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Come and grow with us at The Waterperry Gardening School

Waterperry's educational links date back to the 1930s, when Beatrix Havergal set up her Ladies Gardening School. Passionate about plants and teaching, she inspired hundreds of women to follow careers in practical and ornamental gardening right up until the school closed in 1972.

Since then the name Waterperry has become synonymous with quality, both in the plants we grow, the products we sell, the knowledge of our staff and the high standard of our gardening courses.

Enrolling on a Waterperry Gardening School course enables you to spend time with some of our top



horticulturalists, as well as the opportunity to soak up the atmosphere at one of Oxfordshire's most beautiful and relaxed settings.

Whether you are taking your first steps on the road to a new career, want to brush up on existing skills or are learning about gardening for the first time, our courses offer a unique learning environment in a setting steeped in gardening history.

Visit our website for more information about our courses. We look forward to welcoming you to the Waterperry Gardening School.

www.waterperrygardens.co.uk

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RBGE Certificate in Practical Horticulture

Annette Pursey and Louie Allen

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE) Certificate in Practical Horticulture (CPH) is a unique course that focuses on the essential skills needed by budding horticulturalists today.

The course has been designed to give students a solid grounding in horticultural techniques, learning key skills, with the essential theory behind the practice explained. The importance and quality of this course has been recognised by the endorsement of Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) and the support of The Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust.

As well as being delivered at Waterperry Gardens and RBGE, the course is being taught in partner organisations in the UK (e.g. The Eden Project, Cornwall) and abroad (e.g. Nezahat Gökyigit Botanic Garden, Istanbul and the Oman Botanic Garden, Muscat). To ensure that quality and standards are maintained worldwide, RBGE administers the assessment, qualification and verification guidelines.

The RBGE Certificate in Practical Horticulture course consists of eight full-day taught units plus a revision and an assessment day. The units consist of: Looking at Plants; Soil care; Feeding and Watering; Seed Propagation; Vegetative Propagation; Growing Media and Potting; Planting; Pruning and Training.

For full details please download the Applicants' Handbook on-line.

Dates and times:

Two learning options are offered

1. Saturdays for 10 weeks between 24th September 2016 and 18th June 2017. $9.30 \, \text{am} - 4.30 \, \text{pm}$

Fee: £750 Code: RBGESat16

2. Thursdays for 10 weeks between 22nd September 2016 and 18th June 2017. 9.30am-4.30pm

Fee: £750 Code: RBGETh16

Please note that for those wishing to reinforce their theoretical studies at RHS Level 2, the Thursday class dates fit in between the theory class dates.



RHS



RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Horticulture

Annette Pursey and Louie Allen

This is the perfect theory course for anyone starting off on a career in horticulture or for amateurs keen to find out how to improve all aspects of their gardening. Although mainly classroom based, your tutor will use the wonderful learning environment at Waterperry, including the ornamental gardens, to give students more information about the subjects covered. The RHS Level 2 gives both professionals and amateurs an excellent allround knowledge of horticulture.

During the course you will study: plant structure, growth and reproduction; soil; elements of garden design; machinery and equipment; gardening for ornamentals, vegetables, fruit and lawns; weeds, pests, diseases and disorders.

Please download the syllabus for this course at www.rhs.org.uk for more detailed information. Optional examinations take place in February and June 2017.

Half term dates for all RHS courses fall in the weeks of 24th October 2016, 13th February and 29th May 2017.

Two learning options are offered

1. Intensive theory classes

Dates and times:

Mondays for 24 weeks between 5th September 2016 and 12th June 2017. Please see exact days on-line. 10am - 3.30pm

Fee: £750. Excludes RHS exam fees. Code: RHSMon16

2. Intensive theory classes

Dates and times:

Thursdays for 24 weeks between 8th September 2016 and 15th June 2017. Please see exact days on-line. 10.00am - 3.30pm.

Fee: £750. Excludes RHS exam fees. Code: RHS2Th16

RHS Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Health and Applied Propagation

Annette Pursey and Louie Allen

This prestigious qualification involves studying subjects at greater depth and with more independent work than for RHS Level 2. A pass at Level 2 (or the equivalent) is therefore recommended before students start Level 3 study.

Areas to be studied include: plant taxonomy, structure and function; the root environment, plant nutrition and growing systems; plant health and propagation. Please see the RHS website for syllabus details.

Dates and times:

Tuesdays for 21 weeks between 6th September 2016 and 23rd May 2017. Please see exact days on-line.10am – 3.30pm

Fee: £795. Excludes RHS exam fees. Code: RHS3Sc16

GUEST SPEAKERS

The Wonder of Plants



Matthew Biggs

Popular gardener, author, television and radio presenter Matthew Biggs will take us on a journey around the world to discover how many of its amazing plants survive in extreme climates.

