



****Listings release****

19 January 2017

Event: Easter Egg-tivities

Date/s: Saturday 8th – Sunday 23rd April 2017

Place: *Oxford Castle Unlocked*, 44-46 Oxford Castle, Oxford, OX1 1AY

Price: **Adult: £10.95, Child (5-15): £7.75, Concession: £9.25, Family: £35**

Egg hunt & crafts only: £2 per child

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Summary:

There will be Easter Egg-tivities galore at Oxford Castle Unlocked this April to keep families entertained throughout the school holidays. Families are invited to embark on a dragon themed expedition, enjoying a fascinating guided tour of the historic buildings and spotting precious dragon eggs hidden along the way and a prize for all those who successfully finish their quest.

New for 2017, from Good Friday to Easter Monday between 9am and 11am, children will be challenged to complete an egg hunt around the castle site, exploring the ancient mound and castleyard on their pursuit to claim a chocolatey prize. Craft activities in the Key will also see children creating charming Easter baskets. All Egg-tivities will be included in the castle's standard admission prices or families can choose to take part in just the egg hunt and crafts for only £2 per child.

Oxford Castle Unlocked is a 1000-year-old castle, nestled in the heart of Oxford city centre. Visitors are invited to join a costumed character tour guide to explore the historic buildings and the fascinating stories behind them, including the Saxon stone-built St. George's Tower and the story of an Empress' escape, the atmospheric crypt set on the footprint where the famous tales of King Arthur were penned, the preserved Georgian prison wing which housed a variety of intriguing and questionable characters, and the ancient man-made mound, offering breath-taking views over Oxford's dreaming spires.

Oxford Castle Unlocked is open daily from 10.00am to 5.30pm (last tour 4.20pm). For further information or to book online, visit www.oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk .

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For further media information, images or to arrange a visit to *Oxford Castle Unlocked* please contact: Ellie Morgan on 07713 307 925 or email emorgan@oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk

NOTES TO EDITORS:

About Oxford Castle Unlocked:

Oxford Castle Unlocked is open daily from 10.00am to 5.30pm (last tour 4.20pm). We are closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Admission prices from 01 February 2017: Adults £10.95, Children £7.75, Concessions £9.25, Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £35.00.

Oxford Castle Unlocked is a 1000 year old castle which also served as a prison for over 800 years. The visitor attraction opened on 2 June 2006 and gives visitors the opportunity to learn about the real people who lived and died throughout the site's turbulent past. Visitors are able to walk through the ancient buildings and experience the stories that connect the real people to these extraordinary events.

The guardians of this important historic site, The Oxford Preservation Trust were awarded a £3.8 million grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund to restore the castle and site buildings. The post of Learning and Access Officer is funded by Oxfordshire County Council.

Oxford Castle Unlocked is operated by Continuum Attractions - visitor attraction operators and specialists in the tourism and leisure industry.

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