

media information



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▪ **A Mighty Joust at Britain's Greatest Palace** featuring 'The Knights of Royal England' 1st-3rd May 2010

A spectacular battle will take place this May Bank Holiday at Blenheim Palace with a mighty jousting tournament on the South Lawn featuring "The Knights of Royal England".

From 1st -3rd May the battle will strike in deadly earnest and the Knights, as in medieval times, will give no quarter! Families can watch and cheer as points are awarded to the knights who compete in the skills on horseback, riding the quintain, spearing small, smaller and even the smallest rings, picking up Saracens heads from the ground, all at a gallop. The thrills continue when the knights compete in hand to hand combat with their choice of mediaeval weapon, on the ground. As the tension mounts, knights will gallop at full pace to meet face-to face with a three metre lance, with only a shield and a helmet to protect them!

Blenheim Palace will provide a magnificent backdrop whilst you enjoy a host of entertainment all day from 11am onwards including falconry displays and have-a-go at archery. Toys, swords, shields and souvenirs for little lords and ladies will be available from a special retail marquee throughout the weekend. Organic burgers, sandwiches and refreshments will be available and delicious Blenheim Palace picnics are available to order in advance by calling 01993 813874.

Make your day complete by visiting the magnificent Palace to see the State Rooms, and discover more about the palace's fascinating inhabitants in the visitor experience '**Blenheim Palace: The Untold Story**' where 300 years of enticing tales are told. The Palace is surrounded by beautiful Formal Gardens including

the Secret Garden, Rose Garden and the ornate Water Terraces. Families can take a ride on the miniature train to the Pleasure Garden which includes the giant maze, giant games and the Butterfly House.

BUY ONE DAY GET TWELVE MONTHS FREE!

Blenheim Palace is offering an amazing annual pass ticket deal in 2010. When you buy a single day ticket to the Palace, Park and Gardens you will be able to convert it into an annual pass offering you unlimited entry for 12 months from the day of purchase. Terms and conditions apply. For full details visit www.blenheimpalace.com or call 0800 849 6500 (24 hour recorded information)

Blenheim Palace is set in 2,100 acres of spectacular parkland in the heart of the Oxfordshire Cotswolds and is only eight miles from Oxford.

Notes to Editors

- Admission to the Park & Gardens is Adults £10.30, Concessions £7.70, Child £5.00, Family £26.00
- Admission to the Palace, Park and Gardens is Adult £18.00; Concessions £14.50; Child £10.00; Family £48.00
- Blenheim Palace and Formal Gardens open from 13th February to 12th December 2010.
- The Park opens at 9am, the Formal Gardens at 10am and the Palace and Pleasure Gardens from 10.30am.
- Last admission to the Palace and Gardens is at 4.45pm. The Palace and Pleasure Gardens close at 5.30pm and the Park at 6pm.
- 'Blenheim Palace: The Untold Story' is included within the Palace, Park and Gardens ticket price: Adults £18, Concessions £14.50, Child £10.00
- Guided tours are not available on Sundays or bank holidays when a free-flow system is in place.
- Child age 5-16 inclusive. Under 5's free. Full details of ticket prices are available on request.

For further information about Blenheim Palace please call the 24 hour information line on 0800 849 6500 or visit the website at www.blenheimpalace.com

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