



West Green House
~ the Opera Garden ~

Special Events
2024

YOUR VISIT TO WEST GREEN

Opening Hours

From March 6 to 29 December 2024:
Wednesday to Sunday 11am to 4.30pm.
We are open on Bank Holidays 11am - 4:30pm. The garden opens for Christmas and the Illuminated Garden Adventure from 23 November to 29 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.

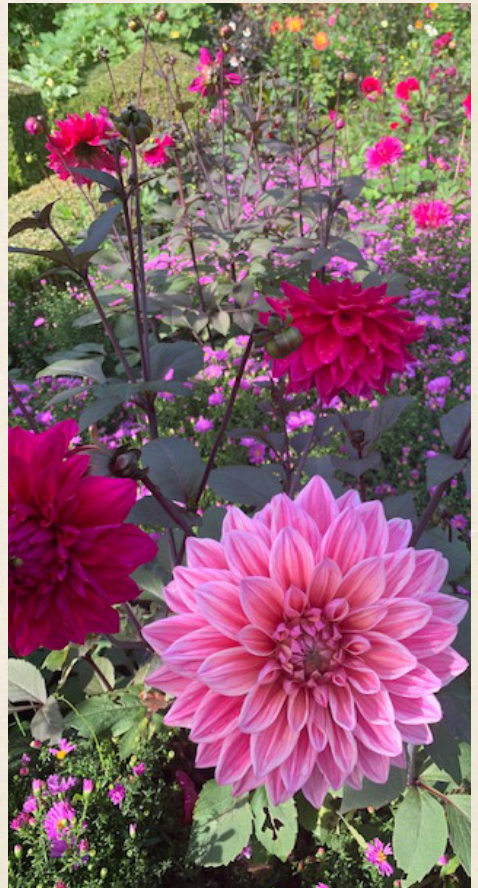
Admission to the gardens is £10 for adults and £5 for children aged 4 to 14 years. Children aged 3 years and under are free. Entry to the garden is free for National Trust members during 2024. Dogs are not permitted in the garden.

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. 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.



EVENTS CALENDAR 2024

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- 7 **LET'S GARDEN** Pruning with Confidence
- 10 Mothering Sunday
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- 16 Easter Wreaths
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APRIL

- 29 Mar-1 Easter at West Green House Bunny Trail & Petting Zoo
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- 8-10 Botanical Art, Dive Deeper
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MAY

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JUNE

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FOR THE FAMILY

MOTHERING SUNDAY

10 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.

£59 per person includes Afternoon Tea in the Green House, entry to the Garden, and a Gift for Mother.

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



EASTER AT WEST GREEN HOUSE THE EASTER BUNNY TRAIL AND PETTING ZOO

29 March to 1 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 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**.

The Tea Room is open for teas and lunch and will be serving our spring menu. Normal garden entry applies. Free garden entry to National Trust Members.

The children's activities are charged separately. The Bunny Hunt is **£5 per child** and the Easter Bunny Hunt & Petting Zoo is **£11 per child**.



FOR THE FAMILY

THE CLASSIC CAR SHOW DAY

Sunday 22 September 11am to 3pm
Car show and lunch time music are in the Park. Gardens and Tea Room open. 11am to 3pm

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 £20, Children £15

Includes entry to the garden and the car show.

Exhibitors, for the 2024 booking form, please go online to www.westgreenhouse.co.uk



NEW IN' 24

The Bar-B-Q fires are lit, the sausages are sizzling and the food stall are ready to provide hot out door food and drinks prior to our first Car Show concert.

THE WEST END JERSEY BOYS IN CONCERT

5pm In the park

Singers from the cast of the phenomenal hit musical 'The Jersey Boys' bring to our stage the iconic music of Frankie Valli in two hours of non stop hits.

Adults £20pp for car show and garden

Adults £45pp for Concert

Adults £50pp All day ticket including cars, garden and concert

Children £15pp for car show and garden

Children £20pp for Concert

Children £30pp All day ticket including cars, garden and concert



FOR THE FAMILY

APPLE WEEKEND

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October

11am to 4pm

In the Greenhouse and gardens

Our popular APPLE WEEKEND celebrates everything apple, with experts from Sparsholt College exhibiting their famous display of heritage apples, on hand and 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 £4 per child

Please book the trail in advance on the website.



LET'S GARDEN

Join our senior gardener, author Simon Hickmott and hugely successful garden blogger and top of the class garden graduate, Michelle Jenkins for days of practical instruction, covering many aspects of gardening tackled regularly here at West Green House.

