

ESCAPE THE EVERYDAY

Summer reminds us why we garden. Wisley has all the ideas, advice and products you need to create your own piece of paradise.



FEAST ON SUMMER

Juicy fruits, delicious vegetables and fragrant herbs; savour the flavour of Wisley-grown produce for a glorious summer of eating.



Brighten up your garden

RHS Members' Plant Auction

Thu 17 July, 6pm – 8.45pm

An opportunity for RHS Members to bid on a range of quality rare and unusual plants. Some have been grown at Wisley, others by specialist nurseries. All funds raised will go towards developing an area of the garden. Tickets are free, but must be pre-booked at least 3 days in advance. Call 0845 612 1253, Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm to book.

Buy direct from nurseries at the RHS Wisley Flower Show

Tue 2 – Sun 7 September

With some of the best nurseries in the Country, many of which are RHS Flower Show medal winners, you'll find a huge range of high quality plants. You can even get advice from the RHS Advisory team, who will be on hand to help with any gardening queries you have.

Show Garden Spectacular at the Wisley Plant Centre

This summer, the Wisley Plant Centre will be featuring this year's must have planting combinations from the RHS Shows. With new trends and styles for the season this is the perfect way to be inspired for that show-stopping look. Our friendly RHS experts will be happy to give advice and help you choose the right plants for your garden to achieve that winning combination.

Shop for Summer

Cookery books with tasty summer recipes, stylish picnic accessories, and a wide range of gifts and plants that add last minute colour to your garden; the Wisley Shop and Plant Centre have everything you need to make the most of summer.

Taste of Wisley

Herbfest 2014

June – August

Our summertime herb celebration returns and we are making our food and drink even tastier, with freshly grown Wisley herbs. You can also enjoy herb displays to inspire your own planting and Herbfest recipes are available online at rhs.org.uk/wisley.

Father's Day Weekend

Sat 14 – Sun 15 June

Double-bacon doorstep sandwiches and big mugs of tea; we've truly got dad's best interests at heart this Father's Day. Book a family brunch in the Restaurant: £17.50 per adult and £9.50 per child.*

Flavoursome Fridays by the Wisley Fruit Team

Throughout July and August

Taste some of the fruits of Wisley every Friday (1.30 – 3.30pm) and get useful tips on growing your own.

*Prices exclude garden entry. For more information please visit our website rhs.org.uk/wisley. Call 01483 225 329 for reservations or book a table online.

Jams and Preserves Workshop

Thu 11 September

Late summer is the time to think about preserving seasonal fruits, herbs and vegetables. Our preserving workshops will help you get to grips with jam-making, using luscious Wisley berries, plus other garden treats such as rose petals and fresh spices. Recipes for elegant herb jellies, fun cordials, chunky chutneys and piquant mustards will ensure your larder is well-stocked. RHS Members £50, non-members £62 and includes a two-course lunch. Call 0845 612 1253, 9am to 5pm, to book.

Retro Sundaes

This season we're going back to the future in the Food Hall with lip-smacking gooey knickerbocker glories, banana splits and sundaes – sure to raise smiles all round.

Afternoon Tea in the Restaurant

As the seasons change, so do the treats on the Restaurant's indulgent afternoon tea menu, designed by Claire Clark MBE.

Our gift vouchers make an ideal gift and can be bought in the Restaurant.

EATING AL FRESCO

With days getting warmer and longer, eating al fresco becomes one of the greatest pleasures of a visit to Wisley. We will be serving fresh tasty dishes from our Garden Grill every weekend in summer, and daily from 25 July (weather permitting).

The menu is packed with punchy flavours and seasonal ingredients: succulent rib-eye steaks with Wisley herb rub, trout with rosemary, grilled chicken and Sussex feta with broad bean and pea salad.



Enjoy the three other RHS Gardens this summer



HYDE HALL
Near Chelmsford, Essex



ROSEMOOR
Great Torrington, North Devon



HARLOW CARR
Harrogate, North Yorkshire

RHS Garden Wisley, Surrey GU23 6QB Tel: 0845 260 9000

On the A3, near Junction 10 of the M25 rhs.org.uk/wisley

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RHS GARDEN WISLEY

SUMMER 2014

Summer Family Fun RHS Wisley Flower Show New for 2014: Arts Fest



Sharing the best in Gardening

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SOAK UP SUMMER

Embrace the season's long days and bright skies. Whether you are seeking great days out, new inspiration, or simply want to unwind, we have it all here at Wisley.



