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The RHS regional centre is located on the 60 hectare Pershore College site with its landscaped gardens, orchards, plant collections, arboretum, library and educational facilities.

Pershore College offers an extensive programme of events throughout the year, attracting people from all parts of the country, and is open all year round between 10am and 5pm on weekdays.

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Should it be necessary for you to cancel your booking, please note that the refund of fees is at the discretion of the centre. It may be necessary to cancel an event due to insufficient ticket sales, in which case fees will be refunded. Circumstances may require that the organisers engage a tutor of equal standing without notice.

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RHS Programme at Pershore College

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2017

JANUARY

DATE	TIME	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TITLE	COST
Tues 10	2-4pm	Demonstration	Around your Garden in January Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Tues 17	2-4pm	Lecture	Using Conifers Successfully in your Garden Andy Pedrick will show you how conifers, with their different shapes, colours and textures, give your garden all year round interest.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Tues 24	2-4pm	Lecture	China's Mountains & Gardens Follow Duncan Coombs recent tour of Eastern China, during which he visited many places including the Botanical Gardens of Shanghai and Lushan and the Yellow Mountains.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Tues 31	2-4pm	Lecture/ Demonstration	Pruning with Confidence Jonathan Bishop will cover the principles of successful pruning techniques, throughout the year.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non

FEBRUARY

DATE	TIME	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TITLE	COST
Tues 7	2-4pm	Demonstration	Around your Garden in February Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Tues 14	2-4pm	Lecture	Herbs through the Seasons Malcolm Dickson from Hooks Green Herbs will cover what looks good at what time of year, preparing plants for the onset of winter and getting the best out of culinary annuals.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Tues 21	2-4pm	Lecture	Hepaticas and Roscoea Samantha Hopes, who worked with John Massey, will give an insight into some of the specialities of Ashwood Nursery. She will focus on the delicate Hepatica and the exotic Roscoea, with an overview of the other exquisite plants grown at the nursery, looking at the range available, breeding work and cultivation.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Tues 28	2-4pm	Lecture	Grow Vegetables from Peru in the UK We think of potatoes and their origin in Peru but there is so much more in the way of edible plants which originate here and we can grow successfully. In this lecture, Chris Smith from Pennard Plants, will guide you through the immense range, tell you how to grow them and, just as importantly, how to cook and eat them.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non

MARCH

DATE	TIME	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TITLE	COST
Tues 7	2-4pm	Demonstration	Around your Garden in March Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Tues 14	2-4pm	Lecture	Hard Landscaping use in the Garden A thoughtful use of hard landscaping materials can change the look and feel of your garden. Garden designer, Cathryn Smith, will guide you through how to avoid some of the worst mistakes and how to make the best choices for a stunning garden.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Mon 20	10.30am-4pm	Workshop	Creating a Willow Goose Day Victoria Westaway, who works in both willow and wire, is an established sculptor, whose work has appeared in RHS Shows at Chelsea and Hampton Court. During this workshop you will create a willow goose of your own, to display in your home or garden. Join us for a rewarding and fun day.	£65.00 mem £70.00 non (participants need to bring their own lunch)

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DATE	TIME	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TITLE	COST
Tues 21	2-4pm	Lecture	Vegetable Growing in Raised Beds and Containers Many people are forsaking the traditional ways of growing vegetables. In this lecture, Chris Smith of Pennard Plants, will outline the best methods for doing this, what composts to use, and how to select the right varieties. It will also deal with 12 month cropping and how best to control pests and diseases when rotation is not an option.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Sat 25	9.30am-3.30pm	Workshop	Fruit Pruning Day At this workshop, to be held at Pershore College, we will focus on intensive pruning and training of both top and soft fruit including trained forms i.e. cordon and espaliers. Participants should wear working clothes.	£60.00 mem £65.00 non (participants need to bring their own lunch)
Tues 28	2-4pm	Lecture/ Demonstration/ Walk	What Now? – Spring Whether you are a new or a keen gardener, we will help you brush up your skills for tasks such as pruning and propagation, including a walk round the College grounds to see what is of interest at this time of the year.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non

