

# What's On - Spring and Summer 2018

## THE GARDEN

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### AT MISERDEN

The Garden is open from Tuesdays – Sundays 10 am to 5pm and we are very much look forward to showing you our new planting.

New for this year is the replacement planting of the old Felicia rose beds. We are using a *Viburnum plicatum* f. *tomentosum*, a beautifully layered shrub with white hydrangea type flowers underplanted with silver-leafed pulmonaria with *Thalictrum aquilegifolium* 'Thundercloud'.

In the mixed borders this year we have planted a dash of dahlia to extend our flowering seasons.

The lower blue and white bed is having a partial refurbishment with cream delphiniums.

The garden extends to 11 acres and is 770 feet above sea level proving challenging growing conditions in the recent harsh spring weather, but we have had a good winter without too many casualties and we are sure the borders will look wonderfully full this year.

The last gasp of snowdrops are still a feature and the daffodils are now well on their way.

We cut the lawns for the first time this month and we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of some new lead planters to be placed near the rill. They will be planted up with half standard white fuchsia and trailing geraniums.

We have many exciting events happening in the garden this year.

Easter Weekend

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Over the Easter weekend, collect your egg from The Garden Café and find its pair from nests hidden in the garden.

April 22nd

**NGS Open Day**

Visit the garden and helps change lives for so many through your donation.

May 2nd

**Home Start Charity Walk**

Join us for a 2-hour charity hike on the estate to raise funds to support this family charity.

July 14th

**Old Herbaceous Open Air Theatre**

Described as “Downton Abbey with gardening tips”, a humorous love story of a gentle man with a passion for plants. For more information and tickets, visit the estate website – [www.miserden.org](http://www.miserden.org).

July 26th

**‘Discover the Glory of the Garden’**

Visit the garden in the company of Tony Russell, writer and broadcaster. An absolute treat to see Tony, a great raconteur, back at The Garden at Miserden imparting his knowledge. The garden will be in full swing in July - come and enjoy the glory of a traditional herbaceous border. Booking essential via [www.miserden.org](http://www.miserden.org)

# THE NURSERY

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## AT MISERDEN

With the Beast from the East, Storm Emma and the Mini Beast wreaking havoc already this season, we are hoping the Easter weekend is going to be kinder to us!

This year we have continued to expand our range of herbaceous perennials, many of which are still growing and remain under cover but we have plenty of plants to tempt, including an ever-expanding collection of shrubs, alpines, bulbs and herbs.

Events at the nursery this year include:

April 21st - June

### **Select Festival 2018 Mixed Sculpture Exhibition**

We are thrilled to be hosting the Select Festival sculpture exhibition again this year. Featuring eight of the country's best artists, the exhibition will see work displayed in our herbaceous borders, in The Garden Café and our sales 'shed'. The art includes stained glass, wire sculptures, stone, mixed metals and driftwood. The sculpture has been designed to complement our range of plants and unique setting and all artwork will be for sale.

There's no admission to the festival so please put a date in the diary to come along! For more information on the artists taking part, ask a member of the nursery team for details or visit the nursery website – [www.miserdennursery.co.uk](http://www.miserdennursery.co.uk)

May 17th

**Structure & Sparkle in the Garden - a talk by Head Gardener  
Jane Moore**

As part of the Select Festival, Head Gardener Jane Moore will be looking at her seasonal star performers, those plants that add the wow factor to her gardens. Extolling their virtues with plants from the nursery, she'll suggest how to use them in the border as well as talking about the importance of shrubs and trees for providing that all year-round structure and interest. To book, ask a member of the nursery team.

June 25th

**Seasonal Handtied Bouquet - a workshop with Sarah  
Champier of The Cotswold Flower Company**

As Personal Florist to the Prince of Wales for over a decade, Sarah has a track record (and an endless talent!) for producing floristry work that is exceptional and unique. Now the owner of The Cotswold Flower Company, Sarah grows her own cut flowers which she then turns into wonderful creations for weddings and events. In this workshop, Sarah will demonstrate all the steps in helping you to create a beautiful spiralled bouquet using her British grown flowers. To book a place on this course, ask a member of the nursery team.

July 5th

**New English Daylilies – a talk by plant breeder Duncan Skene**

In this entertaining look at the life of a flower breeder, Duncan Skene talks about his enduring love for daylilies. Duncan, a former nurseryman based in the West Country, has been breeding daylilies for over 20 years and we are thrilled to be launching – and exclusively selling – his incredible New English Daylilies. To book a place on Duncan's talk enquire with a member of the nursery team.

# THE GARDEN CAFE

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## AT MISERDEN

Our café has yet to celebrate its first birthday but already it has become a popular destination for gardeners, walkers, cyclists and locals.

The café is converted from one of the historic glasshouses on the nursery. The magnificent glasshouses, in the former kitchen garden to the estate, were designed and built by the renowned Foster and Pearson company in the 1920s.

Today the café glasshouse plays host to a beautiful collection of indoor plant and bulb creations by Sarah Champier of The Cotswold Flower Company.

### **Café by day, pop-up restaurant by night!**

Throughout the spring and summer visiting local chefs will be providing delicious and varied menus during pop-up restaurant nights in the café.

So far this year we have:

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April - Nomada

27<sup>th</sup> April – Soushi Cirencester

11<sup>th</sup> May – Soushi Cirencester

18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May - Jonathan Richardson

25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May - Camp Kitchen

8<sup>th</sup> June - Star Bistro

14<sup>th</sup> July - Jonathan Richardson

To book a table at the pop-up evenings visit [www.miserden.org](http://www.miserden.org).

**We hope you have enjoyed reading this newsletter. If you have any queries or ideas, please don't hesitate to let us know!**