwise and children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Guided Tours Daily (not currently available until further notice)

ADMISSION CHARGES

Admission tickets give access to the medieval Palace, Undercroft, ruined Great Hall, 14 acres of gardens, the Bishop's Chapel and events (unless specifically ticketed).

Who	Gift Aid*
Adult Annual Return Ticket	£15.00
Children (Under 5 years)	FREE
Children (5-18 years) Annual Return Ticket	£7.50
Essential helpers assisting disabled visitors	FREE
Group Admission	Prebooked
Child Group Admission	Prebooked

HOW TO FIND US

The Bishop's Palace & Gardens is situated in the heart of Wells, Somerset and can be easily reached from Bath – 21 miles / Bristol - 21 miles / Glastonbury - 8 miles.

Bus: 29, 126, 161/162, 173, 375, 376, 377 all stop or pass through Wells. Alight at Wells Market Place.

Bike: The Bishop's Palace is situated on Sustrans cycle route 3. Visit www.sustrans.org.uk for further information and maps. Cycle racks available over the drawbridge and in Market Place.

Train: The nearest railway stations are Castle Cary (9 miles from Wells) and also Bristol Temple Meads and Bath Spa (both 21 miles), where you will find bus links to Wells.

Coach: Follow signs to coach dropping off point, continue down one way system to bus station coach park.

Car: The main routes to Wells are the A371 and the A39. The Bishop's Palace is a short walk from all central car parks, use Whiting Way car park (long stay) which is located just off the A39 or Market Place (short stay, 1 hour maximum) is just outside the palace Not available Wednesday or Saturday (market days).

Map: http://www.bishopspalace.org.uk/location_map.php