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## **‘ALL THE WORLD’S A STAGE’ – DRAMA AT DEEPDENE SUCCESS!**

Last weekend The Deepdene Trail in Dorking hosted its very first outdoor theatre event in the beautiful Surrey sunshine!

In the gardens’ atmospheric setting, the accomplished actors wove their medley of romance, magic and mystery as they roamed around Deepdene’s historical features. The first scene to rouse the crowd was an inspiring Henry V right next to Coady – The Trail’s Coade stone lion. Next the Embattled Tower became the backdrop to the drama of Macbeth and the romance of Romeo and Juliet melting the hearts of the audience of all ages. The captivating sonnets and scenes continued apace as the actors brought the gardens to life culminating in a famous Midsummer Night’s Dream scene featuring Titania, Bottom and fantastical fairies.

A host of children dressed up to take part in the colourful costume parade around Coady’s statue at 1pm and crowds gathered to hear the latest update from the project team on what they have planned next for The Trail.

Councillor Vivienne Michael, Leader of Mole Valley District Council said, “What a wonderful celebration of culture, family and fun! The atmosphere on both days was fabulous and the weather was kind to us too. Thank you to everyone that came along and enjoyed this first outdoor theatre event on The Trail.

“Since The Trail was launched in September last year we have had over 12,000 visitors experience the newly reinstated paths and enjoy the views. We’ve run talks and walks for people of all ages and opened Thomas Hope’s Mausoleum for public visits.

“In September this year we are supporting Heritage Open Days across Mole Valley. On the 10<sup>th</sup> September the Mausoleum will be open from 10 - 4pm with a knowledgeable guide on hand all day and teas and coffees available outside.

“None of this would be possible without the tireless work of our Friends of Deepdene Volunteers, who go out in all weathers twice a week to work on the landscape. Thank you to them and everyone involved with The Trail, it truly is an asset to Mole Valley and we will continue to champion it at every opportunity.”

For more information see [www.deepdenetrail.co.uk](http://www.deepdenetrail.co.uk) .

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