BRIGHT, BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL

Stunning mixed borders, fragrant rose gardens, fiery poppies and swaying grasses. Make the most of our sensational panoramas and treat your eyes to a visual feast.



COME RAIN OR SHINE

From storytelling to survival skills, our action-packed summer activities turn a day outdoors into lifelong memories.



TRY SOMETHING NEW TODAY

Fire your imagination this summer in Wisley's stunning surrounds. Learn new skills, discover hidden talents and meet like-minded people.



Not to be missed

Birds of Prey

Sat 31 May – Sun 1 June
Sat 2 Aug – Sun 3 Aug

A great weekend for discovering all about birds of prey. See these magnificent birds up close, with agility displays at 11am and 2pm.

Summer Solstice

Sat 21 June, open until 9pm

Celebrate the longest day of the year with family and friends. Savour the delicious scents of the summer evening air, as the garden stays open until 9pm. Last entry 8pm.

NEW FOR 2014

Arts Fest

Sat 28 – Sun 29 June

Wisley will be hosting a new event celebrating a diverse range of talents. There will be a carnival atmosphere with an aerial acrobat, live music, theatre performances, literary talks and book signings, craft demonstrations, marionettes and shadow theatre. We will also be encouraging you to have a go at our art and craft workshops.

Activities vary on each day. Check the website for what's on when.

NEW FOR 2014

STIHL TIMBERSPORTS®

Sat 16 – Sun 17 August

A weekend of rip-roaring axe and chainsaw action from the GB Timbersports team as well as the workshop skills of a blacksmith and a woodcraftsman. See exciting disciplines that make up STIHL TIMBERSPORTS®, including the Underhand Chop, Standing Block Chop and the Springboard in this fantastic display of lumberjack expertise.

RHS Wisley Flower Show

Tue 2 – Sun 7 September
9am – 6pm (5pm Sun)

Enjoy the delights of this spectacular, yet informal late-summer Show. Browse, buy and get advice from more than 40 specialist nurseries and garden trade stands. There will also be stunning displays by **Surrey NAFAS** (3 – 7 Sep), and the **National Dahlia Society Annual Show** (2 – 5 Sep), as well as other dahlia displays (6 – 7 Sep).

Enjoy premium parking, a special breakfast and a tour of the Show by our Curatorial team. Tue 2 September, 7.30am. RHS members £28, non-members £39. Booking essential. Call 0845 612 1253, Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm.

Sights, scents and colours

National Insect Week

Sat 21 – Fri 27 June

Have you found a mysterious insect in your garden? Bring it along for the RHS Entomologists to identify. See garden insect predators in action under a microscope, learn to make a trap to find out what lives in your garden and test yourself on whether insects are pests or gardeners' friends. Check the website for times.

RHS Members' Evening

Thu 17 July, until 9pm

Make the most of our late evening opening for RHS members. Enjoy an evening stroll and experience the tranquillity of Wisley after hours. Last entry 8pm.

National Dahlia Society Annual Show

Tue 2 – Fri 5 September

Admire the best in dahlia cultivation and colour as part of the RHS Wisley Flower Show. More than 100 exhibitors will be vying for top prizes in all classes with their stunning blooms. On 6 – 7 September, you can see a selection of dahlia displays from the National Dahlia Society, National Dahlia Collection and Pheasant Acre Plants.

Poppy Meadow

A swathe of poppies has been sown at Hilltop to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. The Flanders poppies will create a vivid display of remembrance during June and early July, with later-flowering golden *Coreopsis* extending the season of the meadow until late July. Twenty Wisley gardeners lost their lives during the war; this poppy field will be a tribute to their memory.

RHS Trials

Plant trials and the Award of Garden Merit form an important element of the Society's work. This year's Trials Field highlights include *Penstemon*, late-flowering *Clematis*, *Digitalis*, a variety of vegetables, and herbs such as dill and coriander. Near the Model Gardens, around 100 cultivars of *Impatiens hawkeri*, in an array of vibrant colours, will be at their peak over the summer months.

