

KENTWELL

Bring your children to Kentwell - spend a day in Tudor England...



"A school visit to
Kentwell should be
compulsory.
It is essential
education."
said a teacher after visiting in 2011

Every year Kentwell holds Re-Creations of Tudor Life. Up to 250 people of all ages live, eat and breathe life as it was on a Sixteenth Century Manor, to bring Tudor Kentwell to life. In the extensive grounds around the moated manor house, armies of artisans and purveyors of goods labour over the necessities for the comfort of the Clopton family - gentry owners of Kentwell since 1385.

The Original and Still the Best

Kentwell is the originator of Re-Creations of Historical Life and its size and standards are incomparable to any other offering in the UK. With up to 250 Tudors on a huge 25 acre site, representing over 40 different areas of Tudor life, children cannot get a similar breadth of experience on a visit anywhere else.

Stepping Back in Time

Walking through our Time Tunnel is like stepping back in time to Tudor England. When school children emerge on the other side there is no 21st Century. As far as the eye can see will be Tudor people going about their business. And with every visiting child dressed in Tudor costume, they are accepted onto the manor as visitors. Our Tudors meticulously research their roles. Everything they wear, do or say will be historically accurate. Each year we re-create a different year at Kentwell and explore how this affects fashion, politics and even religion. How have the current affairs of the day spread to the Manor? Will those living on the Manor accept a switching in religion when the monarch changes? Is this a famine year? Are there threats of invasion, or wars to fight?

A True Community

A visit to a Kentwell Re-Creation gives children far more than a history lesson. You can explore science, for example. At the Alchemists: how is gunpowder made? At the Forge: how can metal be shaped? At the Felters: why does soap and wool create felt? What a child might learn over several lessons about the workings of an eye might be instantly understood in the Camera Obscura. More than individual subjects, however, a visit to a Kentwell Re-Creation is a lesson in life.

One teacher recently said:

"Nothing in the classroom brought the Tudors better to life"

A visit to Kentwell gives a great lesson in what it means to be alive, to live in a community and to be connected with those around you and the land you live on.

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