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Happy 2025!

- NEW WW1 and WW2 programmes • Viking Feasts •
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Happy New Year from all of us at Hooke Court



We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone to Hooke Court and have been busy preparing the site for the first groups of 2025.

The tutors have been creating new programmes, and improving existing activities, while the maintenance and grounds staff have been upgrading the camp site. Activities were hindered slightly when a large tree came down over our lake in the storms just before Christmas however all is now back on track. Our animals continue to thrive and we look forward to welcoming additional members to the flock in the Spring. Be ready to help out with the bottle feeding of any orphans in the summer term!

New and Enhanced Activities for 2025



'Greener' Viking, Greek and Tudor Boats sail the Moat

■ It has been a long time in the development but Simon, one of our most experienced tutors has devised a very 'green' way of making Viking, Greek and Tudor boats that sail on our moat. We have scrapped the polystyrene and now use empty juice cartons and cardboard to make the boats. They are as simple to make and sail just as well whilst using 'rubbish' from the kitchen!

Viking Feast

■ Gather all your Kings, Jarls, Karls and Thralls together and eat a feast fit for the Gods!

One of our new additions to the Viking Programme has been the Viking Feast; a raucous affair where we dine in our decorated Viking Hall on Norse delights (no forks or potatoes of course), sing the Viking 'Lifeblood' song and raise our horns (cups) to toast the brave warriors to the shout of "Skol!" The atmosphere is fantastic and gives a real sense of people coming together to eat, drink, sing and tell stories of great deeds. Skol!!!



20% discount on bookings

made for selected dates in November and December 2025 and January 2026.
Contact us on 01308 862260 or kate@hookecourt.co.uk to find out more.

New additions to our WW1 and 2 programmes

We love to innovate and expand on the experiences for our learners and so this year we have created some new exciting activities designed to further enhance and support learning.

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Code Breaking

■ Whilst already an existing activity, this year we've added an extra slant on understanding how armies would have communicated in War time and how the techniques have developed from the First to the Second World War.

Three teams are selected and then split into two groups - 'Communicators' and 'Runners'. One team is given Semaphore flags, another Morse Code transmitters and the third radio receivers. The 'Runners' have to cross an imaginary minefield by laying and then stepping into coloured hoops in the correct order, whilst the 'Communicators' send the colour order using their given code. The teams rotate to try all three methods. It's a simple, fun activity that demonstrates the efficiencies and restrictions of communications on the battlefield.



Old Time Musical

■ Ladies and Gentlemen, come join us for a marvellous, magical and magnificent evening of entertainment! After a hard day in the trenches and a refined evening meal in the Officers' Mess, what better way to spend the evening than in front of the lime lights of our Old Time Music Hall. We have great fun at the Music Hall where the children have the opportunity to sing their hearts out to songs from back in the day, get up and become part of the show and even see their teachers do a Cockney turn to 'Knees Up Mother Brown'.

It also an opportunity to highlight how important entertainment would have been to keep morale and spirit up during the hard war years, and so contrasts and compliments our overall World War One experience.

Battle Tactics

■ Our second innovation could simply be titled 'Take the Base!' A military stronghold has been established in one of our fields. How is the opposing team going to get close enough to lob in a water balloon and take the base whilst taking cover from sporadic bursts of machine gun fire?! As well as immense fun, the children can explore how tactics developed between the wars and work together to outwit the enemy position.





Hooke Court in Malawi

This year saw another incredibly successful visit to Malawi. A team of 11 volunteers and trustees spent 2 weeks along the shore of Lake Malawi teaching children and teachers as well as mending bikes and even wheelchairs! The teachers amongst us spent time in the classrooms working with Malawi children and teachers sharing skills and techniques used in the UK and adapting them for the Malawi classroom.

Whilst this was happening, Pete, a trustee and Peter of Prodigal Bikes spent their time mending and maintaining bikes donated by Prodigal Bikes. They became so famous that even the younger children were taking their bikes to them to be fixed! The highlight was mending a wheelchair for one particular boy who had not been able to go to school due to the puncture in his tyre. Peter and Pete sorted the puncture, added some foam for comfort on the seat and adjusted the head rest etc, to ensure that the wheelchair fitted him more comfortably.

Everyone had the most amazing time and are all keen to visit again.

If you would like to join us, please contact Sarah – sarah@hookecourt.co.uk



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