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BRODIE CASTLE LAUNCHES NEW TOUR CELEBRATING THE WOMEN OF BRODIE

- Brodie Castle launched a new tour that celebrates the remarkable lives of the women of the Brodie family and the women who worked in the castle.
- Brodie Castle's Jamie Barron has created this tour, featuring first-hand accounts from the women of the Brodie family.
- The tour aims to shine a light on the forgotten past of some of Scotland's remarkable women.
- The tour launched on 2 October and will run once a week throughout the month.

Brodie Castle has launched a new limited tour, created to showcase the incredible and complex lives of the women of Brodie. The new tour began on 2 October and will run once a week until the end of the month.

The Women of Brodie tour has been curated through archival research, including letters written by the women of the Brodie family, allowing visitors to hear the history of these women in their own voices. Visitors to the castle, which is in the care of the National Trust for Scotland, are encouraged to participate during the tour, discussing the history of women from the 17th to the 20th centuries through contextual research. They'll be invited to think about the roles women had and discover how many women worked and lived in this castle, beyond just the Brodie family.

During the tour, visitors will view the Brodie family portraits in the beautiful drawing room and sitting room of the castle, where they'll meet some remarkable women. Amongst them are Lady Mary Kerr, who was married to James Brodie. Lady Mary was a remarkable woman who bravely challenged religious laws during the rule of the Stewart Kings, making difficult choices regarding ethics.

Lady Mary was a Covenanter who reached adulthood at the time of the Restoration of 1660. She was brought to trial in Elgin for her covenanting views. The tour explores themes of privilege and social class, maintaining appearances, overcoming difficulties, ethics, and women's history.

Jamie Barron, Visitor Services Supervisor at Brodie Castle, said: "I'm looking forward to sharing the Women of Brodie tour with visitors to our historic castle this Autumn. The tour brings a new perspective, looking at the fascinating lives of the women of Brodie, but also the women who lived and worked in the castle throughout its history.

"Creating this tour, I worked with the Brodie archive, which gave me insights into the lived experiences of the Brodie women. I also used contextual research, delving into the past and looking at how various cultural and societal changes throughout time

influenced the lives of the women who lived at Brodie Castle.

“I think it’s incredibly important to highlight the lives of the women who lived here so that we can gain a deeper understanding and a truer picture of the past.”

Tickets for the tour can be purchased here: <https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodie-castle/events/1745737310289>

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