

## Gardens Trust Online Events

The lockdown might be easing a little but it's clear that some restrictions are going to be with us for a long time to come. The Gardens Trust is keen to help fill this gap and find new ways of operating and staying in touch, so they are delighted to let you know that while they hope to run visits and study days in the future, they are also moving as many of our educational activities as possible online.

Their online programme begins with a weekly series of Lockdown Lectures through to the end of July, and they are also planning a busy programme for the rest of the year.

While we all know this approach can't provide all the nice social interaction that accompanies a meeting 'in real life', it does have some advantages. There's no travel, you can have a coffee whenever you want, and they can attract a wide range of speakers from all over the country, and perhaps from overseas too.

Each lecture will be given live at 10am on a Tuesday morning and repeated live at 6pm the following day, via the online platform Zoom, which you can download for free onto your computer, tablet or mobile phone.

When you book for the lecture you will be sent the link to log in to the session.

**The topics of the talks are:**

- 23/24 June: Little Men in Red Hats: The History of the Garden Gnome
- 30 June/1 July: Castles for Cows & Palaces for Poultry: Garden buildings for animals
- 7/8 July: What made our gardens grow?
- 14/15 July: Tools of the Trade: a history of garden tools
- 21/22 July: The Elephant in the Garden and other beastly encounters
- 28/29 July: Garden history in the making? The story of my garden

These lectures are free but The Gardens Trust welcomes donations towards their campaigning to protect historic parks and gardens (<http://thegardenstrust.org/support-us/>) as the Trust's event income normally provides a big chunk of the funds they need to pay for their staff.

Later this summer they will be starting to offer their garden history courses online, and also training workshops. Further details will be available at their website - [www.thegardenstrust.org](http://www.thegardenstrust.org) - sign up to their newsletter and get the updates direct and immediately.

It is appreciated that not everyone will already be in their comfort zone using Zoom, so the Trust is delighted that Historic Landscape Project colleagues have secured an invitation for anyone wishing to attend these lectures to attend free Zoom tutorials, should you wish - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/zoom-basics-practice-session-for-seniors-tickets-105121021806>. (Please mention 'the Gardens Trust' in the code box when booking.)