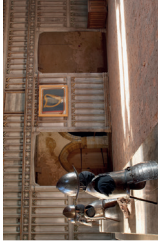
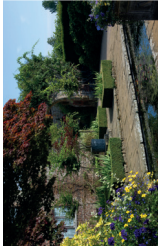




PENSHURST PLACE
AND GARDENS



www.penshurstplace.com

Welcome



Welcome to Penshurst Place & Gardens

The Historic Family Home



One of England's oldest family homes, Penshurst Place has passed through the hands of royalty and nobles, including Henry VIII and Edward VI. Standing for more than six centuries, the House and estate were gifted to the influential Sidney family in 1552.

Today, a direct descendant, Viscount De L'Isle MBE, is custodian of Penshurst Place's future.

For the devoted historian: At the heart of this medieval masterpiece is the Baron's Hall, built in 1341. The adjoining State Rooms contain a wonderful collection of tapestries, furniture, portraits, porcelain and armour.

For the horticultural enthusiast: The historic walled gardens are the jewel in the crown of Penshurst Place; with records dating back to 1346, they provide a superb example of Elizabethan garden design. Visitors to the gardens will find 11 acres of garden "rooms" providing a variety of form, foliage and bloom throughout the year.

For the explorer: Set within the High Weald, the ancient historic parkland of the Penshurst Place estate is a rich mix of landscapes, habitats and wildlife. There are two self-guided walking trails available that take in the beautiful village of Penshurst, and a local bicycle route that leads cyclists to central Tonbridge.

What we offer



Families

We have a fantastic large playground just waiting for children to run, climb, slide and jump through; ideal for energetic children of all ages and the perfect spot for a summer family picnic..

Children and families can also enjoy the Toy Museum, filled with toys from bygone years. The Woodland Trail is bustling with wildlife and crisp leaves in the autumn, and is certainly not to be missed.

In the summer, we open our popular themed Maize Maze, which challenges children and adults of all ages to solve the hidden puzzles and riddles!

Delicious Food

Set within our grounds opposite the South Lawn is the Garden Restaurant. Offering a selection of delicious hot and cold food, full lunches and cakes, it's the perfect stop between visiting the House and Gardens and is open during our seasonal opening hours.

The Porcupine Pantry is open year round to visitors and the general public, serving an array of sweet treats, cakes, pastries and light lunches, as well as much-loved Costa Coffee.

Local Shopping

Our Gift Shop is open all year round to visitors and the general public alike. Housed in a beautiful 18th Century converted barn, it is stocked with a variety of Kentish produce including wines, spirits and preserves, as well as jewellery, homeware, decorative pieces, greetings cards and gifts. During the Christmas season, the Gift Shop is transformed into a quiet present-shopping haven, with hampers laden with festive goodies!

Next to the Gift Shop you will find the Plant Centre, which stocks a variety of plants, trees and shrubs that can be found across our 11 acres of walled Gardens.

Weddings and Events

Our dedicated Banqueting team have a wealth of experience in managing and co-ordinating prestigious events in our stunning state rooms, for both commercial and private use, winning us the award for Venue of the Year twice (2011 & 2014) at the Kent Wedding Awards.

Leith's have been our partner caterers for a number of years, and provide wonderful menu options utilising an abundance of local produce and quality ingredients from further afield for menus tailored to you and your guests.



What's on in 2016:

- **The Best of British Bugs and Beetles**

**13th - 21st February | Trails 10.30am - dusk
Beasts Roadshow | 13th & 14th | 11am - 4pm**

Learn about the life and habitats of Britain's wickedly wiggly beetles and insects with our special Garden trail. Meet some of the creepy crawlies themselves during our opening weekend with the Beasts Roadshow put on by The Hawking Centre.

- **Mothering Sunday**

6th March | Crafts 12noon - 4pm

Discover the art of natural dye making in The Old Coach House. Learn techniques to try at home, before heading to The Garden Restaurant for a special Mothering Sunday menu.

