

**Garden Opening Times**

Monday to Friday, 10am to 6pm.  
Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays, 9am to 6pm.  
Last entry 5pm.  
Tel: 0845 260 9000

**Directions**

Situated in Surrey off the A3, near junction 10 of the M25. Postcode: GU23 6QB

**Garden Entry Price**

All RHS Members (plus family guest entitlement)	FREE
Adult including Gift Aid	£10.90
Adult excluding Gift Aid	£9.90
Child (6–16 accompanied by an adult) including Gift Aid	£3.90
Child (6–16 accompanied by an adult) excluding Gift Aid	£3.50
Child under 6 (accompanied by an adult)	FREE
Groups (10+ adults) see website	
Carer of a disabled person	FREE

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on gift aid admission

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**Shopping****Evening Shopping in the Plant Centre and Shop Thursdays in July**

With so many gardening books, gifts, plants and gardening accessories to choose from, you will be glad to hear the Wisley Plant Centre and Shop are open until 8pm every Thursday in July.

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June to September 2011  
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**[rhs.org.uk/wisley](http://rhs.org.uk/wisley)**

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# A Hint of Roses

For an abundance of flowers and fragrance, roses are hard to beat, especially when complemented with the right shrubs and herbaceous perennials.

The new Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden, sponsored by Witan Investment Trust, will provide just that in years to come. At this exciting young stage, you can grow with us as we've planted almost 4,000 roses and around 5,000 herbaceous plants to give you some great ideas for getting started at home.

In the established Jubilee Rose Garden, we try new varieties and cultivars every year as we experiment to find some of the best around and decide which ones to keep for future years' collections. It's a great place to discover your favourite variety and take in the colour and fragrance of this much-loved corner of Wisley.



## Plants that Perform

The Trials Field provides eye-catching beds of summer colour with alstroemerias, sweet peas, delphiniums and dahlias among this summer's trials of new plants striving for the coveted RHS Award of Garden Merit (AGM).

This year we are also planting an AGM border, featuring blocks of colour provided by alliums and lavender in early summer, hydrangeas in mid-summer and grasses towards the end of the season.

## A Tapestry of Colour

For something a little different, the Top Terrace has been given over to the Wisley diploma students. Be prepared for a great subtropical display in August as dahlias, banana plants and lush foliage vie for attention.

With their huge plant diversity, the Mixed Borders and Glasshouse Borders will provide glorious colour, while the profusion of delicate wild flowers in the Perennial Meadow will leave you with an inspired summer feeling.

### Gardening Events

#### Contemporary Floral Design

**20 June, 10.15am – 12.30pm**  
Demonstration and practical workshop on contemporary floral design by former Chelsea Flower Show medal winner David Ragg. £45 Members, £54.90 non-Members (includes Garden entry). Call **0845 612 1253** to book.\*

#### RHS Members Evenings

**7, 14, 21, 28 July, Open until 8pm**  
Late openings for RHS Members. Wisley staff will also be on hand to talk about specific areas of the Garden:  
**7 July** Find out about the work of the Trials Department  
**14 July** See below  
**21 July** Take a closer look at the Mixed Borders  
**28 July** Evening viewing in the Glasshouse

#### Roses Evening for RHS Members

**14 July, 6.30pm** Join us for guided tours, live music and a glass of wine in the new Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden. RHS Members only. Tickets cost £6 and must be booked in advance on **0845 612 1253**.\*

#### Small Green Roofs with Nigel Dunnett

**23 – 24 July, 2.30pm** A talk about the benefits of green roofs to the environment and how to create a small green roof at home. Free event, no booking required, held in the Wisley Plant Centre.

#### The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

**21 August, 2.30pm** Reading and discussion from the author of the most talked-about debut novel of 2011. £20 per person for RHS Members, £29.90 for non-Members. Includes Garden entry and a copy of the book. Call **0845 612 1253** to book.\*

#### The Wisley Flower Show

**8 – 11 September** Enjoy this popular late-summer show, with around 40 nurseries and garden trade stands laid out throughout the Garden, as well as a spectacular display by Surrey NAFAS. Browse, shop and obtain advice from specialist nurseries, many of whom are Chelsea or Hampton Court Palace Flower Show winners.

#### Plant Societies

Experience some of the best plants and meet the enthusiasts as specialist societies host events including Pinks and Carnations (15 Jun), Sweet Pea Day (16 Jun), Delphinium Society (21–22 Jun), Hostas (7 Aug), Fuchsia Society (20–21 Aug) and the British Iris Society (10 Sep).

#### Plant Specialist Weekends

Join us for talks by top experts each morning, book signings in the afternoons and a Plant Centre display throughout the weekend.

**9 – 10 Jul** Bold & Beautiful Plants (James Alexander-Sinclair)  
**16 – 17 Jul** Clematis Festival (Raymond Evison)  
**17 – 18 Sep** Contemporary Borders (Noel Kingsbury & Neil Lucas)

Each talk costs £20 for Members and £29.90 for non-Members (includes Garden entry and a £5 voucher for the Wisley Plant Centre). Phone **0845 612 1253** to book.\*

### Days Out

#### Taste of Summer

**25 – 26 June** Enjoy cream teas, brass bands, a WI Sweet Tooth baking and preserves display and family activities including tug-of-war and welly wanging. There are grow your own demonstrations and advice as well as talks by celebrity gardeners Diarmuid Gavin (Saturday) and James Wong (Sunday). Talks costs £3.50 for Members or £15 for non-Members (includes Garden entry), call **0845 612 1253** to book.\*

#### Sunday Afternoon Music

**Every Sunday in August**  
While away a summer's afternoon with the sound of live music in the Garden. Different genres each week – check the website for details.

#### Birds of Prey

**20 – 21 August** See birds of prey swoop and soar as you learn more about these fascinating birds. Displays at 11am and 2pm.

### Family Activities

#### Father's Day Weekend

**18 – 19 June, 10am – 4.30pm**  
Borrow binoculars, camouflage your face and explore the Garden Safari Trail. Spot exciting plants and guess which animals like to eat them before building a safari camp.

#### Great Garden Adventure

**Weekdays between 25 July and 31 August** From sowing herbs to making an adventurer's map we'll help you be prepared for the Wisley quest. Enjoy weekly challenges, bird watching, den building, bug hunting, teddy bears picnics and storytelling. Activities vary daily, check the website.

Children aged 16 and under go free in August 2011 when accompanied by an adult.



### Photography, Art & Sculpture

#### Blooming Britain Photographic Display

**6 – 30 June** See images portraying some of the 'urban greening' scenes and characters in the famous RHS-led community initiative, Britain in Bloom.

#### Nature's Sculptures NAFAS Trail

**29 June – 17 July** Surrey NAFAS celebrate their 50th anniversary with a trail of Land Art. These displays of natural art will encourage you to try your hand at flower arranging inspired by the natural world.

#### Photography Morning

**16 July, 7am** Capture the early morning light. Normal entry prices apply, but tickets must be booked in advance on **0845 612 1253**.\*

#### Surrey Sculpture Society Trail

**27 August – 2 October** Beautiful works of sculpture from across the South East. Traditional or contemporary, find your favourite from more than 60 on show. All sculptures are available to buy.

\* Booking line is open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm (closed weekends and Bank Holidays). Bookings for each event are taken up to 2 working days prior to the day of the event.