

Garden History in 10 Objects

Friday 19 October, 9.30am-4.30pm

A one day 'taster' interactive course to explore the diversity and depth of garden history. You'll get a chance to examine and ask questions about a range of objects connected with the history of gardens and then we'll investigate them in context to show how the styles and fashions change.

The tutors:

Letta Jones, MA, is a Lecturer in Horticulture and Garden History.

David Standing was Head Gardener at Gilbert White's house for over 35 years.

Carlotta Holt is the Museum Gardener at the Weald & Downland Living Museum.

For full details and to book:

www.wealddown.co.uk/courses/garden-history-10-objects/

Old English ales

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm

This day consists of talks on Old English ales and beers, then going to Tindalls Cottage to see the process mid brew with time to understand what the processes are there. At the end there will be time to taste some different ales and beers.

The tutor:

Marc Meltonville, Historic Royal Palace Food Historian, has worked on displays of historic cookery and the reconstruction of kitchens at many of the six Royal Palaces and countless Museums and Stately homes.

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Sunday 5 August

What's on

Enjoy exploring the Museum site and chat to the team who are scything or hay making.

See displays about scything and demonstrations of associated crafts.

*English scything
weekend*

See scything and hay making near the Gateway buildings, and the main demonstration area between Tindalls Cottage (R3) and Bayleaf Farmhouse (B1).

Scything and haymaking (activity is also weather dependent).

Free 10-minute taster talks:

(for all please meet near Poplar Cottage, R2)

- **11.30 The English scythe**
- **12.00 The role of the blacksmith: scythe blades**
- **12.30 How to look after a scythe**
- **14.30 The snath and how it is shaped**
- **15.30 The role of the blacksmith: scythe blades**

Demonstrations:

- Watch scything demonstrations with traditional English scythes
- Find out about what a snath is and how it is shaped
- Find out about the uses of scythes, ancient and modern
- Hear and see the blacksmith working on blades on a mobile forge (also near Tindalls Cottage, R3)
- Find out about hay making in the 'Olympic' wildflower meadow
- Look at artefacts relating to harvesting and making hay from the Museum collection
- See display materials on scything through history
- Coiled grass basketry display

Also today

Free 10-minute taster talks :

- **11.45 Saxon pottery**, meet near the Saxon building, E3
- **12.45 Chat to the stables team and find out about our working horses.** *Meet at the stables*
- **13.30pm join a 40-minute tour of the Downland Gridshell building and artefact store**, D1
- **14.00 Meet the millers.** *Meet at the Lurgashall watermill, C9*

Other activities:

- Explore our introductory galleries, A2
- Visit the new family activity hub in Hambrook Barn, D4
- New woodland play trail, with the Knucker (water dragon), above D4
- See our historic clothing on display in Lower Crawley Hall, M3
- See the watermill in action and chat to the millers, C9
- Find out about everyday life in Tindalls Cottage, R3
- Visit Bayleaf Tudor farmhouse, B1, and find out about Tudor textiles and clothing
- Find out what's cooking in the Tudor kitchen, B2
- Watch pole lathe turning in the woodyard, near W1

Programme subject to change