

## Drive-in films at the castle

Dover Castle is to become the location of four spooky drive-ins.

Visitors will be able to drive in, sit back and prepare for a night of spooky cinema in this unique Halloween setting.

The Saxon castle, also used for Second World War intelligence and strategy planning for campaigns like the D-Day evacuations in Dunkirk, will hold the Halloween events.

English Heritage press spokesman Gill Buttwell said: "There's a choice of movies for everyone - from spooky family favourites, to classic frights for older cinema fans."

■ Thursday, October 26: The Rocky Horror Picture Show (Cert 18)

■ Friday, October 27: The Woman in Black (Cert PG13)

■ Saturday, October 28: Hocus Pocus (age recommended 9+)

■ Sunday, October 29: Bram Stoker's Dracula (Cert 18)

Tickets cost £36 bookable by calling 0370 333 1183 (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.30pm, and Saturday 9am to 5pm).

Gates open at 6pm. Films start at 7pm.

Depending on running time, films will end between 10pm and 11pm. Cars only - no buses, caravans, vans or campers.



The campaign to raise £1 million to help protect the White Cliffs of Dover has the backing of Dame Vera Lynn



# £1m raised for cliffs in 3 weeks

An appeal to protect the White Cliffs of Dover has hit its £1 million target in just three weeks.

There were fears the iconic landmark could be sold to developers, prompting the fundraising drive by the National Trust.

It was backed by Dame Vera Lynn, whose 1942 song about the cliffs helped secure her reputation as 'The Forces' Sweetheart.

The donations will allow the trust to buy 7,000 sq metres of land immediately behind the clifftop.

The area is home to more than 40 species of flowers and grasses per sq metre, and provides habitats for butterflies and birds.

The trust says the funds will enable it to restore habitat and land conditions, improve public access and inspire future genera-

tions to connect with the heritage and history of the area.

The £1 million will be used towards the cost of the purchase, along with money from the trust's Neptune coastal fund.

White Cliffs general manager Virginia Portman said: "We have been absolutely blown away by the public's response to our appeal.

"More than 17,500 people have

made donations in the past few weeks, and thanks to their generosity, this wonderful landscape now belongs to the nation forever."

Dame Vera said: "My thanks to everyone who embraced the campaign to protect this national icon. The White Cliffs of Dover are a significant landmark and it is so encouraging to know that they will now be protected for

future generations."

Dover MP Charlie Elphicke said: "Our iconic White Cliffs are a symbol of freedom and our nation's wartime defiance.

"I'm delighted that so many people have rallied together to raise £1 million in less than three weeks. It just goes to show how deeply people care about protecting our greatest landmark for future generations to enjoy."



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