



Welcome to Penshurst Place & Gardens

The Historic Family Home

One of England's oldest family-owned estates, Penshurst Place has been in the hands of royals and nobles, including Henry VIII and Edward VI, since the completion of the Baron's Hall in 1341.

Now in its 677th year, the house, gardens and surrounding estate were granted to the Sidney family in 1552, in whose safe hands it remains today - lived in and cared for by Viscount & Viscountess De L'Isle and their family.





What we offer...

For Family Adventures:

A large adventure playground awaits you the moment you enter Penshurst Place, filled with swings, slides and obstacles to tackle! Next to the playground lies our Woodland Trail, brimming with nature and winding pathways that disguise our Maize Maze until it welcomes intrepid explorers in the summer months. Families can also enjoy our seasonal crafts, garden trails and special events, all included within the cost of a standard entrance ticket.

For the Green-Fingered Horticulturist:

With our earliest horticultural records dating back to 1346, the historic walled gardens envelop 11 acres of individual 'rooms' and feature a variety of colour, form and foliage to be seen throughout the seasons. Further afield lies the extensive parkland, with long grasses, woodland and meadows waiting to be discovered.

For the Passionate Historian:

The medieval Baron's Hall is the heart of Penshurst Place & Gardens – completed in 1341, the hall features an original 60ft high chestnut beamed ceiling and unique octagonal hearth. Surrounding the hall, you will find a collection of staterooms built in different architectural styles and containing a vast collection of portraiture, tapestries and furniture.

A guide to our events to help you get the most from your visit.

Fun for all the family

Best suited to children 7 and up

Adult event

Arrive early as spaces are limited



A Great Day Out For All Ages

Whether you're just popping in for a playground visit, to explore the 11 acres of hidden garden rooms, or a stroll through the house, our calendar of free-to-attend events ensures that every trip creates lasting memories for visitors of all ages. Seasonal highlights include the Easter garden trail, summer Maize Maze and Halloween woodland storytelling – to name but a few!



A Refreshing Countryside Retreat

Our large Gift Shop is open all year and packed with Kentish goods, homeware, gifts, children's toys and books. Tucked away next to the Gift Shop lies our Porcupine Pantry Coffee Shop, which is open all year for visitors, walkers and cyclists to pop in and take a well-earned break from one of the many free-to-access walking routes surrounding the Penshurst Place estate. If you're planning on visiting the 11 acres of formal gardens and historic house, a trip to our Garden Restaurant may be in order, for delicious hot meals, sandwiches and cream teas to be enjoyed next to the South Lawn.



Beautiful Weddings & Events

We are two time winners of the Kent Wedding Awards and, alongside our in-house partner caterer, Kudos, work hard to provide truly beautiful weddings and events, with a focus on sourcing as many of our ingredients as possible from within 60 miles of the estate. Our dedicated Wedding & Banqueting team have years of experience in looking after all manner of occasions, from product launches to corporate meetings, galas, christenings, and weddings.



We welcome private viewings throughout the year; email banqueting@penshurstplace.com to book yours.



Events

2018

Enchanted Gardens Trail

10th – 18th February • 10.30am – dusk

Travel among the 11 acres of formal gardens and discover the enchanted forest dwellers hidden amongst the trees!.

Each character will hold a clue that will help you unveil the hidden message on your trail sheet!



A Weekend for Mum

10th March • Children's crafts & card making 11am – 4pm

11th March • Pot Pourri 12noon – 4pm

Step inside the Old Coach House on the 10th March and create a beautiful card to tell Mum just how much you love her. On Sunday 11th, we will be joined by Jan Black who will be helping you make pot pourri and lavender bags to take home.

Elizabeth I & the Armada: Ready the Battle Stations!

17th & 18th March • all day

Walk through the house and be transported back to the 16th century, as the staff of the time welcome you to see and learn all about the battle preparations and plans to defend Penshurst Place! This is a live-action event not to be missed!



The Easter Break

30th March – 15th April

Trails • 10.30am – 6pm

Children's Crafts • 11am – 4pm

The Easter Rabbit's best springtime friend is hiding in the garden but he won't tell us who it is! Find our giant Easter eggs and uncover the clues to help us reveal their identity!



