

The Pepys Tour



Pepys House, Brampton



The Black Bull, Brampton

Morning: Pepys House, Brampton (small groups only)

Brampton is located off the A1. Coaches can drop off in the lay-by outside Pepys House on Huntingdon Road, Brampton, and then park in the car park at the Black Bull (if you are planning to lunch there).

Samuel Pepys' uncle lived in Brampton, in what is now known as Pepys House. Samuel also lived there for a time between the ages of 7 and 11, and he attended the Grammar School in Huntingdon, which had been attended a few years earlier by Oliver Cromwell.

The house later became Samuel's property and in 1667, fearing a Dutch invasion, Pepys sent his wife from London to Brampton to bury his life savings in the garden! Pepys returned two months later to retrieve his fortune, spending many an infuriating muggy hour locating his hidden wealth.

Opening times: Between 10am and 6pm most days, by prior arrangement. At least 2 days' notice required.

Average visit time: 40 minutes

Max. group: 10 - 12

Parking: At the Black Bull, Brampton.

Contact: Mr and Mrs Curtis on 01480 453431.

Notice required: 1 week

Toilets: No toilets, so a toilet stop is required before arrival.

Cost: Call for details.

Disabled Facilities: Limited as it is a private house and a Grade I listed building. However, there are hand rails to aid in climbing stairs. Also, Mrs Curtis will talk to you separately about its history, if you are unable to participate in the whole tour. Visitors with guide dogs welcome. Please call her to talk about your individual requirements, and she will offer assistance where possible.

The Pepys Tour at a glance

Morning: Pepys House

Lunch: The Black Bull, Brampton

Afternoon: Hinchingsbrooke House

Walking requirement: Some walking required if your group wishes to have a tour of Brampton and/or Huntingdon.

Max. group size for this itinerary: 10 - 12

Hinchingsbrooke House and Huntingdon are 5 mins drive from Brampton.

Lunch: The Black Bull, Brampton

This historic pub was once the court of the manor for the Earls of Sandwich who lived at Hinchingsbrooke House on the road between Brampton and Huntingdon. Pepys reputedly knew the Black Bull well.

Opening times: Open all year, Monday to Saturday:
Summer 11am - 11pm. Winter 12pm - 10.30pm.

Average visit time: 1 hour

Max. group: 30

Coach parking: In large car park, by prior arrangement.

Catering contact: Tel: 01480 457201

Notice required: 1 week

Toilet facilities: 1 ladies and 1 gents toilet.

Disabled facilities: Wheelchair access into the building, but no wheelchair accessible toilet. Assistance available. Visitors with guide dogs welcome.

Afternoon: Hinchingsbrooke House

Sir Sydney Montagu, who was married to Samuel Pepys' great aunt, bought Hinchingsbrooke House from Sir Oliver Cromwell on 20th June 1627. Sir Sydney died in 1644 and ownership passed to his son Edward Montagu (later 1st Earl of Sandwich).

Samuel Pepys, second cousin to the Earl of Sandwich (Edward Montagu), worked as a secretary for a time at Hinchingsbrooke House. Both the House and Estate figure largely in his diaries.

The buildings at Hinchingsbrooke House were subject to elaborate alteration and additions. Only the best craftsmen and material would do, with Samuel Pepys being instructed to obtain the services of Mr. Kennard, master joiner of Whitehall. Samuel Pepys notes in his diary the time and money being spent on the improvements to Hinchingsbrooke House.

Opening times: June, July and August: Sunday afternoons only: 2pm - 5pm.

Max. group: 57

Min. group: No minimum

Coach parking: Outside the House

Contact: Tel: 01480 375678

Notice required: 2 weeks

Toilets: Ample toilet facilities

Cost: Call for details.

Disabled facilities: Wheelchair access to part of the house.
Wheelchair accessible toilet. Visitors with guide dogs welcome. Please ring if you require any further assistance.

Huntingdon Guided Tour

To finish your day, take a guided tour of the historic centre of Huntingdon with an experienced tour guide. Email David Cozens at dam.coz@btinternet.com.

A guided tour can be scheduled to your time requirements. Tickets are £2 per adult, £1 per child with a minimum group size of 10.

The Farmers' Market takes place in Huntingdon on alternate Fridays. Please call Rosemary Hoskins, the Farmers' Market Coordinator, on 07767 250825, for more details. Huntingdon is proud of its independently-certified Farmers' Market where fresh, local food is sold by the people who produce it. We welcome coach parties and are happy to give your passengers a personal welcome and an introduction to the market and what makes it special. There is also a **Continental Market** which takes place annually in October. For more information about this event, please call the Town Partnership Manager on 01480 450250.



St Mary Magdalene Church, Brampton



Hinchingsbrooke House



Hinchingsbrooke House rear view

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Please phone each attraction prior to your visit. Thank you.