

The Pepys Tour



Pepys House, Brampton



The Black Bull, Brampton

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.

Morning: Pepys House, Brampton, Nr Huntingdon. (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 muddy 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.

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

Disabled Facilities: Limited as it is a private house and a Grade 1 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.

Lunch: The Black Bull, 25 Church Road, Brampton, PE28 4PF

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: Contact for details Tel: 01480 457201

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

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 Brampton Road, Huntingdon, PE29 3BN

Hinchingsbrooke House is a Tudor country house. Built around the 13th century it was originally a nunnery and was given to Richard Cromwell in 1538 by Henry VIII at the time of the dissolution. Both Queen Elizabeth I and King James I visited here in its long history and Oliver Cromwell played here as a child

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.

Today the House is set in its beautiful grounds and offers impressive facilities for weddings, balls or any grand event.

Contact details: Tel: 01480 375678
Email: info@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk
Website www.hhpac.co.uk

Notice required: 2 weeks. Contact above for further details

Toilets: Ample toilet facilities

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.

The Huntingdon Guided Tour

A guided tour of the historic centre of Huntingdon with an experienced tour guide is something which may be arranged through the Cromwell Museum which is in the centre of the town. Call 01480 375830 for more details.

The **weekly market** takes place on Wednesday and Saturday and **The Farmers' Market** on alternate Fridays. Please contact the District Council on **01480 388388**, 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 Centre Manager on **01480 450250**



Hinchingsbrooke House from its grounds



Hinchingsbrooke House, Huntingdon



Huntingdon Farmers' Market



Please phone each attraction prior to your visit