- **Elizabeth I and The Armada**

19th & 20th March | 12noon - 4pm

Step back in time with Aardvark Productions for a live demonstration of the difficulties, luck, and success that befell Queen Elizabeth I before her triumphant defeat of the mighty Spanish Armada.

- **The Big Easter Break**

**25th March - 10th April | Trails 10.30am - dusk
Crafts 12noon - 4pm | Storytelling 27th & 28th**

Dive down the rabbit hole on our Easter trail, as we learn about the lives of animals and plants that thrive underground. Don't miss Aardvark on Easter Sunday and Monday too for a very silly tale about the Easter Rabbit.

● Spring Stroll

27th March | 11am - 2pm | £28pp

Enjoy an Easter Sunday walk with our General Manager across the beautiful Penshurst Place parkland, with a hot roast Sunday lunch waiting for you in the Garden Restaurant upon your return. Includes House and Gardens access.

● Weald of Kent Craft & Design Show

30th April - 2nd May | 10am - 5pm

Visit the Craft Show this spring to discover an abundance of beautiful design, craft, and vintage products, from a range of small businesses and local independent retailers.

Combined tickets with the House and Gardens are only available through www.ichf.co.uk

● May Bank Holiday

1st & 2nd May | Crafts 12noon - 4pm

Create a grow-your-own grass head to take home that will sprout its own wacky hairstyle for you to trim and style!

● Spring Holiday

28th May - 5th June | Trails 10.30am - dusk
Crafts 12noon - 4pm

Learn about the life of British mammals in our Garden trail and gain an insight into how to encourage some of our furry friends into your garden, before creating some fantastic crafts in The Old Coach House.

● Fun for all ages

● Suited to children aged 8+

● Great for adults



All events with no additional price information are included within the cost of a standard Gardens entry ticket. Though we always endeavour to run our planned events, we may be affected by unforeseen circumstances. If you are visiting for a specific event, we advise that you contact us before setting out to avoid any disappointment.



What's on in 2016:

- **Bushcraft Bank Holiday**

29th & 30th May | on the Woodland Trail from 10.30am

Make your way through the Woodland Trail to meet the bushcraft experts, where you'll learn fantastic camping and outdoor skills, such as fire-lighting & scavenger hunting. Just in time for your own summer adventures!

- **Farming Through the Years - There & Back Again**

4th & 5th June | 11am - 5pm

We welcome back Hands on History for the first time this year, as they help you discover the life and purpose of animals and farming conservation through the ages; you'll even have the chance to mill your own flour.

Glorious Gardens Week

5th - 12th June

- **5th June | 2pm: Head Gardener's Tour | Tickets £20 pp, available from the Visitor Entrance**

Enjoy a tour with Head Gardener Cory Fernmoor, followed by an Afternoon Cream Tea in the Garden Restaurant.

- **6th June | 12noon - 4pm: Glorious Garden Crafts**

Enjoy an afternoon of making summer Garden crafts, ready to take home and display.

- **8th June | 11am: Formal Gardens Photography Tour with Leigh Clapp | Tickets £15 pp, available from the website**

Join professional photographer Leigh Clapp for a photography workshop, suitable for all abilities.

- **10th June | 2pm: Garden Tour with Lady De L'Isle | Tickets £25 pp, available from the Visitor Entrance**

Enjoy a personal tour of the Gardens with Lady De L'Isle, before retiring to the Garden Restaurant for a delicious Afternoon Cream Tea.

- **12 June | 11am - 1pm: Morris Dancing on the South Lawn**

This year we welcome back the Hartley Morris Men for a display of traditional dancing and folk songs on the South Lawn and in the Baron's Hall.

● **Father's Day**

19th June | 11am - 5pm

Test your hunting skills and challenge Dad to a mini-crossbow competition with Hands on History, before getting dressed up in the hunting apparel of years gone by and having a picture taken to take home with you.

● **Armed Forces Day**

25th June

In recognition of our brave servicemen and women, we will be waiving entry fees for members of the Armed Forces. Please remember to bring along your ID.





