

A garden paradise for every occasion



Events

180 acres of garden paradise

These 180 acre Gardens (formerly arboretum) in Romsey, currently hold one of the world's most important plant collections.

- Holding a magnificent collection of over 42,000 plants from temperate regions
- 14 National Plant Collections and over 440 champion trees

There is something different to see in the Gardens everyday, whether it is the changing season or a new exhibition, trail or workshop there are always things to do for the whole family.



Play, Explore and Discover

Whatever your age the Gardens are an amazing place to visit all year round.

Try out the exciting play features:

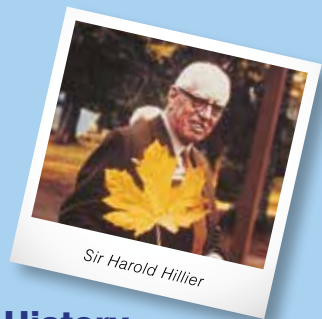
- Woodland Tree House
- Bamboo Tunnels
- Jurassic Gunnera Boardwalk
- Giant Bamboo Wind Chimes
- Or why not visit the "wild play" area in the woods.

Trails run all year round, come and explore the giant willow sculpture pine cone trail.



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'Alpine Peak' as part of
Art in the Garden

Tours, trails, exhib



Sir Harold Hillier

History

In 1953 the distinguished plantsman, Sir Harold Hillier established the Gardens and Arboretum. Over many years he assembled a remarkable collection, with the aim of bringing together the most comprehensive and unrivalled collection of trees, shrubs and hardy plants in the UK.

The Gardens were left under the sole trusteeship of Hampshire County Council in 1977. Run as a charity, the Gardens are continually developed to further Sir Harold's philosophy of **horticulture, conservation, education and recreation.**



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Art in the Garden

**Continues from
Saturday 13 May
- Sunday 15 October**

Monumental sculptures are attractively presented in the beautiful setting of this world famous 180 acre Garden. Featuring award winning, local, new and established British sculptors and artists from overseas. Be inspired by all the wealth of creativity of Art in the Garden exhibition whether it is an abstract, modern or figurative sculpture, there is always something to please everyone.

Art in the Garden

This is a selling exhibition and is a fabulous opportunity to buy a unique piece of art for your home or garden.

Free
with garden
admission



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Red Hot Press Printmakers 2017

**Saturday 1 July -
Sunday 30 July,
10am - 5pm***

Free entry
to the
exhibition

Red Hot Press returns to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens with another excellent exhibition of some of the best printmaking in the region.

A chance to see a huge range of printmaking techniques featuring work by current members and students from the

Foundation and Diploma in Printmaking. All work is for sale, including unframed prints and cards.

**exhibition closes at 3pm
on the last day.*

Exhibition



Hampshire Fare Afternoon Tea

**Saturday 1 July -
Monday 31 July**

Throughout July you can indulge in our special Hampshire Fare Afternoon Teas in the secluded Jermyn's House Tea Rooms. Enjoy an exquisite cake stand filled with delicate bites such as smoked trout, cucumber sandwiches, savoury pastries and cakes, all from Hampshire Fare suppliers. This is accompanied by your choice of tea, or optional extras such as Champagne, Pimms or fruit punches.

Price does not include entry to Gardens.

FOOD Jermyn's House



**Price - £12.50p/p
Call 01794 369319**

Beans - Bloomin' Clever Trail

**Saturday 1 July -
Wednesday 31 August**

Poor Jack seems to have lost quite a few beans in the Garden. Come and explore with this self-guided family trail of storyland adventure. Normal garden admission fees apply.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Collect your trail map from the Ticket Desk.

Price for trail: 50p



TRAIL

Youth Art in the Garden

TRAIL



**Saturday 1 July -
Sunday 15 October**

Every year our collection of youth art, set in and near the Education Garden, grows and changes. Come and see what local young talent has to offer! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Normal garden admission fees apply.

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Price for trail: 50p

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Lilies On The Land – Open-air RAODS Theatre Show

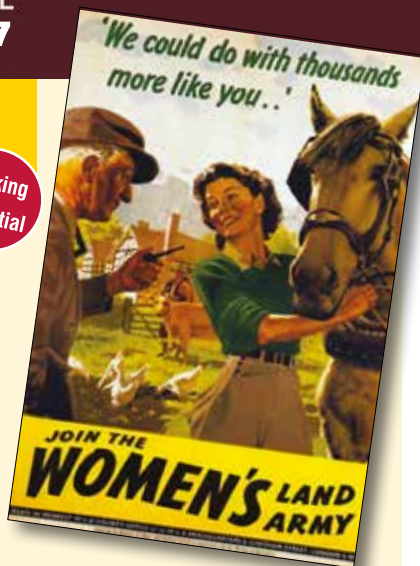
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is
essential**

**Saturday 1 July,
7pm - 9pm (approx.)**

An enchanting outdoor production for all the family situated in this award winning Garden setting. Pack your picnic; bring a rug and sit back to watch RAODS present Lilies On The Land.