APRIL

DATE	TIME	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TITLE	COST
Tues 4	2-4pm	Demonstration	Around your Garden in April Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Sat 8	Depart 8am	Visit	Coach to RHS Flower Show, Cardiff Set in Bute Park, this RHS Spring Show marks the beginning of the RHS's show season.	Coach £25.00 (you will need to obtain your own show ticket)
Sat 8	9am-4pm	Special Event	The College Nursery Sale The College's Nursery will be holding a Sale Day. For more information ring 01386 551177.	Free
Mon 10	10.30am-1.30pm	Workshop	Floral Designs for Easter Create unique designs to decorate your home for Easter.	£30.00 mem £35.00 non (include materials)
Tues 11	2-4pm	Lecture	Plants that have recently grabbed my attention Bob Brown from Cotswold Garden Flowers will show plants newly exposed to his scrutiny. Bob is essentially an opinionated practical gardener, so short shrift is given wherever necessary!	£10.00 mem £12.00 non

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DATE	TIME	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TITLE	COST
Sun 23	11am-5pm	Special Event	Spetchley Park Specialist Plant Fair Join us at this annual event with over 30 nursery stands. www.spetchleygardens.co.uk	Adults £5.00 Children Free (admission covers entrance to both Plant Fair and Gardens. Payment at gate)
Tues 25	2-4pm	Lecture	Walking in the footsteps of Shakespeare Glyn Jones, Head of Gardens, will talk about the gardens of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust including the development of 'New Place' and plans for their other properties.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non

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MAY

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Tues 2	2-4pm	Demonstration	Around your Garden in May Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Tues 9	2-4pm	Lecture	Plants need a Balanced Diet too! Plant nutrition is a mystery to many gardeners. Roger Umpelby will show you how correct feeding will transform your plants and, believe it or not, it doesn't have to be that complicated. There could be some unexpected benefits too!	£10.00 mem £12.00 non

MAY continued

DATE	TIME	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TITLE	COST
Thurs 11- Sun 14			RHS Malvern Spring Festival	Enquiries and bookings 01684 584924
Tues 16	2-4pm	Lecture	Dark and Desirable Plants for the Garden Dark plants add drama and contrast to the garden. In this lecture, Paul Green from Green's Leaves nursery, will take a look at the many dark leaves, stems and flowers that are available.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Sat 20	9am-4pm	Special Event	Pershore College Plant Sale & Garden Fete A new date for your 'gardening calendar' at Pershore College, when as well as the College's Plant Centre being open as usual, the Nursery will be holding a Sale Day. Come and buy bedding plants for your Summer displays, obtain RHS Garden Advice, Apple Juice & Cider tasting + many more activities. Refreshments available. For further information ring 01386 551149/551177	Free
Wed 24	Depart 7.30am	Visit	Coach to Chelsea Flower Show Let us arrange your travel, so you can have a stress free visit to this world famous flower show.	Coach £30.00 (you will need to obtain your own show ticket. Please check for ticket availability before booking coach.)

JUNE

DATE	TIME	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TITLE	COST
Tues 6	2-4pm	Demonstration	Around your Garden in June Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Wed 7	Depart 8am	Visit	Coach to RHS Chatsworth Flower Show Join us on Member's Day at this new RHS Flower Show, in a spectacular location.	Coach £30.00 (you will need to obtain your own show ticket)
Tues 13	2-4pm	Lecture	Plant use in your Garden With such a wide range of plants available, it can be confusing to know what will work best in your garden and how to achieve the look you want. Garden designer, Cathryn Smith offers tips and ideas on how to use plants successfully in your garden.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Wed 14	10.30am-4pm	Lecture/ Workshop	The World of Beekeeping Spend a day with qualified beekeeper Richard Toft, looking at the amazing biology and behaviour of the Honeybee. Weather permitting, we will include a visit to the College Apiary to see an active beehive and meet the Queen! We advise anyone inspired to take up this fascinating hobby, that further study is required.	£60.00 mem £65.00 non (Participants need to bring their own lunch and have suitable footwear)
Tues 20	2-4pm	Lecture	The Versatile World of Salvias Leila Jackson from t3 Plants, will tell you everything you need to know about growing the many varieties of Salvias in your garden.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non

