



WARWICK CASTLE

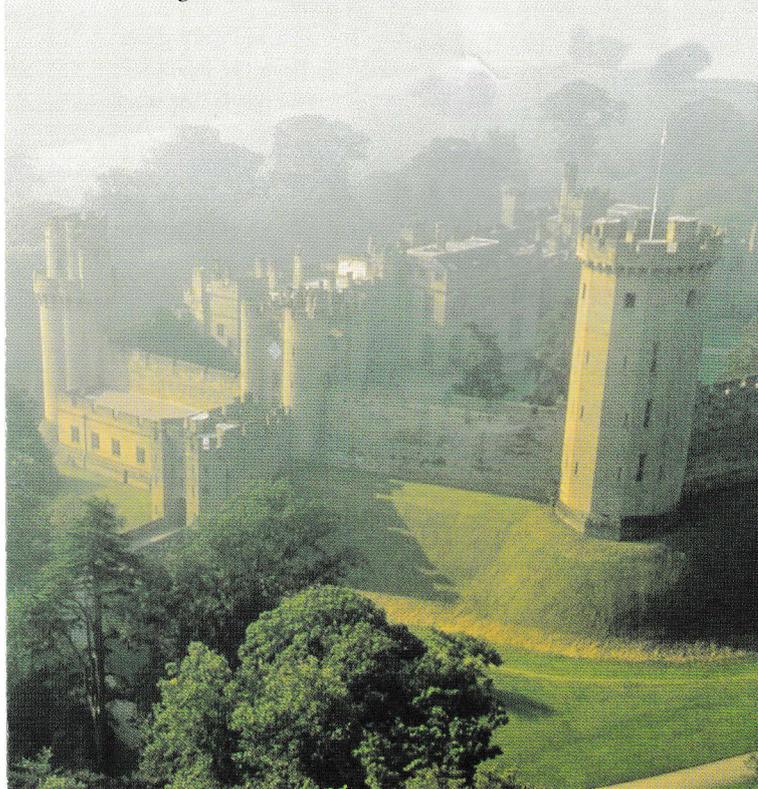
The finest mediæval castle in England

Warwick Castle brings to life more than a thousand years of English history. Over the centuries it has been owned by Richard III, Henry VII, and Elizabeth I, as well as the powerful Earls of Warwick.

In 1068 the first castle was built here on the orders of William the Conqueror.

Externally it has changed little since the 14th century, but inside it also bears witness to the elegance of the 17th to 19th centuries.

The Castle has always been a central part of the community in Warwick and remains the most noble of England's ancient fortresses.



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Castle closes at 6pm from 1st April to 22nd October, and at 5pm from 23rd October to March 31st. Both car parks are locked 15 minutes after the Castle closes.

For the benefit of overseas visitors, Bureau de Change facilities are available all year round at the Stables entrance.

For safety reasons, smoking is not permitted within the Castle and Stables buildings.

The toilets are shown on the plan and include baby changing facilities in the Stables and Undercroft. Disabled toilets are in the Stables and by the Conservatory.

Audio tours with a personal stereo, giving a detailed commentary on the Castle and Grounds are available in English, French and German.

Guide dogs only are allowed in the Castle and Grounds.

REFRESHMENTS

Light refreshments are served all day in the Stables Cafe and in the Stables 1st floor family Restaurant, which also has a lunch and children's menu. The Undercroft Restaurant in the Castle serves a variety of hot and cold dishes and has a morning coffee and afternoon tea menu.

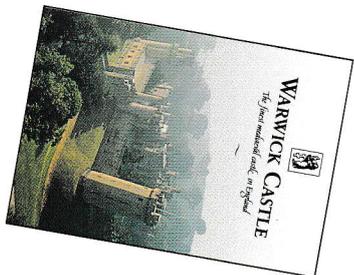
Picnic areas are shown on the plan and during the summer, picnic boxes are available from the Pavilions. In fine weather, the outdoor barbecue serves hot snacks.

THE GIFT SHOPS

There are three main gift shops shown on the plan overleaf. The new Kingmaker shop is in the 14th century Undercroft. Our friendly staff will help you with your purchases including Kodak film and single use cameras.

