



**WHAT'S ON**

OXFORD BOTANIC GARDEN & ARBORETUM

SHORT  
COURSES

2018-2019

## 02 Welcome



Dr Chris Thorogood

Welcome to what promises to be an exciting and inspiring year at the Botanic Garden and Arboretum. We are delighted to offer a vibrant programme of talks, walks and tours this year covering science, gardening and practical horticulture. From orchid safaris to tree climbing, and a range of exciting talks, there really is something for everyone – come along and be inspired.

Oxford Botanic Garden is the UK's oldest botanic garden, founded in 1621, and is an oasis in the city centre. Harcourt Arboretum – a short drive from the city – contains some of the finest conifer collections in the UK, set within 130 acres of historic Picturesque landscape.

Together, the Garden and Arboretum are an incredible resource for research, education, conservation, and inspiration for a new generation of botanists.

### General opening times of the Garden

#### **November to February**

Daily, 9am to 4pm

#### **March and April**

Daily, 9am to 5pm

#### **May to August**

Daily, 9am to 6pm

#### **September and October**

Daily, 9am to 5pm

*Last admission is 45 minutes before closing time*

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## Disabled visitors

The Botanic Garden (including Glasshouses) is fully wheelchair accessible. There is also a wheelchair available to borrow. Please call ahead to the ticket office (01865 610 300) to reserve the wheelchair.  
Please call the Arboretum (01865 610 305 Mon-Fri) if you have any special requirements.

