



WHAT'S ON

OXFORD BOTANIC GARDEN & ARBORETUM

SHORT
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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

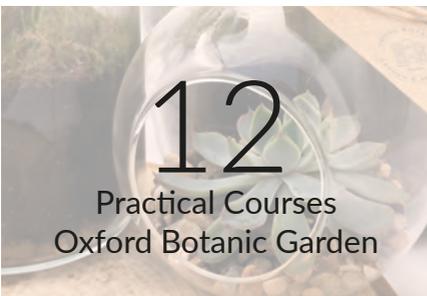
September and October

Daily, 9am to 5pm

Last admission is 45 minutes before closing time

Please visit obga.ox.ac.uk/visit-arboretum for the Arboretum opening times.





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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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

Autumn Science Lectures

Lectures cost £8 each or £35 for the series. Book online at 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. Card or cheque only on the night.

Winter Lectures

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**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

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

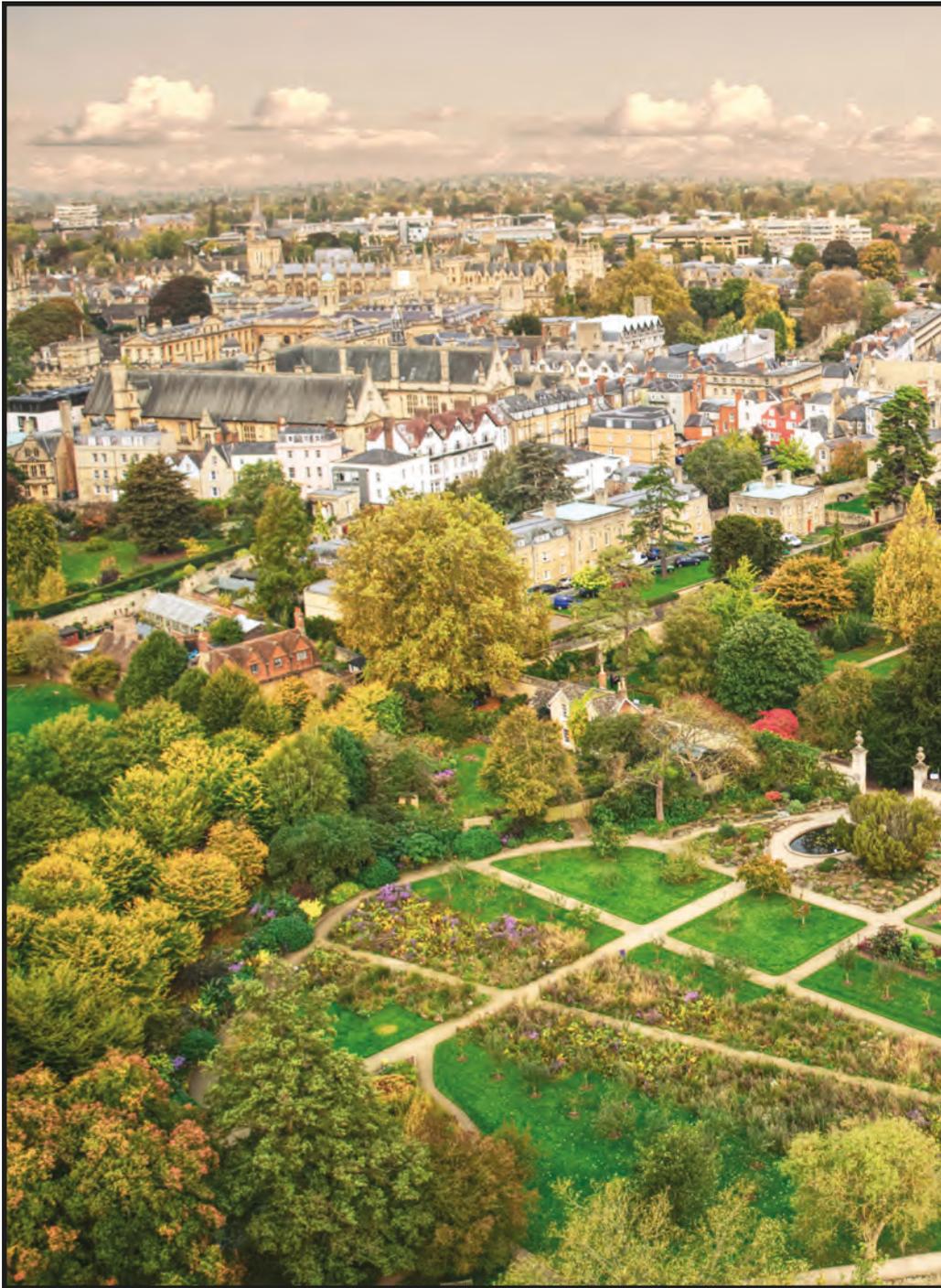
Tree climbing for adults and children (minimum 6 years old). Join highly skilled and friendly instructors from the Great Big Tree Climbing Company and climb into the canopy of one of our giant trees.*

