WHAT’S ON
OXFORD BOTANIC GARDEN & ARBORETUM

2017 / 2018

Be inspired at Britain’s oldest Botanic Garden
Oxford Botanic Garden is the UK’s oldest botanic garden, founded in 1621. Building on four centuries of history, our mission is to educate people about the importance of plants, to help conserve them around the world, and to support teaching and research at the University and beyond.

Harcourt Arboretum, just outside Oxford City Centre, has been part of the University of Oxford since 1963. The 130 acres contain the best collection of trees in Oxfordshire with some of the oldest redwoods in the UK.

GENERAL OPENING TIMES OF THE GARDEN

November - February
Tuesday-Sunday 9.00am-4.00pm
Mondays 12.00pm–4.00pm

March - April
Tuesday-Sunday 9.00am-5.00pm
Mondays 12.00pm–5.00pm

May - August
Daily 9.00am-6.00pm
Mondays (May) 12.00pm–6.00pm

September - October
Tuesday-Sunday 9.00am-5.00pm
Mondays 12.00pm–5.00pm

Last admission is 45 mins before closing time

BOOKING
Online: The easiest way to book. Secure 24h online booking:
www.botanic-garden.ox.ac.uk/event/Public_Education_Programme_17-18

Friends & Alumni are eligible for a concessionary 10% off. Please bring your card on arrival.

DISABLED VISITORS
The Botanic Garden (including its glasshouses) is fully wheelchair accessible. There is also a wheelchair available to borrow. Please call ahead to the ticket office (01865 610300) to reserve the wheelchair.

FOLLOW US
Discover more inspirational news and images on our social media channels:
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Instagram: @oxfordbotanicgarden
Welcome to what promises to be an exciting and inspiring year at the Botanic Garden and Harcourt Arboretum. We are delighted to offer a vibrant programme of talks, walks and tours this year covering science, gardening and practical horticultural courses in 2017/18. From orchid safaris to successful staking, and a range of exciting talks, there really is something for everyone - come along and be inspired!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!
Oxford Botanic Garden and Arboretum depend upon our many supporters and donors in everything we do. Friends’ and volunteers’ support enables us to inspire and educate a new generation of visitors.

At a glance calendar 2017/2018

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This year our autumn science lectures will explore the theme of Research and Conservation in Botanic Gardens.

**Building a global system for the conservation of all rare and threatened plant species: what can botanic gardens do to prevent plant species extinctions?**

Dr Paul Smith, General Secretary, Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI)
Monday 2nd October, 2017

**Hybrid speciation in plants: insights from the Oxford ragwort**

Professor Simon Hiscock, Director of the University of Oxford Botanic Garden
Monday 16th October, 2017
A trick of the light? Evolution and floral diversity
Professor Beverley Glover, Director of the University of Cambridge Botanic Garden
Monday 30th October, 2017

Genetics, conservation and plant diversity
Professor Pete Hollingsworth, Director of Research, Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh
Monday 13th November, 2017

Bioquality hotspots in tropical Africa
Dr Cicely Marshall, Department of Plant Sciences, University of Oxford
Monday 27th November, 2017
LECTURES

WINTER LECTURES

Lectures are followed by a glass of wine and take place at 8pm on Thursdays in the Mathematical Institute, Andrew Wiles Building, University of Oxford, Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, Woodstock Rd, Oxford, OX2 6GG.

Our evening winter lectures bring together leading gardeners and garden designers to give us their perspectives on gardening.

Talks cost £15.00 or £60 for the series. Unfortunately we cannot accept cash on the night. Card payment only please.

Fascinating documents of the past: National Trust gardens
Dame Helen Ghosh, Director General, National Trust
Thursday 25th January 2018

The World of Culinary Herbs
Jekka McVicar, The Herb Farm
Thursday 8th February 2018
A Mediterranean Botanical Voyage
Chris Thorogood, Oxford Botanic Garden
Thursday 22nd February 2018

People Places and Plants
Jim Gardiner, Vice President of the RHS
Thursday 1st March 2018

Succession Planting in the Mixed Border
Fergus Garrett, Great Dixter
Thursday 22nd March 2018
SPECIAL TALKS

James Wong – How To Eat Better
Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} November 2017
7pm-8pm £12 (£10 concessions)
Mathematical Institute
Andrew Wiles Building, University of Oxford, Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, Woodstock Rd, Oxford, OX2 6GG
For information and booking visit scienceoxford.com

Gemma Burditt – The Adventures of Richard Spruce
Thursday 23\textsuperscript{rd} November 2017
7pm-8pm £10
Daubeny Lecture Theatre, Rose Lane, Oxford Botanic Garden, OX1 4AZ
Book online: www.botanic-garden.ox.ac.uk/event/Public_Education_Programme_17-18

Christmas Dates for your diary

Christmas wreath making Oxford Botanic Garden, Saturday 25\textsuperscript{th} November, 10.00am-12.30 or 1pm-3.30pm. £30.