What's on in 2016:

- **Primavera in the Baron's Hall**

26th June | From 7pm

Join the Primavera Chamber Ensemble for an evening performance of well-known classical masterpieces. *Tickets available from www.primavera-ensemble.com*

- **Croquet on the South Lawn**

26th June | 11am - 4pm

Enjoy a game of croquet on the South Lawn – a perfect British summer pastime for friends and family to enjoy.

- **Run or Dye 2016** 3rd July

Take part in the UK's most colourful 5K as you run through the powder-paint stations before finishing triumphant in technicolour! *Tickets available from runordye.co.uk*

- **Garden Season Ticket Holders' Evening**

7th July | from 6.30pm | **RSVP to contactus@penshurstplace.com**

An invitation to our valued Garden Season Ticket holders to join us for drinks, nibbles and conversation, in the medieval Baron's Hall and Inner Courtyard.

- **Summer Maize Maze**

16th July - 4th September | 10th & 11th September | 10.30am - 6pm

Work your way around the hidden corridors and corners, collecting the clues to decipher the maze puzzle as you go, before emerging victorious having defeated the Penshurst Maize Maze! Last entry 5pm.

- **Summer Sundays**

24th July - 28th August | Falconry shows and static displays all day | Storytelling from 2pm
Crafts 12noon - 4pm

Discover six centuries of garden history as each of our Summer Sundays take on a different theme. We also welcome back The Hawking Centre and Aardvark Storytelling for their fantastic falconry and interactive summer entertainment.

- **Porcupine Party**

24th July | from 4pm | RSVP to contactus@penshurstplace.com

An invitation to the children of our Family Season Ticket holders to delight in a private storytelling party with Aardvark Productions, on the first of our Summer Sundays.

- **Bushcraft Overnight Summer Camps**

Various dates in July & August

Settle in for an overnight stay in the Penshurst Place parkland with Camp Wilderness. Enjoy a night under the stars in cosy bell tents, with bushcraft workshops, shelter building, camp games, and delicious fireside treats.

Visit www.campwilderness.co.uk to book

- **August Bank Holiday**

28th & 29th August | Bushcraft 11am - 5pm
Falconry shows and static displays all day
Crafts 12noon - 4pm

Our August Bank Holiday has something for everyone this year, with bushcraft skills on the Woodland Trail, falconry on the Lime Walk and natural lotion making in The Old Coach House on the 29th.





What's on in 2016:

- **Weald of Kent Craft and Design Show**

9th - 11th September | 10am - 5pm

Local businesses, traditional craftsmen, and talented stallholders from further afield gather together for our final Craft Show of the year – the perfect stop for unique products and gifts. *Combined tickets with the House and Gardens are available through www.ichf.co.uk*

- **Spooky Half Term**

15th - 30th October | Trails 10.30am - dusk

Crafts 12noon - 4pm from the 22nd

Discover the life of Britain's spooky native bats and spiders in our Garden Trail, before creating some creepy crafts to take home ready to decorate for Hallowe'en.

- **The Wicked Witch of the Wild Woods**

24th - 28th October | 2pm - 4pm

Follow the winding path down to the wild woods to meet the wicked witch over a bubbling pot of hot chocolate. Brave her spooky tales before toasting marshmallows over the open fire.

- **Macabre Medicines and Surgery**

29th October | 12noon - 4pm

Step into the medieval Buttery as we transform it into a historical operating theatre! Join Hands on History for a live demonstration of age-old amputation techniques and find out just how superstitious the people of the age really were!

- **Hallowe'en Storytelling and Fancy Dress Parade**

**30th October | Storytelling from 2pm
Fancy Dress Parade from 4pm**

Prepare for Hallowe'en with not-so-spooky storytelling in the Buttery from 2pm, followed by a fantastic fancy dress parade in the Garden Restaurant.

- **Christmas Gift Shop**

Normal Gift Shop open daily | Christmas Gift Shop 4th November - Christmas Eve | 10.30am - 4.30pm

Discover Kentish goodies, festive treats, and beautiful gifts in our Christmas Gift Shop. Receive 10% off purchases over £10* every Wednesday 16th November – 14th December, 4.30pm - 8pm.

