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PENSHURST PLACE  
AND GARDENS

*The Place for your Wedding*





# *A Grand Place on a Charming Scale*

Nestled in the heart of the peaceful village of Penshurst, in an area of unspoilt countryside in west Kent, lies an enchanting, authentic medieval manor house.

Penshurst Place is quintessentially English – romantic, classic and elegant with a rural feel.

For nearly seven centuries, this characterful home has played host to lavish entertaining, chivalrous acts and notable historic events. Today, Penshurst Place, with its beautiful unique rooms, glorious gardens and exquisite hospitality, opens its doors to couples wishing to celebrate the start of their married lives together.



*Let us help you bring your dream wedding to life*



# *Make Your Mark in History*

With size and splendor in mind, Sir John de Pulteney - a wealthy merchant - chose Penshurst in the rolling hills of Sevenoaks Weald as his ideal location to create his striking country estate. Employing the finest craftsmen of the 14th century, the imposing original house was completed in 1341.

Throughout its rich past, subsequent owners of Penshurst Place have played an important role in ensuring its continued existence; lovingly restoring the building several times over the years. Through them, the Grade I listed property is deeply embedded in English heritage. It has been the residence of kings, dukes and noblemen, as well as the ancestral home of the Sidney family since 1552. Sir Philip Sidney - the illustrious soldier, courtier and poet – was one of the first Sidneys for whom Penshurst was home.

For more than 465 years Penshurst Place has been, and remains, the much loved and treasured home of the Sidney family. Today, they invite you to share in the palpable sense of history and stunning surroundings of Penshurst Place to mark your wedding day.





# *Your Love Story in our Safe Hands*

As one of the few medieval estates to be privately owned, you will enjoy a level of personal service and care which is quite outstanding. By only ever hosting one wedding a day, we ensure you are afforded the time, thought and attention that your celebration deserves.

We understand that every couple is unique and every wedding individual. Our team of knowledgeable and attentive wedding co-ordinators can offer as much, or as little, guidance and inspiration as you require to make planning your wedding smooth, stress-free and exciting. Drawing on extensive experience, we handpick the very best suppliers to add to our list of trusted partners so that every last detail is covered.



*We love weddings and it shows in what we do*



# Your Day...

With three impressive banqueting rooms of varying sizes and atmosphere, all under one roof, the beauty of Penshurst Place lies in its flexibility. We offer a selection of gorgeously appointed locations to perfectly match your requirements, whether you wish to host a more intimate gathering for a less formal occasion or a large, lavish celebration to amaze and delight your friends and family.

## Baron's Hall

At the heart of Penshurst Place is the magnificent Baron's Hall, with its original sixty foot high arched chestnut ceiling, stone-tiled floor and unique central hearth. Usually a space to host summertime receptions, this awe-inspiring room is sure to astound; set with dining tables dressed in crisp, white linen and decorated with your florist's creative arrangements - just as you had imagined.



Once daylight fades, the subtly lit Baron's Hall comes into its own with the glow of the fire and candelabras softly burning in each of the arched gothic windows, to become a fabulous backdrop for you and your guests to dance on into the evening to your chosen band or DJ.







... *Your Place*

# Your Day...

## The Sunderland Room

The elegant Sunderland Room is one of two withdrawing rooms that form part of the original house. Situated on the upper floor, it has part-panelled and part-sandstone walls, mullioned windows, a fireplace and is adorned with 16th century portraits. Adjoining the Minstrels' Gallery overlooking the grand Baron's Hall, the exquisite room is steeped in history and makes a splendid area for an indoor civil ceremony, drinks reception or winter dining.

## The Buttery

Adjacent to the Baron's Hall is the smallest of the banqueting rooms. The medieval Buttery is the original bottle store of the home and is now embellished with 17th century tapestries. Also lit with a welcoming fire if required, the room's cosy atmosphere lends itself to intimate civil ceremonies or as an inviting evening bar area.

