



Pentillie Castle, a brief history...

A truly unique history going back to 1698, when the Castle was built by Sir James Tillie.

Many years later, in 2007, the Coryton Family inherited Pentillie. The decision was made to retain the Castle, which required extensive renovation. With the gardens completely overgrown, in September 2008 a programme of restoration began.

Opening in May 2009, we now welcome B&B guests, weddings, family parties and garden tours. We also run a number of annual and special events.

Since opening, we have won multiple gold awards, and thanks to Natural England and the Country Houses Foundation, we have been able to achieve the following:

- Garden restoration: felling of large areas of rhododendron and laurel, clearing paths, felling dead and dying trees, and replanting of woodland gardens and orchards.
- Building restoration: Kitchen Garden walls, greenhouse, perimeter wall of the American Gardens, Mausoleum, and the statue of Sir James Tillie.

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FRIENDS OF PENTILLIE

Membership

2020

Membership Form

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address:

Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Annual membership fee - £19.50 (expires 31st Dec 2020)

Cheque/Cash/Debit/Credit card accepted
Cheques payable to 'Pentillie Castle & Estate'

Yes please! I would like to receive news and offers from Pentillie Castle via email and/or post. Please review our privacy policy online.

About Friends of Pentillie

Friends of Pentillie is a membership scheme that gives you exclusive access to Pentillie Castle and its 55 acres of woodland gardens once a month. As a Friend of Pentillie, you can also enjoy discounts and special offers throughout the year, as well as receiving a few special treats with your membership.

Annual membership is priced at £19.50 and is valid from 1st January – 31st December 2020.

Benefits of 'Friends of Pentillie'

- Exclusive opportunity to walk in the grounds on a dedicated Sunday each month, between 11am - 4pm.
- Free Entry for cardholders to our Garden Open Days (*excludes Guided Garden Tours and charity events*).
- An exclusive invite to our 10th anniversary party.
- Free room hire for a birthday celebration or party (*terms and conditions apply*).
- 5% discount on everything at Pentillie (*excludes vouchers and charity events*).
- A selection of Pentillie postcards.
- A copy of the Pentillie History Book.
- Exclusive E-Newsletter every month.

Friends of Pentillie Days

On your dedicated day each month, you are welcome to bring up to 3 guests with you and dogs on leads are welcome. Please keep an eye out for our monthly newsletter for seasonal information, your next date and for any

disturbance or work going on in the gardens. Please place your membership card on your dashboard and wear your 'Friends' badge around the Estate.

Membership Packs

Upon purchasing your membership, you will receive a membership pack, which will include your membership card, treats and 'Friends' badge. Membership packs will be ready to collect from the Castle within 2 days of purchase. Alternatively, if you would like this to be posted, there will be a small fee.

Health & Safety

Please be careful when walking around the gardens as the walkways can be slippery, unsteady and wet. There are steps around the gardens without handrails - these are marked on the garden map. If you do notice anything dangerous or obscure, please let the office know before you depart. If any of your additional guests are young children, please be extra careful at the Quay and pond. There are balance beams, see-saws and wobble boards through the woods, for the younger ones to enjoy!



The Bathing Hut on the River Tamar

The Pentillie Gardens

The gardens at Pentillie Castle were described by Country House Rescue's, Ruth Watson, as a 'national treasure'. When she saw them they were still a tangled mass of laurel, rhododendron and brambles that had been completely neglected for nearly 30 years.

The American Gardens were designed by Lewis Kennedy in 1813, many plants were imported from America in the 1800's including a wide variety of camellias, rhododendrons, magnolias and azaleas.

Humphry Repton drew up plans for Pentillie's gardens in 1809. He created the magnificent parkland and was instrumental in turning a large manor house into a Castle. A copy of his famous red book is kept in the Drawing Room.

Sir James Tillie built his mausoleum to await his 'resurrection' overlooking his favourite view of the River Tamar. Over the years both the building and Sir James Tillie's statue had badly deteriorated. Winter 2012-13 saw a huge restoration project thanks to Natural England and the Country Houses Foundation. Jimmy's remains were discovered in a previously unknown vault giving credence to long established rumours.

While the greenhouse has been restored in the Kitchen Gardens, there is still plenty to do in the vegetable plot. If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch!