



PECKFORTON CASTLE
AN ENCHANTING HOTEL IN THE HEART OF CHESHIRE

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2nd Tarvin Brownies win Peckforton Castle 'name the owl' competition

02 November 2010, Tarporley, Cheshire, UK – The 2nd Tarvin Brownies are the proud winners of Peckforton Castle's competition to find names for two new birds of prey – a Brown Wood Owl and a Great Grey Owl – launched in September via the region's media and the hotel's popular Facebook page.

After sifting through more than 100 entries, judges settled on a suggestion from the 2nd Tarvin Brownies who proposed the names of Baden and Powell, the founder of the Scout movement, in celebration of 100 years of girl guiding and because all brownie Guiders are named after owls!

Peckforton Castle managing director Chris Naylor explains: "We thought the 2nd Tarvin Brownies suggestion was perfect as we wanted names that would suit male and female birds and something with a bit of a story behind it. The birds – a boy and a girl – are a bit older and a lot bigger now and really suit their names."

To celebrate the win, 25 2nd Tarvin Brownies will visit Peckforton Castle later this month to enjoy a tasty lunch courtesy of the 2010 Brasserie and a falconry session with head falconer Mark Birdsall, when they will meet the owls they named and learn about the hotel's conservation work with its 30 birds of prey, which include owls, hawks, falcons, and eagles.

The hotel's birds of prey are extremely popular with all visitors and make regular appearances at weddings, corporate events and private parties. The encounter experiences, which last an hour and a half each, allow visitors to get up close and personal with the birds of prey and actually fly them for themselves.

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Notes to Editor:

- 1.** Peckforton Castle is holder of Small Hotel of the Year 2009 awarded by Visit Chester & Cheshire.
- 2.** During 2010 the hotel has undergone a £1.7m restoration programme to provide additional facilities including the 2010 Brasserie, beauty treatment area Tranquility at Peckforton Castle and 11 en-suite bedrooms.
- 3.** The Castle's 1851 Restaurant is holder of 2 AA Rosettes and a Taste Cheshire Award.
- 4.** Commissioned in 1840 by John Tollemache, Peckforton Castle was designed by famous architect Anthony Salvin.
- 5.** Peckforton Castle is a Grade I listed, family owned hotel nestled in the heart of Cheshire with excellent links from North Wales, Liverpool and Manchester.
- 6.** There are currently 48 en-suite bedrooms.
- 7.** The Castle is a very popular wedding venue hosting more than 180 weddings each year.
- 8.** Boasting excellent corporate facilities, the Castle offers a unique corporate experience to business guests.
- 9.** Activities include Falconry displays, the Landrover Experience and the Sandstone Trail.