



## **GROUPS & TOURS 2019**

# KENTWELL

*"A little house of great beauty – paradise on earth"*

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# Welcome

Kentwell Hall welcomes a wide range of groups throughout the year.

We will tailor your visit to suit your individual requirements.

We pride ourselves in providing our visitors with a truly memorable day out.

If you would like any further information or if you would like to make a booking please contact us:

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*We very much look forward to  
welcoming your group to Kentwell*



Kentwell Hall is one of England's finest Tudor houses, developed in stages between about 1500 and 1578.

On the approach to Kentwell you will drive three quarters of a mile along our avenue of Lime trees. The house is fully moated and reached by two original bridges.

Bought in 1971 by Patrick Phillips, who was not deterred by the house's neglected condition.

Works started in 1972 and have continued ever since. In order to survive they opened their doors to the public for the first time in 1976. Despite there being little to see in the early years, many visitors have kept returning to see the latest progress at Kentwell through the years.

As an ongoing restoration project, a lived in family home and working farm, Kentwell is always busy. Patrick and his wife, Judith, have raised their four children here and now their grandchildren often stay and enjoy the expanse and freedom of the estate.





**Kentwell is not a traditional 'stately home'. A little great house, it remains very much a lived-in and loved family home, something it has been for over 500 years.**

With 'guide-yourself' access, visitors are able to see the vast majority of the house.

We hope visitors will feel more like guests in a private home, rather than visitors to a public institution.

*"what a lovely day we had yesterday... Kentwell Hall is a unique place and was so comfortable to look around"*

*"I just wanted to say a huge thank you for a wonderful visit to Kentwell Hall yesterday. Everyone enjoyed themselves and said it was the best stately home they had ever visited. The weather was good and we enjoyed seeing the inside of the house and the beautiful gardens with the displaying peacocks and farm land. The best start to our year of outings."*



## The Gardens

Our gardens have also been revived and re-created since the Phillips' bought Kentwell. They are noted for their wonderful sense of tranquility – these are gardens to enjoy in a leisurely way.

From massed spring bulbs in the Walled Garden and Sunken Garden with their ancient layout, to over 70 varieties of fruit trees from 17th century espalier apple trees to plums and almonds. We also have a traditional potager, growing organic produce used in our tearooms as well as the household.



The yew Pied Piper Topiary has been designed and shaped by the owner, Judith Phillips. A beehive viewing area and a newly planted butterfly garden are the newest additions to the gardens! All about the grounds are moats, ponds and woodland walks that create an abundance of wildlife habitats.

Our seasonal highlights include carpets of snowdrops which turn with the season to carpets of daffodils and, later, a huge variety of roses accented with catmint are to name but a few. The woodland areas are also a sight to behold in the autumn with a range of autumnal colours on show.



*“there is always something fresh to see in Kentwell's gardens”*

*“a surprise around every corner”*



## Events

Kentwell's famous re-creations of Tudor life have long been popular attractions, and our Victorian, Through the Ages, Hall at War and Magic Weekends are now just as loved.

Kentwell is the originator of historical live Tudor events and our Tudor days remain unrivalled in scale (over 300 costumed Tudors at some events).



**Open Air Cinema and Garden Opera Weekends** are favourites during our Summer calendar. Bring your blankets, chairs, picnic and a bottle of fizz to enjoy a great summers evening.



- Tudor Eastertide
- Tudor May Day Celebrations
- Wool Weekend
- Tudor Midsummer
- Children's Magic Weekend (Kids)
- Kentwell's Wartime
- Tudor High Summer
- Tudor Michaelmas
- Kentwell's School of Sorcery (Kids)
- Kentwell's Dickensian Christmas



# Provisional Diary of Opening and Events 2019

*(Rates for bookings made before 20 December 2018)*

	Dates	Adult	Senior	Child
<b>Spring Bulbs</b>	February/March	£6.50	£6.50	no charge
<b>Gardens &amp; Farm</b>	April to September	£9.85	£8.85	£6.85
<b>Easter</b>	Fri 19 to Mon 22 April	£17.25	£16.25	£13.25
<b>House &amp; Gardens</b>	April to September	£12.90	£11.90	£9.90
<b>May Day</b>	Sat 4 to Mon 6 May	£17.25	£16.25	£13.25
<b>Through The Ages</b>	Sat 25 to Mon 27 May	£19.20	£18.20	£14.20
<b>Tudor Midsummer</b>	Sat 29 and Sun 30 June	£19.20	£18.20	£14.20
<b>Magic Weekend</b>	Sat 27 and Sun 28 July	£15.00	£14.00	£12.00
<b>The Hall at War</b>	Sat 3 and Sun 4 August	£15.00	£14.00	£12.00
<b>Tudor High Summer</b>	Mon 19 to Thu 22 August	£17.25	£16.25	£13.25
<b>Tudor High Summer</b>	Fri 23 to Mon 26 August	£19.20	£18.20	£14.20
<b>Tudor Michaelmas</b>	Sat 21 and Sun 22 September	£15.00	£14.00	£12.00

Groups of 15-29 people receive a 5% discount and groups of 30+ receive a 10% discount.





## Private Guided Tours

For private guided tours, a minimum number of 25 applies. Rates below are for bookings made before 20 December 2018.

**Garden Tour** £15.00

**House Tour** £25.00

**House Tour and Garden** £30.00

Please call 01787 310207 to discuss your requirements.

Catering Options available:

Tea/Coffee/Cake £6.00

Two Course Meal + tea/coffee £12.00

## Catering

Kentwell Hall's Stableyard Tea Room is a casual setting, offering light lunches to afternoon tea.

Kentwell is a working estate and we try to use as much of our own produce grown on the grounds as possible.

Seating is available indoors, the outside stable yard or the tea garden. We also have a picnic area for those who wish to bring their own provisions.



## Other Information

- Accessibility:
  - There are many hard paths to follow around Kentwell
  - Access to the ground floor of the house is by a wheel chair ramp
  - Unfortunately, the first floor of the house is not accessible for wheelchair users
  - Wheelchairs are available on site but please reserve in advance of your visit
- Two sets of public loos – at the entrance and by the Tearoom
- Free coach parking on site
- Free entry & tea room refreshment voucher for coach drivers

## How to Find Us

Kentwell is just on the outskirts of the picturesque village of Long Melford, surrounded by numerous historic market towns including Lavenham, Clare and Bury St. Edmunds.

30 miles from Cambridge and 50 miles from London.

Long Melford is on the A134 on the Essex/Suffolk border. We are situated at the far end of the village, just past the village green.



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