A revealing, funny and wonderfully moving portrait of four women who sign up to join the Women's Land Army during World War II. Based on true stories from the diaries, letters and interviews with Land Army girls from the Second World War. The stories are told by four actresses with humour, song and some more dramatic moments!

An entertaining celebration of the trials and tribulations of one of the cornerstones of the British war effort.



The Restaurant will be selling refreshments and snacks on the night.

Come early to enjoy your picnics, gates will open at **6pm**.

By The Lions Part
Performed by Romsey Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society (RAODS)

**Price: Adult: £12
Child (2-16yrs): £9**

Early bird offer

Book before June

Early Bird Adult: £11

Early Bird Child: £8

Lights! Camera! Action! II



**Sunday 9 July,
7pm - 9pm
(approx.)**

Music from the movies for all the family with The Michelmersh Silver Band, one of Hampshire's top brass bands.

Enjoy all your favourite film music, from John Williams to Walt Disney and Star Wars to the Golden Age of Hollywood – there really is something for everyone in this fantastic gala of film music.

This is an open air concert so don't forget your picnics, rugs and deck chairs! The Restaurant and Munch Buggy will be selling refreshments and snacks on the night.

Gates open at 6.15pm for you to enjoy your picnic.

**Price: Adult: £12
Child (2-16yrs): £9**

**Booking
is
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Early bird offer

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Early Bird Adult: £11

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Family Day

+ Activity is Free with normal admission. Donations to support our charitable work are gratefully received.

**Saturday 15 July,
11am - 4pm**



Come and enjoy new art in the Education Garden, celebrate the work visiting students have created. On the day there will be fun activities including:

A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare +



Times: 1pm-3pm and 3.30-5.30pm (includes a 15 minute interval)

Bring a blanket and enjoy a performance by students from Mountbatten School, directed by Lisa Gilmour

Test Valley Art Bus +



Make a kite with artist John Browning and relax under the trees with storyteller Amanda Kane-Smith

Textile Art +

See our hand dyed silk scarves created by local school children here in the Gardens.

Join in with our giant weaving project and splash and smash a bit of colour about

Pond dip and draw +

Come, pond dipping and draw what you find!

Band "Mostly Harmless" +

Two sets 11am and 3pm

Sing along and dance along to live band music provided by local band Mostly Harmless

Classic Cars +

Winchester MG Owners Club will show some of their great Classic MG cars, see them leave at 3.30



Street Food Sunday Bastille Celebration Special

Sunday 16 July

Normal garden admission applies

French 'Plattertudes' Luc's Purveyor of Fine Food in Romsey delights us with charcuterie and cheese platters with plenty of French attitude.

Served in the courtyard from 11 - 3.30pm. This event is one in a series of street food events running throughout the summer.



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Face Painting*

Every festival needs a face painter and ours is wonderful.

Balloon modelling*

It's a bird, a flower, a butterfly! What will she make next?

Great Big Tree Climbing Company*

Book in advance via
www.bigtreeclimbing.co.uk



Free Entry to the event
Normal Gardens admission applies.
*extra charges apply as well as normal garden



Street Food

Yoga in the Gardens

**Mondays 17, 24, 31
July and 7, 14, 21
August, 6.30pm to
7.45pm**

Stretch your body and calm your mind through yoga taught outside in the tranquil Gardens by Carolyn Ryan (qualified Iyengar yoga teacher).

Suitable for beginners, you will learn the basic standing, sitting and recuperative poses. Those with experience are welcome and will benefit by working at a deeper level in the poses.

Over the 6 weeks you will gradually increase your stamina and notice an improvement in your flexibility.

Don't forget to bring your yoga mat. Minimum age of 16 years.

**Price: £60p/p
for 6 weeks**

**Booking
is
essential**

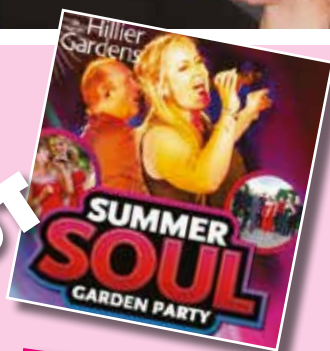


Summer Soul Garden Party

**Saturday 22 July,
7.30pm – 10pm**

Get on-board the train and join us for a spectacular night to the classic Soul and Tamla Motown hits featuring the exceptional 10-piece band Madison Heights.

*Concert in association with
Pearsons Estate Agents*



**Save the date
Sat 14 July 2018
(Tickets go on sale in
August 2017)**

Terrific Textiles



**Wednesday 26 July
and 2, 9 & 16 August**

**Drop in between
1.30pm - 4pm**

Normal
garden
admission
applies

Textile activities vary each day and are led by experts from the Hampshire Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers. **Children must be accompanied by an adult. No need to book.**

Price: £1.50 per child

Pond Dipping

Normal
garden
admission
applies

**Thursday 27 July -
Thursday 31 August***

***Every Tuesday
and Thursday
during
Hampshire
school holidays**



**Drop in sessions
between, 1pm - 4pm**

Join us for pond dipping to see what is lurking in our Education Garden ponds. Can you find diving beetles, nimble pond skaters and slimy snails? All equipment is provided. No need to book. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Price: £1.50 per child

Climb a Tree

Friday 28 July

Booking
is
essential

Two highly skilled and friendly instructors will help all ages* reach new heights within an oak tree's canopy using ropes, knots and karabiners, while being securely attached in a harness at all times.