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 green leaves and clusters of small white flowers, 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

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

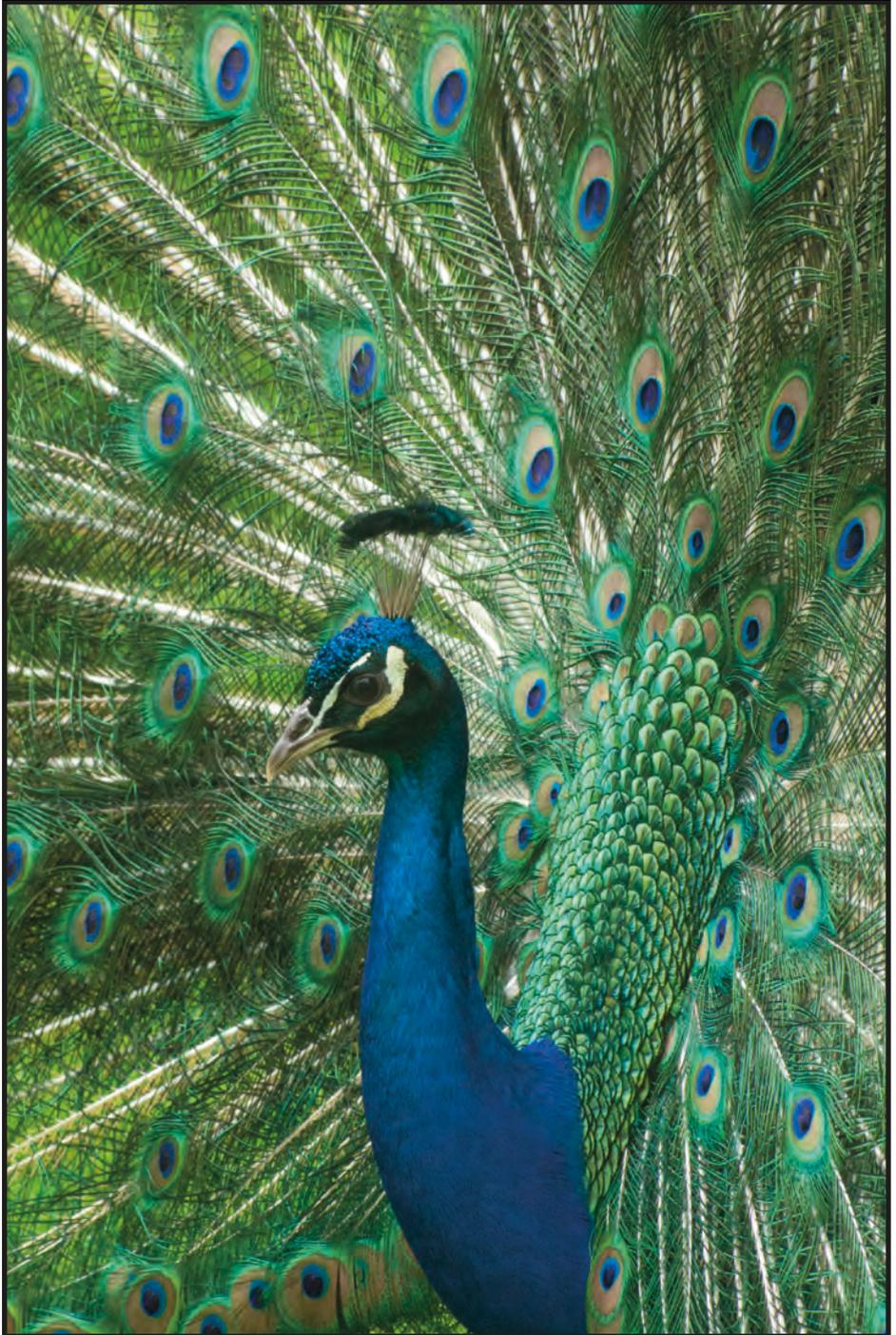
Discover how to successfully stake different species and sizes of perennials under the expert guidance of Oxford Botanic Garden horticulturalists. An excellent opportunity to get advice and inspiration in the oldest botanic garden in Britain.

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

Book online at obga.ox.ac.uk/whats-on

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 13th October 2018

11:00 - 16:00

Harcourt Arboretum





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

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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