

Polesden Lacey Events 2010

Symbols:

B – booking essential

TW – theme week

Throughout the year, we are offering new and exciting opportunities to learn something different about Polesden Lacey past and present. Come along and discover another side to this special place.

OPP – outside pay perimeter

This event will take place on the outer estate and our restaurant and shops are also outside the pay perimeter for you to visit on the day. However, if you wish to enter the House or Gardens during your visit, our standard admission prices will apply.

NAA – normal admission prices apply

£ – some activities may have additional costs

👨👩👧👦 – family event

JANUARY

Winter Warmers

Mon 11 – Sun 24

TW

Enjoy the best the winter has to offer, with fabulous walks on the Estate, delicious Winter Warmers lunches in the Courtyard Restaurant and the peace and tranquillity of the Gardens at this time of year.

Winter Woodland Walk

Sun 17, 11am–1pm

£4 **B** **OPP**

Put your best foot forward into 2010 with a wonderful guided walk across the Estate. Enjoy the seasonal beauty of woodland and farmland and blow away the cobwebs with this leisurely walk in the countryside.

Polesden Lacey Needs You –

Volunteers Coffee Morning

Mon 18, 10am–12pm

OPP

Polesden Lacey already has over 500 friendly volunteers in a wide range of roles, who would love to welcome you to the team. Discover how you can make new friends, develop your skills and interests and contribute to the local community by becoming a volunteer.

FEBRUARY

Dust, Polish and Little Horrors

Sat & Sun 6 & 7, 13 & 14,

20 & 21, 27 & 28

10.30am–12pm

£8 **B**

Hear the trials and tribulations of the House Team's Winter's Tale, as they show you the conservation work undertaken during the winter months to ensure the house is ready for the new season.



Valentine's Week

Mon 8 – Sun 14

TW

Enjoy all the romance Polesden Lacey has to offer. With spectacular vistas and romantic walks, there will be plenty to satisfy the most ardent of lovebirds!

Valentine's Dinner Dance

Sat 13, 7.30pm–midnight

£35 **B**

King George VI and the Queen Mother spent their honeymoon here and you can recreate that fine sense of romance with a sumptuous dinner for two in the Courtyard Restaurant.

Valentine's Fair

Sat 13 and Sun 14, 10am–4pm

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Valentine's Week will culminate with our Valentine's Fair, where there will be chocolates, flowers and other goodies to treat your loved one.

APRIL

Easter Weekend Family Fun

Fri 2 – Mon 5, 10am–5pm

Trail £2 per child **👨👩👧👦** **NAA**

Special activities for children will include face painting, storytelling and an 'egg-cellent' Easter Egg Trail.

Trusty's Polesden Lacey Rangers

Mon 6 – Sun 18, 10am–5pm

Trail £1 **👨👩👧👦** **NAA**

If you are looking for some fresh air during the school holidays, take up the challenge of Trusty's Trail.

Countryside Capers

Mon 19 – Sun 25

TW

The Estate is a remarkable survival of a small, self-contained agricultural estate which has remained largely intact since the middle ages. There are a number of excellent landscape walks to enjoy, with spectacular panoramic views offering a real chance to escape from the daily grind and revive yourself.

Countryside Ramble

Mon 19, 11am–1pm

£4 **OPP** **B**

Enjoy a gentle ramble and hear about our work to protect and preserve the countryside which is recognised as an area of outstanding natural beauty and includes an SSSI ancient woodland.

Mobility Vehicle Countryside Ramble

Fri 23, 10.30am–4pm

£4 **OPP** **B**

Are you a mobility vehicle user? If you have a sturdy buggy (capable of coping with unsurfaced paths, parts of which can be slippery/muddy when wet and with hills of about 1 in 6) then why not come along and join us for a day out on the Estate. Enjoy spectacular views and scenery and learn about the landscape and wildlife of the chalk grassland.

Dog Day

Sun 25, 10am–4pm

OPP **👨👩👧👦**

Our Wardens will be on hand to recommend how to make the most of the Estate with your dog. Other activities will include an agility course, displays by security and gun dogs and the chance to meet our tenant farmer and learn what to do near livestock with your dog.

MAY

Greville Days – Edwardian Fun

Sat 1 – Mon 3, 10am–5pm

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Join us for a day of celebration in Mrs Greville's style. Enjoy traditional Edwardian games and entertainment.

