



The TR Register Shropshire Group's TURKEY TROT



Saturday 6th December 2025

For 2025 the Turkey Trot will take us to Erddig Hall near Wrexham. Our visit will be followed by a Festive Meal at The Croft, Beaconsfield Park, Hadnall.

Erddig sits above the Clywedog River and showcases 250 years of gentry-servant relations through portraits and preserved rooms. The house contains fine furniture and textiles, while outside features a restored 18th-century garden, notable for its fruit trees, formal hedges, and ivy collection.

This Christmas, step into a world of festive enchantment as you head on a Nutcracker Adventure at Erddig (see synopsis on page 2). From 29 November until 4 January this classic tale is beautifully re-imagined in the historic passageways and rooms of Erddig Hall. Journey through the magical realms of snow, candy and flowers and forestry ending in a glittering ball. As you explore, marvel at beautifully decorated trees, listen for the sounds of magical music, and soak up the joyful atmosphere as each room reveals a new festive delight.

Then twirl your way into the Grade-I listed walled garden to practise your ballet moves in the garden trail - can you pirouette, plié or perform an arabesque like a ballerina?

Erddig's grounds will be adorned with charming Christmas decorations that evoke a rustic, vintage feel. Throughout the grounds, you'll find beautiful Christmas trees and greenery handcrafted by dedicated volunteers.

Warm up with a hot drink from the restaurant, pick up a bite to eat from the seasonal menu, or treat yourself to a slice of cake to round off your Yuletide visit to Erddig.

Itinerary

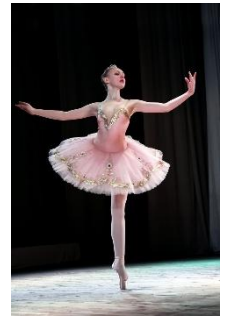
10:00	Meet at Battlefield Services, Shrewsbury, SY4 3EQ. Just North of Shrewsbury at the junction of A5 and A53
10:30	Start of Run
11:45	Arrive Erddig Hall. Wrexham, LL13 0YT
14:00	Depart Erddig Hall
15:00	Arrive at The Croft, Beaconsfield Park, Hadnall, SY4 4BE
15:30	Festive Meal.

The Nutcracker Suite by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1892)

Synopsis

The Stahlbaum Home

On Christmas Eve in 1820s Nuremberg, Germany, a family gathers to decorate their tree and host a party. Drosselmeyer, Clara's godfather, and a skilled toymaker, arrives with dancing dolls and gifts. He gives Clara a nutcracker doll, which Fritz accidentally breaks but Drosselmeyer repairs. That night, Clara sneaks back to the parlour, where the clock strikes midnight and she is swept into a magical battle between gingerbread soldiers and mice led by the Mouse King. Clara helps the nutcracker defeat the king.



A Pine Forest

After the victory, the nutcracker doll transforms into a prince and guides Clara through a snowy pine forest to his kingdom.

The Land of Sweets

In the Land of Sweets, ruled by the Sugar Plum Fairy, Clara is celebrated for her bravery with dances from around the world. After final festivities, Clara and the Prince depart in a reindeer-drawn sleigh, bidding farewell to the magical land.

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