**Suitable for 6+ years;
length of session 55
minutes.*



**For more dates, prices and
booking visit: [http://www.
bigtreeclimbing.co.uk](http://www.bigtreeclimbing.co.uk)**

**Children must be
accompanied by an
adult into the Gardens.**

**Price includes Gardens
admission for 1 adult and
1 child**

THE GREAT **BIG** TREECLIMBING CO.

**Digging up the Past
- Family Saxon
Archaeology**

**Saturday 29 July
10am - 12:30 or
1.30pm - 4pm**

Booking
is
essential

Join us at our purpose built trench in the woods to get muddy and find hidden treasures from ages past. Be a detective and analyse your artefacts, find out what they are and what they were used for. Learn about life in Saxon times. How would they make fire? Weave a bracelet and cook a snack on the fire. Suitable for ages 4-12 years.



**All children must be
accompanied
by an adult.**

**Price: £12 per session
(for 1 adult and 1 child)**

ARCHAEOLOGY

TREE CLIMBING

August *School holidays* 2017

Art in the Garden

**Continues from Saturday
13 May - Sunday
15 October**

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Beans - Bloomin' Clever Trail

TRAIL



**Continues from
Saturday 1 July -
Wednesday 31 August**

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Normal
garden
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Pond Dipping

**Continues from
Thursday 27 July -
Thursday 31 August**

**Drop in sessions
between, 1pm - 4pm**

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Normal
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Our World Imagined - Art Exhibition

**Tuesday 1 August –
Tuesday 15 August,
10am - 5pm***

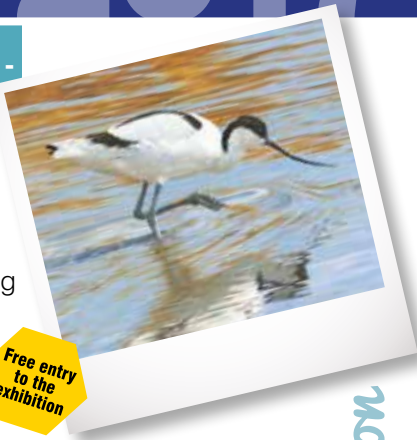
A diverse and exhilarating
exhibition of art inspired
by the natural world.

“Our World Imagined”
is a group of local
artists who are involved
in painting, drawing,
sculpture, photography,
ceramics and enamelling.
Fascinating and beguiling
visual imagery and three
dimensional

Free
entry
to the
exhibition

sculptural work
will be on display.
Prints and cards are
available.

**exhibition closes at
3pm on the last day.*



Exhibition

Buckets of Fun

**Tuesday 1 August –
Thursday 31 August**

We are offering a
Hampshire Organic
Burger, Vegan Quorn
Nuggets or Sustainable
Fish Sticks with chips in a
bucket. With it comes not
only a drink but a surprise
gift for the children and
they get to take the
bucket home with them.
Served in the Pavilion
Restaurant at lunchtime,
no need to book.

Price: £4.95 per child

FOOD

Pavilion Restaurant



Terrific Textiles



**Wednesdays:
2, 9 & 16 August
Drop in between
1.30pm - 4pm**

Normal
garden
admission
applies

Textile activities vary each day and are led by experts from the Hampshire Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers. **Children must be accompanied by an adult. No need to book.**

Price: £1.50 per child

Street Food Sunday - Battle of the Buns

Sunday 6 August

Three of our chefs do battle over the best street food that can be served in a bun, what will win? Flavoured pulled meats with exotic barbecue rubs, gourmet burgers or Scandi-style designer hot dogs.

Hosted outside in the scenic courtyard* this event is one in a series of street food events

running throughout the summer. See pages 15, 16 & 18 for other dates.

*hosted in Jermyn's House if wet.

Normal garden admission fees apply

Call 01794 369319



Family Butterfly Day

**Friday 4 August,
10am - 4pm**

Normal
garden
admission
applies

**Tours: 11am, 12noon,
2pm and 3pm**

Last admission: 3.30pm
(for craft activities and butterfly games)

A fun day of butterfly themed activities run in conjunction with Butterfly Conservation and timed to coincide with the peak of butterfly activity. The day includes a number of guided walks along Centenary Border looking at butterflies and the plants which attract these delightful insects.

There will also be butterfly themed craft activities and games designed for children throughout the day. Donations from this event will be used by the Education Service to support our work with families and children and the Butterfly Conservation. No need to book. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

In addition:

- During the morning identify night flying moths on show that have been trapped overnight.
- Butterfly Badge Making*
- Face Painting*

* additional charges apply for these



Price: Normal garden admission fees apply + suggested donation £1.50 p/p

CONSERVATION

Outdoor Adventurers Holiday Club

**Selected dates
throughout August:
7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 22, 23,
30 & 31 August**

(Dates can be booked
individually)

9.30am – 3.30pm

The Ofsted registered
Outdoor Learning
Company will be
returning to the Gardens,
for another outdoor
adventure club. Children
will enjoy a day of
experiencing a range
of challenging and fun
activities in the woods
and around the Gardens.

