

PRESS INFORMATION

February 2012

FAMILY FUN EASTER EVENTS & SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
AT PENSURST PLACE & GARDENS



Daily

Saturday 31st March – Sunday 15th April

From 10.30am.

Families can look forward to an eggciting Easter holiday as Penshurst Place hosts **children's Easter activities and events.**

Young visitors can get creative by trying their hand at **Easter craft activities (daily 12 noon – 4pm)** and there is adventure on offer with the fun **Spring Trail.**

Easter Bank Holiday Sunday 8th – Monday 9th April 2pm – 3.30pm

Aardvark Productions take their audience on a celebration of the season. Join the old man of the woods and his companion as they regale you with tales of Easter and the celebrations of the season. Try your hand at egg rolling and traditional egg and spoon race. Eggtrremely good fun for everyone! This interactive 20-minute show will be performed three times each afternoon. Find out more about the company online at www.aardvarkproductions.biz.



All above Events are FREE – normal Garden ticket admission prices apply (see Notes to editors for garden ticket prices).

For full events details and opening times and prices at Penshurst Place & Gardens, visit our website www.penshurstplace.com/whatson , or call 01892 870307. Or download our [Visitor & Events leaflet for 2012](#)

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Background information about Penshurst Place & Gardens

Set in the beautiful Weald of Kent, Penshurst Place has stood on the banks of the river Medway since the 14th century, when the awe inspiring medieval Baron's Hall was built as a country retreat for the Lord Mayor of London, Sir John de Pulteney. Before it became the property of the Sidney family in 1552, in whose hands it has been ever since, the property was owned by Henry VIII after he forfeited it from the previous owner, the Duke of Buckingham.

The historic gardens are as old as the house, with records dating back to 1346. These enchanting formal gardens were laid out in Elizabethan times and have remained remarkably true to their early design.

Over a mile of yew hedging separates this 11 acre walled garden into a series of self-contained 'rooms'. Each garden offers an abundance of variety in form, foliage and bloom, which ensures a continuous display from Spring to Autumn.

Alongside the Baron's Hall a series of staterooms contain an impressive collection of portraits, tapestries, furniture, porcelain and armour. In addition, visitors will enjoy a

reminder of bygone childhoods in the Toy Museum, a delight for all ages. There is the Garden Tea Room which can be booked for group lunches and light refreshments, and a wonderful Gift Shop selling a wide selection of gifts.

OPENING TIMES & PRICES FOR 2012

	February - 1 April WEEKENDS House & Gardens	February HALF TERM Gardens & Toy Museum only	OPEN DAILY House & Gardens
DATES OPEN	Sat 11th Feb to Sun 1st Apr	Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb	Mon 2nd Apr to Sun 4th Nov
Gardens & Adventure Playground	10.30am to 6pm or dusk if earlier (last entry an hour before closing)		
House & Toy Museum	12 noon to 4pm	House CLOSED Toy Museum 12 noon to 4pm	12 noon to 4pm
Garden Tea Room	10.30am to 5pm - subject to seasonal times (last orders 15 minutes before closing)		
Gift Shop	Open daily all year 10.30am to 6pm or dusk during open season 10.30am to 4.30pm during closed season (with extended hours for late night Christmas shopping). Closed 9th to 12th Jan, 25th to 26th Dec 2012.		
Parkland open all year to walkers - refreshments served in the winter at the Gift Shop.			

Gift Shop open daily all year, from 1 January (excl. 9-12 January & 25-26 December)

10.30am – 4.30pm when house and gardens closed.

House and Grounds open weekends from

Saturday 11 February – Sunday 1 April

Gardens, grounds and gift shop open 10.30am – 6pm, or dusk if earlier

House and Toy Museum open 12 noon – 4pm

Garden Tea Room open 10.30am - 5pm or until Gardens close if earlier.

Grounds open weekdays

13 – 17 February

Gardens, grounds and gift shop open 10.30am – 6pm, or dusk if earlier

Toy Museum 12 noon – 4pm

House closed, except to pre-booked groups.

Garden Tea Room open 10.30am - 5pm or until Gardens close if earlier.

House and Grounds open daily from

2 April – 4 November

Garden, grounds and gift shop open 10.30am or dusk if earlier (last entry an hour before closing)

House and Toy Museum open 12 noon – 4pm

Garden Tea Room open 10.30am – 5pm

Gift Shop open until 24 December

10.30am – 4.30pm

With late night shopping evenings until 8pm on selected days and Father Christmas visiting weekends in December.

Closed 25 – 26 December. Reopens 27 December 2012 then open daily in 2013 excluding 7 – 10th January.

PRICES FOR 2012

INDIVIDUALS	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY 2 + 2
House and Grounds <i>2011 prices held</i>	£9.80	£6.20	£26.00
Gardens and grounds only <i>2011 prices held</i>	£7.80	£5.80	£23.00
Season Ticket (1 named + 1 guest)	£42.00 (£40.00 for Penshurst village residents)		
Family season ticket 2 named adults and 2 children	£68.00 (up to 5 children on one card at £6.50 per additional child)		
Family season ticket 1 adult and 3 named children	£68.00 (up to 5 children on one card at £6.50 per additional child)		
GROUP PRICES 2012	ADULTS	CHILD	
Freeflow (inc entry to H & G)	£8.00	£5.00	
House <u>or</u> Garden Tour	£10.00	£5.50	
Combined House & Garden Tour	£16.00	£10.00	
Tours with the Head Gardener an additional £65 per group.			
<i>All rates quoted include entrance to House and Grounds.</i>			
Student and garden only group rates available on request.			

For further details and to make a group booking contact Wendy Warshafsky,
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