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# 04 Calendar

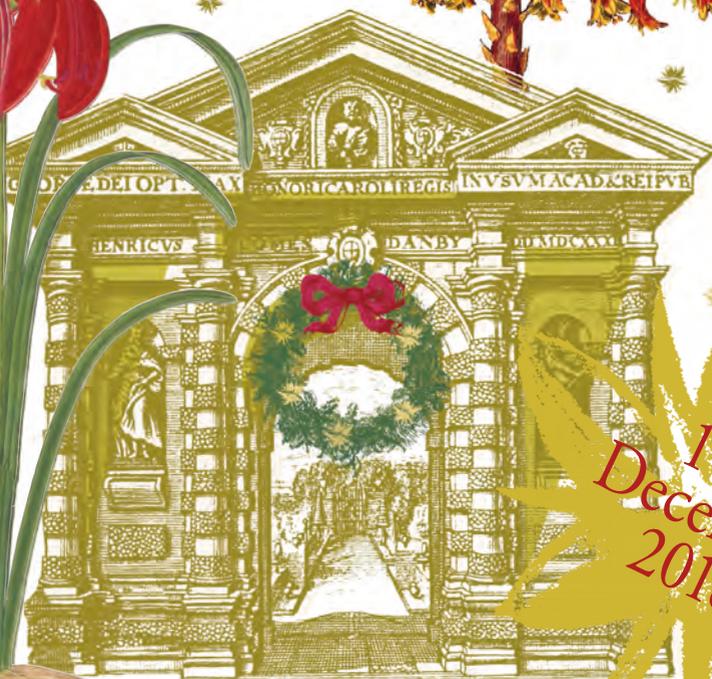
## At a glance

Calendar 2018/2019

|           |    |      |                                                                       |
|-----------|----|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October   | 04 | 2018 | Urban lifestyle: the value of urban environments for solitary bees    |
| October   | 13 | 2018 | Make your own terrarium                                               |
| October   | 18 | 2018 | Finding drugs in the garden: harnessing plant metabolic diversity     |
| November  | 01 | 2018 | The plant microbiome, the dark and dirty secrets of plant growth      |
| November  | 15 | 2018 | If only flowers had faces: seeing beyond the green blur               |
| November  | 24 | 2018 | Natural Christmas wreath making course                                |
| November  | 29 | 2018 | Plant and fungal diversity, livelihoods, natural capital and RBG Kew  |
| December  | 15 | 2018 | Natural Christmas wreath making course                                |
| January   | 24 | 2019 | Snowdrops and other winter bulbs                                      |
| January   | 26 | 2019 | Coppicing course                                                      |
| February  | 07 | 2019 | Putting gardens in their context                                      |
| February  | 21 | 2019 | The land where the lemons grow, the story of Italy & its citrus fruit |
| February  | 23 | 2019 | The gardening year ahead - where do I start?                          |
| March     | 02 | 2019 | Hedge-laying course                                                   |
| March     | 07 | 2019 | How did we get here from there? The changing face of our gardens      |
| March     | 21 | 2019 | The living jigsaw explained                                           |
| April     | 09 | 2019 | Sustainable staking                                                   |
| May       | 18 | 2019 | Families in the forest                                                |
| June      | 06 | 2019 | Military orchid safari                                                |
| June      | 22 | 2019 | Willow weaving for a winter display                                   |
| June      | 27 | 2019 | Threatened trees of the world                                         |
| August    | 04 | 2019 | Learn how to use a charcoal burner                                    |
| August    | 10 | 2019 | Tree climbing for adults and children                                 |
| September | 21 | 2019 | Foraging course                                                       |

Oxford Botanic Garden  
*Christmas Fair*

*Enchantingly  
festive*



1 - 2  
December  
2018

Autumn Science Lectures

Lectures cost £8 each or £35 for the series. Book online at [obga.ox.ac.uk/whats-on](http://obga.ox.ac.uk/whats-on). Cash only on the night. Sponsored by 'Plants, People, Planet'. Daubeny Lecture Theatre, next to Oxford Botanic Garden.

Urban lifestyle: the value of urban environments for solitary bees

**Dr Tonya Lander**

7PM | 4 Oct 2018 | Daubeny Lecture Theatre



Finding drugs in the garden: harnessing plant metabolic diversity

**Professor Anne Osbourn**

7PM | 18 Oct 2018 | Daubeny Lecture Theatre



The plant microbiome, the dark and dirty secrets of plant growth

**Professor Phil Poole**

7PM | 1 Nov 2018 | Daubeny Lecture Theatre



If only flowers had faces: seeing beyond the green blur

**Dr Dawn Sanders**

7PM | 15 Nov 2018 | Daubeny Lecture Theatre



Plant and fungal diversity, livelihoods, natural capital and RBG Kew

**Dr Paul Wilkin**

7PM | 29 Nov 2018 | Daubeny Lecture Theatre





Snowdrops and other winter bulbs

**Alan Street**

7PM | 24 Jan 2019 | Maths Institute OX2 6GG



Putting gardens in their context

**Dan Pearson**

7PM | 7 Feb 2019 | Maths Institute OX2 6GG



The land where the lemons grow, the story of Italy and its citrus fruit

**Helena Attlee**

7PM | 21 Feb 2019 | Maths Institute OX2 6GG



How did we get here from there?

The changing face of our gardens

**Christine Skelmersdale**

7PM | 7 Mar 2019 | Maths Institute OX2 6GG



The living jigsaw explained

**Val Bourne**

7PM | 21 Mar 2019 | Maths Institute OX2 6GG

Lectures cost £15 each or £60 for the series and are followed by a glass of wine.  
Book online at [obga.ox.ac.uk/whats-on](http://obga.ox.ac.uk/whats-on). Card or cheque only on the night.

Winter Lectures

A photograph of a person holding a plant with a text box overlay. The person is smiling and wearing a blue hoodie. The plant has green leaves and small purple flowers. The text box is black with white text.

**Practical  
courses**  
at Harcourt  
Arboretum

The Arboretum is a beautiful setting in which to do practical courses, a 10 minute drive from Oxford in Nuneham Courtenay, OX44 9PX.

Book online at [obga.ox.ac.uk/whats-on](http://obga.ox.ac.uk/whats-on)

### Coppicing course

**9AM - 1PM | 26 January 2019 | £30**

Meet our arborists and learn the traditional art of coppicing at Harcourt Arboretum. This special site contains a coppice woodland which feels a world away from the city of Oxford. See how this traditional management approach has been entwined with ancient woodland crafts for centuries.