THE GUIDE BOOK

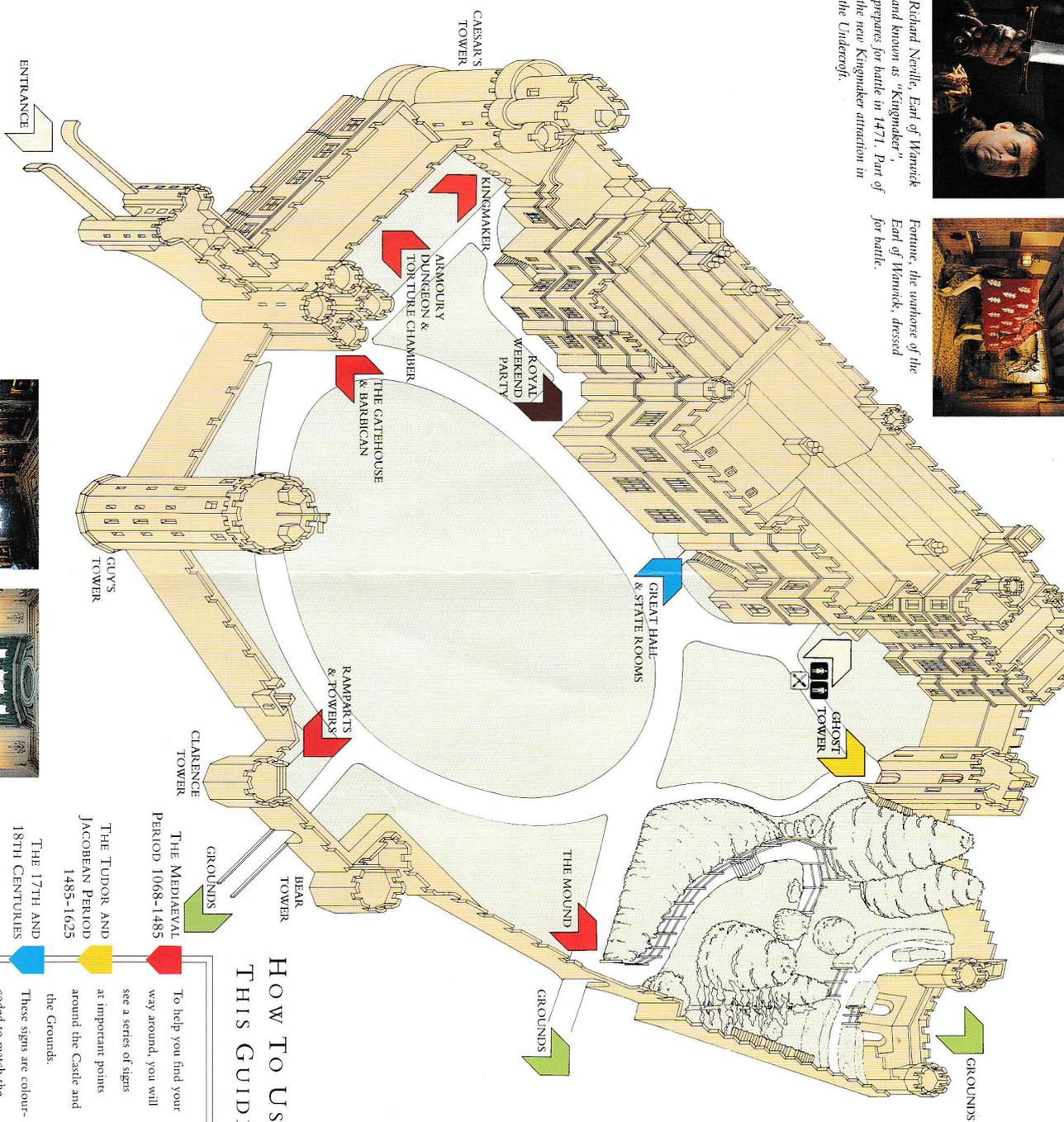
This beautifully photographed full colour guide book is much more than an essential guide to Warwick Castle, its history and its characters. It is also a souvenir that will give you lasting memories of your visit to the finest mediaeval castle in England.



Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick and known as "Kingmaker", prepares for battle in 1471. Part of the new Kingmaker attraction in the Undercroft.



Fortune, the warhorse of the Earl of Warwick, dressed for battle.



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

To help you find your way around, you will see a series of signs at important points around the Castle and the Grounds. These signs are colour-coded to match the different periods in the Castle's history. The shields on the left show how the colour codes work.

THE MEDIAEVAL PERIOD 1068-1485

THE TUDOR AND JACOBAN PERIOD 1485-1625

THE 17TH AND 18TH CENTURIES

THE VICTORIAN PERIOD 1837-1901

THE GROUNDS AND GARDENS



The State Rooms and Chapel date from the 17th and 18th centuries.

