



West Green House  
~ *the Opera Garden* ~

Special Music and Family  
Events 2023

# YOUR VISIT TO WEST GREEN

## Opening Hours

From 15th March to 29th October:  
Wednesday to Sunday 11am to 4.30pm.  
We are open on Bank Holidays 11am - 4:30pm. The gardens open for Christmas from 17th November to 30th December. The Christmas Illuminated Garden Adventure is open from 26th November to 30th December.

There is on site **parking** close to the garden entrance. Parking is charged at £4 during the garden season. There are a number of disabled spaces available on a first come first served basis. Parking is for garden visitors only.

**Admission** to the gardens is £10 for adults and £5 for children aged 4 to 14 years. Children aged 3 years and under are free. Entry to the garden is free for National Trust members during 2023. Dogs are not permitted in the garden.

The **Tea Room**, located in the gardens, is open from 11am to 4pm, serving morning tea and coffee, freshly prepared

lunches, cakes, biscuits and ice cream. Afternoon Tea in a box may be prebooked at £20pp or a full traditional Afternoon Tea served in our flower-filled Greenhouse including a garden visit at £30pp. Please call the garden office to book.

**Toilets** and a baby changing facility are located in the Alice Garden.

**Picnics** are permitted in the apple orchard adjacent to the car park to garden visitors only. Picnics are not permitted in the garden.

All **Special Events** at West Green are devised and managed by the in-house team at West Green. These events have no connection with the National Trust and are therefore not covered by the free entry policy for National Trust members. West Green House was purchased two decades ago from the National Trust on a long lease. Today it is privately funded and maintained. It is not administered by the National Trust.



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# SPECIAL EVENTS 2023

These are the events at West Green House in 2023. This booklet contains all the Music and Dining events, plus Family events, which are highlighted in blue.

- MAR** 15 Garden opens  
16 Pruning With Confidence  
19 **Mothering Sunday**  
23 Succeeding With House Plants  
28 Meadow Inspired Flower Designs For Spring
- APR** 4 Spring Sowing  
7-10 **Easter at West Green House, The Easter Bunny Trail and Petting Zoo**  
20 Learn To Grow Exotic Orchids  
25 Marvellous Tulips
- MAY** 4 Colourful Pots To Flower From Late Spring Throughout Summer  
14 Botanical Art Classes.  
20 **Fine Dining with special guests Jon Kahout and pianist Oliver Lallement**  
23 Irises And Waterside Planting
- JUN** 6 Roses  
13 Create Autumn Colour in Pots  
20 Architectural Pots For Garden Drama  
25 **Lunch and Music Under The Vines: 'La Dolce Vita'**  
27 Planting In The Shade
- JUL** 6 Sensational Salvias with Derry Watkins  
6 Garden Plant Sale Day  
9 **Lunch and Music Under The Vines: 'In A Persian Market'**
- 11 Saturated Summer Colour  
21-30 **The West Green House Opera Season**
- AUG** 19 **The Dance Party Night, By The Lake**  
20 **Popular Musicals, The Music of Lerner & Loewe Lunchtime Music and Picnic By The Lake**
- SEP** 4-6 Botanical Art Workshop  
19 Drought Tolerant Plants  
24 **The Classic And Super Car Show**  
26 Sumptuous Autumn Tablescapes
- OCT** 1 **Lunch and Music Under The Vines: 'Waltz Time'**  
3 Dahlia Mania  
7-8 **Apple Weekend, The Jonny Applesseed Trail**  
10 Layered Planting For Continuing Springtime Pots  
15 **Lunch and Music Under The Vines: 'Lady Sings The Blues'**
- 21-29 **Halloween**
- NOV** 18 Nov - 30 Dec **Christmas at West Green House**  
25 November - 30 December **The Christmas Illuminated Garden Adventure**
- DEC** 16-17 **The Christmas Concerts**  
20-22 **The West Green House Pantomime**

# FINE DINING

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*Fine Dining with special guests Jon Kohout and pianist Oliver Lallement  
Saturday 20th May 7pm  
in the Greenhouse*

We are so fortunate that Jon Kohout, who was until recently the head chef on the Belmond Pullman (the Orient Express), is to cook for us this evening.

This is fine dining at its best, cooked personally by Jon for a limited number of guests. It is a menu of five courses with accompanying wines which Jon will select closer to the date in line with the arrival of seasonal produce.

We are joined by Oliver Lallement, who besides being a Trinity College Cambridge Organ Scholar is also the guest pianist at The Ritz, London. He will entertain all evening, but as the dinner concludes he will play Ravel's brilliant 'Jeux d'eau'.

### **£135 per person**

Includes a five course dinner in the Greenhouse, pre-dinner drink, accompanying wines, the performance and car parking.



# LUNCH & MUSIC UNDER THE VINES

All the lunchtime music and dining events take place in our Greenhouse, a very beautiful space where grape vines cover the ceiling. A car parking fee is not charged on these special days.

