

## County Museum's Easter Wonderland



This Easter, with Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland* at the cinema screens, Worcestershire County Council's County Museum at Hartlebury Castle will welcome visitors to its *Alice in Wonderland*-themed event, Easter Wonderland.

Taking place on Bank Holiday Monday (April 5), from 11am to 5pm, visitors will be able to enter Wonderland where they can meet Alice herself as well as the frighteningly fierce Queen of Hearts and the clock-watching White Rabbit.

The Mad Hatter will also be hosting a tea party in the Castle Kitchen Café and lucky visitors may even be offered a jam tart or a sip of tea. Children can also get arty and try their hand at making a Heart Crown and a Cheshire Cat mask to take home.

Outside, visitors will be able to join Alice and the Queen for a game of croquet on the Castle lawn and the White Rabbit will be holding games, races and competitions with prizes for the winners.

Visitors can enjoy informative talks about the lives of Worcestershire's local dormice and younger visitors are bound to enjoy getting their face painted or visiting the storyteller, who will be reading chapters from Lewis Carroll's famous book.

A museum trail will help visitors to explore the museum, finding all of Alice's friends along the way while spotting some interesting and unusual objects.

The Castle Kitchen Café will also be serving some special Alice-themed dishes alongside their usual menu of tasty treats.

**Rachel Robinson, Worcestershire County Council's Visitor Services Officer,** said: "We're really excited about our Easter event, *Alice in Wonderland* is very popular at the moment and we think our visitors will love the opportunity to meet the characters, join in with the croquet match, attend the tea party and much, much

more. It's going to be a great family day out that will give children a chance to step inside the pages of a much loved book."

From Tuesday, April 6, through to Friday, April 9, the Alice trail and children's craft activities (10.30am - 4.30pm) continue including both Alice and Easter themed craft activities each day. Admission charges apply plus £1 per day for the craft activities.

Admission charges are £4.50 adults, £2.25 children & concessions, £12 family ticket. For more information please call 01299 250416 or visit [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/museum](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/museum).

### **Notes to Editors**

#### **Photo caption**

Photo attached shows Tom Kenderdine, Museum Catering Assistant, as the Mad Hatter. There will also be a photo opportunity with Tom at the museum at 10.30am on Thursday, March 18. Photographers, please let Sue Pope at the museum know on 01299 250416 if you plan to attend.

The County Museum is situated off the A449, three miles south of Kidderminster. It encompasses a wide collection ranging from toys and domestic life, to archaeological finds, costume and transport. The County Museum and the Castle Kitchen Cafe are open to the public from Tuesday to Friday (10am until 5pm) and weekends and Bank Holiday Mondays (11am until 5pm).

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