## The Inner Courtyard

If you have your heart set on an outdoor ceremony in fine, summer weather we have just the spot. Our private Inner Courtyard, with manicured lawn, climbing roses and flagged by the ancient walls of the Baron's Hall and King's Tower, is picturesque. It can also provide the ideal setting for a stylish drinks reception and remains your exclusive, outside space into the evening.

## Marquees

During winter months, a heated and carpeted marquee is provided for additional space to dine or dance. Fully-lined with beautiful draping and situated in the sheltered Inner Courtyard, the marquee can be tailored to accommodate your chosen number of guests.





The Sunderland Room



The Buttery



The Inner Courtyard



Marquees



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# *Your Day...*

## The Tudor Gardens

Much of the extensive gardens today have the rare privilege of remaining how they were designed in the reign of Elizabeth I. Each of the eleven individual gardens has its own character waiting to be explored and offer couples endless superb photographic backdrops.



*... Your Place*

*Penshurst Place is a stunning venue for weddings all year round. From the scent of lavender and blooming rose beds in the summer, to candle-lit rooms and real fires in the winter, this is a venue that creates awe and wonder whatever the season.*



# *We've Been Planning Weddings for Centuries*

On the day of your wedding, you can relax safe in the knowledge that you don't need to worry about a thing. You will have an experienced and friendly wedding co-ordinator who is completely focused on ensuring the venue is looking just as you envisage and making your dream wedding day come true.

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

Being licensed for weddings for more than 30 years, Penshurst Place can host a meaningful civil ceremony followed by your wedding reception or just your wedding reception if you would prefer to marry in church. If you wish to host only your civil ceremony here, this can also be arranged.

Whether you choose to exchange your vows within the walls of one of our exceptional banqueting rooms, outside in the secluded Inner Courtyard or in a church, you can rest assured that a warm welcome will greet you and your guests.

Once the wedding ceremony is complete, enjoy drinks and canapés whilst being congratulated by your guests before being whisked away by your chosen photographer to the romantic settings of the Tudor Gardens. A huge array of colourful locations will await you for formal and informal photos that will give wonderful memories to look back on for years to come.

When it's time to dine, guests are invited into one of the three historic banqueting rooms, depending on the size of your guest list - or for larger parties in winter into a perfectly draped marquee. There you will make your grand entrance as a newly married couple before enjoying your sumptuous wedding breakfast created by the talented chefs from our catering partners.

After the speeches have taken place and the cake ceremoniously cut, Penshurst Place's heritage of entertaining continues by playing host to your evening entertainment. As the celebrations step up a gear, whether by band or disco, you can party into the night with your guests in the Baron's Hall in summer or in a marquee in wintertime.





# *Exquisite Fine Dining*

Our exclusive caterers create wedding menus that provide a delicious balance of dishes; encompassing seasonal fresh produce combined with exemplary service standards. Their chefs love nothing more than using locally sourced ingredients from quality suppliers to celebrate Kent's fabulous seasonal bounties and to fuse these with Penshurst Place's own home-grown delights.

By working closely with you on menu content, they can advise on wine pairings from a vast cellar list and craft mouth-watering dishes that will both excite and satisfy your guests. Well ahead of your special day, you will be invited to attend a tasting session to sample your chosen menu and wines and discuss the finer details of your day.



# Capacities for Weddings at Penshurst Place

With such versatility on how you can use our flexible banqueting facilities you will be spoilt for choice; please see our enclosed information or speak to our friendly Weddings & Banqueting team, who will be happy to help with tailoring your day for you.

	Seated for ceremony	Seated for dining	Standing reception	Dimensions
<b>The Baron's Hall</b>	200	136	200	17.7m x 11.8m
<b>The Sunderland Room</b>	136	88	140	16.8m x 6.0m
<b>The Buttery</b>	40	30	50	7.0m x 6.7m
<b>Marquees</b> (various sizes available)	n/a	160	210	27.4m x 12.2m
<b>The Inner Courtyard</b> (outside)	120	n/a	200	28.5m x 15.0m

## 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.

The postcode TN11 8DH can be used to find the wedding entrance of Penshurst Place with some satellite navigation systems.

### 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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*“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)



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