

JOURNEY THROUGH SPRING

Delight in the unfurling of spring as the Garden awakens from its winter slumber. Admire fresh green foliage, enticing scents, seas of vibrant bulbs, carpets of alpine and woodland gems.

Clouds of blossom, magnificent camellias and magnolias, cascading wisterias and radiant rhododendrons all wait to be discovered. Opulent orchids of every shade fill the Glasshouse, transporting you to a world of tranquillity and exotic shores.

Enjoy every corner of Wisley as it bursts into life this spring.



SPRING AFTERNOON TEA

TASTE
OF WISLEY



Treat yourself to a Wisley afternoon tea in the Restaurant for only £37* for two, which includes cakes and pastries created for us by top pâtissière, Claire Clark.

Call **01483 225 329** to book. Gift vouchers available. Bookings should be made up to 3 days in advance.

*Excludes Garden entry.

WISLEY PLANT CENTRE

SPRING PLANTING

- Huge range of alpine, perennials, roses and shrubs
- 'Grow your own' seeds, herbs and fruit trees
- Tools and garden equipment, pots and containers
- RHS **Award of Garden Merit** plants and **Plants for Pollinators**

*Offer valid between 1 March and 30 April 2013 when you spend £30 or more on plants in one transaction at the RHS Garden Plant Centres. Not valid on purchases of non-plant items and cannot be used for online sales or in conjunction with any other offer, discount or promotion. Rootgrow™ sachet price at RHS Garden Plant Centres normally £2.99. Offer subject to availability.

SHOW STOPPERS 20 MAY – 29 JULY

Recreate that RHS Show Garden look at home. Be inspired all the way by plant selections based on some of the outstanding gardens at RHS Flower Shows Chelsea, Hampton Court Palace and Tatton Park.

Spend £30 on plants in March or April and get a free Rootgrow™ sachet*

Enjoy the three other RHS Gardens this spring



HYDE HALL
Near Chelmsford, Essex



ROSEMOOR
Great Torrington, North Devon





HARLOW CARR
Harrogate, North Yorkshire

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Just off the A3, near J10 of the M25. rhs.org.uk/wisley

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Sharing the best in Gardening

RHS GARDEN WISLEY SPRING

MARCH – MAY 2013
EVENTS AND GARDEN INSPIRATION



Free Garden entry for RHS Members

Near Jn 10 of the M25, Surrey

rhs.org.uk/wisley

Frosty mornings and bright clear days, spring is the season of gardening expectation and thoughts of warmer days.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Emma Stothard Sculpture Exhibition

Until Sun 24 March
See life-sized willow and galvanised steel sculptures.

FREE Day Friday

Fri 1 March
Explore our world-renowned garden for free.

Mother’s Day

Sun 10 March
Enjoy the delights of early spring and for a special treat why not book lunch or afternoon tea in the Conservatory Dining Room (see website for prices). Call 01483 225 329 to book.

Orchids in the Glasshouse

Sat 16 March – Sun 14 April
A volcano of orchid blossom erupting from an exotic landscape and cascades of striking cymbidiums are just some of the highlights in this year’s orchid display. See website for times.

Spring Plant Fair & Grow Your Own Weekend

Sat 23 – Sun 24 March
Buy quality plants from around 30 specialist nurseries. Enjoy Grow Your Own talks by **James Wong** (Sun) and **Pippa Greenwood** (Sat & Sun), advice on grafting and caring for apple trees, demonstrations on growing fruit and herbs in containers, and beekeeping tips. RHS Grow Your Own is supported by Mr Fothergill’s.

Easter Weekend

Fri 29 March – Mon 1 April
Stroll among spectacular displays of spring flowering bulbs, follow our family trail or relax and take in the beauty of the Garden.

Birds of Prey

Sat 6 – Sun 7 April
Find out more about these fascinating birds and see them up close. Displays at 11am and 2pm.

RHS Daffodil Show

Tue 9 – Wed 10 April
See website for times and details.

Taste of Wisley Evening

Fri 19 April, 7pm
Celebrate the finest spring ingredients from local producers. An introduction to English sparkling wine followed by a five course dinner and wine for each course. £59.50 per person. Call 01483 225329.