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DATE	TIME	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TITLE	COST
Tues 27	2-4pm	Lecture	Clematis & other choice Climbers We will look at the best varieties to grow, and what is suitable whether you have a sheltered, cold or windy position.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non

JULY

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Tues 4	2-4pm	Demonstration	Around your Garden in July Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Wed 5	Depart 7.30am	Visit	Coach to RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show Travel by coach to the UK's largest Flower Show, set in the grounds of Hampton Court Palace.	Coach £30.00 (you will need to obtain your own show ticket)
Tues 11	2-4pm	Lecture/ Demonstration/ Walk	What Now? – Summer Whether you are a new or a keen gardener, we will help you brush up your skills for seasonal tasks such as propagation, Also includes a walk round the College grounds to see what is of interest at this time of the year.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Thurs 13 -Sun 16	Depart Pershore College	Special Event	Summer Garden Tour to East Anglia Join Duncan Coombs on this tour, based on the outskirts of Norwich visiting many gardens including the Old Vicarage at East Ruston, Henstead Exotic Garden and Bressingham.	Price on application

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Tues 18	2-4pm	Lecture	Butterflies and – a Touch of Magic Val Bourne has spent many years studying the butterflies in her garden and this talk covers their favourite plants, their food plants and how to encourage and sustain them. Lots of plant information, lovely pictures and butterfly facts!	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Wed 19	Depart 8am	Visit	Coach to RHS Flower Show Tatton Park Join us on Members' Day, to the RHS Flower Show at Tatton Park, which is set in the beautiful Cheshire countryside.	Coach £25.00 (you will need to obtain your own show ticket)
Tues 25	2-4pm	Lecture	The White Garden Julia Mitchell, of local nursery Green Jjam, is specialising in white flowering plants and in this talk will recommend plants and planting designs for your 'White Garden'.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non

AUGUST

DATE	TIME	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TITLE	COST
Tues 1	2-4pm	Demonstration	Around your Garden in August Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Tues 8	2-4pm	Lecture	Late Summer Colour Julie Ritchie from Hoo House Nursery, will give you ideas to keep late Summer colour going in the garden. She will start with plants to fill the August gap and carry right through to flowers still going strong in October.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Tues 15	2-4pm	Lecture/Walk	A Summer Walk around Pershore College Josh Egan Wyer will look at the late Summer colour, including the Plant Heritage National Collection of Penstemons, the College's collection of Alstroemeria plus many other delights.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non



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SEPTEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TITLE	COST
Sat 2	10.30am-1.30pm	Demonstration/Workshop	Summer Fruit Tree Pruning This workshop will give you the opportunity for hands-on pruning, to control tree growth and improve fruit colour on both restricted and extensive tree forms.	£18.00 mem £20.00 non
Tues 5	2-4pm	Demonstration	Around your Garden in September Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non



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Sat 9	Depart 8am	Visit	Coach to RHS Wisley Flower Show Join us on a visit to the RHS Garden in Surrey to see some of the late Summer colour and the annual Wisley Flower Show.	Coach £30 (Entry free for member plus family guest)
Tues 12	2-4pm	Lecture/Demonstration	Bulbs for your Spring Display We will look at how to use the many bulbs available, to give a wonderful Spring display in your garden and containers.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Tues 19	2-4pm	Lecture	Difficult Position? Easy Plant In this lecture, Paul Green from Green's Leaves Nursery, will look at some of the "do-ers" - plants that grow and thrive in adverse conditions.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Sat 23-Sun 24			Malvern Autumn Show	Enquiries and bookings 01684 584924
Tues 26	2-4pm	Lecture	Exploring Ornamental Grasses Ornamental Grasses can create new dimension to a garden, providing a naturalist feel with a great sense of movement. In this talk, Robin Pearce will explore the range of grasses available and provide a guide on how to grow and use them effectively.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non