Dates and times:

5th November 2016. 11am - 12noon

Fee: £30 Code: TWoP16

Unusual and Long-Blooming Garden Plants



Derry Watkins

Nurserywoman and plant collector Derry Watkins started Special Plants Nursery twenty-five years ago. She grows and sells unusual plants from all over the world, and has introduced many new plants from her plant collecting trips to South Africa and elsewhere.

Dates and times:

14th January 2017. 11am – 12noon **Fee:** £30 **Code:** U&LBGP17

Artists' Gardens



Stephen Parker

Throughout history, gardens have provided artists with a rich source of inspiration. However, it wasn't only Monet and the Post-Impressionists who were influenced by their gardens. Respected garden historian Stephen Parker will look at artists from Wassily Kandinsky to Edvard Munch and Gerrit Rietveld, as well as England's Vanessa Bell to Spencer Gore and Stanley Spencer.

Dates and times:

29th April 2017. 2pm - 4.30pm

Fee: £50 Code: AG16

PRUNING

Fruit Pruning Made Easy

Chris Lanczak

Learn how to prune your fruit bushes and trees with simple guidelines from our Orchard Manager Chris. This course is suitable for beginners and can give you the knowledge and understanding to progress to our Fruit Pruning Workshop.



Dates and times:

7th Dec 2016 Pruning fruit bushes and trained fruit trees, i.e. currants, gooseberries, raspberries, espaliers, cordons and fans.

Code: FPME16

4th Jan 2017 Pruning new and established fruit trees, i.e.

freestanding apple, pear and stone fruit trees, up to

large standards.

Code: FPME17

10.00am - 3.30pm. **Fee:** £60 per session

These courses can be purchased individually or together.

Fruit Pruning Workshop

Chris Lanczak

For those who have attended a pruning course or know the basics, this course is aimed at improving your pruning of apple and pear trees. Orchard Manager Chris will offer students individual help and advice while pruning in Waterperry's own orchard, and therefore space on this course is limited.

Dates and times:

25th Jan 2017, 10,00am - 3,30pm.

Fee: £85 Code: FPW17

Saturday Fruit Pruning

Chris Lanczak

Learn how to prune your fruit bushes and trees with simple guidelines from our Orchard Manager Chris. This course is suitable for beginners and is an illustrated talk and demonstration.

Dates and times:

18th Feb 2017 Pruning fruit bushes and trained fruit trees, i.e. currants, gooseberries, raspberries, espaliers, cordons and fans.

Code: SFP17

25th Feb 2017 Pruning new and established fruit trees, i.e.

freestanding apple, pear and stone fruit trees, up to

large standards.

Code: SFP17-2

10.00am - 3.30pm.

Fee: £60 per session

These courses can be purchased individually or together.

Pruning, Pruning, Pruning

Annette Pursey

Overcome your fear and confusion about pruning with expert advice and a few rules and techniques to give you the confidence to prune your ornamental plants.

You'll also discover how to restore old overgrown plants to their former glory.

With talks, demonstrations and garden walks, we'll give you the courage to make those cuts! Suitable for beginners and as a refresher course.

Dates and times:

 14th Nov 2016
 Code: PPP16

 13th Mar 2017
 Code: PPP17

10.30am - 3.30pm. **Fee:** £55 per session.

Weekend Shrub Pruning

Steve Relton

This talk and demonstration covers both spring and summer flowering shrubs, climbing and bush roses with help and advice about how you can get the best flowers, maintain your plant sizes and retain a natural shape to your garden shrubs.

Dates and times:

21st Jan 2017. 10.00am - 3.30pm.

Fee: £55 Code: WSP 16

Rose Pruning Workshop

Pat Havers and Annette Pursey

For those who have attended a pruning course or know the basics, this course is aimed at improving your pruning of roses. Head Gardener Pat and Head Horticultural Tutor Annette will offer students individual help and advice while pruning in the gardens at Waterperry. Maximum 12 students.

Dates and times:

3rd Feb 2017. 10.00am - 3.30pm.

Fee: £85 Code: RPW 16

Shrub Pruning Workshops

Pat Havers and Annette Pursey

For those who have attended a pruning course or know the basics, this course is aimed at improving your pruning of shrubs. Head Gardener Pat and Head Horticultural Tutor Annette will offer students individual help and advice while pruning in the gardens at Waterperry. Maximum 12 students.

Dates and times:

6th March 2017 Pruning shrubs in winter Code: SPW16
12th June 2017 Pruning shrubs in summer Code: SPW16-2

10.00am - 1.00pm.

Fee: £50

PLANTS

Herbaceous Borders Old and New

Rob Jacobs

With one of the finest classical herbaceous borders in the country, we reveal our tips for keeping it looking so good. There'll be practical advice about planning and planting your own border, ideas about improving the design, and maintenance of existing features such as staking, weeding, pest and disease control.