## **LA DOLCE VITA 'The Good Life'**

*Sunday 25th June 12 noon  
In the Greenhouse*

Sitting under dense grape vines, enjoy great platters of ripe crisp vegetables, so many fresh from our garden, deep bowls filled with pasta covered with delectable sauces, a speciality of our famous chef,

along with regional dishes and crusty breads. All followed by luscious deserts and a welcome glass of "vino". This must be La Dolce Vita.

Add to this the great music from the Italian streets, stage and opera sung in concert by a member of West Green House Opera. The perfect way to spend an afternoon.

### **£75 per person**

Includes entry to the garden, car parking, welcome drink, lunch and music under the vines in our greenhouse. Wine is available to purchase.



# LUNCH & MUSIC UNDER THE VINES

## 'IN A PERSIAN MARKET'

*Sunday 9th July 12 noon  
In the Greenhouse*

The aroma of spices from the far Mediterranean and Middle Eastern lands, the image of ruby pomegranate, white almonds, and luscious apricots, can be combined in an aromatic Tagine for a delicious lunch, eaten under our vines on a warm summer's day.

Pianist Stephen Hose at the grand piano captures the mood with the music from "In a Persian Market" the ravishing ballet, "Scheherazade", and the musical "Kismet", all evocative of these timeless lands.

### **£75 per person**

Includes entry to the garden, car parking, welcome drink, lunch, and music under the vines in our greenhouse. Wine is available to purchase.



# UNDER THE VINES

## WALTZ TIME

*Sunday 1st October 12 noon  
in the Greenhouse*

We return to Vienna and the time of the Waltz Kings, listening to the beautiful music of Lehar and the family Strauss.

Of course, who else should sit at the grand piano to play this most beautiful music but Stephen Hose, who has promised us waltzes from the 'The Merry Widow', 'Die Fledermaus', and naturally 'The Blue Danube'.

The menu will be traditional Austrian dishes of schnitzel and strudel cooked by our chef who is of Austrian decent. This will be an exceptional lunch eaten under the vines now turning all the colours of autumn.

### **£75 per person**

Includes entry to the garden, car parking, welcome drink, lunch and music under the vines in our greenhouse. Wine is available to purchase.



# LADY SINGS THE BLUES

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*Sunday 15th October 12 noon  
in the Greenhouse*

A Chicago speak easy maybe in looks eons away from a vine covered Greenhouse, where baskets of cascading begonias are in brilliant autumn colour. Let the great songs and haunting lyrics that originated in Chicago's back streets, today sung by singer, songwriter and jazz aficionado Louisa Revolta, transport you back there.

The programme called LADY SINGS THE BLUES captures the spirit of the greats, Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday. Enjoy her soulful performance whilst we serve up a menu from our master chef, the best "the joint" can offer.

### **£75 per person**

Includes entry to the garden, car parking, welcome drink, lunch and music under the vines in our greenhouse. Wine is available to purchase.



# SUMMER MUSIC BY THE LAKE

*These are informal occasions when we welcome you to bring your own tables and chairs, a picnic or you may order one from the gardens Tea Room, then find a good spot by the lake and enjoy.*

## **AS EVENING FALLS...**

### **The Dance Party Night**

*Saturday 19th August by the Lake*

Gates open 6pm. Show time 7pm to 9pm. Gates close 11pm

This is our Big Band night of pulsing beats and lush sound as again we

welcome Vince and his nine-piece show band, The Funky Express, along with his Up Town Singers and DJ Eric spinning the decks. Toe-tapping music keeping the party going.

Let the soul and rhythm overtake you and strut your moves to the music. Pack a picnic and bring your friends to party on a summer's evening by the lake.

### **£49 per person**

Includes entry to the garden and the music by the lake. Car parking included.



# SUMMER MUSIC BY THE LAKE

AT LUNCH TIME...

**Popular Musicals, The Music of Lerner & Loewe**

*Sunday 20th August 12 noon  
by the Lake*

Garden opens 11am. Concert at 12 noon.

Lerner & Loewe gave to the world the glorious songs from 'My Fair Lady', 'Gigi,' 'Camelot', 'Paint your Wagon' and 'Brigadoon'. Ravishing music that will be sung by two expectational young singers from London's West End in this concert by the lake.

The gardens open just for you at 11am. At noon it's time to listen to an hour of music, don't forget to bring your picnic, chairs and of course friends. Afterwards you are most welcome to laze the afternoon away by the lake.

**£49 per person**

Includes entry to the garden and the music by the lake. Car parking included.