April Fools' Easter Storytelling!

1st April

1pm, 1.45pm and 2.30pm

It's not just people who get tricked on April Fools' Day! Younger children will delight in Storytelling by Aardvark Productions, as they perform a tale about the very silly Easter Rabbit and the funny trick he fell for!



Spring Stroll

15th April • 11am – 2pm

£30 per person to include house and gardens access + two-course roast lunch

Visit www.penshurstplace.com to book

Enjoy a springtime stroll through the vibrant parkland with General Manager, Ben Thomas, and discover the history of Penshurst Place and the variety of wildlife living within the grounds, followed by a delicious two-course roast lunch in the Garden Restaurant.



Weald of Kent Country Craft Show

5th – 7th May

Visit www.ichf.co.uk to pre-book your tickets and save £2 per person!

Stalls filled with handmade goodies await visitors at the first Weald of Kent Country Craft Show of the year! Discover lovingly created products, gifts, homeware and much more across three days at this fantastic local event.



Bushcraft Skills and Camping Hacks

6th & 7th May • all day

Get grubby with the team at Camp Wilderness and learn the most effective ways to build a fire, tie your ropes, and many more priceless camping hacks, all in time for your summer adventures!





Snappy Spring Holiday

26th May – 3rd June

Trails • 10.30am – 6pm

Children's Crafts • 11am – 4pm

After a successful debut in 2017, we are pleased to be running our Snappy Spring Holiday again as we present a trail sheet bursting with new shots of the gardens, and we want you to find out where we took them! Upload your shots of your finished trail sheet using #SnappedAtPenshurst for your chance to win a Family Season Ticket!

*See website for full terms and conditions



Beasts Roadshow

26th & 27th May • 11am – 5pm



Get ready for squirming, scaly, and sometimes squealing reptiles, mammals and insects as we welcome the Hawking Centre and their Beasts Roadshow to Penshurst Place, giving you the perfect opportunity to learn all about their peculiar pets!



Glorious Gardens Weekend



2nd & 3rd June • Crowborough Arts Society painting throughout the gardens

3rd June • Pre-booked garden tea & tour with Head Gardener Tony Wiseman – 11am & 2pm*

3rd June • Mini beasts safari with Kent Wildlife Trust • 11am – 5pm

Our oldest garden records date back to 1346, making some areas of the 11 acres of formal gardens a mere 5 years younger than the medieval Barons Hall!

Join us for a special weekend of celebration where you can enjoy watching live painting, mini beast safaris and the beautiful colours of the season.

*Head Gardener's tea and tour £22 per person and includes a cream tea. Visit www.penshurstplace.com to book

A Weekend for Dad

16th June • Children's Crafts | 11am – 4pm

17th June • Junk Orchestra | 11am – 4.30pm

Treat Dad to a musical performance unlike any other this Father's Day, as we invite the hugely entertaining Junk Orchestra to play a tune or two on their musical junk-struments! The Garden Restaurant will also be laying on a special menu for families to enjoy together.

Welcome Summer!

23rd June • Children's Crafts | 11am – 4pm

Celebrate the start of the great British summer with us, and come along to make a few seasonal headdresses and crafts using materials from around the gardens.

Primavera

24th June • 7.30pm

Visit www.primavera-ensemble.co.uk to book

The perfect evening awaits lovers of classical music this summer, as Primavera return to Penshurst Place to play a selection of well-known musical masterpieces, inside the atmospheric Baron's Hall.

Armed Forces Day

30th June • 11am – 5pm

In celebration of our Armed Forces and the centenary of the end of WWI, Hands on History will be joining us, with a selection of memorabilia and weapons from famous battles and wars across the ages. A fantastic educational day for all the family, where current members of the Armed Forces are welcome to join us free of charge*.

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Run or Dye 5K

1st July

Get smothered in technicolour as the most colourful 5k or 3.5k run, walk or dance in Kent returns to the parkland with even more colour and a new opportunity for mini runners to compete in a colourful 1k dash!