Dates and times:

10.30am - 3.30pm. **Fee:** £55 per session

What to Do in Your Garden in Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter

Annette Pursey

A seasonal guide looking at the tasks that you can be doing in your own garden. Come prepared to get your hands dirty!

Dates and times:

 3rd Oct 2016
 Code: WDGA

 30th Jan 2017
 Code: WDGW

 27th Mar 2017
 Code: WDGSP

 5th Jun 2017
 Code: WDGSU17

10.00am - 3.30pm. **Fee:** £60 per session.

New to Gardening?

Annette Pursey

Discover the basics: what type of soil you have and how to look after it; how to plant and look after your plants; weed identification and control; basic pruning techniques.

Dates and times:

1st Apr 2017. 10am - 4pm.

Fee: £65

Code: NTG



Modern Lawn Care Management

David Hedges-Gower

Find out how to care for your turf today's way. This informative course brings traditional lawncare techniques up to date, covering advances in grass cultivars, fertilizers, weedkillers and treatments plus developments in mowing, scarification and aeration. Mixing theory with practical training, this course is suitable for beginners or lawncare enthusiasts.

Dates and times:

4th Mar 2017. 10.30am - 4.00pm.

Fee: £65 Code: LCM

Botany for Beginners

Louie Aller

Bringing together the science and art of plants, course tutor Louie Allen will use the wonderful learning environment at Waterperry to reveal the vast array of flower and leaf shapes, and explain the identification techniques that lead to their classification.

Dates and times:

6th May 2017. 10.00am - 3.30pm.

Fee: £60 Code: BB

Containers and Hanging Baskets for Summer

Annette Pursey

Need inspiration for your containers and hanging baskets? Get planting ideas and tips for a great display!

Dates and times:

8th May 2017. 10.00am - 1.00pm.

Fee: £40 Code: CHBS



The Cutting Garden

Louie Allen

Learn how to grow your own flowers for cutting even in the smallest of spaces, saving money and the environment!

Dates and times:

1st April 2017. 10.30am - 3.30pm.

Fee: £60 **Code:** CG17

Staking Herbaceous Perennials Workshop

Pat Havers

Discover how we stake herbaceous perennials here at Waterperry Gardens with Head Gardener Pat Havers, and have a go yourself! Maximum 12 students.

Dates and times:

10th May 2017 17th May 2017 10.00am - 1.00pm.

Fee: £45 per session.

Code: HPW1 Code: HPW2

Wisteria & Clematis

Louie Allen

A close look at these popular plant groups, learn how to grow and look after them to give you a stunning display year after year.

Dates and times:

13th May 2017. 10.00am - 3.30pm.

Fee: £60 Code: WC



DESIGN

Creating Your Own Garden

Rob Jacobs

Make the most of your garden through understanding some basic design ideas from studying the gardens at Waterperry. We recommend you attend both sessions to benefit fully from the course.

Dates and times:

10.00am - 3.30pm. **Fee:** £55 per session

Planting for Successional Colour Throughout the Year

Annette Pursey

A one day course exploring planting schemes to ensure your garden is colourful in every season.

Dates and times:

26th Sept 2016. 10.30am - 3.30pm.

Fee: £55 **Code:** PSC1 16

An Introduction to Green Roofs

Gareth and Kay Davies

Living roofs are a wonderful way to introduce more biodiversity and eco habitat. This one day course covers how to make it possible to put a green roof on a simple garden structure such as a small garden shed. It goes into the construction and the different planting possibilities that will survive in a self-sustaining way. There will be a practical element with a hands on build of a scaled down roof box.

Dates and times:

15th Oct 2016. 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Fee: £75 Code: IDR



NEW Garden Design for Gardeners

Ana Coggon

Whether you're thinking of redesigning your own garden, or just want to know more, this 10 week course covers all the basics: basic site measurement; site analysis; the principles of good design; using hard and soft landscaping and planting; illustrating design ideas and setting them out. No previous knowledge is required and the level of teaching is approximately RHS Level 3. There will be no set coursework or examinations but students will be encouraged to work on a project of their own choosing.

Dates and times:

10 sessions between 2nd November 2016 and 1st February 2017 Please see exact dates online

10am - 3.30pm

Fee: £475 Code: GDG

The Scented Garden

Annette Pursey

Discover which plants will give your garden scent throughout the year.

Dates and times:

27th Feb 2017. 10.00am - 1.00pm.

Fee: £40 Code: SG1 17

VEGETABLES

Grow Your Own Veg.

