



**PENSHURST PLACE TO ‘SET THE SCENE’ AND REVEAL 2015 MENUS
AT NEW WEDDING OPEN DAY ON 1ST FEBRUARY**

Award winning wedding venue and 14th century manor house, Penshurst Place & Gardens is to hold a wedding open day on Saturday, 1 February 2014 from 10am to 3pm. This will be the first time the exclusive Kent venue hosts an open event during the day; offered as an extension of the show-rounds already available to couples enquiring about use for their wedding. The event will mark the opening of Penshurst Place’s 2015 booking diary and announce the fine dining menu options for next year.

The new format allows prospective couples to view the 670 year-old manor house and medieval Baron’s Hall beautifully dressed for weddings, making it easier to visualise the stunning final effect; and provides an opportunity to sample canapés and sparkling wine from the new 2015 menu. Couples can attend without the need for an appointment and are welcome to bring members of their extended wedding party (up to maximum of four) to share the experience.

On the day guests will be able to wander independently to view the three remarkable historic rooms available for wedding hire; the stunning medieval Baron’s Hall built in 1341, complete with open fire pit and Minstrels’ Gallery, the impressive panelled Sunderland Room and the more intimate, stone Buttery. Members of the banqueting staff will be present in each room to explain options and answer any questions.



As well as enabling couples to visualise how they could create their own history and unique marriage celebration at Penshurst Place, there will be an opportunity to gather valuable tips, advice and information. Experienced wedding co-ordinators will be on hand to answer any questions and give some wedding planning pointers; as well as a selection of recommended suppliers offering advice on wedding photography, floristry and musical entertainment.

Weddings at Penshurst Place are served by appointed caterer, Leith's. Offering a superb dining experience and famous for their standards of cuisine, Leith's will have experts on-hand to discuss food, wine and champagne choices from the new 2015 fine dining menus that form part of the Penshurst Place wedding service. Leith's will be serving sample canapés from the new 2015 menu and sparkling wine to guests visiting the wedding open day.

Couples will leave the event armed with a goody bag and useful information pack to help them plan the perfect wedding day.

For further information or to request an invitation, please contact a member of the Penshurst Place banqueting & events team on 01892 870307 or banqueting@penshurstplace.com. Invitations are available for bridal couple and a maximum of four guests from their wedding party.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

The Home of Chivalry and Romance

Set in an area of unspoilt natural beauty, although medieval in origin, the award-winning venue Penshurst Place & Gardens, retains the warmth and character of a much-loved family home.

The home of royalty and nobility, Penshurst Place has had many royal and noble owners and visitors; including the Tudor monarchs King Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth I, and has been the home of the influential Sidney family since 1552; a place of lavish entertaining, poetic inspiration, chivalrous acts and notable historical events, for over 650 years.

About Weddings at Penshurst Place

As an approved venue for civil wedding ceremonies, the awe-inspiring Baron's Hall and glorious Tudor gardens, one of the most beautiful and oldest gardens in England, offer a most impressive photographic backdrop. Within these unparalleled surroundings, Penshurst Place maintains its hospitable traditions by offering a superb dining experience, provided by Leith's their appointed caterers. They use only the freshest and finest ingredients available to create mouth-watering dishes which will both impress and satisfy guests.

The Baron's Hall can accommodate up to 200 guests for ceremonies and between 30 and 136 for seated dining (or for approx 160 guests, if located in a marquee next to the house), with alternative, intimate rooms for smaller wedding parties. Winter weddings are also available and increasingly popular with clients, with various options to choose from.

With all weddings held on an exclusive basis, and the opportunity to have such a distinctive ceremony and reception in one place, Penshurst Place offers a personalised service.

For wedding testimonials see www.penshurstplace.com/weddingtestimonials



Venue hire and reception prices for 2014:

For ceremonies venue hire £1,995 + vat

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In the winter: from £4,950 + vat

In the summer from £5,495 for mid week, Friday & Sunday £6,495, Saturday £7,495 all + vat.

Fine dining 3 course menus from £62.50 +vat and includes coffee and mints.

Guest numbers:

Maximum guests for a ceremony 200

Number of seated dining guests for wedding breakfast:

In the summer (mid May – mid October) up to 136

In the winter (mid October to mid May) in a marquee up to 160 (evening guests up to 210)

Minimum seated dining numbers required on a Saturday in the summer of 80.