

My true love hath my heart...



THE PLACE FOR YOUR WEDDING



PENSHURST PLACE
AND GARDENS

*My true love hath my heart and I have his,
By just exchange one for another given.
I hold his dear, and mine he cannot miss:
There never was a better bargain driven.*

extract from a poem by Sir Philip Sidney (1554 - 1586)

A loyal courtier, born at Penshurst Place,
godson of Philip II of Spain,
a Renaissance man.



The home of Chivalry and Romance

Set in an area of unspoilt natural beauty, Penshurst Place is an award-winning wedding venue - medieval in origin, with the warmth and character of a much-loved family home.

Owned by kings and noblemen throughout history and the ancestral seat of the influential Sidney family since 1552, it has been a place of lavish entertaining, poetic inspiration, chivalrous acts and notable historical events for over 650 years.

Famed in particular for its stunning Tudor gardens and medieval Baron's Hall, Penshurst Place offers a unique romantic setting for a truly unforgettable wedding day.

The current owner, Philip Sidney, 2nd Viscount De L'Isle MBE and his family are pleased to invite you to enjoy the magnificent surroundings at Penshurst Place on your special day.





Now in its seventh century of Hospitality

Penshurst Place has a long tradition of hospitality, spanning almost seven hundred years of sumptuous entertainment within its great sandstone walls and impressive grounds. Long accustomed to hosting royalty, it has welcomed the Tudor monarchs King Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth I, the Stuart King James VI of Scotland and I of England, and in more recent times the late HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and the Prince of Wales.

As an approved venue for civil wedding ceremonies, the awe-inspiring Baron's Hall and the glorious Tudor gardens offer a most impressive photographic backdrop. Penshurst Place maintains its hospitable traditions by offering a superb dining experience within these unparalleled surroundings.

With the opportunity to have both your wedding ceremony and a distinctive reception here in one place, we pride ourselves in offering a personalised service to the very highest exacting standards. Your wedding is one of the most important days in your life. At Penshurst we help you make it perfect.

Whose liberal board

doth flow

With all that hospitality

doth know!

extract from the poem 'To Penshurst'
by Ben Johnson (1572 - 1637)



Your Perfect Day

The wedding party will arrive at Penshurst Place by the private driveway, with its sweeping entrance and spectacular views of the house.

Walking through the grandest of main entrances, the wedding party will then enter the inner courtyard, where pre-reception drinks can be served.

The ceremony and reception would take place in either the Baron's Hall or in the more intimate Sunderland Room, depending on the size of your guest list.

In this uniquely romantic setting, the couple have full access to one of the oldest and most beautiful gardens in England for the wedding photography. The walled Tudor garden is divided into a series of garden 'rooms' by high yew hedges, with stunning vistas back to the house.

*Of song and music, and
the laughing voice
Of revelry; and royal
was the feast*

extract from the poem 'Penshurst'
by Sir Humphrey Davy (1778 - 1829)

All weddings are held on an exclusive basis. Our dedicated in-house banqueting team can recommend photographers, musicians and entertainment specialists, florists and wedding cake makers, all of whom will provide those all-important touches. On the day itself you can leave everything to the Penshurst staff member looking after you, so that you will be able to enjoy the whole of this most important and memorable day.

We went to Penshurst Place





famous for its gardens

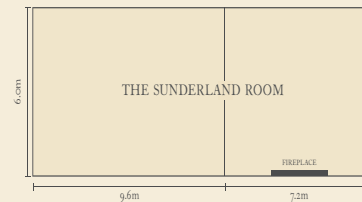
John Evelyn 1652



The Sunderland Room

Named after Lady Dorothy Sidney, who married the Earl of Sunderland in the 17th century, and from whom the more recent Spencer and Churchill family lines are descended, the Sunderland Room is situated on the upper floor, with access to the Minstrels' Gallery which overlooks the Baron's Hall.

Originally a withdrawing room for the ladies of the house, this part-panelled, part-sandstone walled room, with mullioned windows, a fireplace and views across to the gardens, is also furnished with historic paintings.



A popular choice for ceremonies, it can seat up to 136 guests for the wedding ceremony or 88 for a seated reception.





The Baron's Hall

Built in 1341, this original part of the house is incomparable in its magnificence, and the original chestnut roof is a marvel of medieval architecture.