**See website for full terms and conditions*

- **Christmas Grotto**

From late November

Join us once again this year for our much-loved traditional Father Christmas grotto - a fantastic festive treat for the family. *Tickets must be pre-booked from www.penshurstplace.com. Available from September*

- **Christmas Wreath Workshops**

**7th & 8th December | 10am - 12.30pm
£40 per person**

Create a handmade Christmas Wreaths with Sandra Belton from Unique Floral Designs, as she helps you make your own unique festive decoration to take home with you. *Tickets must be pre-booked and will be available online from September*



Opening times 2016:

Open Season:

Weekends from 13th February to 20th March. Gardens only for Half Term 15th to 19th February. Daily from 25th March to 30th October.

Closed Season:

31st October to 10th February 2017.

	Open Season	Closed Season
HOUSE	12 noon – 4pm (<i>closed 15th – 19th February</i>)	Closed
GARDENS & GROUNDS	10.30am – 6pm (<i>or dusk if earlier; last entry 1 hour before close</i>)	Closed
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND	10.30am – 6pm (<i>or dusk if earlier; last entry 1 hour before close</i>)	10.30am – 4.30pm (<i>weekends only; for Season Ticket holders only; last entry 1 hour before close</i>)
TOY MUSEUM	12noon – 4pm	Closed
GARDEN RESTAURANT	10.30am – 5pm (<i>last orders 15 minutes before close</i>)	Closed
GIFT SHOP	10.30am – 6pm	10.30am – 4.30pm
PORCUPINE PANTRY	9am – 6pm	9am – 4.30pm
PARKLAND	Free to visit and open all year to cyclists and walkers	

Prices 2016:

For cyclists and those arriving by public transport £1 off entry per person.

	House, Gardens & Grounds	Gardens & Grounds
ADULT	£10.80	£8.80
CHILD - Ages 5 to 16 <i>(Under 5's max 2 children per adult charged at £5.00 per child, per visit, thereafter)</i>	£6.50	£6.00
FAMILY - 2 adults + 2 children	£30.50	£27.50
- 1 adult + 3 children	£29.50	£26.50
- 2 adults + 1 child	£25.50	£21.50
INDIVIDUAL GARDEN SEASON TICKET - Cardholder + 1 guest <i>(Free entrance for up to 2 children under 5 per cardholder, per visit. £2.50 per child under 5 thereafter)</i>	N/A	£48.00
FAMILY GARDEN SEASON TICKET - 2 adults + 2 children	N/A	£76.00
- 1 adult + 3 children <i>(£7.00 per additional child, maximum of 5 children per card)</i>	N/A	£71.00

* Terms and conditions apply, valid for one year from date of purchase. See website for more details. Assistance dogs are welcome to the formal gardens and grounds. All other dogs are allowed on the public footpaths of the wider estate only.

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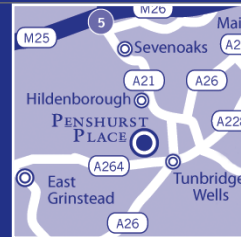
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Leigh Clapp; Darryl Curcher;
Sam Bond; Joe Dale; Mr and
Mrs Murray-Watts; Georgi Mabee;
The Hawking Centre; Aardvark
Productions; ICHF; Ian Scott;
The Bushcraft Company;
Run or Dye; Craig Prentis; Leith's;
The Hartley Morris Men.



How to find us

By Road:

- FROM M25 JUNCTION 5 follow the A21 to Tonbridge, leaving at the Hildenborough exit; then follow the brown tourist signs to Penshurst Place
- FROM M20/ M26 JUNCTION 2A follow the A25 (Sevenoaks) and then the A21 before taking the Hildenborough exit; then follow the brown tourist signs to Penshurst Place



By Public Transport:

- Take the train from London Charing Cross to Tunbridge Wells, or from London Victoria to Edenbridge, then bus number 231 or 233 to Penshurst (excludes Sundays)
- Take the train from London Charing Cross to Tonbridge, and then a taxi to Penshurst Place (6 miles)

Contact us

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