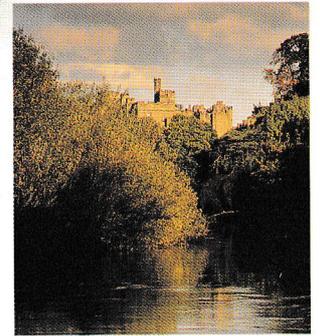
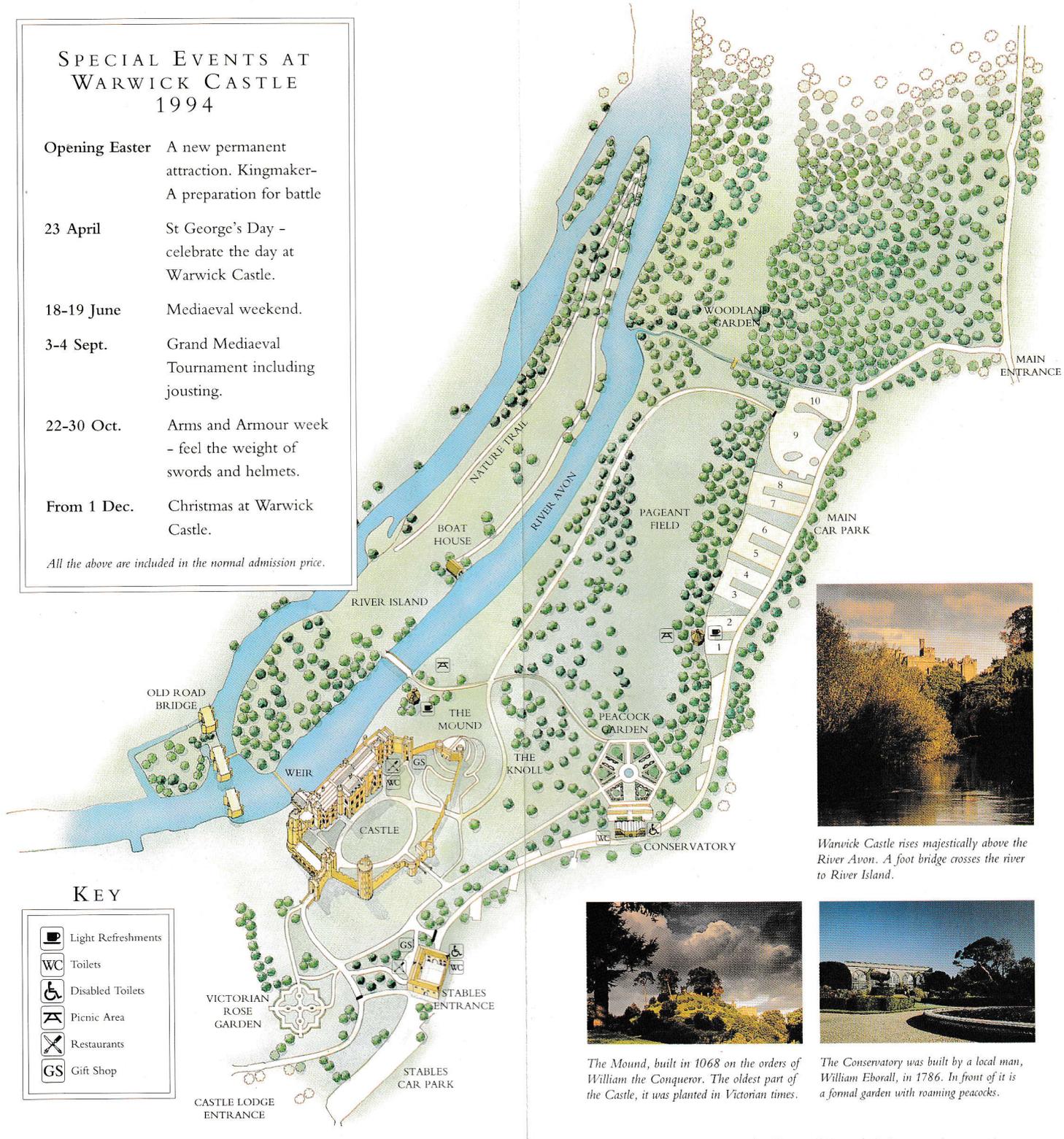


In the summer of 1898, the Prince of Wales was principal guest at a weekend party in the Castle.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT WARWICK CASTLE 1994

- Opening Easter** A new permanent attraction. Kingmaker-
A preparation for battle
- 23 April** St George's Day -
celebrate the day at
Warwick Castle.
- 18-19 June** Mediaeval weekend.
- 3-4 Sept.** Grand Mediaeval
Tournament including
jousting.
- 22-30 Oct.** Arms and Armour week
- feel the weight of
swords and helmets.
- From 1 Dec.** Christmas at Warwick
Castle.

All the above are included in the normal admission price.



Warwick Castle rises majestically above the River Avon. A foot bridge crosses the river to River Island.



The Mound, built in 1068 on the orders of William the Conqueror. The oldest part of the Castle, it was planted in Victorian times.



The Conservatory was built by a local man, William Eborall, in 1786. In front of it is a formal garden with roaming peacocks.

KEY

	Light Refreshments
	Toilets
	Disabled Toilets
	Picnic Area
	Restaurants
	Gift Shop