With its towering beamed roof, original gothic windows and the candelabras lit, this room will delight your guests the moment they enter.

The hall can accommodate up to 200 guests for ceremonies and up to 136 for seated dining.



11.8m

Original Suits of Armour

TABLE FIXED

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THE
BARON'S HALL

Penshurst Memorabilia / Table Decor

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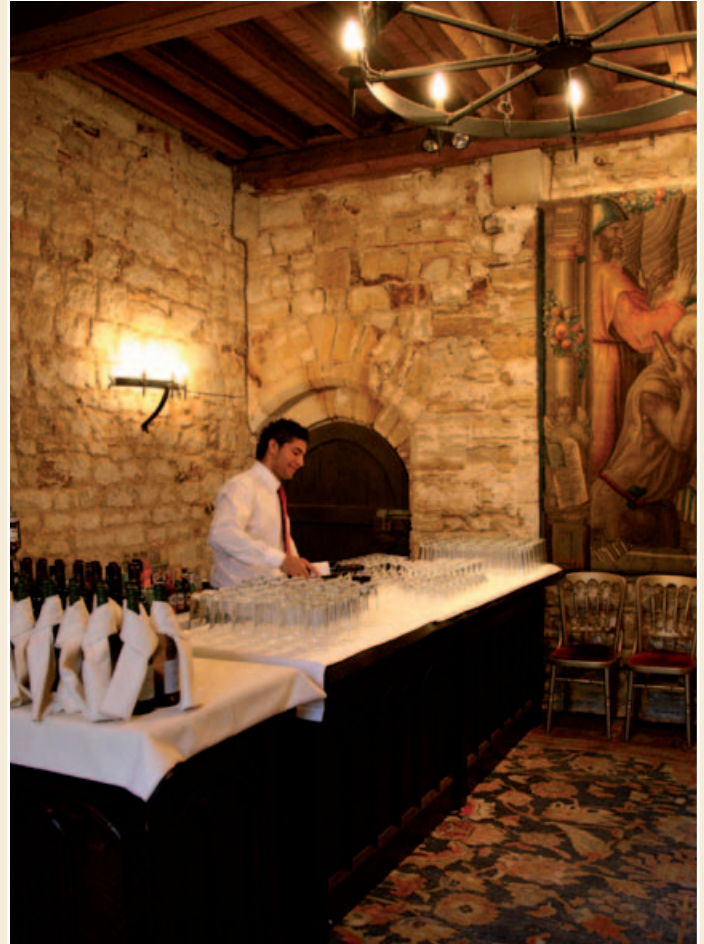
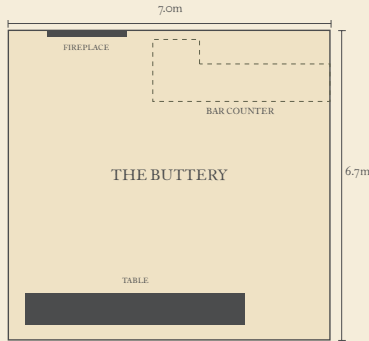
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The Buttery

Formerly the original bottle store of the medieval household and adjacent to the Baron's Hall, with 17th century tapestries adorning the walls, this intimate room can be transformed into an inviting bar area for receptions held in the Baron's Hall.



A Marquee

In winter there is the option of holding your reception in a beautifully draped marquee in the stunning inner courtyard.



Where Pan and Bacchus



their high feasts have made

extract from the poem 'To Penshurst' by Ben Jonson (1572 - 1637)



Fine Dining

Leith's, our appointed caterers, famous for their impeccable standards of cuisine, are passionate about food, its presentation and its service. They use only the freshest and finest ingredients available to create mouth-watering dishes which will both impress and satisfy your guests.

Leith's highly trained chefs are constantly creating and designing new menus, allowing them to offer you complete flexibility with menu content and to ensure that all your individual needs are accommodated. Alongside this, Leith's have an extensive cellar from which to choose the wines to complement your chosen menu.

In advance of the wedding, Leith's will invite the couple to sample their chosen menu and wines. Your dedicated Leith's Event Manager will take this opportunity to discuss the menu and the finer details of the day.



Penshurst Place embraces the splendours of the seasons





creating a beautiful backdrop for weddings.





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