**Booking
is
essential**



Club

**For more information,
prices and for
bookings visit:
www.theoutdoorlearningcompany.co.uk/booking**



Street Food Sunday - Luc's Purveyors of Fine Food in Romsey

Sunday 13 August

French 'Plattertudes'
Luc's Purveyor of Fine
Food in Romsey delights
us with charcuterie
and cheese platters with
plenty of French attitude.
Served in the courtyard
from 11 - 3.30pm

See page 16 & 18 for
other dates.

*hosted in Jermyn's
House if wet.

**Normal
garden
admission
applies**



Street Food

Artlook – Art Exhibition

Free entry
to the
exhibition

Exhibition



**Thursday 17 August -
Thursday 31 August,
10am - 5pm***

Artlook are a group of local artists based in Wiltshire and Hampshire and this year are celebrating their 10th anniversary. Their work is diverse in subject matter encompassing landscapes, still life, figurative and abstract in various media including watercolour, acrylics, oils, pastel, pencil and prints. The group also will be selling a wide range of unframed work and greetings cards. This year Artlook are exhibiting at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens as part of Hampshire Open Studios 2017.

***Closing at 3pm on
the last day**



Family Bushcraft - Cooking around the Fire

**Friday 18 August,
10am - 12.30pm**

Booking
is
essential

Cook your own lunch!
Come with us to collect some fresh herbs to flavour your bread and vegetable "turtles" that we will cook over the fire. Cook your own sausage too! Learn how to start a fire safely in our woodland, within our beautiful grounds. Bushcraft sessions are fun, safe and educational. Led by our qualified staff,

we build in time for a bit of "wild play", like clambering over logs and we might get muddy even in August!

Suitable for ages 4-12 years

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Price: £12 per session
(for 1 child and 1 adult)**



FAMILY FUN

Street Food Sunday - Taste of Thailand

Sunday 20 August

Thai Tapas, Pinyada Sirichana & Nittaya Najanbu lead the team in preparing a selection of Southeast Asian specialities. Hosted outside in the scenic courtyard*this event is one in a series of street food events running

Normal
garden
admission
applies

throughout the summer. See page 14, 15 & 18 for other dates.

*hosted in Jermyn's House if wet.



Street Food



Summer Sensation Floral Display

Normal
garden
admission
applies

**Friday 25 August -
Monday 28 August**

Back by popular demand a stunning array of cut summer flowers collected from the Gardens alongside exquisitely crafted seasonal sugarpaste flowers will be on display in the beautiful surrounds of Jermyn's House. See if you can spot the real and "fake" ones made from just sugarpaste.



Family Bushcraft - Herbs and their Uses

**Friday 25 August,
10am - 12.30pm**

Learn about the uses of some common herbs in cooking and medicine. Create your own herbal book and use some of the herbs you collect to flavour bread and make tea. With a special site in our woodland, and set within our beautiful grounds, bushcraft sessions are fun, safe and educational. Led by our qualified staff, we build in time for a bit of "wild play", like

Booking
is
essential



clambering over logs and we might get muddy even in August!

Suitable for ages 7-12 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Price: £12 per session
(for 1 child and 1 adult)**

HERBS AND THEIR USES

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Family Summer's End Picnic with Fireworks - Evening Concert

Saturday 26 August

Concert 7pm - 9.15pm approx.

Booking is essential

Celebrate the end of the summer with the talented 80 piece orchestra and singers, Pops Incorporated UK and Big Band. They will be performing well known hits for the whole family taking inspiration from West End shows, films and a good helping of contemporary music for you all to dance and sing along to.

Last year the concert sold out in record time – so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.



EARLY BIRD OFFER

Early bird offer (Book your tickets before July)
Adult £16 and Child £8

Early bird price - Groups of (10+)
Adults: £14
Children: £7

Price: Adult £19 and Child (2-16 years) £11



Street Food Sunday - Street Vegan

Sunday 27 August

Street Vegan, lean, clean & green cuisine that goes that extra bit further than vegetarian. Hosted outside in the scenic courtyard* this lunchtime event is one of a series running throughout the summer.

See pages 14, 15 & 16 for other dates.

*hosted in Jermyn's House if wet.

Normal garden admission applies



Climb a Tree

Wednesday 30 August

See page 12

Booking is essential; price includes Gardens admission for 1 adult and 1 child.

Children must be accompanied by an adult into the Gardens.

For more dates, prices and booking visit: bigtreeclimbing.co.uk

TREE CLIMBING

Art in the Garden

**Continues
from Saturday
13 May to Sunday
15 October**

Free
with garden
admission



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See page 7 for more details.

Autumn Family Trail

Normal
garden
admission
applies

TRAIL



**Friday 1 September -
Friday 20 October**

On this family self-guided trail spot sticks and stones, leaves and feathers. What will you find?