Christmas Fair Oxford Botanic Garden, Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} and Sunday 3\textsuperscript{rd} December. Adults £5, concessions £3.50, Children under 16 free.
PRACTICAL COURSES AT HARCOURT ARBORETUM

The Arboretum is a beautiful setting in which to do practical courses, just outside Oxford. Nuneham Courtenay, Oxfordshire, OX44 9PX.

**COPPICING COURSE**
Learn how to do coppicing on this half day course with our expert arborists
*Sat 27th Jan 2018 9am-1pm. £30*

**HEDGE-LAYING COURSE**
Learn the art of hedge-laying on this half day course with our expert arborists
*Sat 24th Feb 2018 9am-1pm. £30*

**FAMILY BUSHCRAFT**
Learn the art of bushcraft with Wilderness Pioneers.
*Fri 13th April 2018 10am-2pm. £20pp (inc. adults)*

**BESOM BROOM-MAKING**
Learn the art of traditional besom broom-making with expert Mark Cottrell
*Thurs 19th April 2018 10am-4pm. £70*

**BUSHCRAFT FOR ADULTS**
Learn the art of bushcraft with Wilderness Pioneers.
*Sept 8th 2018 10am-4pm. £70*

**FORAGING FOR WILD FOOD**
Learn how to forage for wild food with Wilderness Pioneers.
*Sept 22nd 2018 10am-4pm. £40*

AUTUMN FAIR & Apple Day:
*SATURDAY 21ST October 11.30am-4.00pm at Harcourt Arboretum*
PRACTICAL COURSES AT OXFORD BOTANIC GARDEN
Join our experts to learn horticultural techniques in a beautiful setting - in Britain’s oldest botanic garden.

CREATIVE POT DISPLAYS
Join us to learn how we plan and plant up our beautiful pot displays at the Botanic Garden. The session will include an illustrated talk followed by practical demonstrations.

*Oxford Botanic Garden, Tues 22nd May 2018 10.30-12.30pm. £15*

SUCCESSFUL STAKING
Join our horticultural staff to stake plants in the Garden using natural materials harvested from the Arboretum.

*Oxford Botanic Garden, Tues 10th April 2018 10.30-12.30pm. £15*
WALKS AT HARcourt Arboretum

6.30-7.30pm, followed by a glass of wine in the barn.

WOODLAND WANDER
Explore the Arboretum with our expert arborists and glean insights into the planting, coppicing, hedge-laying and much more!
Thurs 17th May 2018. £15

RARE TREES FROM JAPAN
Join our curator for a veritable voyage across Japan to see rare trees collected and grown by our staff.
Thurs 21st June 2018. £15

WILDLIFE WALK
Join expert Karl Lofthouse for a guided walk through our diverse collection of plants, animals and habitats and a potential glimpse of Britain’s largest bat (the Noctule).
Thurs 19th July 2018. £15

MONKEY ORCHID SAFARI
Join botanists Dr Chris Thorogood and Professor Simon Hiscock to catch a glimpse of one of the UK’s very rarest orchids in the heart of the Chilterns, Hartslock Nature Reserve. If we’re lucky, we’ll find Monkey orchids, known to grow at this site for centuries, on hillsides overlooking the Thames.
Hartslock Nature Reserve, Weds 16th May 2018 6-7pm. £20

AN UPLIFTING HISTORICAL & LITERARY STROLL
Join local historian, guide, speaker and author Mark Davies who will describe some of the remarkable characters who have influenced the Garden’s rich history in a variety of ways. Hear about the Garden’s first superintendent, Jacob Bobart, ‘the German Prince of Plants’, and his remarkable descendants; learn about some of Britain’s earliest hot-air balloon launches made by Oxford’s very own first English aeronaut, the High Street pastry cook James Sadler; and discover the Garden’s associations with Lewis Carroll and other celebrated writers and visitors. Followed by wine and a book signing with Mark.
Oxford Botanic Garden, Thurs 26th July 2018 6pm-7.30pm. £15
BOOK ONLINE NOW!

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If you experience any problems trying to book online, please call 01865 610305

Guided walks and tours will take place outdoors; please wear suitable clothing and footwear.
Please note that a minimum number of attendees is required to run all courses.

HOW TO FIND US

Oxford Botanic Garden is in the centre of Oxford, just off the High Street. Harcourt Arboretum is a few minutes’ drive from Oxford near the village of Nuneham Courtney.

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