### Hedge-laying course

**9AM - 2PM | 2 March 2019 | £35**

Join our expert arborists in Harcourt Arboretum and discover the traditional art of hedge-laying in a stunning setting. Bring a packed lunch.

### Families in the forest

**11AM - 2PM | 18 May 2019 | £10 | Children welcome**

Families can take part in hands-on, playful learning experiences in a beautiful woodland setting. Try your hand at different forest skills and fun craft activities whilst discovering more about the animals, plants and trees around you. Bring a picnic. Designed especially for 6+ but all ages welcome.\*

### Making charcoal

**9AM - 4PM | 4 August 2019 | £50**

Spend a day with our expert arborists and discover the ancient craft of charcoal burning. Learn how to unload a charcoal kiln, select timber for another burn and light.

### Tree climbing

**10:30AM - 4:30PM | 10 August 2019 | £20 | Children welcome**

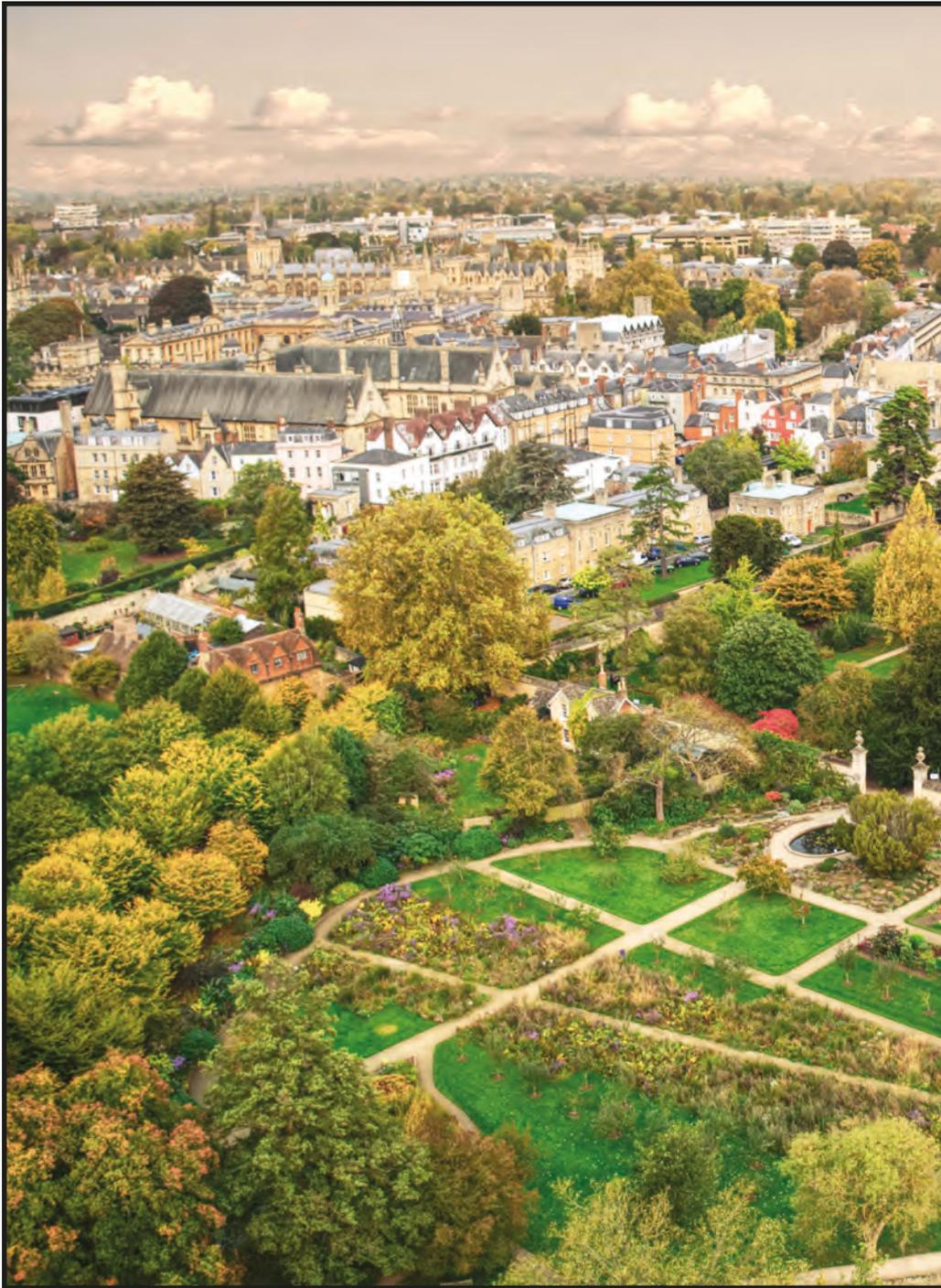
Tree climbing for adults and children (minimum 6 years old). Join highly skilled and friendly instructors from the Great Big Tree Climbing Company and climb into the canopy of one of our giant trees.\*