Collect your trail map from the Ticket Desk.

Price for trail: 50p

50/50 - Paint and Photo Exhibition

**Saturday 2 September
- Sunday 1 October,
10am - 5pm**

Free entry
to the
exhibition

An innovative group of four photographers and four painters work together and take inspiration from each other, producing atmospheric and engaging images.



A collection of photographs, paintings and cards with a variety of themes and subjects will be available for sale.

Exhibition

Autumn Evening Gardening Course

**Wednesday 6 September
- 27 September,
6pm - 7.30pm**

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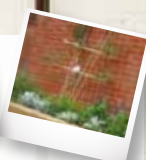
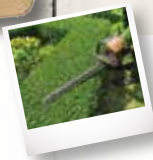
Learn tips, tricks and advice from our horticulturalists, including our Head Gardener. Over 4 weeks learn how to:

- Propagate bulbs and take cuttings
- Plant trees and shrubs
- Maintaining hedges and lawns
- Looking after climbers and wall shrubs

Suitable for everyone, whether you are just starting out with your

garden or if you are already confident in your horticultural ability and are looking to broaden your skills. Each session will start in the classroom followed by outdoor learning in the Garden.

Price: £100 p/p



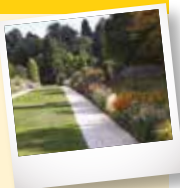
Summer Evening Garden Tour

Thursday 7 September, 6pm

Come for a fascinating seasonal guided evening tour of the Gardens led by our horticultural expert. Return to enjoy a glass of sparkling wine at Jermyn's House.

Price: £14.95 p/p

Booking is essential



Grapes on the Vine - Art Workshop

Saturday 16 September, 10am - 4pm

Local artist Jenny Hill will help you use several layers of watercolour pencils to capture the distinctive bloom of black grapes and the vibrant colours of vine leaves, using wet and dry techniques. Artists can choose to draw

Booking is essential



grapes from life or use photos and line drawing provided. Materials included. Suitable for beginners/improvers and people new to watercolour pencils.

Price: £57p/p includes all materials and lunch

Demfest 2017

Sunday 10 September, 10am - 5pm

Demfest returns to the Gardens for a third year. This unique event embraces dementia awareness. The day will feature inspirational and innovative ideas from educational speakers. Join in with the activities and enjoy a day being entertained by talented musicians.

Last year saw people attend from all over Hampshire - carers, cared for, health professionals and those expressing an interest. A great day out which, this year, will be equally inspiring.

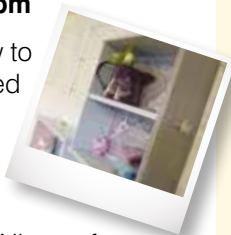
FESTIVAL

Free entry to the festival

Upcycling with Chalk Paint - Workshop

**Saturday 23 September,
10am - 4pm**

Learn how to refresh tired furniture on this creative workshop with Jean Nimmo from Jeans Interiors, a local upcycling company. You will learn how to re-purpose a drawer, transforming it into a beautiful display shelf for you to keep!



The workshop covers:

- Planning a design
- Working with chalk paint products
- Stencilling
- Distressing
- Installing door knobs/hooks

**Booking
is
essential**

You will take away your completed drawer as well as the confidence and knowledge to continue upcycling.

Come and get creative!

**Price: £67p/p includes
all materials and lunch**

Workshop

Family Woodland Music

**Saturday 23 September
10am - 12.30pm**

Combine children's love out the outdoors with their love for making music! Using recycled materials and the woodland as a resource, families will build their own simple musical instruments. There will be plenty of opportunity for creativity and being loud! Play with our instruments, too, and learn some nature songs. It doesn't matter if you've never played an instrument before or are

a budding musician; this workshop is for all abilities. Expect lots of singing, banging and strumming, all in a beautiful woodland setting around a fire. Suitable for ages 4 - 12 years

**Children must be
accompanied by
an adult.**

**Booking
is
essential**

**Price: £12 per session
(for 1 child and 1 adult)**

Family Fun in the Woods - Harvest Time

**Saturday 30 September
Drop in 1pm - 4pm**

This is an autumnal session of fun, fruit and food around the fire. With a special site in our woodland, and set within our beautiful grounds, bushcraft sessions are fun, safe and educational.

Come and join us for a play in the woods! No need to book.

**Children must be
accompanied by an
adult.**

**Normal garden
admission fees apply +
suggested donation £5
per family.**

**Normal
garden
admission
applies**



Art in the Garden

**Continues from Saturday
13 May - Sunday
15 October**

Normal
garden
admission
applies



See page 9 for more details.

Painting Autumn Plants

**Sunday 1 October,
10am - 4pm**

A friendly, informal day painting autumn fruits, berries, curling leaves, seed heads and late flowers in watercolour with botanical artist Christina Hart-Davies. Some painting experience recommended.

A materials list will be provided.

**Price: £57p/p
includes lunch**

Booking
is
essential



Botanical Workshop

Autumn Family Trail

Normal
garden
admission
applies

TRAIL



**Friday 1 September -
Friday 20 October**

On this family self-guided trail spot sticks and stones, leaves and feathers. What will you find? Normal garden admission fees apply. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Collect your trail map from the Ticket Desk.