Our "Let's garden" days always commence with a welcome coffee in the Tea Room, then instruction, which can be a talk, demonstration and often both, then into the garden for a very practical look around. Lunch with a glass of wine is prepared for you by our chef in the garden's delightful Tea Room.

PRUNING WITH CONFIDENCE

*March 7 11am to 1.pm
In the gardens*

Looking at tangled branches or an overgrown rose that is in desperate need of pruning can be daunting. Simon Hickmott and Dominic Rendell are our experts who keep the trees, climbers, shrubs and roses trim and performing at their best at West Green House. The demonstration will expel any fears this task can engender.

£62 per person

Includes morning coffee, demonstration followed by lunch with wine in the Tea Room.

SUCCEEDING WITH HOUSE PLANTS

*March 14 11 to 1pm
In the Greenhouse*

Michelle Jenkins has joined our gardening team looking after the walled gardens. We are so proud of her as she graduated from Horticultural School with exceptionally flying colours with a special interest in the propagation and care of indoor plants.

After morning coffee, Michelle will exhibit and talk about plant selection and the growing skills required for success in the greenhouse and home.

£62 per person

Includes morning coffee, demonstration followed by lunch with wine in the Tea Room.



LET'S GARDEN

SPRING SOWING

March 21 11am to 1pm

In the Greenhouse

In the Greenhouses at West Green House, we raise all the annuals required for our garden. Join Simon to learn how to prepare the soil, the trays and sow the seeds, ensuring you have colourful plants.

£62 per person

Includes morning coffee, demonstration followed by lunch with wine in the Tea Room.



PRESERVING OUR NATIVE WILDFLOWERS

April 4 11am to 1pm

In the garden and Greenhouse

It's such an important topic at West Green House, for over the last 30 years Marylyn Abbott with head gardener Dom Rendell have encouraged the regeneration of a hosts of native plants to return to the Lakefield. The secret has been management, observation and care, a learning journey we wish to share with you.

£62 per person

Includes morning coffee, demonstration followed by lunch with wine in the Tea Room.



LET'S GARDEN

SUSTAINABLE GARDENING

April 11 11am to 1pm

In the Greenhouse

This is gardening working hand in hand with nature. It's understanding your soil, rain fall and the climatically correct plants. We talk about collecting seeds, propagation, managing the landscape, in fact we are talking about nearly cost free gardening.

It's the garden for the future.

£62 per person

Includes morning coffee, demonstration followed by lunch with wine in the Tea Room.



POTS FOR ALL SEASONS

SUMMER POTS. FIVE MONTHS OF FLOWERING

April 25 11am to 1pm

In the Greenhouse

A brilliantly flowering pot is a work of art. The secret for continuously flowering pots is in the soil and the plant selection.

So join us to learn the tricks of the trade to keep a planter flowering for at least five months.

£62 per person

Includes morning coffee, demonstration followed by lunch with wine in the Tea Room.



LET'S GARDEN

RIGHT PLANTS FOR DARK CORNERS

May 2 11am to 1pm

In the Greenhouse and garden

Most gardens have difficult places, some are dark and wet, whilst others are in shadow with dry shade.

There are plants that relish whatever a garden provides, so walk with us into this garden's dark and difficult places as Simon explains the many choices that can be made to make these spots exciting in their own right.

£62 per person

Includes morning coffee, demonstration followed by lunch with wine in the Tea Room.



GREAT COMPANIONS

ROSES AND CLEMATIS

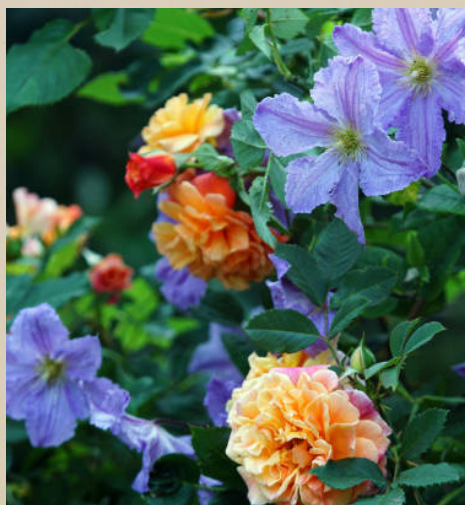
June 6 11am to 1pm

In the Greenhouse and garden

Roses are a major story at West Green House as they tumble from walls, are woven into the mixed borders and the wild Scottish roses climb the trees alongside the Lakefield's pond. But we especially love both roses and clematis growing together giving the illusion of a longer flowering season for both.