### Foraging course

**10AM - 3PM | 21 September 2019 | £40**

Join bushcraft instructors from Wilderness Pioneers for an introduction to wild food and medicinal plants, followed by a cook up around the campfire using some of the ingredients you have collected. We'll cook on the fire, but bring a packed lunch too.

\*Children must be accompanied by a paying adult.





A botanical specimen, possibly a branch of a plant with large, ovate, light green leaves and clusters of small, pale flowers and buds, is shown against a light blue background. The specimen is partially enclosed by a black rectangular border. The text is centered within this border.

**Practical  
courses  
at Oxford  
Botanic Garden**

Join horticultural experts to learn new techniques in a beautiful setting - in Britain's oldest botanic garden.

Book online at [obga.ox.ac.uk/whats-on](http://obga.ox.ac.uk/whats-on)

### Make your own terrarium

**11AM - 1PM | 13 October 2018 | £40**

A terrarium is a mini, closed ecosystem that is self-sustaining, and makes a fantastic gift. Experts will guide you as you create a mini garden in a bottle, which you can take home, as well as arming you with the skills to make many more. All materials and plants will be provided.\*

### Natural Christmas wreath making course

**11AM - 1PM | 24 November 2018 | £40**

**11AM - 1PM | 15 December 2018 | £40**

Experts will walk you through the wonderfully festive tradition of wreath making, using all-natural locally sourced materials. Each wreath is a truly unique way of welcoming your guests over your festive threshold.\*

### The gardening year ahead - where do I start?

**11AM - 1PM | 23 February 2019 | £40**

With spring on the horizon, it can be difficult to know where to start with your garden. Join expert Alison Quantrell to look at what tools and equipment you will need, which seed catalogues to browse, and discuss timings to achieve a garden to be proud of next summer.\*