Plant Societies

See the plants and meet the enthusiasts. For more details, check the website.

British Iris Society	31 May – 1 Jun
Viola and Pansy Centenary	31 May – 1 Jun
Allium Day	4 Jun
Peony Society	14 Jun
Mammillaria Society Show	15 Jun
Sweet Pea Open Day	20 Jun
Delphinium Society Show	21 – 22 Jun
Herb Society	30 Aug

Family fun

Father's Day Weekend

Sat 14 – Sun 15 June

Together with Dad, put your camouflage and survival skills to the test; mini raft building, tracking, den building and knot tying. As a treat why not book brunch in the Restaurant or pop into the Food Hall for a cup of tea.

Creepy Crawly Show

Sat 9 – Sun 10 August

Be prepared for lots of laughs and screams from the fun packed Creepy Crawly Show; jungle challenges, comedy, music and 'meet the animals'. See snakes, tarantulas, scorpions, lizards, giant African snails, hissing cockroaches, turtles and many more.

Summer Holiday Activities, 24 July – 31 August

Great Garden Quest

sponsored by Witan Investment Trust.

The Trolls have stolen the dragon fire from our friendly dragon. Can you solve the clues around the garden to find her fire and return it? Along the way there are pixie riddles, a green man, wizards and of course the dragon.

Design your own explorer costume, make clay pendants and mythical creatures, have a go at archery and mini sword fighting, join in music workshops, listen to storytelling, see birds of prey displays and enjoy sow and grow activities.

Activities vary daily please check the website for what's on when.

Weekend Events: Wiggly Wild Show 26 – 27 Jul • Birds Of Prey 2 – 3 Aug • Creepy Crawly Show 9 – 10 Aug • STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® 16 – 17 Aug • Storytelling at the Wisley Shop, each weekend

Barefoot Trail

Tantalise your toes with textures including timber, mud, bark, water, grass and pebbles as you take on our Barefoot Trail. Will you be brave enough to let your friends guide you through the walk with a blindfold while you guess the surfaces?

Garden Games

Challenge friends and family to our garden games as you try your hand at croquet, giant dominoes and skittles.

Children's Storytelling Weekends

Enjoy a variety of stories for different age groups. Check the website for further details of upcoming stories and visiting authors. At 2pm each weekend day at the Wisley Shop.

Creative talents

Early Morning Photography

Sat 24 May and Sat 26 July, 8am

Capture the beauty of summer mornings as the garden opens early for photographers. Normal garden admission applies and tickets can be booked in advance.*

Get hands on at the Arts Fest

Sat 28 – Sun 29 June

Get hands on at the Arts Fest with a selection of workshops. Have a go at pottery, jewellery making and painting. For more information please visit rhs.org.uk/wisley.

The University of Scones with Claire Clarke MBE

Tue 29 July

Master pastry chef Claire Clark MBE first started cooking scones professionally at London's Ritz Hotel. Find out some top tips and how to bake these sweet and savoury teatime staples to perfection. Expect flour-dusted hands and scrumptious results.

Morning course includes lunch, afternoon session includes afternoon tea. RHS Members £75, non-members £87. Call 0845 612 1253 to book.*

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Surrey Sculpture Society Trail

Sat 23 August – Sun 28 September

Contemporary or traditional, find your favourite from around 60 inspirational sculptures by some of the South East's finest, established and emerging artists. All sculptures are available to buy.

Courses and Workshops

Learn new skills and find inspiration from our courses and workshops. For further information, visit our website rhs.org.uk/workshops or pick up a brochure at Wisley.

Artist in Residence: Jane Wafer

Sculptor Jane Wafer will be working with visitors from early June to make large 3D sculptures from natural elements, reflecting the theme of Bugs and Beasts: The gardener's friends. See website for more details of when Jane will be here.

“Early mornings and late afternoons show Wisley in a magical light as the shadows lengthen and create a warm glow to the countless flowers and shrubs.”

Stephanie Fudge, Head of Site

Come rain or shine Wisley is a fabulous place to visit. To get the most from your day out, why not enjoy a guided tour available daily at 11am. Contact our membership office on arrival.