

## PENSHURST PLACE - THE PLACE FOR MOTHERS THIS MOTHERING SUNDAY



‘Mum’s the word’ for young visitors at Penshurst Place with free war-themed family activities available in the Education Room for Mothering Sunday on 30th March. As part of the ‘Sir and Soldier’ season, there will be plenty of things to occupy children on Mothering Sunday including the option to make a Morse-code necklace with hidden secret message for their Mum or to hand-

make their own Mothering Sunday poetry card in the Education Room.

There’s an opportunity to further spoil mothers (and grandmothers, aunts or anyone who deserves a special thank you) to a lovely Mother’s Day lunch in the Garden Restaurant with a special menu\*:

Half roast lemon and thyme chicken, breadcrumb seasoning, roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables £9.50

*Or*

Roast Pork Loin, breadcrumb seasoning, roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables £9.50

*Add a*

Sea salt Caramel delice with berry compote for £4.00

Other delicious meals, treats and refreshments will also be available.

*\*No booking necessary, subject to availability, self service required.*

General grounds admission prices apply for activities. For more information and opening times and prices see [www.penshurstplace.com/whatson](http://www.penshurstplace.com/whatson)

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**Notes to editors:**

**BACKGROUND TO PENSHURST PLACE & GARDENS**

Set in the beautiful Weald of Kent, Penshurst Place and the Estate have stood on the banks of the river Medway since the 14<sup>th</sup> 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. Used as a location for many a large film and small screen productions, Penshurst Place has a unique place in history – with literary connections from Sir Philip Sidney, Ben Jonson to Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

The property was owned by many Dukes and Nobles with Royal blood in their veins, until King Henry VIII forfeited it from the previous owner, the Duke of Buckingham in 1521. It was then used by Henry and his friends as a hunting lodge. In 1552 the property was gifted by Edward VI to a member of the noble courtier family, the Sidneys, in whose family's hands it has been ever since – and is currently owned by Philip Sidney, 2nd Viscount De L'Isle MBE, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Kent.

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. The Herbaceous Borders have recently been redesigned into the stunning Jubilee Walk.

In the House, alongside the unique and stunning Baron's Hall, built in 1341, there are a series of staterooms containing 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.

Our Garden Restaurant, managed by Leith's serves a delicious selection of hot and cold lunches; and is where you can enjoy the perfect afternoon tea. Our Porcupine Pantry cafe is an alternative to the Restaurant serving freshly baked hot and cold pastries. Both can also be booked for group lunches and light refreshments. Our wonderful Gift Shop, *free to visit all year*, has a wide selection of gifts.

There are also parkland and riverside walks across this ancient estate – and a cycle path from Tonbridge Castle to Penshurst Place's doorstep – Sustrans regional route no 12. Find out more at: [www.penshurstplace.com/outdoorpursuits](http://www.penshurstplace.com/outdoorpursuits)

## OPENING TIMES & PRICES 2014

**OPEN SEASON: Weekends from 15th February to 30th March. Half Term 17th to 21st February. Daily from 31st March to 2nd November.**

**CLOSED SEASON: 3rd November to 31st December (excluding 25th & 26th December)**

	OPEN SEASON	CLOSED SEASON
HOUSE	<b>12 noon – 4pm</b> <i>(closed 17th – 21st February)</i>	<b>Closed</b>
GARDENS & GROUNDS	<b>10.30am – 6pm</b> <i>(or dusk if earlier; last entry 1 hour before close)</i>	<b>Closed</b>
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND	<b>10.30am – 6pm</b> <i>(or dusk if earlier; last entry 1 hour before close)</i>	<b>10.30am – 4.30pm</b> <i>(weekends only; for Season Ticket holders only; last entry 1 hour before close)</i>
TOY MUSEUM	<b>12noon – 4pm</b> <i>(last orders 15 minutes before close)</i>	<b>Closed</b>
GARDEN RESTAURANT	<b>10.30am – 5pm</b>	<b>Closed</b>
GIFT SHOP	<b>10.30am – 6pm</b>	<b>10.30am – 4.30pm</b>
PORCUPINE PANTRY	<b>9am – 6pm</b>	<b>10am – 4.30pm</b>
PARKLAND	<b>Free to visit and open all year to cyclists and walkers</b>	

	HOUSE, GARDENS & GROUNDS	GARDENS & GROUNDS
ADULT	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>£8.00</b>
CHILD (ages 5-16) <i>(Under 5s max 2 children per adult charged at £5.00 per child, per visit thereafter)</i>	<b>£6.50</b>	<b>£6.00</b>
FAMILY <b>(2 adults + 2 children or 1 adult + 3 children)</b>	<b>£28.00</b>	<b>£25.00</b>
FAMILY <b>(2 adults + 1 child)</b>	<b>£24.00</b>	<b>£20.00</b>
INDIVIDUAL SEASON TICKET <b>(Cardholder + 1 guest)</b> <i>(Free entrance for up to 2 children under 5 per cardholder, per visit. £2.50 per child under 5 thereafter)</i>	N/A	<b>£45.00</b>
FAMILY SEASON TICKET <b>(2 adults + 2 children or 1 adult + 3 children)</b> <i>(£7 per additional child, maximum of 5 children per card)</i>	N/A	<b>£70.00</b>

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