

# Bolton Castle

## The Historic Heart of Wensleydale

Bolton Castle's stunning setting and 600 years of history attract thousands of visitors every year to see vivid evidence of the events which have shaped it since it was built in 1399.

Now there is even more to enjoy, with a new range of courses and performances based in the Castle and on its estates. Develop your skills and learn new ones in Writing, Painting, Photography, Music, Flower Arranging or Fishing - or more than one! Work independently and in groups with our inspiring course leaders. Meet new friends, enjoy exclusive access to Bolton Castle 'out of hours', and explore the landscape and wildlife of Wensleydale and beyond.

- All events and courses open to visitors and local residents.
- Residential options available on some courses. We can also help you find your own local accommodation. (NB.No accommodation is available in the Castle).
- Course fee Includes daily lunch in the Castle cafe or picnic.

### Booking details

All courses & events can be booked online at [www.boltoncastle.co.uk](http://www.boltoncastle.co.uk) or from the Box Office on 01969 623981 during castle opening hours. (If the Box Office is busy please leave a message)

- Group/couple reductions are available for courses. Please email [events@boltoncastle.co.uk](mailto:events@boltoncastle.co.uk) for details.
- Tickets for single events can also be purchased (cash only) at The Wobbly Dog, Leyburn.
- Those with a valid entry ticket to the Castle on the day of an event receive a 25% reduction on tickets.

Monday Sept 18th - Friday 22nd (10.00-5.30)  
Making History



A 5 day practical course in writing historical fiction, with guidance from tutors including Alison Weir, who has sold nearly 3 million copies of historical fiction and history world-wide, and Anthony Quinn. His novel *Disappeared* was chosen by the *Daily Mail* and *The Times* as one of the best novels of 2014 - 'highly original... beautifully haunting', and shortlisted for a Strand Award. His short stories were shortlisted for the Hennessy Award, and in 2016 he was Northern Ireland Libraries Writer-in-Residence.

- A chance to write intensively in an inspiring and authentically historic atmosphere, with group and individual tutor sessions. Get feedback on your writing and tips for success.
- Aspiring and published writers welcome.
- Weather permitting, write in the midst of the wild landscape of the Castle estates
- Includes lunch in the Castle or picnic and exclusive Castle access 'after hours'

### Course fee: £485.

(Includes lunches and tickets to 2 talks)  
Residential option (5 nights 17th - 21st): £730.  
Private en-suite room Sun-Thurs nights in delightful local house shared with other course members. Garden, inglenook, peaceful, views, shared kitchen. Breakfast pack provided.

Sunday Sept 3rd (4.00-5.30) - Wed 6th (10.00-5.30)  
Wild Dales Photography



A 3 day course (with Sunday induction 4.00-5.30pm) with Wild Dales photographer Simon Phillpotts. Simon's images are frequently Highly Commended in the British Wildlife Photography Awards, and have featured in the *Telegraph*, *Times*, *Guardian* and *Daily Mail* among others. He has appeared on BBC's *Countryfile* with Julia Bradbury and ITV 1's *The Dales* with Ade Edmonson, frequently exhibits in England, most recently with Richard and Cherry Kearton, the world's premier wildlife photographers and filmmakers.

- Learn how to capture the unique beauty of the Dales' wildlife and scenery, sharing Simon Phillpott's expertise and local knowledge.
- Enjoy exclusive access to Simon's squirrel hide and to wildlife sites on the Bolton Castle Estates, including the Castle's birds of prey.
- Includes lunch in the Castle or picnic and exclusive Castle access 'after hours'.
- This course is for those with some experience. Please bring your own equipment.

### Course fee: £380.

Residential: We can help you find comfortable local accommodation. Please email [events@boltoncastle.co.uk](mailto:events@boltoncastle.co.uk).

Tues Sept 12th - Friday 15th (10.00-5.30)  
Painting the Dales



A 4 day course with Piers Browne, the distinguished Wensleydale artist and 'Painter of the North', reaping the benefit of his unrivalled intimate knowledge of the Dales' landscape. With 101 shows worldwide (35 in London galleries), 25 Royal Academy Exhibitions, numerous prizes, and many years' experience as a teacher, he also knows how to inspire you to new heights!

- Learn water-colour or oils skills and how to capture the Dales landscape, the Castle's glorious setting and sense of history.
- Weather permitting, paint in the midst of the wild landscape of the Castle estates.
- Includes lunch in the Castle or picnic and exclusive Castle access 'after hours'
- This course is for those with some painting experience. Please bring your own paints, brushes etc. There is no art shop nearby.

### Course fee: £380.

Please enquire about group bookings.  
Residential: £570. (4 nights 11th - 14th) Private en-suite room in charming very comfortable local house shared with course members. Garden, inglenook, peaceful, stunning views, shared kitchen. Breakfast starter pack provided.