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OCTOBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TITLE	COST
Tues 3	2-4pm	Demonstration	Around your Garden in October Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Sat 7	9am-4pm	Special Event	The College Nursery Sale The College's Nursery will be holding a Sale Day. For more information ring 01386 551177.	Free
Tues 10	7.30pm	Special Event	RHS/Plant Heritage 'Ron Sidwell Lecture' – The Genius of the Place: 400 Years of Garden Design in the Heart of Oxford Timothy Walker will look at how the art of gardening has changed in 4 centuries in 4 acres of Oxfordshire & how the Oxford Botanic Garden now reflects garden design at the beginning of the 21st century.	£8.50 mem £10.00 non
Sat 14	10.30am-1.30pm	Workshop	Floral Designs – 'The Supermarket Bunch' This workshop will give inspiration on what can be achieved, using flowers from your supermarket.	£30.00 mem £35.00 non (includes materials)
Sat 14	10.30am-4pm	Workshop	Amateur Fruit Juicing & Cider Making This practical workshop will introduce the participants to the delights of making juice from their own fruit. The course will also include guidance on the production of cider, as well as non-alcoholic drinks.	£60.00 mem £65.00 non (participants need to bring their own lunch)

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DATE	TIME	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TITLE	COST
Tues 17	2-4pm	Lecture	Garden Features Adding a 'feature' to your garden can give it an edge and lift it out of the mundane. In this talk, garden designer, Cathryn Smith, will offer ideas on what kind of feature could work best and how to use them.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Tues 24	2-4pm	Lecture	Successful Composting – the Secrets Revealed Maggi Brown will share with you the secrets of successful composting.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non

NOVEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TITLE	COST
Tues 7	2-4pm	Demonstration	Around your Garden in November Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Sat 11	9.30am-3.30pm	Workshop	Fruit Tree Pruning To be held at Hanbury Hall, near Droitwich, this workshop will focus on pruning top fruit. Participants will need to bring their own lunch and wear working clothes.	£60.00 mem £65.00 non
Tues 14	2-4pm	Lecture	What Now? – Winter Whether you are a new or a keen gardener, we will help you brush up your skills for tasks such as propagation including a walk round the College grounds to see what is of interest at this time of the year.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non

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DATE	TIME	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TITLE	COST
Tues 21	2-4pm	Lecture	Bulbs for the Unusual In this lecture, Ross Barbour presents a selection of choice bulbs, a mix of the familiar and the more unusual. The plants he has selected have a link with people from the world of horticulture past and present. Some cultivation tips will also be covered.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Tues 25	9am-5pm	Special Event	Tree and Hedging Day The Plant Centre will be open as usual and the Nursery will also be holding a Sale Day, in conjunction with National Tree Week, For further details telephone 01386 551177.	Free
Tues 28	2-4pm	Lecture	The Botanical Year In this talk Nigel Hope will illustrate the varied tasks throughout the Year and look at the variety of plants in the collection, at Birmingham Botanical Gardens where he has worked for 10 years.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non

DECEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT TYPE	EVENT TITLE	COST
Tues 5	2-4pm	Demonstration	Around your Garden in December Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Sat 9	10am-1pm	Workshop	Christmas Wreath Making Decorate your door for the festive season.	£30.00 mem £35.00 non (includes materials)
Tues 12	2-4pm	Lecture	The Winter Garden With planning and selection of appropriate plants, the Winter garden can be full of colour, interest and scents. Duncan Coombs will show you what you might be missing!	£10.00 mem £12.00 non
Tues 19	10am-4pm	Workshop	Floral Designs for Christmas Create floral displays to make the home look festive and colourful for the Christmas season.	£60.00 mem £65.00 non (includes materials)

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