



WADDESDON
Rothschild Collections



Press Release

Waddesdon Manor invites you to be our guest.....at Feast 20th-21st June 2015!



Inspired by the historical 'Baron's Treat' when Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild would invite local children to enjoy a tea party in the gardens of Waddesdon Manor, Feast welcomes you to enjoy the unique pleasures of Waddesdon and be our guest for a day of fun packed entertainment and culinary delight!

New for 2015, the North Front of the Manor will be transformed elaborately decorated tables, where visitors can take a seat and enjoy a picnic or sample some of the food on offer from one of our 50 handpicked artisan food and wine stalls. Meanwhile, a range of extraordinary and captivating performances to delight and surprise young and old alike will be taking place throughout the day.

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The Young Pilgrims Marching Band will be bringing their rock-induced, brass band madness to the weekend, welcoming visitors on arrival and with various performances throughout the day.

The Ragroof Players Tea Dance will take place each day, with the audience invited to take part and learn from a dance teacher (no experience required!) or just indulge in a delicious cake and a cup of tea whilst watching the fantastic Ragroof dancers as they bring a touch of vintage glamour to Waddesdon along with the sounds of the roaring 1920s to 1950s and beyond. **Blush Rose Hair and Make Up** will be offering express vintage hair styling in the period of the 1940's and 1950's from 12.00noon each day.

Look out for a beautiful acrobatic performance entitled **Bench** performed by the talented **Mimbre**, or travel back in time with the silent movie characters **The Lost Luggage Porters** in their quest to find a railway station, navigating their way through a modern-day metropolis, as weird and wonderful tales unfold!

A taste of Wimbledon will return to the North Front, where Edward VII once enjoyed a game of tennis during a visit to Waddesdon. **Anyone For Tennis** brings a pristine court, dead posh umpire and highly strung players to entertain one and all, in a thrilling one set match!

For something a bit different, visit **Compost Mentis**, a large compost heap set in a small allotment with an attentive gardener looking after it, until he discovers the compost heap has developed a life of its own! Featuring live action, puppet, mechanical and musical interventions. Alternatively, **Wet Picnic** theatre ensemble present the darkly comic **The Birthday Party** which follows Malcolm who is alone for his birthday age 40 and has decided to do something about it! Or why not join choreographer **Corey Baker** as he performs his impressive solo dance act entitled **Headphones**, flicking through an array of music genres mimicking styles with his impressive moves.

Even the youngest of our visitors have plenty to look forward to - roll up your sleeves for a performance of the quirky **Troll's Kitchen**, where the Cordon Bleu Chefs have been called in to cook a meal fit for a hungry troll – cue lots of hilarity and fun as putrid stews, rancid cupcakes and mangy salads are the dish of the day! Peep your head into one of the marquees where there will be free workshops and **craft activities** on offer with the Waddesdon Education Team and artist **Stu McLellan**. Keep an eye out for various unusual characters who will be roaming around the gardens on this weekend, notably the **Lobster a La Cart**, **Talking Pictures** and **Arthur the usher**. Or take a walk over to the Aviary where a rare set of friendly exotic bird puppets, **The Birds** have escaped captivity and taken a liking to the local habitat – with their unmistakable plumage and repertoire of bird song!

Root Camp are offering cookery workshops for 14-21 year olds with the help of celebrity chefs Oliver Rowe (Saturday) and Valentine Warner (Sunday). Places are limited so booking in advance is recommended!

Join us on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June 2015 for a weekend not to be missed!

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Notes to Editors:

Feast Weekend at Waddesdon Manor is on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June 2015, from 10am until 5pm on each day.

Admission prices are as follows:-

Family £28 (2 adults and up to 3 children), Adult £11, Child £6, NT members and Under 5's Free (NB This includes entry to the grounds and an opportunity to visit part of the House free of charge on this weekend. Visitors wishing to view the House in its entirety need to purchase an additional timed ticket for this purpose, in the usual way, either in advance online or by phone 01296 653226 or at the ticket office windows in the car park on the day of their visit).

Included in the ticket price is a souvenir programme per guest/family group which contains information about performance times for the day, a little about the history of the Baron's Treat and a recipe from the Manor cookbooks.

Waddesdon Manor is a National Trust property, managed on the Trust's behalf and substantially funded by the Rothschild Foundation under the chairmanship of Lord Rothschild. All revenue from admissions, events, the Restaurants and Shops at Waddesdon go directly towards the upkeep of the House, Collection and Garden. It is situated six miles from Aylesbury, twenty miles from Oxford and forty miles from London.

Waddesdon is currently the third most visited National Trust property and the most visited house. In the 2014 season Waddesdon welcomed approximately 370,000 visitors.

For more information about the artists and performers:

Young Pilgrims Marching Band – <https://www.facebook.com/YoungPilgrims>

Ragroof Players Tea Dances – www.ragroofplayers.co.uk

Bench/Mimbres – <http://www.mimbres.co.uk/show/current/bench>

The Lost Luggage Porters – www.curiouscargo.co.uk

Anyone for Tennis – www.fairlyfamousfamily.com

Compost Mentis – www.wras.org.uk

Wet Picnic/The Birthday Party – http://www.wetpicnic.com/event/The_Birthday_Party.php

Corey Baker/Headphones – www.coreybakerdance.com

Troll's Kitchen – www.plungboom.com

Stu McLellan – www.stumcllelan.co.uk

Lobster a La Cart – http://www.artizani.net/Lobster_la_Cart

Talking Pictures – www.fineartistes.com

The Birds – www.frolicked.co.uk

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