Bank Holiday Monday Aug 28th at 6.30pm  
**Music for Two Queens**

Music for Mary Queen of Scots and Elizabeth II



Mary Stuart spent 6 months in captivity at the Castle: this brilliant young ensemble - 'The King's Singers 50 years on' - contrasts music loved by her with HM The Queen's more popular musical tastes.

Tickets: Adults £14 Concs £12 U18 £6  
 Family (2+3) £30 Promenade £10.00

Online, at the Box Office (01969 623981) or at The Wobbly Dog, Leyburn (cash only).

Weekend Castle entry ticket holders receive a 25% reduction on all tickets.

## AS YOU LIKE IT

Thursday July 27th at 7.00pm



Shakespeare's hilarious comedy of love and mistaken identity performed by young cycling ladies The HandleBards

"Uproariously funny" *Sir Ian McKellen*  
 "Gloriously eccentric and very, very funny" *The Stage*

Come on your bicycle and get a free drink!

Tickets £13.00/ £12.00, U18 £5.00  
 Family (2 adults + up to 4 children) £28.00  
 Pre-booked picnics available. Email [events@boltoncastle.co.uk](mailto:events@boltoncastle.co.uk)  
 Castle entry ticket holders on the day receive 25% reduction on tickets.

**medieval music in the dales**

England's Festival of Medieval Music at Bolton Castle and Redmire 7th-10th September 2017

Spain comes to Yorkshire for this year's Medieval Music in the Dales with leading performers from Spain and Catalonia

- Medieval Music in Concert
- Workshops
- Instrument makers from the UK, France & Spain
- Medieval Market
- Medieval Feast

Book online at [www.medievalmusicinthedaes.co.uk](http://www.medievalmusicinthedaes.co.uk)  
 T: 07931 357 618 E: [medievalmusicinthedaes@gmail.com](mailto:medievalmusicinthedaes@gmail.com)  
 A Trouvere Event in partnership with Bolton Castle and Bolt-On Events

April 6th - Oct 31st by arrangement  
 Half day to 5 day options available

## The Complete Wensleydale Angler

Master angler Brian Towers has fished the Dales for many years. He holds top level qualifications as an AAPGAI instructor and assessor, regularly gives flyfishing demos at country shows far & wide, including the Great Yorkshire Show & Sandringham. Learn Salmon & Trout fishing techniques, how to be an effortless caster, choose flies & tackle, and read the river.

Prices include use of appropriate gear and 8 hours of guiding/tuition per day. Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced guiding & tuition. Includes free access to Bolton Castle & lunch.  
 4 hrs: £100 Full day: £185  
 Pair: £350 Group of 3: £500

Meet best selling author Alison Weir

Mon Sept 18th at 7.00pm in the Great Chamber  
**'Anne Boleyn: A King's Obsession'**

The dark tale of a woman ahead of her time, who gambled with her fickle and dangerous king.

Tues Sept 19th at 10.15am in the Great Chamber

### Making History

Coffee, ideas and Q&A about novels and history!

Sept 18th: £9.50; Students and children £5.00

Sept 19th: Free to those buying a ticket for Sept 18th  
 Otherwise Adults £7.00 with coffee; students £1.00.

## Thurs September 28th - Fri 29th Flower Arranging for the Autumn

Be a flower-arranging genius with NAFAS acclaimed Nick Grounds! Nick's skills as a nationally accredited flower-arranging demonstrator are in constant demand, with over 100 demonstrations a year in the UK. The Queen has been photographed in front of one of his arrangements. Find out how it's done!

- Sept 28th: Live Flower Arranging demo in the Castle open to general public - see box below
- Sept 29th 10.00-5.30: a day of workshops and individual tuition.
- includes lunch in the Castle & demo ticket.

"You really were the icing on our anniversary cake!" *Stamford Flower Club.*

Course fee: £100



Thursday Sept 28th at 7.00pm in the Castle

### Flower Arranging for the Autumn

Live flower arranging demo with NAFAS acclaimed Nick Grounds

"Amazing demo! Even the gentlemen enjoyed themselves." *The Garden Museum*

Tickets £11.00



# Courses & Concerts at Bolton Castle

in Wensleydale

September 2017



Find new experiences, new skills, new friends at our fascinating courses and events

### Making History

Writing historical fiction with Alison Weir

### Painting the Dales

Oils & Watercolours with Piers Browne

### Music for Two Queens

Music for Elizabeth II & Mary Queen of Scots

### Wild Dales Photography

Dales' wildlife with Simon Phillpotts

### Medieval Music in the Dales

England's Festival of Medieval Music

### Shakespeare's As You Like It

with The Handlebards

### Flower Arranging for the Autumn

Become a floral genius with Nick Grounds!

### The Compleat Wensleydale Angler

Expert fly-fishing tuition on the River Ure



**Bolt-on Events**

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