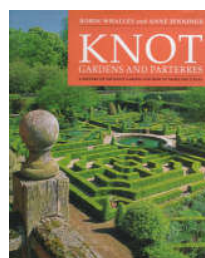
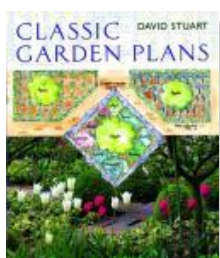




News from the RHS Lindley Library

We'd love to hear from you

Are you using the libraries to help with studying for a horticultural or garden design course? Do get in touch and tell us what course you're doing – or even send us a copy of your reading list. This will help us select new books for the collections. You can email us at library.news@rhs.org.uk



RE-DESIGN
your garden

PERIOD
GARDENS

Taking inspiration from Period Gardens

The Lindley Library holds a wealth of information to aid garden designers working on original concepts and restoring existing gardens. Journals such as *Gardeners' Chronicle* (1841-1985) highlight garden innovations and changing fashions as they occurred; current titles, such as *Garden History*, explore the fate of our garden heritage. Luckily for those of us hoping to create a garden with an historic feel, some authors have already done a lot of the hard work: take a look at the following books for imaginative and practical ideas.

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Wisley

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Open 11am-4pm daily

Closed Mon 14th Dec — Fri 1st Jan inclusive. Reopens Sat 2nd Jan at 11am

Garden libraries also at
Harlow Carr, Hyde Hall and Rosemoor - check our website for opening times

Creating period gardens by Elizabeth Banks

"... shows how to recreate a period garden that evokes the particular planting styles, colour, smells and atmosphere of gardens of the past."

Traditional garden book by Graham Rose

"A highly creative guide for all gardeners. Illustrated with...photographs, planting schemes, drawings and diagrams."

Small period gardens by Sir Roy Strong

"...few people have large gardens, so at the heart of the book are the small gardens of the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries."

Classic garden plans by David Stuart

"Although many of the original designs are quite grand, David Stuart has focused on elements that can be used to make lovely gardens on a much smaller scale."

Knot gardens and parterres: a history of the knot garden and how to make one today by Robin Whalley & Anne Jennings

"...shows how the concept of the knot garden is ideal for today."

For more information on re-creating or restoring an historic garden, including planting suggestions, ask the Library about our book lists or search the catalogue:

<http://www.rhs.org.uk/libraries>

WEATHER MATTERS

One day last summer Wisley was the hottest place in the UK. This was not only the opinion of sun-baked gardeners and visitors, but confirmed by data from our own weather station, sited in the Wisley orchards. (It used to be at Weather Hill – hence the name.) The Met Office at Exeter has a direct link to the information, which is recorded hourly by the automatic station. Each month staff in the Fruit Department compile a report for the RHS archives which joins a continuous run of weather records kept in the library dating back 100 years.



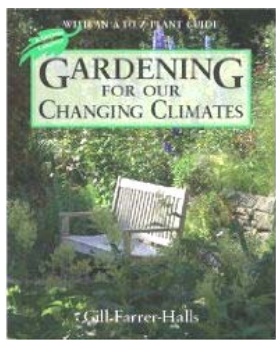
The original Weather Hill weather station at Wisley



RHS Historian Brent Elliott has been looking for evidence on climate change recorded in 17th and 18th century garden calendars. His findings reveal that by the mid 1700s some plants had advanced their month of flowering. Read the full article in the September issue of *The Plantsman*.

ON THE BOOKSHELF: climate change

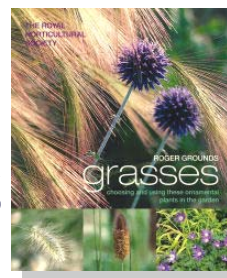
Today's gardeners seeking practical information could try: **Gardening for our changing climates** (2008) or **The dry gardening handbook: plants and practices for a changing climate** (2008).



To consider global warming in a broader context, browse the shelves at 551.58. Here you'll find titles such as **Six degrees: our future on a hotter planet** (2007) or **Plants and climate change: which future?** (2008).

Meteorological books for children include **Weather: with step-by-step projects for the young scientist** (1999).

Letting the GRASSES GROW



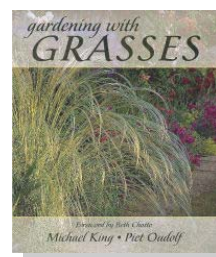
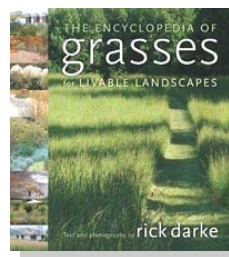
Outside the Garden Library at Wisley is a stunning autumn border of grasses. The tactile *Pennisetum villosum* and the architectural *Miscanthus sinensis* 'Adagio' may tempt you into the plant centre, but take a few minutes finding inspiration in our books on grasses.

Michael King and Piet Oudolf's **Gardening with grasses** explores planting combinations for naturalistic and traditional mixed border schemes.

Grasses: choosing and using these ornamental plants in the garden by Roger Grounds covers propagation, cultivation and maintenance.

Richard Darke's **Encyclopedia of grasses for livable landscapes**, "a work of unequalled depth and scope" is for those who take their grasses seriously, in both garden and landscape projects.

Noël Kingsbury's **Designing Borders**, includes schemes with grasses and detailed planting plans, and might suit gardeners wanting to add grasses to existing borders.



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