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**Merry Wives of Windsor set to take the stage at some of Scotland's
historic sites**

The National Trust for Scotland is hosting a range of outdoor theatre productions across its historic sites in central Scotland this summer.

The *Merry Wives of Windsor*, a William Shakespeare play presented by The Festival Players Theatre Company, is one of the Trust's popular events set to take the stage as part of its summer 2017 outdoor theatre series.

Prepared to capture the attention of its viewers in a colourful, fast-paced, all-male production, the plot follows the roguish and foolish knight, Falstaff, who schemes to woo two married women to get his hands on their husbands' money - but the 'Merry Wives of Windsor' turn out to be more than a match for him.

The first showing of the popular play will take place on Sunday 30th July at the National Trust for Scotland's Newhailes site in Musselburgh. This will be followed by showings at Kellie Castle and Falkland Palace in Fife the following week.

Rhiannon Naismith, property manager at Newhailes, said: "The *Merry Wives of Windsor* is set to be a hilarious and captivating show for our visitors, and an added benefit is that viewers can watch the colourful production in a beautiful outdoor setting.

"We have previously hosted The Festival Players Theatre Company at Newhailes and they have always been a great success. Guests should fully expect an evening full of entertainment and laughs, and should book up quick to avoid disappointment. Tickets also include a soft drink and a bag of popcorn so it's worth snapping them up quick!"

The National Trust for Scotland is Scotland's largest conservation charity with 360,000 members and growing, and is the only charity to care for both built and natural heritage.

For more information and to book your ticket for an outdoor theatre event, please visit <http://www.nts.org.uk/Events/>

Please remember to wrap up warm and bring your own refreshments or picnic, and rugs or low chairs/seating. There is no wet weather provision and advanced booking advised.

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