### Sustainable staking

**10:30AM - 12:30PM | 9 April 2019 | £15**

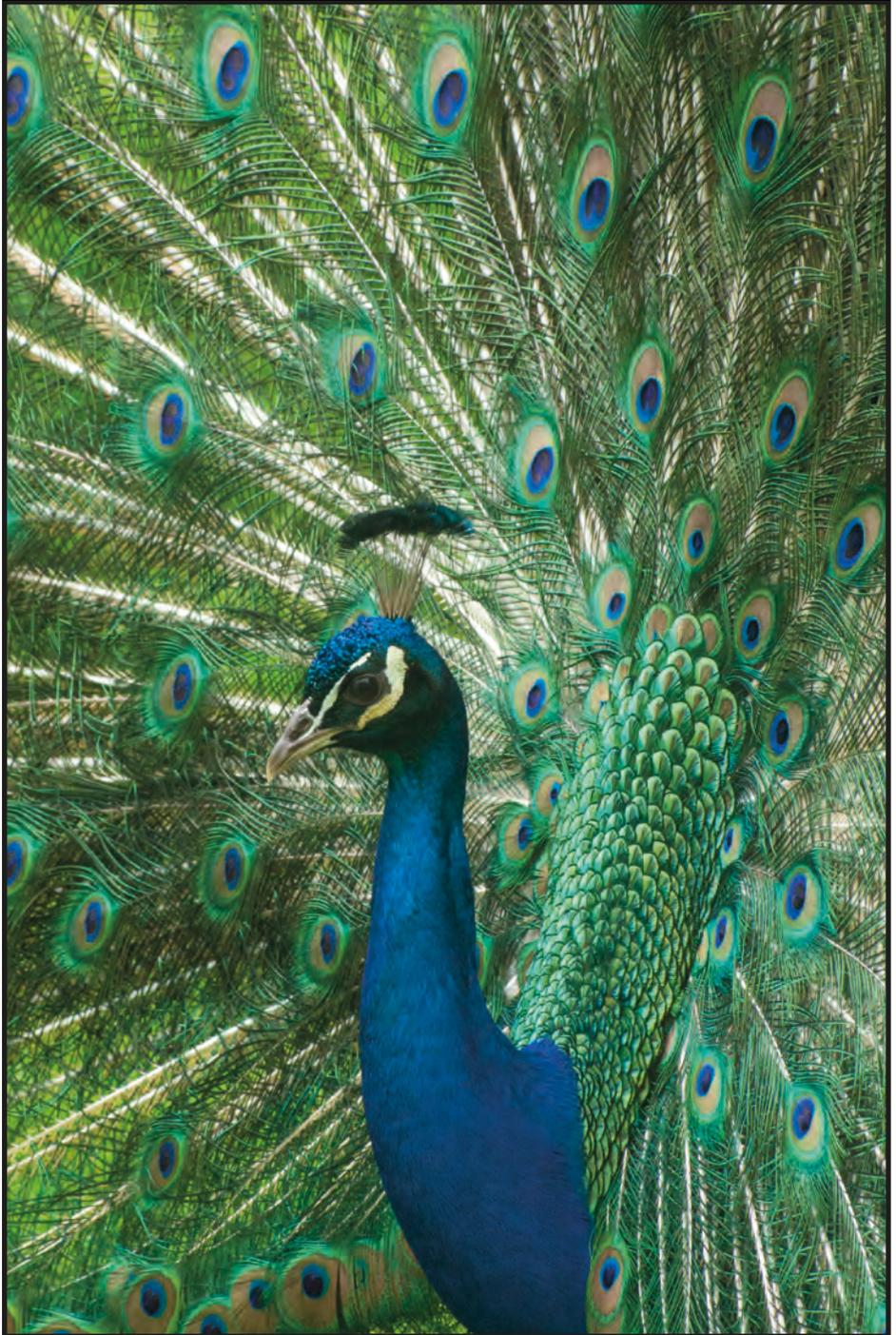
Discover how to successfully stake different species and sizes of perennials under the expert guidance of Oxford Botanic Garden horticulturalists. An excellent opportunity to get advice and inspiration in the oldest botanic garden in Britain.

### Willow weaving for a winter display

**11AM - 1PM | 22 June 2019 | £40**

Join Alison Quantrell to create your very own garden structure out of woven willow. Learn the art of weaving these malleable, tactile stems to create some truly eye-catching winter garden interest to take home.\*

\*In collaboration with Blooming Botany, Oxfordshire.



## Walks and tours

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### Military orchid safari

**6PM - 7:30PM | 6 June 2019 | £20 | Homefield Wood**

Join botanists Dr Chris Thorogood and Professor Simon Hiscock for a stroll through one of the UK's richest orchid grasslands. We'll see military orchids - one of the UK's rarest species, as well as fly orchids and other grassland rarities.

### Threatened trees of the world

**6:30PM - 9PM | 27 June 2019 | £15 | Harcourt Arboretum**

Ever wanted to wander through the Arboretum when all the other visitors have gone home? Join our Curator, Ben Jones, for an exclusive twilight tour and discover rare trees collected and grown by staff.

# Autumn Fair

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**11:00 - 16:00**

**Harcourt Arboretum**





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Please note that a minimum number of attendees is required to run all courses.  
Friends and Alumni are eligible for a concessionary 10% off. Please bring your card on arrival.

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