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### **My Kent Big Weekend Photo Competition Winners**

Two My Kent Big Weekend enthusiasts have scooped the top prizes in Visit Kent's photo competition to illustrate great places to spend a day out in the county.

Nigel Jones of Sinclair Close, Gillingham, entered his dramatic image of Upnor Castle to take first place in the "Places" category. Meanwhile Vicky Craker, of Reams Way, Sittingbourne, submitted an image of her young daughter, Harriet, enjoying a day out at Ightham Mote for the "People" award.

All My Kent Big Weekend ticket holders enjoying the celebration of the county's £3.2 billion tourism industry were invited to take part in the competition and upload their favourite photographs of participating attractions to the My Kent website.

Mr Jones' win came as a surprise as it was the first time he had entered a public photography competition, although he is a keen member of Parkwood Camera Club.

He said: “About eight years ago I had to take some photos for work, and it soon became a serious hobby – the camera now travels with me everywhere.”

It was the first time Mrs Craker had entered a photography competition too. She said: “I was amazed I won. I’d never entered anything like this before, but the camera always comes too when we go out.

“We do go to Ightham Mote a lot. We love it there.”

The winners each received a year’s English Heritage membership for two plus a Stagecoach Family Explorer ticket offering free travel for two adults and three children across East Kent and Sussex for a day.

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