National Gardening Week:

Careers Days – Thu 18 & Sat 20 April
Find out about horticultural careers with our talks and practical workshops. Learn more about horticultural qualifications and meet industry representatives.
Starting out in Horticulture (Schools) 18 April
Email ngwcareers@rhs.org.uk to register.
Careers Day 20 April

Wildflower Weekend

Sat 20 – Sun 21 April
Join us for advice on creating your own mini wildflower meadow, attracting bees to your garden, lawn maintenance (Sat 9.30am – 2pm) and alpine trough demonstrations.

Photography Morning

Sat 27 April, 8am
Capture amazing shots as Wisley opens early for photographers. Tickets can be booked in advance on 0845 612 1253 (Mon to Fri 9am – 5pm).

Contemporary Craft & Design Fair

Thu 2 – Mon 6 May
Browse and buy from around 160 of the finest contemporary craftspeople in the Country. Discover a diverse range of home crafts, jewellery, clothes, sculptures and garden art. New for 2013, ‘Festival of Silver’ in the Glasshouse Gallery.

100 Years: RHS Chelsea Flower Show

Tue 21 May – Sun 16 June
Illustrated display celebrating the history of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 1913 – 2013.

Budding Gardeners

Sat 25 May – Sun 2 June
See mini display gardens created by budding garden designers from schools.

Plant Societies

See the plants and meet the enthusiasts, 10am – 4pm.
World of Alpines Sun 3 Mar
Orchid Society of GB Sat 16 Mar (from 11am)
National Vegetable Society Sat 16 Mar
Fritillaria Group Sun 17 Mar
Cyclamen Society Sat 30 Mar
Epimedium Day Sat 6 Apr
Plant Society Open Day Sat 20 Apr
British Iris Society Sat 27 Apr
Mammillaria Society Sun 12 May
British Iris Society Sat 25 & Sun 26 May

FAMILY FUN

Spring is here so have some fun and make the most of the great outdoors. Explore our Wild at Wisley Play Area, try your hand at den building, learn about an underground world in the interactive Root Zone or see how many birds you can spot from the Bird Hide.

Grow Your Own Weekend For Families

Sat 23 – Sun 24 March
Make paper plant pots and sow & grow your own leeks. Join our seed scattering challenge (Sun 24) as part of National Science & Engineering Week.

Easter Family Fun

Colours of the Rainbow
Fri 29 March – Sun 14 April
Discover the clues to follow the **Rainbow Trail**, or have a go at one of our other fun activities.*

Music Workshops Bubble Making
Build our Giant Rainbow Sculpture
Storytelling
Birds of Prey Sow & Grow Rainbow Wildflowers

National Gardening Week

Sat 20 – Sun 21 April
Sow and grow a ladybird seed bomb.

May Half Term & Budding Gardeners

Sat 25 May – Sun 2 June
Find out which school has the most flower power in our Budding Gardeners’ displays and enjoy fun activities over the half term break.*

Make a Mini Scarecrow Sow & Grow ‘Mini Bells’
Sculpt Vegetables from Modelling Clay

TRIALS GARDEN

The Trials Garden can be found beyond the Henry Moore sculpture on Battleston Hill. Throughout the year there are various trials taking place for the prestigious RHS Award of Garden Merit (AGM).

Spring is an exciting start to the trials season. The team is very busy planting the new season’s ornamental trials which this year include *Digitalis*, *Stipa* and *Euphorbia* along with the 2013 trials of vegetables such as radish and runner beans.

In spring you will also see the *Narcissus* trial in blazing colour along with *Erythronium*, *Vinca* and *Ribes*.

For more information visit rhs.org.uk/wisley



*Activities vary daily and are free once inside the Garden. Check the website for what’s on each day.

COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

Be inspired by our courses and workshops. For prices and further information please visit the website or pick up a brochure. rhs.org.uk/courses/leisure-learning

Beginners’ Beading	8 Mar
Getting Started in the Greenhouse	9 Mar
Planting Design across the Seasons –Spring	13 Apr
A Beginner’s Guide to Digital Photography	14 Apr
A Beginner’s Guide to Watercolour	10 May
Understanding Alpines	14 May
Art in the Garden (5 workshops)	16 & 23 May and 6, 13 & 20 Jun