# FOR THE FAMILY

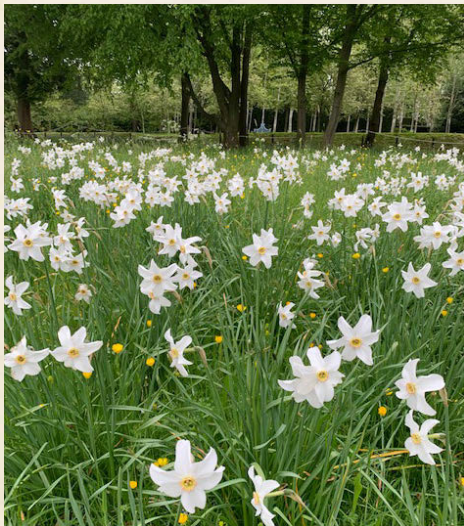
## MOTHERING SUNDAY

*Sunday 19th March in the Greenhouse  
Garden opens 11am, Afternoon Tea  
2.30pm*

Always the most wonderful way to say thank you to Mother is to bring her to a garden in early spring when the daffodils and tiny bulbs carpet the ground. We always commence with a glass of "bubbles" in our flower filled greenhouse, then indulge in a traditional homemade Afternoon Tea. The centre piece on each table is a gift for mother to take home.

**£55 per person** includes afternoon tea in the greenhouse, entry to the garden and a gift for mother.

The Gardens and Tea Room are also open as normal 11am to 4.30pm, where normal garden entry conditions apply.



## EASTER AT WEST GREEN HOUSE / THE EASTER BUNNY TRAIL

*Friday 7th to Monday 10th April  
in the gardens 11am to 4.30pm*

With blossom overhead and spring in flower everywhere, it is a perfect time to enjoy this the most beautiful of seasons.

On Easter weekend, an **EASTER BUNNY HUNT** leads the children on trails through the 10 acre garden, with a traditional Easter treat at the end of the 'adventure'.

On the Saturday and Easter Sunday as well as our Easter Bunny Hunt, the children will be able to visit the **PETTING ZOO**. Please pre-book your Easter Bunny Hunt and petting zoo tickets via the website.

The Tea Room will be open serving our Spring menu.



# FOR THE FAMILY

## THE CLASSIC AND SUPER CAR SHOW

*Sunday 24th September 11am to 3pm  
In the Park*

At our popular annual show, we welcome all the classic car enthusiasts to bring their loved and treasured cars to display in the parkland in front of West Green House. It's a relaxing day to view the cars, indulge in an all-day breakfast or sit back and listen to our lunchtime concert on the hay bales. Stroll to the gardens and lunch in the Tea Room or linger by the display of high performance luxury Super Cars that always thrill and entice. A family day with a 'Best in Show' prize and a vote for the most popular classic car.

**Adults £15, Children £7.50**

Includes entry to the garden and the car show

Exhibitors, for the 2023 booking form, please go online to [www.westgreenhouse.co.uk](http://www.westgreenhouse.co.uk)



## APPLE WEEKEND

*Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October  
11am to 4pm in the Greenhouse and  
the gardens*

Our popular APPLE WEEKEND celebrates everything apple, with experts from Sparsholt College exhibiting their famous display of heritage apples, on hand to identify heritage varieties. Book the children in for THE JOHNNY APPLESEED TRAIL, with quiz sheet in hand to find the different apple trees in the garden. Try juice freshly pressed from our apple crop, homemade apple cakes and crunchy toffee apples. There is a **FREE bag of apples for every family to take home** picked from West Green House orchards.

**Adults £10 Children (4-15) £5**

Children 3 years and under enter free.  
Free garden entry to National Trust members.

**The Johnny Appleseed Trail £3 per child**

Please book the trail in advance on the website.



# FOR THE FAMILY

## HALLOWEEN AT WEST GREEN

21st – 29th October

6pm To 7pm

Timed Ticket Entry  
in the gardens

It's fantasy and fun designed for the littler members of your family. Delight at dusk at the whimsical and spooky sculptures. A glittering trail finding intriguing follies, and 'what is hidden under bridges'? Perhaps it's more mythical beasts escaped from the gardens cages.

Join us in fancy dress and enter our prize draw to win a family ticket to The Christmas Illuminated Garden Adventure at West Green House.

Warming drinks, hot food and treats may be purchased along the brilliantly lit trail.

To enter email your spooky pictures dressed up in the grounds to [enquiries@westgreenhouse.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@westgreenhouse.co.uk) or tag [@westgreenhouse](https://www.instagram.com/westgreenhouse) on Instagram.



Tickets will be available from August 2023 via our website.

Includes: Entry to the Halloween trail and gardens.

(3 years and under enter for free)

**Car Parking** £4 - ONLY PREBOOKED CARS MAY BE PARKED ON SITE

# CHRISTMAS

## CHRISTMAS AT WEST GREEN HOUSE

*Events run from 18th November to 30th December*

- \* The Gift Collection
- \* The Christmas Workshops
- \* The Illuminated Garden
- \* Traditional Carol Concert
- \* Pantomime for all the family
- \* Christmas Movie Music

Don't forget to join our mailing list via the website, to keep up to date with all the news and events at West Green House.



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An Autumn display in the garden's green house

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West Green House is situated on Thackhams Lane, near the town of Hartley Wintney. It is located one mile from the A30 and approximately 5 miles from the M3. Satnav users should enter RG27 8JB. The nearest train station is WINCHFIELD, a direct line from London Waterloo.

All events in this brochure can be booked online at [www.westgreenhouse.co.uk](http://www.westgreenhouse.co.uk)  
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