

# WELCOME TO OUR EVENTS PROGRAMME 2013

Join us this year for some medieval celebrations and games as we go back in time to the reign of the great King Henry V in 1413.

## SEARCH FOR YE TREASURES AT PENSHURST PLACE

**SATURDAY 16TH – SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY**  
**DAILY FROM 10.30AM** Help to find the six hidden treasures throughout the kingdom of Penshurst, in order to solve the mystery of Sir John de Pulteney, who built Penshurst Place in 1341.

## MOTHERING SUNDAY

**SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 12 NOON – 4PM**  
Find out more about the origins of Mothering Sunday and treat your mum to a handmade card, or present her with a special handmade award!



## ARMADA!

**SATURDAY 23RD – SUNDAY 24TH MARCH**  
**12 NOON - 4PM**  
Come and experience life at Penshurst Place as the militia prepare to ward off the Spanish Armada. Skilled costumed characters invite visitors to join them as they prepare the Penshurst Place household for the invasion.

## EASTER HOLIDAY FUN

**GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH – SUNDAY 14TH APRIL**  
**EASTER TRAIL DAILY FROM 10.30AM**  
**CRAFT WORKSHOP DAILY 12 NOON – 4PM**  
Make your very own boys and girls Medieval Easter Bonnets and transform into knights and noblewomen. Hunt for the dragon eggs around the gardens and become Easter Eggsperts with our Easter craft activities.

## EASTER BANK HOLIDAY TALES

**SUNDAY 31ST MARCH & MONDAY 1ST APRIL**  
**3 SHOWINGS FROM 2PM**  
The Story of Lambert Simnel; how his life was spared, how he served the King and how he invented the Simnel cake one Eastertime. Storytelling from Aardvark Productions.



## WEALD OF KENT CRAFT SHOW

**MAY BANK HOLIDAY SATURDAY 4TH – MONDAY 6TH MAY 9.30AM – 5PM (SAT 5.30PM)**  
Organised by ICHF Events. Weald of Kent Craft Show offers a stunning array of unique crafts from over 250 craftspeople from across the UK. With Workshops, Demonstrations, awe-inspiring features and live music – it's a perfect day out for all the family! Joint ticket to the Craft Show and Penshurst Place available in advance at special rate of £10. Book online at [www.ichf.co.uk](http://www.ichf.co.uk) or call 01425 277988.



## SPRING HOLIDAY FUN

**SATURDAY 25TH MAY – SUNDAY 2ND JUNE**  
**DAILY FROM 12 NOON – 4PM**  
Step into spring with our seasonal activities and workshops. Discover more about a Peasant's life and create your own seed sorter and dial. Transform into a knight and label a suit of armour or become a noblewoman and create a peg doll. And after all that, colour in some medieval coins to pay your way around the kingdom of Penshurst.

## A REAL BUSHCRAFT ADVENTURE

**BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY 26TH & MONDAY 27TH MAY**  
**12 NOON – 4PM** Have a woodland Bushcraft adventure with The Bushcraft Company this weekend. Find out more about the ancient bushcraft skills and how to have the ultimate wilderness experience. [www.thebushcraftcompany.com](http://www.thebushcraftcompany.com)



## GLORIOUS GARDENS WEEK

**MONDAY 3RD JUNE – SUNDAY 9TH JUNE**  
Visit the gardens when the stunning 100 metre peony border should be out in bloom and enjoy our gardening related events.

## RHS HERBACEOUS COMMITTEE EVENT

**WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE FROM 2PM**  
Come and meet the Royal Horticultural Society Herbaceous Plant Committee and find out more from the experts about your herbaceous plants. With a talk from Fergus Garrett of Great Dixter at 2.10pm – 2.40pm and opportunities to meet and discuss your herbaceous plants the expert committee members afterwards. Please note the event may be up a series of stairs.



## HEAD GARDENER'S TOURS

**SATURDAY 8TH JUNE FROM 2PM**  
Enjoy a tour with our Head Gardener and find out more about his plans for the gardens. Followed by a delicious afternoon cream tea. Tickets £18.50 per person (include entrance to house and gardens) available from our Gift Shop or call our office 01892 870307 with credit/debit card details.

## FATHER'S DAY

**SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 12 NOON – 4PM**  
Play Dad's Dominos and treat your dad to a handmade card, or better still present him with a special handmade award! Try your hand at mini crossbows, tug of war and leatherworking with the team from Hands on History.



## SUMMER MUSIC IN THE BARON'S HALL

**SUNDAY 7TH JULY 7.30PM**  
PRIMAVERA CHAMBER ENSEMBLE CONCERT performing **Mozart**: Piano Quartet in G minor, **Brahms**: Horn Trio & **Schumann**: Piano Quintet. Tickets at £25 include wine in the interval. Cheques to Primavera Trust at Bumbles, The Lees, Boughton Aluph TN25 4HX. 01233 622971. Please enclose sae. [www.primavera-ensemble.co.uk](http://www.primavera-ensemble.co.uk)



## SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN

**FROM SATURDAY 20TH JULY – MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER OPEN DAILY FROM 10.30AM.**  
**Our fabulous Maize Maze returns! With a new mini maze for young children.**  
Step inside our field of maize and see if you can find your way out again!