Treasure Forever

Wed 5 – Sun 9 & Wed 12 – Sun 16

11am–5pm

TW **NAA**

Uncover the captivating and unusual stories behind the objects in our care and discover why they say something about Polesden Lacey that the history books won't. Find out how our staff and volunteers care for these unsung treasures and take home practical advice on how to care for your own treasures.

A Taste of Opera

Sun 9

Wine and canapés from 7pm,

Performance 7.45pm

£40 **B**

Join us for an evening of classic opera favourites, performed in the Grand Entrance Hall of the House. An exclusive evening for both new and seasoned opera-goers, you are invited to enjoy this wonderful programme of some of the best known and most loved highlights from the world of opera and operetta.

Mrs Greville Entertains

Fri 14, Tour 6.30pm, Dinner 8pm

£35 **B**

Our specialist House team will lead guests on a private social tour of the House, reminiscent

of the days when Mrs Greville entertained the great and the good of Edwardian society. The evening will conclude with an Edwardian-themed three course dinner in the Courtyard Restaurant.

Think Arts and Crafts – Think Food

Sat 29 – Mon 31, 10am–5pm

👨👩👧👦 **NAA** **£**

Forget your table manners and play with your food. With food themed arts and crafts for all ages, discover images and art creations that have been inspired by the food we eat and create your own works of art to take home.

JUNE

Trusty's Polesden Lacey Rangers

Tues 1 – Sun 6, 10am–5pm

Trail £1 **👨👩👧👦** **NAA**

If you are looking for some fresh air during the school holidays, take up the challenge of Trusty's Trail.

Lazy Jazz Sundays

Sun 6, 13, 20, 27, 2pm–4pm

NAA

Enjoy a lazy afternoon every Sunday in June. Spread out your rug on the South Lawn, take time to peruse the Sunday papers and relax listening to wonderful live jazz music.



Croquet Coaching and Cream Teas

Sun 13 June, Sun 11 July,

Sun 8 August, Sun 12 September

Croquet Coaching 2pm,

Cream Tea 4pm

£16.50 **B**

Come and learn to play the fine game of croquet under the expert tuition of Caterham Croquet Club. The croquet lawns offer wonderful views across glorious countryside and what better way to end the afternoon than with one of our delicious cream teas in the Courtyard Restaurant.

Hats and Horses

Mon 14 – Sun 20

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During Ascot Week, Mrs Greville would invite many guests to stay with her after a day at the races. Stroll through the Gardens, marvel at the views and take in the atmosphere of this impressive country estate.

Ladies' Day –

Free Entry For All Ladies

Thurs 17, 10am–5pm

To celebrate the many guests who would stay with Mrs Greville here during Ascot Week, we are hosting our very own Ladies' Day.

Race Night

Fri 18, 7.30pm–11pm

£40 **B**

We are continuing the celebration of Mrs Greville's race week hospitality with a fantastic Race Night in the Courtyard Restaurant. Gamble guilt-free with our fun money, with prizes for the biggest winners on the night, and enjoy a fabulous buffet meal as part of a great night out.

Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

Sun 20, 10am–4pm

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Carriage Rides adult £1, child 50p
To add to our Hats and Horses Week, and perfect for Fathers' Day, enjoy a stroll in the glorious Gardens, a wander round the beautiful House and treat yourself to a ride around the Gardens in a horse drawn carriage.

Fathers' Day – Free Admission

For All Dads

Sun 20, 10am–5pm

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As our Fathers' Day gift to you, all dads will be offered free entry to the House and Gardens to celebrate their special day.

Fathers' Day Lunches

Sun 20, 12pm–2pm

£25 **B**

This Fathers' Day, treat Dad to a waitress-served Sunday Lunch in the Courtyard Restaurant. Book your table early and get your family together to enjoy a classic three course lunch.

Wouldn't it be lovely!

Sun 20

Wine & canapés from 7pm,

Performance 7.45pm

£40 **B**

This very special evening promises to recapture the glamour of one of Mrs Greville's house parties. The programme offers something for everyone from Gilbert & Sullivan to Noël Coward and a highlight is sure to be the medley from Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady* including, of course, the Ascot Gavotte!