Anita Unwin

Suitable for allotment holders, vegetable patch and even those with just a balcony, this one day course will guide you through planning your crops, soil preparation, sowing and planting indoors and out, looking after your crops and harvesting. Come prepared for some hands on practical gardening! Maximum 12 students per day.

Dates and times:

 1st Mar 2017
 Code: GYOV1

 4th Mar 2017
 Code: GYOV2

10.00am - 4.00pm **Fee:** £55 per session

New Ideas for Veg. Growing

Steve Relton

If you're bored with growing the same old veg varieties, Steve's course is perfect for offering new ideas including growing more unusual vegetables. His top tips will reveal what's worth trying – and what to miss!

Dates and times:

18th Mar 2017. 10.00am - 3.30pm.

Fee: £60 Code: NIVG

HORTICULTURAL CRAFTS

Willow Garden Structures

Helen Lomberg

Students will learn how to create beautiful, unique artefacts for their gardens using natural willow stems from willow-weaving expert Helen Lomberg. This course will teach you to make plant climbers, plant supports, trellises and ornamental hurdles from this useful natural material. During the day you should be able to complete 2 to 3 structures to take home to adorn your garden.

 Dates and times:

 11th Feb 2017
 Code: WGS1

 11th Mar 2017
 Code: WGS2

 22nd Apr 2017
 Code: WGS3

 27th May 2017
 Code: WGS4

 10.00am - 4.30pm



ART & CRAFT COURSES

Art and Craft courses take place throughout the year at Waterperry Gardens.

Please contact the artists below for more details:-

Kate Hole.

Watercolour painting, oil painting and drawing kate.hole@hotmail.co.uk

Ella Clocksin Watercolour mark-making Mixed Media ella@clocksin.com

Lilian Shaw Stained glass Pastels Iilianpshaw@gmail.com

Art in Action art courses take place throughout the year in Waterperry House. www.artinaction.org.uk

Course Booking Form 2016/17

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Please turn over to complete the remainder of the form.

Please call the office on 01844 339254 to check availability of places or for telephone payment.

Payment can also be made online at: www.waterperrygardens.co.uk

Would you like to receive further information about courses, events, news and offers at Waterperry Gardens? Please tick.

- ☐ Yes please
- No thank you
- By email please

Waterperry Gardens will never pass on your information to third parties.

Send completed forms to



Waterperry Gardens, Waterperry, Near Wheatley, Oxon OX33 1JZ

Waterperry Gardens a great place to visit throughout the year:

- 8 acres of beautiful ornamental gardens
- Quality plant centre selling Waterperry-grown plants
- · Gallery specialising in British Arts and Crafts
- Museum of Rural Life
- The Teashop locally sourced produce baked on the premises
- Full programme of annual events
- · Wide variety of gardening and arts and crafts courses.

Waterperry Gardens – open every day except between

Christmas and New Year.

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Tel: 01844 339226.

Email: office@waterperrygardens.co.uk Website: www.waterperrygardens.co.uk

Terms and Conditions

Booking:

Course places will become reserved on full payment of fees.

Refunds:

Refunds or amendments will incur an administration charge of $\mathfrak{L}10.00$.

No refunds will be given within 15 working days of commencement of course other than for RHS, RBGE and termly courses, which require 8 working weeks notice of cancellation to receive a refund. (An admin fee of £30 is payable for RHS course refunds/amendments).

Course Changes:

The courses provided will be as advertised. However in the case of unforeseen circumstances or due to insufficient student numbers, we may be obliged to alter the course content or to cancel the course. If a course is cancelled we will endeavour to offer an alternative or a full refund.

Proof of Purchase:

Please bring to the course your receipt as proof of purchase.

Children:

Not all our courses are suitable for children aged 17 and under. Please contact us before booking.

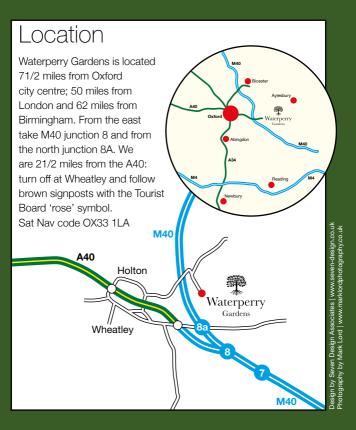
Prices:

All prices are inclusive of VAT at 20%. We reserve the right to alter these in the event of changes to the VAT rate.

Waterperry Discounts:

Students will be entitled to a 10% discount in the Garden Shop and Gift Barn on the day of their course. RHS and RBGE Students will be entitled to a 10% discount in the Garden Shop and Gift Barn throughout the duration of their course. The entitlements apply to the course days and cannot be exchanged for other items or for cash.





Find out more about Waterperry Gardens and the courses we offer by visiting our website at www.waterperrygardens.co.uk where you can also sign up for email newsletters, or call us on 01844 339254.

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