Price for trail: 50p

Our View - Art Exhibition

**Tuesday 3 October -
Wednesday 25 October,
10am - 5pm***

Take10 Artists are celebrating 15 years of painting together in different locations, both at home and abroad. Their paintings explore the world around us and express their diverse interests and styles through the use of a variety of media. In this selling exhibition browse their artwork and chat to the artists.

***exhibition closes at
3pm on the last day.**

Free entry
to the
exhibition



Exhibition

Autumn Beauty - Floral Display

Normal
garden
admission
applies



Friday 6 October - Sunday 8 October

The colour, shape and scent will be captivating in this beautiful display of different fruits and foliage which can be found in the Gardens in autumn. The display is held in the beautiful setting of Jermyn's House.

Don't forget our Online shop

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Mindfulness Stress Reduction Course

**Fridays 6, 13, 20 Oct
& 3, 10, 17, 24 Nov
& 1 Dec,
10am - 12.30pm**

**and Sunday
19 November,
10am - 4pm**

Booking
is
essential

Do you react to stressful situations in familiar, but unhelpful, ways?

Karen Prouton welcomes you to the peaceful Gardens, and will teach you Mindfulness-based stress reduction, tranquil setting of Jermyn's House.

You will receive guidance in becoming intentionally and non-judgmentally aware of the present moment, helping you to notice the fullness of your thoughts, feelings and sensations and relate to them in a different way.



This can reduce feelings of stress through a sense of greater choice and control.

This 8-week course involves meditations, gentle stretches and walking exercises. A CD is provided for daily home practice.

Course costs include access to the Gardens for the day to continue your mindful experience in the glorious surroundings! Please bring a mat and if desired, a cushion. (Chairs are available) We ask you to complete a self assessment form before hand to ensure the course is suitable for you.

**Price: £185 p/p
includes refreshments
and lunch on Sunday
19 November**



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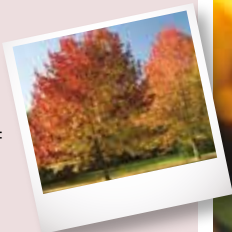
Autumn Gardeners' Breakfast and Tour

**Saturday
7 October,
8.30am**

Booking
is
essential

Held in the beautiful setting of Jermyn's House come for a 3 course home cooked breakfast, including juice, cereals, toast and tea or coffee. Learn gardening tips and chat to our gardening expert. After breakfast we will lead you on an exclusive seasonal garden tour showing you the very best of our autumn highlights before we open to the public. You will then receive free entry to the Gardens for the rest of the day to enjoy exploring at your own leisure.

Price: £20.95 p/p



Sweet on Honey

Normal
garden
admission
applies

**Saturday 7 &
Sunday 8 October**

See the best that the Hampshire Beekeepers Association has to offer at their annual honey show. Speak to local beekeepers and learn about bee keeping. Children can have a go at craft activities and learn all about bees (a small charge applies for activities). The honey show opens on Saturday following judging **1.30pm** (approx.) until **5.30pm**. Open Sunday **10.30am** until **4pm**.

Why not buy a jar of local award winning honey to take home?



Murder Mystery

**Saturday 14 October
7.30pm**

Come for this very popular annual event where we are entertained by Miscellany Theatre Group. A fantastic night of mystery and sleuthing hosted in the period setting of Jermyn's House. Enjoy a wonderful supper while working out

exactly whodunit (plus how and why). Drink upon arrival, followed by three course dinner and coffee.

**Call 01794 369319
Price: £39 p/p**

Booking
is
essential



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Children's Creepy Capers



Saturday 21 October - Sunday 5 November

Join us for a self-guided trail of spooky fun in the Gardens. Craw through our spider web, find mysterious objects, get muddy, cast a spell. Normal garden admission fees apply. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Collect your trail map from the Ticket Desk.

Price for trail: 50p

Climb a Tree

Tuesday 24 October

Two highly skilled and friendly instructors will help all ages* reach new heights within an oak tree's canopy using ropes, knots and karabiners, while being securely attached in a harness at all times.

*Suitable for 6+ years; length of session 55 minutes.

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Children must be accompanied by an adult into the Gardens.

Booking is essential

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Pond Dipping

Tuesday 24 and Thursday 26 October

Normal garden admission applies

Drop in sessions between 1pm - 4pm

Join us for pond dipping to see what is lurking in our Education Garden ponds. Can you find diving beetles, nimble pond skaters and slimy snails? All equipment is provided. No need to book. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Price: Normal garden admission fees apply + £1.50 per child





Family Bushcraft: Halloween Bushcraft

Friday 27 October
10am - 12.30pm
and 1.30pm - 4pm

**Booking
is
essential**

Join us in the woods for a Halloween session of fun, spooky songs and stories around the fire. Play with charcoal, make popcorn over a fire and toast a marshmallow. Learn how to start a fire safely too. With a special site in our woodland, and set within our beautiful grounds, bushcraft sessions are fun, safe and educational. Led by our qualified staff, we build in time for a bit of "wild play", like clambering over logs and getting muddy and as well as learning new skills outdoors.