JULY

The Polesden Lacey Festival

The Chicago Blues Brothers Show

Fri 2, 8pm

Tribute Night: ZU2 & Born Jovi

in support

Sat 3, 8pm

Family Classical Concert

& Teddy Bears Picnic

Sun 4, 12pm

Classical Evening & Fireworks Finale

Sun 4, 8pm

For further information and

to book tickets visit

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/polesdenlacey)

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Roses in Bloom

Mon 5 – Sun 11

Join us this week to celebrate the walled Rose Garden in full bloom. Visit the Gift Shop for special rose themed gift ideas or buy your own roses from the Plant Shop. Enjoy the sumptuous rose inspired menu in our Restaurant and take a closer look at the special rose displays in the House (Wed–Sun).

Care of Roses with our Experts

Tues 6, 10am–12pm

£9.50

Polesden Lacey is home to the epitome of Edwardian country house rose gardens. Hear from our expert Garden team about the maintenance of roses: from summer pruning and feeding to dead-heading, pest control and winter conservation. Over elevenses, grill the gardeners for hints and tips to try at home.

A Summer's Evening in the

Rose Garden

Sat 10

Pimms in the Rose Garden

from 7pm, Dinner 8pm

£35 **B**

The Rose Garden played its part as the backdrop to Mrs Greville's lavish parties. Now you can spend an exclusive evening in the Rose Garden, enjoying a glass or two of Pimms, before heading up to the Courtyard Restaurant for a waitress-served two course supper.



Trusty's Polesden Lacey Rangers

Mon 26 July – Sun 5 August

10am–5pm

Trail £1 **👨👩👧👦** **NAA**

If you are looking for some fresh air during the school holidays, take up the challenge of Trusty's Trail.

Bat Walks

Mon 26 July, 2, 23 & 30 August

8.45pm–10.15pm

Adult £8, Child £4 **TB**

Join our Warden for an exciting evening searching out these wonderful creatures as they flit across the night sky.

AUGUST

Wild Child Wednesdays

Wed 4, 11, 18 & 25, 11am–4pm

Wild Child Activities £2 per child

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Make the most of the summer holidays and enjoy different children's activities every Wednesday throughout August. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Maze Days

Thurs 5 – Sun 8, 11am–4pm

Maze Event £2 per person

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With a variety of brainteasers and physical challenges there is something for everyone to enjoy, no matter what their age. Take on the challenge of exciting mazes, puzzles and quizzes including: Hay Bale Maze, Finger Maze, Rope Maze, table top puzzles and more.

Country Cooks' Delight

Sat 28 – Mon 30, 10am–4pm

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Sample and buy local produce from our Farm Shop suppliers or treat yourself to something delicious to eat in the Courtyard Restaurant. With a selection of fabulous recipe books available in the Gift Shop, you are sure to leave feeling inspired to extend your culinary repertoire!

SEPTEMBER

Taste the Place – British Food

Fortnight

Sat 18 Sep – Sun 3 Oct

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To celebrate British Food Fortnight, there will be special promotions, menus and tastings of British food in the Farm Shop and Courtyard Restaurant. Plus, discover more about the working farms on the Estate and how staff and volunteers are committed to the 'good life' with our mini-allotments.

Plot to Plate Farm Walk and Dinner

Wed 22

Walk 5.30pm, Dinner 7.30pm

£35 **B**

Polesden Lacey's award-winning tenant farmer, Steve Conisbee, will take you on a leisurely walk and talk across our beautiful farmland. After building up a healthy appetite, enjoy a hearty three course dinner in the Courtyard Restaurant, tasting Conisbee's fresh meat and other local produce.

An Apple A Day ...

Tues 28

Cookery Demo 10.30, Lunch 1pm

£25 **B**

Enjoy a demonstration from our talented Restaurant team, using fresh, local seasonal produce. Take home top tips and wonderful recipes for savoury and sweet dishes using the star of the show this autumn – the humble English apple. With coffee on arrival and a delicious lunch in the Courtyard Restaurant, this event is a must for all home cooks.

OCTOBER

Apple Day

Sat 2 & Sun 3, 10am–5pm

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Enjoy a traditional Apple Day within our orchard. Experience this uniquely English event with apple and cider sales, apple tastings and an exhibition of historic apple varieties. As the finale to British Food Fortnight, you will also be able to sample and buy delicious local produce on the day. With craft activities and games - it's a great event for all the family.

There will be further events published in our Autumn/Winter leaflet