Register your place at runordye.co.uk



Volks Weald

Visit www.volksworld.co.uk to buy your tickets

13th – 15th July



After a successful introduction in 2017, the fantastic Volks Weald show will be returning to the Penshurst Place parkland again this summer! Perfect for families and VW enthusiasts alike, this brilliant show features classic camper vans, children's activities and an abundance of entertainment!

Summer Maize Maze Challenge

14th July – 2nd September, + 8th & 9th September • 11am – 6pm

Last entry 5pm

Back by popular demand, our Maize Maze this year features some new twists and turns so, if you think you cracked it last year, why not come back again and see if you can beat your time and find all the hidden checkpoints?

Don't forget to tag your adventures using #PenshurstMaizeMaze



Summer Sundays

Sundays from 22nd July – 2nd September

Falconry • 11am – 5pm

Children's Crafts • 11am – 4pm

Garden Pantomimes • 1pm – 3pm

Discover our brand new Falconry Show for Summer Sundays 2018, as The Hawking Centre demonstrate how different animals interact to home in on their prey! We'll also be welcoming back Aardvark Productions for new garden pantomimes and offering our popular children's crafts.

Camp Wilderness Overnight Camps

Various dates for 2 & 3 day camps throughout July & August

Visit www.campwilderness.co.uk to book

Unleash your wild side this summer in the Penshurst Place parkland with Camp Wilderness and enjoy campfire cooking, shelter building and some epic forest games, before enjoying a homemade stone-baked pizza and falling asleep under a traditional canopied bell tent.





August Bank Holiday



26th: falconry, storytelling, bushcraft skills workshops & children's crafts

27th: bushcraft skills workshops and croquet

Get the family together this August Bank Holiday and get to grips with nature with our bushcraft skills workshops on the Woodland Trail, falconry demonstrations, pantomime-style storytelling and a handful of amazing crafts to make and take home! Perfect for children and adults of all ages.



Weald of Kent Country Craft Show



7th – 9th September

Visit www.ichf.co.uk to pre-book your tickets and save £2 per person!

Enjoy the final Country Craft Show of the year, as the parkland welcomes carpenters, artisan producers and small businesses from across the county and further afield to gather with their wonderful collections and gifts for you to browse and enjoy.

Autumn Amble



14th October • 11am - 2pm

£30 per person to include house and gardens access, and a two-course roast lunch

Visit www.penshurstplace.com to book

Take a guided walk through the autumnal parkland with General Manager, Ben Thomas, and discover the agricultural past and present of the Penshurst Place estate and the bustling nature and wildlife, all followed by a delicious two-course roast lunch in the Garden Restaurant.





Spooky Half Term

20th – 28th October

Trails • 10.30am – 6pm

Children's Crafts • 11am – 4pm

Unravel ridiculous riddles and rambunctious rhymes during our Halloween Garden Trail as we get our spook on once again! We'll also be opening up The Old Coach House for creepy crafts and creations!



Wicked Witch of the Wild Wood Storytelling

22nd – 26th October • 1pm, 2.15pm & 3.30pm

Includes hot chocolate for the children and marshmallow toasting over an open fire

Creep quietly down the leaf-trodden path and emerge in our forest clearing where a warming hot chocolate will be awaiting you. Take a seat under the cover of our yurt and brace yourself... the witch is about to emerge from her dwelling! Storytelling suitable for children of all ages.

LIMITED PLACES



Not-So Spooky Storytelling

27th October • 1.30pm, 2.15pm & 3pm

Ideal for smaller scarers, our not-so-spooky storytelling is a fantastic interactive show led by Aardvark Productions who encourage all of their audience to come dressed for the occasion in their best horror costumes!

LIMITED PLACES

Surgery through the Centuries

28th October • 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Ideal for those with a strong stomach and an interest in the macabre! Discover a myriad of surgical procedures from throughout the centuries with the help of Hands on History for an eye-opening, and often squelchy, look at just how far modern medicine has come! Beware, this event has been created to be very realistic, and does come with sound effects!

LIMITED PLACES

Country Homes & Interiors Christmas Fair

9th – 11th November

Visit www.ichf.co.uk to book your tickets



Country Homes & Interiors magazine comes to life at Christmas with a unique and boutique festive fair. Hosted for the first time within Penshurst Place, find over 100 country-style stands featuring home, food, gift and lifestyle products.



