Welcome to the June Castle Transformation Newsletter

This month, we're going a little early to tell you all about the exciting plans we have to celebrate the last week of the Castle before the site closes for the transformation to begin. We hope to see as many of you in the next week as possible.

We'll be back in our usual format next month. Stay tuned for all the latest project news as we enter the next phase of transformation.

Visit the Castle for free from 25 June

It has now been confirmed that Nottingham Castle will close for transformation at the end of trading on Sunday 1 July.

You can visit as many times as you like from 25 June - bring your family, and friends and it won't cost a penny to enter.*

The site opens at 10 and last entry is at 4pm

*there is still a charge for cave tours
Lego Big Build!
From 26 June - 1 July 10am - 5pm (Long Gallery)
Build a Castle in a week!
Join LEGO Big Build with Lego artist Warren Elsmore and help re-create the Castle at its height of power in 1485.
Everybody is welcome to come and help - we have a big task at hand.
volunteers - Want to help supervise the big build? Amazing! Then we'd love to hear from you if you can spare us a couple of hours.
We'd also like to hear from schools/community groups that might like to bring classes along to get involved in the build - please drop us an email for either volunteering or groups at: nottinghamcastleproject@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

What else is happening on the site?
25 June - 1 July 10am - 5pm (Ducal Palace)
Time capsule inspiration
Ideas invited from our visitors for contents of a time capsule to mark this point in the Castle's history Ducal Palace

25 June - 1 July 10am - 5pm (Gallery Spaces and South Hall)
Exhibition of proposed gallery visuals

25 June - 29 June 2pm each day
Archaeological excavation in the Service Courtyard
Meet the archaeologist in the Service Courtyard
Curator Talks (No booking required)

Rebellion
25 June - 12 noon (F Gallery) - In this illustrated talk, Dr Richard Gaunt reflects on Nottingham’s rebellious past and the role of Nottingham Castle in shaping and reflecting the struggle for change.

The Works of Harold and Laura Knight
26 June - 12 noon (Long Gallery) ...with Tristram Aver, Exhibitions Officer Long Gallery

Nottingham’s Medieval Alabasters
27 June - 12 noon (History Gallery) ...with Louise Dunning, Curator of Fine and Decorative Arts

Viewpoints: Landscape Paintings
28 June - 12 noon (Long Gallery) ...with Deborah Dean, Visual Arts and Exhibitions Manager

Closing Weekend
30 June - 1 July
10am - 5pm (Last entry at 4pm)

- Meet historical characters on site - A chance to meet some of the Castle's famous historical residents (and visitors!)
- Robin Hood - You might even grab a pic with our most famous outlaw if you're very lucky!
- Have a Go Archery (Outer Bailey)
- Face Painting (Bandstand)
- Weapons demonstrations - meet the Hutchinsons (Outer Bailey)
- Falconry display (static) Castle Green
- 1 July 4pm - Completion of LEGO Big Build Long Gallery

The Castle Transformation Project is going to be a part of this - we'll have more information next month