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GAMES GO SUPERSIZE FOR WITLEY COURT'S TRADITIONAL FUN!

Saturday 23 to Sunday 31 May 2009

If you ever wondered how Alice felt when she shrank down to a tiny size in Wonderland, then Witley Court may be just the place to find out, as visitors enjoy a taste of the tiny life, playing oversize games during the half term holiday.

From Saturday 23 to Sunday 31 May, the lawns behind Witley Court's visitor centre will be the setting for giant games of chess, Jenga and dominos, with players challenging each other to games that require rather more physical exertion than a traditional board game!

"Traditionally, games like chess are much more contemplative, and only really suitable for two players at a time, but when you increase their scale by a factor of 20 or 30, suddenly, you have a game where the whole family can get involved, or indeed, one family can challenge another," says Witley Court's Visitor Operations Site Supervisor, Spencer Trickett. "Different people take on different roles – strategist, pawn mover, referee and so on. On a sunny day, it is a wonderful way to engage members of the family of all ages – even the youngest members of the family can help with games like Giant Jenga!"

Meanwhile, for those who prefer their games at a more manageable size, there will also be a couple of traditional Victorian games – at a more conventional scale – for them to enjoy,

as visitors are invited to pick up a mallet and learn the traditional summer game of croquet, or the seafaring favourite, quoits!

The spring also sees Witley Court's grand Perseus & Andromeda fountain firing once again, on the hour from 11am to 4pm at weekends, and on the hour (except 1.00pm) during the week. The 30 foot high fountain, which sits in a vast 50 metre wide pool, will fire its huge jet of water and 27 smaller jets, recreating the height of Victorian sophistication at this once great country house.

Admission to Witley Court is £5.80 for adults, £4.90 for concessions, £2.90 for children and £14.50 for a family ticket (two adults and up to three children). English Heritage members get in free.

For more information, please contact Witley Court on 01299 896636 or visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/witleycourt. Witley Court is located ten miles northwest of Worcester on the A443 in Great Witley.

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