

PRESS INFORMATION



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OCTOBER HALF TERM HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES AND END OF SEASON COLOURS AT PENSURST PLACE & GARDENS

Saturday 24th October to Sunday 1st November

**Spooky Trail, Halloween Mask and Monster Mobile Making
and Trick or Treat Box
From 12 noon – 4pm in the Education Room.**

Visit Penshurst Place and Gardens during October Half Term, where children can do a weird and wonderful trail around the gardens, throughout the day. Creepy clues to find and a prize to be won!

And crafty youngsters can also make a horrible Halloween mask or monster mobile and dare to put their hand in the Trick or Treat Box!

With special Ghostly Gourmet Children's Menu available in the Garden Tea Room – £5.00 per child for two course spooky lunch. Same price as 2008.

Sunday 1st November

The Mummy's Tale 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Aardvark Productions dare to scare with their uniquely spooky storytelling at Penshurst Place. Lots of audience participation required (stories suitable for most children).



Followed by a **Fancy Dress Competition** - judged at 4pm. Come dressed to kill.....!
Prizes for all.

And adults join us for the autumn colours, on this the last week we are open this season!

Events are FREE to current season ticket holders or normal garden admission prices apply.

- Ends -

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Notes to editor:

Home to Philip Sidney, 2nd Viscount De L'Isle MBE, Penshurst Place & Gardens has been the ancestral estate of the noble Sidney family since 1552 with the history of the house going back six and half centuries.

Described as "the grandest and most perfectly preserved example of a fortified manor house in all England", at its heart is the medieval Baron's Hall, built in 1341. The adjoining Staterooms contain a wonderful collection of tapestries, furniture, portraits, porcelain and armour.

The 11 acres of gardens are as old as the original house with the walls and terraces added in the Elizabethan era with a continuous display from spring to autumn. There is also a Toy Museum, Venture Playground, Woodland Trail, Gift Shop and Garden Tea Room with the estate surrounded by ancient parkland.

Opening Times and Prices 2009

- **House & Garden opening times for 2009:** 28th February – 29th March open weekends and then daily from 30th March – Sunday 1st November 2009. Gardens open from 10.30 am – 6.00pm. House open from 12 noon – 4.00pm.
- **Gift Shop** open all year (excl. Christmas Day to New Year).
- **2008 Admission prices held for 2009:** Admission to Gardens is £7.00 for Adults and £5.00 for Children and a Family Ticket is £20. Admission to House & Grounds is £8.50 for Adults and £5.50 for Children (up to 2 under 5's free per adult) and a Family Ticket is £23.

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- **Family season ticket: 2 adults, 2 children £60.00** for access to the Gardens including the venture playground, and lots of free events throughout the season. (Each additional child in the family thereafter £6.00).
- **Garden Season Ticket (2 persons): £37.50** and admits one named person and one other to visit the gardens as well as enjoy many of the free events throughout the season.
- **Events** held throughout the year – leaflet available or visit our website for details.
- **Access to Parkland** – open all year. Copy of Parkland Walks leaflet available from Penshurst Place Gift Shop and the Forge Stores in Penshurst village.

Penshurst Place & Gardens is easily accessible from the M25 and only 30 miles from central London. Approaches locally are well signposted with brown tourist signs. For further information, call Penshurst Place on Tel: 01892 870307 or visit the website at www.penshurstplace.com.