£62 per person

Includes morning coffee, demonstration followed by lunch with wine in the Tea Room.



LET'S GARDEN

POTS FOR ALL SEASONS AUTUMN POTS

13 June 11am to 1pm
In the Greenhouse and garden

Pots can be mini gardens combining autumn grasses and perennials together in containers, that today is the fashionable Prairie look.

It is an outstanding combination we love to do and they last till the first frosts.

£62 per person

Includes morning coffee, demonstration followed by lunch with wine in the Tea Room.



VERTICAL VEGETABLES

July 4 11am to 1pm
In the Greenhouse and garden

So many of us now garden in smaller spaces, perhaps a courtyard or balcony, so let us show you how to create a vegetable and herb garden, with perhaps zucchini, beans or tiny pumpkins trained up on tall supports, or tomatoes filled with lettuces planted all in pots to have super impact.

Of course it's helping to balance the budget!

£62 per person

Includes morning coffee, demonstration followed by lunch with wine in the Tea Room.

We could not resist this image of the ultimate vertical planting, so imagine what can be achieved in a limited space.



LET'S GARDEN

TULIPS

Mid-April to mid-May (weather permitting)

Thousands of tulips are planted annually, both in formal beds and in a wilder, more informal style in the Lakefield, making this an exceptional time to visit the gardens. With blossoms above and many of the delightful small bulbs of the season, the garden is at its early spring zenith.

Look early in the season on our website westgreenhouse.co.uk for

- * A weekly flowering update
- * TULIP CATALOGUE which features the unusual and flamboyant bulbs we grow, in a totally new collection for 2024.



LET'S GARDEN

HOW TO DRY FLOWERS

September 12 11 to 3pm

In the Greenhouse

Meet Michelle Jenkins and Sandra Short for morning coffee then explore with Michelle how to dry your flowers.

There are three basic methods for successfully drying flowers which Michelle will demonstrate in the morning

and then after a three course lunch with wine from our cellar, Sandra will demonstrate superb flower designs with dried flowers.

Definitely a day to look forward to.

£75 per person

Includes: Morning coffee, Drying demonstration, Lunch with wine, Arranging dried flowers demonstration



LET'S GARDEN

DAHLIA MANIA

*September 26 11am to 1pm
In the gardens*

Dahlias are the jewel colour of an autumn garden flowering from July to the first frosts in November. It's become the plant of the decade after years of neglect.

Today they are available in many styles and sizes suitable both for containers and planting in borders, but they need care and attention, so join us for a morning looking at an exciting range of dahlias you can grow whatever your garden size.

£62 per person

Includes morning coffee, walk and talk in the garden followed by lunch with wine in the Tea Room.

THE DAHLIA CATALOGUE

Dahlias have become very important in keeping our garden in brilliant colour from July to October so we are now offering you a fine selection of dahlias we know and love through our annual Dahlia Catalogue.

Look online in early spring at www.westgreenhouse.co.uk to see the 2024 Dahlia Catalogue.



LET'S GARDEN

POTS FOR ALL SEASONS 'LASAGNA' PLANTING - LAYERING BULBS FOR SPRING

*October 3 11am to 1pm
In the Greenhouse*

Preparing the pots for a spring flowering has been nicknamed 'lasagna planting' for it is the layering of bulbs to ensure a long spring flowering display.

We do this style of planting every year with great success, so look forward to seeing the demonstration pots made today at West Green House in the garden next spring!

£62 per person

Includes morning coffee, demonstration followed by lunch with wine in the Tea Room.



AUTUMN PROPAGATION

*October 24 11am to 1pm
In the Greenhouse*

Propagation is achieved by subdivision, cuttings and the replanting of off sets. It's fascinating to do and thrilling when successful.

Learn with Simon and then raise a glass for this is the end of our 'Let's Garden' season with a glass of wine at a festive lunch.

£62 per person

Includes morning coffee, demonstration followed by lunch with wine in the Tea Room.



BOTANICAL ART

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF BOTANICAL ART

*Sunday 14 July 10am - 4pm
In the Greenhouse*

An introduction into the fundamentals of botanical art. In this relaxed and fun workshop, Helen Cousins will guide you through her step-by-step process to create your own botanical painting with watercolours.

Prices for the one day workshops and 3 day workshop include: All materials used, entry and the opportunity to spend time exploring West Green House Garden, as well as light refreshments throughout the day. Lunch may be purchased in the onsite Tea Room.

