

CASTLE & GARDENS OF MEY E-NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME TO THE CASTLE OF MEY E-NEWSLETTER

It's April already and time for another Castle of Mey E-Newsletter. The opening for the season is almost here and we can't wait to welcome you back. The Castle, Gardens, Tearoom, Shop and Animal Centre are all open from May 17th to September 30th inclusive, we will be closed from 29th July to 9th August inclusive.

There are lots of things to look forward to this season including a classic motorbike rally and a local Artists painting event. Keep an eye on upcoming events on our website.

We most look forward to seeing your faces again and ensuring you have the most wonderful visit to the Castle of Mey. See you soon!

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EASTER WEEKEND 2017

We were delighted to open our doors to the public for a fun filled Easter Weekend and what a cracking turn out it was! Many people came to visit the Castle, Shop and Tearoom from near and afar, by car and campervan, and they were even treated to a spot of sunshine on Saturday and Sunday. The Castle welcomed many visitors through the doors who enjoyed our Tour Guides interesting stories about the Castle and Queen Mother, one visitor wrote in the visitor book 'The Castle was brought to life'. The Tearoom had prepared a scrumptious selection of Easter treats including Easter Bunny shortbread that children could decorate. Special thanks to all the children who participated in the Easter Bonnet Competition – all the bonnets were so eggcellent it was difficult for our judge, Bill Ferguson the Baptist Minister, to decide the winners. The overall winner was a beautiful Castle bonnet, pictured above, made by 3 year old Amy. For all the Easter pictures visit [our website](#) or [Facebook page](#).



GARDENS HAILED A "CROWNING GLORY"

If you asked the Caithnessian people if it is easy to tend to a garden so far north that is battered by rain and salty wind from the sea you could imagine the answer you would receive. But year after year Head Gardener Andrew Glaister and his team succeed in maintaining the beautiful walled garden that the Queen Mother loved so much. We were recently featured in The Inverness Courier Garden of the Year 2017 magazine and here are a few pictures that tell you why.



3 WEEKS AND COUNTING..

All departments have been busy welcoming back old faces and introducing new faces. The whole team are looking forward to a busy season starting May 17th. Remember to visit our furry friends in the newly built Animal Centre which is situated in the East Woods.

TRIPLETS AT LONGOE FARM

There was a big surprise at Longoe Farm on Saturday 15th April when a heifer from the Castle of Mey Aberdeen Angus herd gave birth to triplets! The calves, all girls, arrived a fortnight early but are all healthy and were soon up on their feet. This is the first time that triplet calves have been born on the farm.

Triplet births in cattle are quite rare with the probability being about 1 out of 105,000 births. The fact that they're all the same sex makes it even more rare!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A FRIEND OF THE CASTLE?

You could be a special part of Scottish Heritage. Friends and Patrons are very important members of the Castle of Mey community. They help us to preserve and maintain the castle and develop the gardens and farm, thereby ensuring that The Queen Mother's vision for this part of Scotland is kept alive for future generations. If you are interested in learning more you can visit [our website](#) and read about what being a Friend means.

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