Please remember autumn evenings can be dark.

You may want a torch on the way home from the afternoon session! Suitable for ages 4 - 12 years. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Price: £12 per session
(for 1 adult and 1 child)



FAMILY FUN

Autumn Colour - Art Workshop

Saturday 28 October,
10am - 4pm



An introduction to coloured pencil with professional artist Karen Coulson exploring the techniques required to complete an autumn leaf picture. A line drawing to trace will be provided if required.

Suitable for all abilities. All materials supplied to use within the session.

Price: £57p/p includes all materials and lunch

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Spooky Halloween Menu



**Saturday 28 -
Tuesday 31 October**

To coincide with all the Halloween activities in the Gardens we are offering a spooky menu at lunch time in the Pavilion Restaurant. No need to book.

Material World - Textile Exhibition

**Saturday 28 October -
Sunday 26 November,
10am - 4pm***

**(Open 10am - 5pm
in October)**

The popular Material World textile exhibition returns again to the Gardens this autumn. Material World depicts the wide range of uses for textiles in furnishing, decoration, fashion and exquisite crafts for sale.

Free entry
to the
exhibition



Exhibition

**exhibition closes at
3pm on the last day.*

Ghost Walk & Supper

**Tuesday 31 October,
7pm**

Darkness has fallen in the Gardens, this Halloween join in the fun with a spooky costumed torchlight guided tour. Hear tales of the agonising demise of the Lady of the Manor and memories of Jermyn's House history. Suitable only for brave hearted adults and children over 14 years!

Booking
is
essential

Arrival drink will be served at Jermyn's House at 7pm. After the walk enjoy a two course supper back at the House. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear and bring a torch.

**£22.50 p/p
01794 369319
to book.**

Walk & Supper

Material World - Textile Exhibition



Free entry
to the
exhibition

**Continues from
Saturday 28 October -
Sunday 26 November,
10am - 4pm***

Material World features
a wide range of uses
for textiles in furnishing,
decoration, fashion and
exquisite crafts for sale.

***Closing at 3pm on
the last day**



Exhibition

Winter Afternoon Lecture Lunch - Fungi Talk

**Wednesday 1
November, 11am**

Free entry
to the
exhibition

Enjoy an illustrated lecture
with local expert and
renowned photographer
Rosemary Webb, returns
back to the gardens to
speak about Fungi.
Coffee will be served on
arrival in Jermyn's House,



with a two course lunch
after the lecture.

**Call 01794 369319
Price: £22.50 p/p**

Lecture

Gin and Bear It - Gin Tasting Evening

**Friday 3 November,
7pm**

Back by popular demand!

Enjoy a tutored tasting
evening with Paul Bowler,
the 'ginmeister' behind
the award-winning Twisted
Nose of Winchester
Distillery.

Held in Jermyn's House;
learn about the history of
the distillery, the journey
into the distilling process
and the different styles of
gin available. Followed
by a tutored tasting of
a section of gins from
the Distillery. Learn how
it is produced in small
batches using traditional
methods and native

botanicals. The
evening will
then follow with
delicate canapés.

Booking
is
essential

**Call 01794 369319
Price: £22.50p/p**



I Spy Winter is Coming

Normal
garden
admission
applies

**Monday
6 November -
Friday 8 December**



What do you know about cones and conifers? Come and collect a cone or two on this family self-guided trail! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Normal garden admission fees apply.

Collect your trail map from the Ticket Desk.

Price for trail: 50p



Winter Lecture Lunch - Andy McIndoe

Booking
is
essential

**Wednesday
8 November, 11am**

Enjoy coffee on arrival and lecture with the ever popular and charismatic multi Chelsea Gold Award winning designer, Andy McIndoe.

Followed by a two course lunch and coffee at Jermyn's House.

Call 01794 369319

Price: £22.50 p/p



Lecture

Winter Lecture Lunch – 30 years of the Mayflower Theatre

Booking
is
essential

**Wednesday
15 November,
11am**

Michael Ockwell, CEO of the Mayflower Theatre discusses its history on the 30th Anniversary of its creation plus his life in the theatre. Coffee on arrival at 11am including two course lunch and coffee at Jermyn's House

Call 01794 369319

Price: £22.50 p/p



**Mayflower
Theatre**



Archaeology Family Activity - Romans

Saturday 18 November

**10am - 12.30pm or
1.30pm - 4pm**

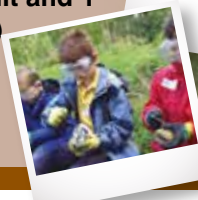
Join us at our purpose built trench in the woods to get muddy and find hidden treasures from ages past. Be a detective and analyse your artefacts, find out what they are and what they were used for.



