

Royal Tunbridge Wells and Penshurst Place
Thursday 11th October 2012

This visit has been organised by Jill Haig



The Pantiles



Penshurst Place

Tunbridge Wells owes its existence to the discovery of the Chalybeate Spring in 1606. Word soon spread about its health giving waters and visitors flocked to the small settlement. In Georgian times the town gained a reputation as the place to see and be seen. In the 1740s Beau Nash alternated between visiting Tunbridge Wells and Bath. In Regency England Tunbridge Wells rivalled Brighton in popularity. King Edward VII granted the town its Royal prefix 1909.

Penshurst Place is one of England's oldest family homes. The Baron's Hall was completed in 1341 with later additions in gothic sandstone and Tudor brick. It is one of the best preserved examples of a defended manor house. The gardens are a superb example of Elizabethan design with records dating back to 1346.

Where and when to meet:

Caffe Nero, 12-14 High Street, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1UX from 10:30 to 11:00

Travel: Rail possibilities from London are:

Charing Cross at 9:30, calling at London Bridge at 9:39, reaching Tunbridge Wells at 10:27
Charing Cross at 9:45, calling at London Bridge at 9:53, reaching Tunbridge Wells at 10:39

For those travelling by car, the closest car parks to Caffe Nero are marked on the map below. In the event that these are full, the next best one is the Crescent Road car park. Change will be needed for the parking ticket machines.

Timetable

10:30	Assemble in the Cafe Nero in the High Street
11:00	Blue Badge guided tour of Tunbridge Wells. There will be some hills to walk up.
12:00	Lunch at Wetherspoons, which is in the Opera House
13:30	Drive to Penshurst Place. Lifts will be available. Postcode TN11 8DG
14:30	Tour of Penshurst Place. The Garden Tea Room offers a large range of refreshments.
17:00	Return to Tunbridge Wells. Lifts will be available

Cost £16, not including lunch

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Car Parks