£95 per person

Tickets available from:
www.helencousinsbotanics.com/events



BOTANICAL ART: DIVE DEEPER

*8-10 April 10am - 4pm
2-4 September 10am - 4pm
In the Greenhouse*

A chance to dive deeper into the world of botanical art. In this immersive and relaxing three day workshop, Helen will guide you through her step-by-step process to create your own botanical painting with watercolours.

Prices for the one day workshops and 3 day workshop include: All materials used, entry and the opportunity to spend time exploring West Green House Garden, as well as light refreshments throughout the day. Lunch may be purchased in the onsite Tea Room.

£320 per person

Tickets available from:
www.helencousinsbotanics.com/events



FLORAL ART

EASTER WREATHS

*Saturday 16 March 11am to 3pm
In the Green House*

Have you noticed how fond we have become of decorating our front doors with wreaths made to suit the season? Some of the most charming are those designed to welcome the beauty of spring, so Sandra Short, our in house florist, will be sharing her always inspirational ideas to create an Easter or Spring wreath for your home.

The morning will commence with coffee, then Sandra will demonstrate before you make a wreath to take home after lunch. We will supply all materials, wire and base, but do dress warmly and bring your own gloves and secateurs. Lunch will be served at 1pm in the Tea Room.

£75 per person

Includes morning coffee, lunch, demonstration and workshop with the materials to make a door wreath.



ARRANGING AUTUMN FLOWERS

*Thursday 17 October 11am to 3pm
In the Green House*

The season of abundance and fruitfulness in the garden must be the most rewarding time to bring nature into the house for there is so much plant material to choose from, berries, fruit, grasses and brilliant flowers.

Sandra will show you how to achieve the most spectacular arrangements using this wealth of material and after lunch she will assist you making a table arrangement using flowers, berries (the birds allowing) and grasses.

We commence with morning coffee and invite you to join us for lunch in the Tea Room. Please bring your own gloves and secateurs.

£75 per person

Includes morning coffee, Lunch, demonstration, workshop and materials.



MUSIC UNDER THE VINES

All our lunch time concerts and dining occasions take place in our flower filled Green House where grape vines cover the ceiling. Car parking is not charged on these special occasions.

A POCKET FULL OF STARS

June 16 12 Noon

In the Greenhouse



The Leading Lady in the West Green House production of Cavalleria Rusticana was the Australian/ British soprano Samantha Crawford who will

open our Music Under the Vines concert series. Equally at home in opera or on the music stage her programme will contain arias from Verdi and Tchaikovsky to 'Someone is sending me flowers' from the Shoestring Review. We are thrilled she found a date for us in her packed performance schedule.

Enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by chef Jon Kohout of Orient Express fame, whilst pianist Gavin Roberts, who's resume includes the Wigmore, Barbican and Festival Halls will entertain from the grand piano.

£80 per person

Includes: 11am visit the garden if you wish. 12 noon greenhouse opens for "Bubbles" on arrival. 12.30pm lunch. 1.40pm concert. Wines are available to purchase.

A MEDITERRANEAN SERENADE

September 1 12 noon

In the Greenhouse

Tom Lowe appeared in Puccini's 'Madame Butterfly' at West Green Opera and entertains regularly for our concert series. We are delighted he returns in a programme of song and arias derived from the countries of the Mediterranean, a newly arranged programme that will as always have the full house signs up very soon.

The regional dishes from Mediterranean cuisines, that all demand the freshest vegetables and delicious sauces are our chef's Jon's lunch time inspiration .

£80 per person

Includes: 11am visit the garden if you wish. 12 noon greenhouse opens for "Bubbles" on arrival. 12.30pm lunch. 1.40pm concert. Wines are available to purchase.



MUSIC UNDER THE VINES

A TRIBUTE TO ELLA FITZGERALD

September 15 12 noon

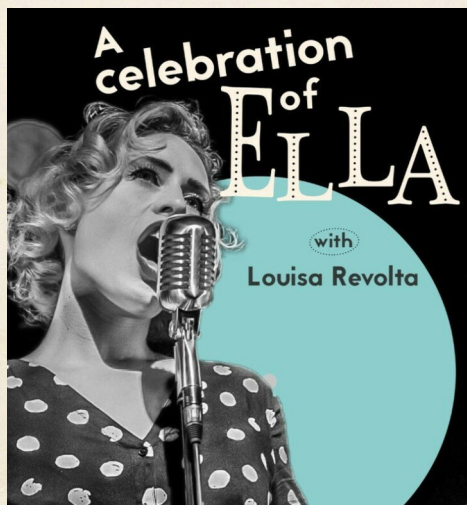
In the Greenhouse

Her very name evokes the feeling of a smoke filled dive, a sublime voice, and some of the most iconic American music. Louisa Revolta is a consummate interpreter of Ella Fitzgerald music and has recorded the all time great Ella Fitzgerald's songs.

