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THE GUTHRIE PAVILION IS OPEN!

By Duncan Leslie - Chief Executive

THE GUTHRIE PAVILION restaurant at Hever Castle was officially opened by Albert Roux OBE and Legion d'Honneur, one of the world's best-known and best-loved chefs, on Tuesday 22nd June 2010.

The restaurant renovations, with an investment of over £800,000, are the most significant improvement to the Hever Castle estate in over 20 years.

The interior has also undergone a considerable change with a multi-vaulted ceiling letting in natural sunlight, a classic design palette of pastel colours, soft lighting, stylish furnishings and an oak floor. Day visitors will find two distinct eating areas; the Guthrie Café will provide a counter service offering light refreshments and afternoon tea, whilst the Guthrie Restaurant will provide a table service offering more substantial meals.



Hever Castle's Chief Executive, Duncan Leslie said: "We are absolutely delighted with the restoration of the Guthrie Pavilion. The 1970s building has undergone a huge transformation over the last six months to become a magnificent eatery and entertaining space. The new Pavilion now perfectly complements its surrounding environment and its historical setting. We wanted to create an exceptional dining experience for our day visitors and we believe that the beautifully renovated Pavilion and outstanding food offering will do just that. The new Pavilion will also offer our corporate and wedding guests a unique backdrop to their special occasion."

Stunning Hever Castle image wows Londoners

Visit Kent announced that a stunning image of the Loggia and lake at Hever Castle is helping to reposition Kent – the Garden of England – as a must-visit destination for the 21st century.

The image has been displayed in London as part of a high-profile advertising campaign with world-class agency M&C Saatchi.

It is featured on huge 48 sheet posters, on London Underground cross track sites and in the



Evening Standard as part of Visit Kent's new Kent Contemporary campaign. Kent Contemporary

has received funding from Kent County Council.

Visit Kent Limited is a public/private sector partnership supported by Kent County Council, Medway Council, the district and borough councils, Tourism South East and the leading sector tourism businesses in Kent.

WHAT'S ON

Battle it out at Hever Castle

Once again we are staging a jam-packed schedule of jousting tournaments and archery demonstrations as the Knights of Royal England and the Company of 1415 charge down for some ferocious medieval combat.

Jousting Tournaments August, 21st, 22nd, 27th and 28th

The knights of the Blue Order, spurred on by the cheers of the crowds, will be taking on their arch rivals from the Red Banner in a series of exhilarating full gallop jousts. Spectators will be treated to a tumultuous display of action, stunts, falls and fights as the Knights of Royal England bring the medieval sport of jousting to life.

Longbow Warfare August 29th and 30th

The Company of 1415 will be starting the show with a bang by firing a pair of cannon to mark the commencement of battle. A field of archers, men-at-arms and knights in full plate armour will be demonstrating a variety of medieval archery and martial arts skills. Visitors can also try their hand at have-a-go archery daily until the 30 August. The event is held on Wintergarden Lawn check website for full information.



The Castle Triathlon Series

Hever Castle will host the final triathlon in The Castle Triathlon Series. Last year's event was a great day for both participants and their families. This year the triathlon will run over two days and adults as well as teens and children can enter. The team at Hever Castle are looking forward to helping make this event even more successful than last year.

Brian Adcock, Telemark Productions Managing Director and Race Director for the series, said "We want to do something different by bringing together elite triathletes as well as novice and young participants and offer

an opportunity for the family to race together. This triathlon series aims to celebrate the heroes, create new ones and inspire a new breed of triathlon fans."

The Castle Triathlon Series will be supporting Help for Heroes, the national charity providing support and services to wounded soldiers. The charity will receive 10% of profits from the Series.

For more information on how to take part visit www.castletriathlonseries.co.uk

Visitors please note that you need to be aware that part of the event takes place around the lake and informal garden areas.

The Theatre at Hever Castle

The final production of the summer is 'The Poker Session' by Hugh Leonard, which runs from Saturday 21st until Saturday 28th August with a matinee performance on Thursday 26th August. Hugh Leonard described the play as having the elements of "a comedy, a thriller, a tragedy and a black farce". It will certainly appeal to those who enjoy a touch of suspense and mystery as well the humour for which Leonard is renowned.

An evening of suspense, intrigue and humour!

An End of Season Offer for Annual Pass Holders: Buy one full price ticket, get a second free (Please quote PS 0 when making your booking) Full Price tickets from £12.50

The Box Office is open for booking on 01732 866114 Details on the theatre and summer season 2010 can be found at www.heverfestival.co.uk

Golf - Hever Castle hosts the Euro Pro Sky Caddie European Championships

On the 17th-19th August Hever Castle Golf Club hosted the EuroPro SkyCaddie European Championship to be televised on Sky Sports in the near future. The event was started in style with a Pro Am event that was a huge success, which ended with a lavish drinks reception on the Hever Castle Loggia and Gala Dinner

at the new Guthrie Pavillion.

To mark the occasion we welcome you to come down and play a round on the Championship Course throughout August and September at a discounted price when you book online at www.hever.co.uk and use the Promo Code 'APH' (£20 Mon-Thurs, £30 Fri-Sun). Happy Golfing!

Shopping

Enjoy hassle free shopping for birthdays, family and friends with the added bonus of no parking fees. If you have ideas of items we don't stock - let us know and we will see what we can do. We have a new range of delicious English wines.



OTHER NEWS

Hever Castle voted as one of the top UK gardens

Winner of Gardeners' World Magazine Most Romantic Garden in the South East 2010 Readers of BBC Gardeners' World Magazine have voted Hever Castle Gardens as the most romantic garden in the South East of England which is testament to the hard work and dedication of our team of gardeners at the castle.

A Taste of the Garden 13 - 19 September

This September we will be celebrating all things home-grown and reared. The week-long event will highlight how rewarding it can be to 'grow your own' and how simple it is to get started. The Italian Gardens will be showcasing a wide variety of edible plants and flowers all grown at the castle. Visitors taking a stroll beside the Pompeiian Wall will be treated to the sight of grapes, citrus fruits, olives, chillies and aubergines and a children's factsheet will help families identify the different types of produce.

There will also be a plant swap stall where visitors can bring their unwanted potted plants and exchange them with those provided by fellow gardeners and the team at Hever Castle.

During the weekend, smallholding experts The Ark Birds and Bees will be hosting a mini exhibition to educate visitors on the history and benefits of beekeeping and how we can save the honey bee. They will be demonstrating observation and display hives, protective suits and smokers and selling honey products including handmade soaps.

The Guthrie Pavilion restaurant will also be offering an array of delicious dishes with a taste of the Mediterranean.

COMING UP

Evening Ghost Tours Saturday 30 October 2010

Join us as darkness descends and prepare to be spooked this autumn with our ghostly guided tour in the rooms of the castle if you dare.... There are two options Tour only £15.00 pp or a Late evening Halloween Experience including supper in the new Guthrie Pavilion £45.00 pp (Limited numbers and advance booking is essential).



Christmas at the Castle 1 - 24 December

Christmas Late Night Specials 9, 10, 16, 17 Dec

Narnia comes to the castle with twinkling trees, festive decorations, log fire and spectacular illuminated gardens. Father Christmas, snowy grotto, gifts galore in the shop, music and carols. Annual Pass Holders will be given priority booking for Father Christmas from the 13 - 26 September. After this time bookings will be open to the general public.