Christmas Gift Shop

2nd November – Christmas Eve

10.30am – 4.30pm

Open until 7pm every Wednesday from 14th November – 12th December

Get away from the high street this Christmas and visit our quaint Christmas Gift Shop and discover Kentish goodies, delicate ornaments and wonderful gifts, as well as home-made hampers, Christmas trees and mistletoe, before heading to the Porcupine Pantry for a relaxing cup of coffee and festive treat.



Christmas Wreath Workshops

5th & 6th December, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Tickets £40 per person. Visit www.penshurstplace.com to book

Design and create your own Christmas wreath ready to hang upon your door, with the help of our expert Sandra Belton from Unique Floral designs. Using foliage collected from the Penshurst Place estate, you will be able to create a truly unique wreath to be the envy of all your neighbours!



Penshurst Place Christmas Grotto

Open from late November. Tickets must be pre-booked online.

Enjoy our traditional Christmas Grotto with the family this year, as we are lucky enough to be joined by Father Christmas himself who will be ready and waiting to spread festive joy to one and all.

Opening times 2018

	Open Season	Winter Season
House	12noon – 4pm (closed 12th – 16th Feb)	Closed
Gardens	10.30am – 6pm (or dusk if earlier; last entry 1 hr before close)	Closed
Adventure Playground	10.30am – 6pm (or dusk if earlier; last entry 1 hr before close)	Weekend opening for Season Ticket holders only 10.30am – 4.30pm Last entry 3.30pm
Toy Museum	12noon – 4pm	Closed
Garden Restaurant	10.30am – 5pm	Closed
Gift Shop	10.30am – 6pm	10.30am – 4.30pm
Porcupine Pantry	9am – 6pm	9am – 4.30pm
Wider Estate Parkland Walks	Free to visit and open all year	

Open Season

Weekends from 10th February – 25th March

Half Term 12th – 16th February

Daily from 30th March – 28th October

Winter Season

29th October – 15th February 2019
(excluding 25th & 26th December)



The Grounds

- 1 Entrance to Baron's Hall and State Rooms
- 2 Garden Restaurant
- 3 Garden Tower
- 4 South Lawn
- 5 Italian Garden
- 6 Blue and Yellow Border
- 7 Heraldic Garden
- 8 George Carter Beds
- 9 Rose Garden
- 10 Paved Garden
- 11 Jubilee Walk
- 12 Garden Gate



- 13 Long Border
- 14 Peony Border
- 15 The Orchard
- 16 Magnolia Garden
- 17 Stage Garden
- 18 Grey Garden
- 19 Nut Garden and Trellis
- 20 Diana's Bath
- 21 Demi Lune
- 22 Union Flag Garden
- 23 Toy Museum



	House, Gardens & Grounds	Gardens & Grounds
Adult (aged 16+)	£11.50	£9.50
Child (aged 5 to 15) Up to two under 5's are admitted free of charge, per paying adult. Additional under 5's £2.50 each.	£6.50	£6.00
Family - 2 adults + 2 children 2 adults + 1 child 1 adult + 3 children	£32.00 £26.50 £30.50	£29.00 £22.50 £27.00
Individual Garden Season Ticket Season ticket holders may bring along one additional guest, and up to two children under 5 per visit, free of charge. Additional under 5's £2.50 each.	N/A	£50.00
Family Garden Season Ticket 2 adults + 2 children 1 adult + 3 children A maximum of 5 additional children can be added to your card for £7.00 each.	N/A N/A	£78.00 £73.00

Terms and conditions apply, Season Tickets are valid for one full year from the date of purchase, see website for more details. No dogs allowed into the gardens and grounds with the exception of registered assistance dogs. For further information regarding entrance vouchers and coupons, please see the 'Plan Your Visit' page at www.penshurstplace.com

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Prices 2018

How to Find Us

By road

From the M25 junction 5, follow the A21 to Tonbridge, leaving at the Hildenborough exit. Follow the brown tourist signs to Penshurst Place

From the M20 / M26 junction 2A, follow the A25 towards Sevenoaks and then the A21, before taking the Hildenborough exit. 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)


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