It is so good to welcome Louisa back to West Green and chef Jon has promised to again rustle up the best "the joint" has to offer. Last year our programme of blues and jazz sold out in days.

£80 per person

Includes: 11am visit the garden if you wish. 12 noon greenhouse opens for "Bubbles" on arrival. 12.30pm lunch. 1.40pm concert. Wines are available to purchase.



ROBINSON CRUSOE

September 29 12noon

In the Greenhouse

We all grew up entranced by Robinson Crusoe's adventures and now Tom Lowe is tracing his footsteps in song, with this new programme for West Green House.

So weaving together the music and song of Brazil, Africa and the beat of the Caribbean will be a most exciting performance, which has our chef intrigued to create a mouthwatering menu for lunch using the flavours we know and love from these faraway tropical lands.

£80 per person

Includes: 11am visit the garden if you wish. 12 noon greenhouse opens for "Bubbles" on arrival. 12.30pm lunch. 1.40pm concert. Wines are available to purchase.



MUSIC UNDER THE VINES

MUSIC FROM THE BALLET

October 13 12 noon

In the Greenhouse

Our favourite pianist Stephen Hose has assembled a programme that will include the music of Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake, The Nutcracker Suite and the Sleeping Beauty. Delibe's Coppelia, the music of Les Sylphides, all of which will all be part of this beautiful programme.

Using Autumn as his inspiration our chef Jon Kohout will again present the most delicious menu.

£80 per person

Includes: 11am visit the garden if you wish. 12 noon greenhouse opens for "Bubbles" on arrival. 12.30pm lunch. 1.40pm concert. Wines are available to purchase.



TIM DICKINSON

ALL THE WORLDS A STAGE

October 27 12 noon

In the Greenhouse

Although Tim performs with many of our major opera companies, he loves the music of the fifties, the mellow sounds of Frank, Dean and Tony, so look forward to this laid back performance of swing, sung by one of our most versatile artists, who is performing in this concert series for the first time.

With the vines now turning all the russet shades of autumn, the Green House is one of the most pleasant spots to enjoy an excellent lunch prepared by a noted chef served under the vines.

£80 per person

Includes: 11am visit the garden if you wish. 12 noon greenhouse opens for "Bubbles" on arrival. 12.30pm lunch. 1.40pm concert. Wines are available to purchase.



FINE DINING

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Fine Dining with special guest

Jon Kohout

May 18 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.

As coffee arrives, from the grand piano our guest pianist plays the sophisticated music of Noel Coward and Cole Porter.

£140 per person

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



WEST GREEN HOUSE TEA ROOM

A BEAUTIFUL TEA ROOM

The garden has the most delightful Tea rooms serving seasonal light lunches. Luscious home made cakes are a Tea Time speciality, as is our fine coffee. This is all surrounded by flowering plants and the famous green chess board courtyard. Bookings not required.

Our guest chef is Jon Kohout, formerly head chef of the Orient Express and the tea room is managed by chef Trudi Kohout. Open from Wednesday to Sunday inclusive from 11 to 4pm or when the gardens are open for special events.

A TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA

Served either in the Tea Room or the flower filled Green House on silver stands, scones, jam and clotted cream, sandwiches and cakes, a treat for a special occasion. Booking essential, 36 hours' notice.

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CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS AT WEST GREEN HOUSE

November 23 to December 29

A wonderland of story book lights designed by the designers of our Opera season.

- * Live Music
- * Carols
- * A Tea Room Supper or hot drinks and snack as you explore
- * Shopping

Programme and bookings announced 1 August



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

*December 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17
11am to 3pm*

A beautiful traditional door wreath always says "welcome" so from West Green House garden our in house florist Sandra Short finds different textures in leaves, twigs and cones to demonstrate in the morning how to make a welcoming wreath for your door.

After a warm and convivial lunch it is time to make a wreath of your own.

***We supply the wire frames, florist sundries and evergreens, all you need is your own secateurs, gloves and to dress warmly.



£75 per person

CHRISTMAS AT WEST GREEN HOUSE



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
Gardens Office: Telephone 01252 844611 or enquiries@westgreenhouse.co.uk

Thackham's Lane, near Hartley Wintney, Hook, Hampshire RG27 8JB