



The Arts Society Epsom

Combined visit to Penshurst Place (PP) and Chiddingstone Castle (CC), Kent

Thursday April 16th, 2026

PP was built as a hall house for Sir John Pulteney, a London merchant, in 1341. It then became part of the crown estates, being used by Henry VIII as a hunting lodge. He gave it to Anne of Cleves as part of her divorce settlement.

It was given by Edward VI to Sir William Sydney in 1552 and his descendants have lived there ever since.

www.penshurstplace.com

CC was built by the Streatfeild family and served as their seat from the early 16th century until the 20th century when the family left the castle. It was sold to Lord Astor in 1938.

Since 1977 the castle and its 35 acres of grounds have been held in trust for the nation by the Denys Eyre Bower Bequest. Denys, a former bank clerk and antiques dealer, purchased the castle to display his collections of art: Japanese, Ancient Egyptian, Stuart, Jacobean and Buddhist.

(CC is a self guided experience.)

www.chiddingstonecastle.org.uk

In walking distance from CC is **Chiddingstone**, a picturesque, well preserved Tudor village where scenes of the film "Room with a View" were filmed.

www.chiddingstonevillage.org.uk

Refreshments are available at Penshurst Place/ Chiddingston Castle. Please be aware that there is a 10 - 15 minute walk from the car park to the main entrance of PP. There are some steps in PP.

The coach will leave Upper High Street car park, Epsom at 9 **am** and will return there at about **5.30 - 6.00 pm**.

Tickets: £ 49 per person. This includes the coach travel, driver's gratuity, entrance fee and guided tour of PP including entrance to house and gardens, entrance to CC.

(Arts Fund/ Historic House membership cards can't be used because we get a reduced combined ticket for both houses.)

Booking:

The tickets can be obtained online: outingsupw@gmail.com

Please give the following information when requesting tickets:

1. **Number** of tickets required
2. **Full names** of participants with email address and contact telephone numbers
3. Name, relationship and telephone number for **emergency contact** (This must not be anybody travelling on the coach)

Payment: Please pay by **bank transfer** to:

Bank: **HSBC UK** Internet Banking Account

Name: **The Arts Society Epsom**

Account Number: **71 23 76 40** Sort Code: **40-08-44**

Reference: **P & C** (followed by) your SURNAME

If you don't use internet banking, please take your payment to a **bank/post office** and ask them to arrange a transfer, using the above information.

Just for the very few people who can't pay in either form we will sell tickets before the lectures in February, March and April.

Your seat on the coach is reserved as soon as the money has been paid into The Arts Society's account.

In the event of your cancellation refunds can't be given.

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