## PORCUPINE PARTY - THE CODE QUEST

**SUNDAY 21ST JULY** Family Season ticket holders are invited to join us for our annual Porcupine Club Party. The hunt for the Spiky Porcupine is on - solve clues to find him. With face painting and the usual fun and games. RSVP to Penshurst Place by 7th July to [enquiries@penshurstplace.com](mailto:enquiries@penshurstplace.com) or call 01892 870307.



## ON SUNDAYS

**FROM 28TH JULY – SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER**  
**12 NOON – 4PM** Create your own friendship bracelet or boys arm cuff through traditional medieval weaving. Or transform into a knight or noblewoman and create your own masks and shield.

You can also join in a Fool's errand with storytelling entertainment from Aardvark Productions down at the Maze - from 2pm. Weather permitting – please check website for details.

## AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY

**SUNDAY 25TH & MONDAY 26TH AUGUST**  
**12 NOON – 4PM**  
Try your hand at mini crossbows, tug of war and leatherworking – or join our Knights' school and find out how to be a princess with our storytellers in the maze (weather permitting) – from 2pm.



## WEALD OF KENT CRAFT SHOW

**FRIDAY 6TH – SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER**  
**9.30AM – 5PM (SAT 5.30PM)** Another chance this year to go to a Weald of Kent Craft Show. Joint tickets available in advance at special rate of £10. Book online at: [www.ichf.co.uk](http://www.ichf.co.uk) or call 01425 277988.



## KENT FOUNDATION HERITAGE BIKE RIDE

**SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER**  
A charity bike ride via various historic properties in and around Sevenoaks including Penshurst Place. For further information go to [www.kentfoundation.org](http://www.kentfoundation.org)



## SPOOKY HALF TERM FUN

**TRAIL FROM SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER – SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 10.30AM – 6PM OR DUSK IF EARLIER**

**CRAFT WORKSHOP DAILY FROM SATURDAY 26TH - SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 12 NOON – 4PM**

Enjoy the half term delving into the legends of Halloween with our medieval workshops and activities. Explore the kingdom of Penshurst and discover the gargoyles that lurk in the grounds along with our popular pumpkin hunt.



## HALLOWEEN HORROR MAKE-UP WORKSHOP

**WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER 11AM – 1PM**  
Enter the world of film and television and find out how to horrify your friends and family with this special prosthetic make up workshop with Kate Griffiths. (For children aged 7 and over – must be accompanied by an adult.) For tickets and booking details see our website.

## SPOOKY HALLOWEEN STORYTELLING

**THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER**  
**2PM, 2.45PM & 3.30PM**  
Bring on the autumn shivers with not too scary storytelling. Please arrive in plenty of time for the first performance as spaces are limited. Followed by a **fancy dress competition** at 4pm. Come dressed to kill.



## CHRISTMAS AT PENSHURST PLACE

**LATE NIGHT SHOPPING IN THE GIFT SHOP WEDNESDAYS 20TH & 27TH NOVEMBER & 4TH, 11TH & 18TH DECEMBER FROM 4.30PM – 8PM**  
Enjoy a relaxing evening shopping for Christmas presents. 10% off purchases over £10 (excluding stamps, vouchers and tickets).



**FATHER CHRISTMAS MAKES AN EARLY DELIVERY TO PENSHURST PLACE WEEKENDS FROM 30TH NOVEMBER – SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 10AM – 12.30PM & 2PM – 4PM (LAST ENTRY 3.30PM)**  
Tickets £5 per child (adults free) and includes craft activities and a present.



**Most of our events are free to garden ticket holders except where stated a ticket is required.**

Though we endeavour to run all the events as we have planned, this may be affected by unforeseen circumstances or adverse weather conditions. Please do contact us before visiting to avoid disappointment.

For full details of our events visit our website [www.penshurstplace.com/whatson](http://www.penshurstplace.com/whatson)



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## THE PLACE FOR YOUR WEDDING & EVENTS

Whether for business or pleasure, our award-winning wedding venue provides an idyllic setting for special private and public events.

The rooms for hire within the House comprise the awe-inspiring Baron's Hall, the charming Sunderland Room and the cosy Buttery. With thousands of acres of ancient parkland estate, there are also opportunities to hire areas for larger events.

Available for exclusive hire throughout the year, we can also offer exquisite fine dining from Leith's for events such as:

- Civil ceremonies, wedding receptions, civil partnerships and renewal of vows
- Banquets, formal dinners, balls, parties and champagne receptions
- Corporate and private hire activity events which can involve a wide range of outdoor pursuits
- Meetings, conferences, product launches, training, seminars, business breakfasts and team-building days.

To discuss your requirements in more detail, please contact the Banqueting & Events department on **01892 870307** or email [banqueting@penshurstplace.com](mailto:banqueting@penshurstplace.com).