Learn about Roman life in a carousel of activities; use fire strikers to make sparks, write Roman numerals in clay and cook Roman apple snacks on the fire. Suitable for ages 4-12 years.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Price: £12 per session (for 1 adult and 1 child)



Booking is essential

Christmas Rose Sugarpaste Workshop

**Sunday 26 November,
10am - 4pm**

In this hand-on workshop, you will create your very own stunning Christmas Rose (hellebore) sugarpaste decoration. This will be perfect to take home and use for a Christmas cake topper or table decoration.

Learning from sugarpaste expert Lyn Pearce, she will guide you in specialist techniques. She will provide step by step instructions on how to make hellebore

flowers, mistletoe and holly. Suitable for beginners and those with some experience

(cake not included).

Price: £60p/p including all equipment and lunch

Booking is essential



Winter Jewels Jewellery Exhibition

**Wednesday 29
November - Tuesday 2
January, 10am - 4pm***

We are pleased to welcome back the popular ACJ Wessex jewellers group for their 6th Christmas selling exhibition "Winter Jewels VI" at the Gardens. Over 20 of their members will be showing their new jewellery designs with lots of choice

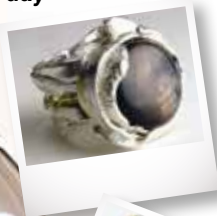
Free entry
to the
exhibition

for that perfect gift - from stocking fillers to a future heirloom piece for that special person!

Plus enter their free prize draw to be in with a

chance of winning a £100 to spend at the exhibition (visit the exhibition for further details).

***Closing at 3pm on the last day**



Exhibition

Learning about Trees

**Thursday 30 November
9.30am - 4.30pm**

In this new workshop, learn all about tree management. At Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, (formerly arboretum) we manage 180 acre Garden and Woodland. We are home to the largest collection of hardy trees in the world with an amazing collection of over 400 Champion Trees. The day will be led by the Head Gardener and other knowledgeable

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horticultural experts who work here at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. In this interactive workshop you will have the opportunity to learn the technical skills of **"Propagation and Grafting"**.

Find out the best **"Planting and Growing"** methods and get a closer understanding of the mechanical structure of trees in the **"Body Language of Trees"**.

All equipment for the day is provided. Learning will take place both in the classroom and in the Gardens with outside,

hands-on activities, so please bring appropriate clothing. The day is suitable for professionals and keen gardeners, suiting a wide range of experiences for those with an interest in tree management.

**Price: £150 p/p
includes a light lunch**



Workshop

Winter Jewels Jewellery Exhibition

**Continues from
Wednesday 29
November - Tuesday
2 January,**

10am - 4pm*

Back for their 6th Christmas at the Gardens returns the popular ACJ Wessex jewellers group with lots of choice for that perfect Christmas gift.

See page 33 for more details.

Free entry
to the
exhibition



*exhibition closes at 3pm
on the last day.

Exhibition

I Spy Winter is Coming

Normal
garden
admission
applies

**Continues from
Monday 6 November
-Friday 1 December**

What do you know about cones and conifers? Come and collect a cone or two on this family self-guided trail! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Normal garden admission fees apply.

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Price for trail: 50p



Christmas Lunches in Jermyn's House

**Friday 1 December –
Friday 22 December
(Weekdays only)**

Celebrate Christmas with your friends and family in this intimate setting in the delightful surrounds of the festive 18th Century Jermyn's House. Enjoy the delicious festive menu from only **£19.50p/p** for two courses & coffee or **£23.50p/p** for three courses and coffee. Parking at Jermyn's House available for Christmas Lunches

Call 01794 369319

Booking
is
essential

Festive food

Christmas Gardeners' Breakfast and Tour

**Saturday 2 December,
8.30am**

Enjoy a wonderful cooked breakfast in the splendour of the festively decorated 18th Century Jermyn's House. On the Christmas breakfast menu will be juice, a choice of porridge, cereals. Followed by a cooked breakfast with home cured bacon, local sausages, and more. Finish off with toast, honey,

jams & marmalades and tea or coffee. The delicious breakfast will be followed by an exclusive guided tour of the Gardens with our Head Gardener before we open to the public.

You will be led on this spectacular tour featuring seasonal highlights of the Winter Garden and beyond. There will be opportunities to ask questions and after the tour you will receive free entry to the Gardens

to explore for the rest of the day.

Price: £23.95 p/p

Booking
is
essential





Christmas Supper in Jermyn's House with Miscellany Theatre group

**Friday 8 December &
Saturday 9 December,
7.30pm**

Christmas Supper with seasonal entertainment from Miscellany Theatre Group. Enjoy three courses, coffee & chocolates in the beautifully decorated Jermyn's House.

Call 01794 369319

Price: £39 p/p

**Booking
is
essential**

Great
FOOD

Winter Wonders - Floral Display

**Friday 8 December
- Monday 11
December**

Showcasing striking bark and scented flowers, this display will be a welcoming sight in this colder month. Early bulbs will also feature in the display at the festively decorated Jermyn's House.

**Normal
garden
admission
applies**



**Christmas Door
Wreath - Workshop****Saturday 9 December,
10am – 3pm**

Join our Head Gardener and learn how to produce a beautiful Christmas floral door wreath. A wide selection of foliage, berries and unusual stems will be supplied fresh from the Gardens.

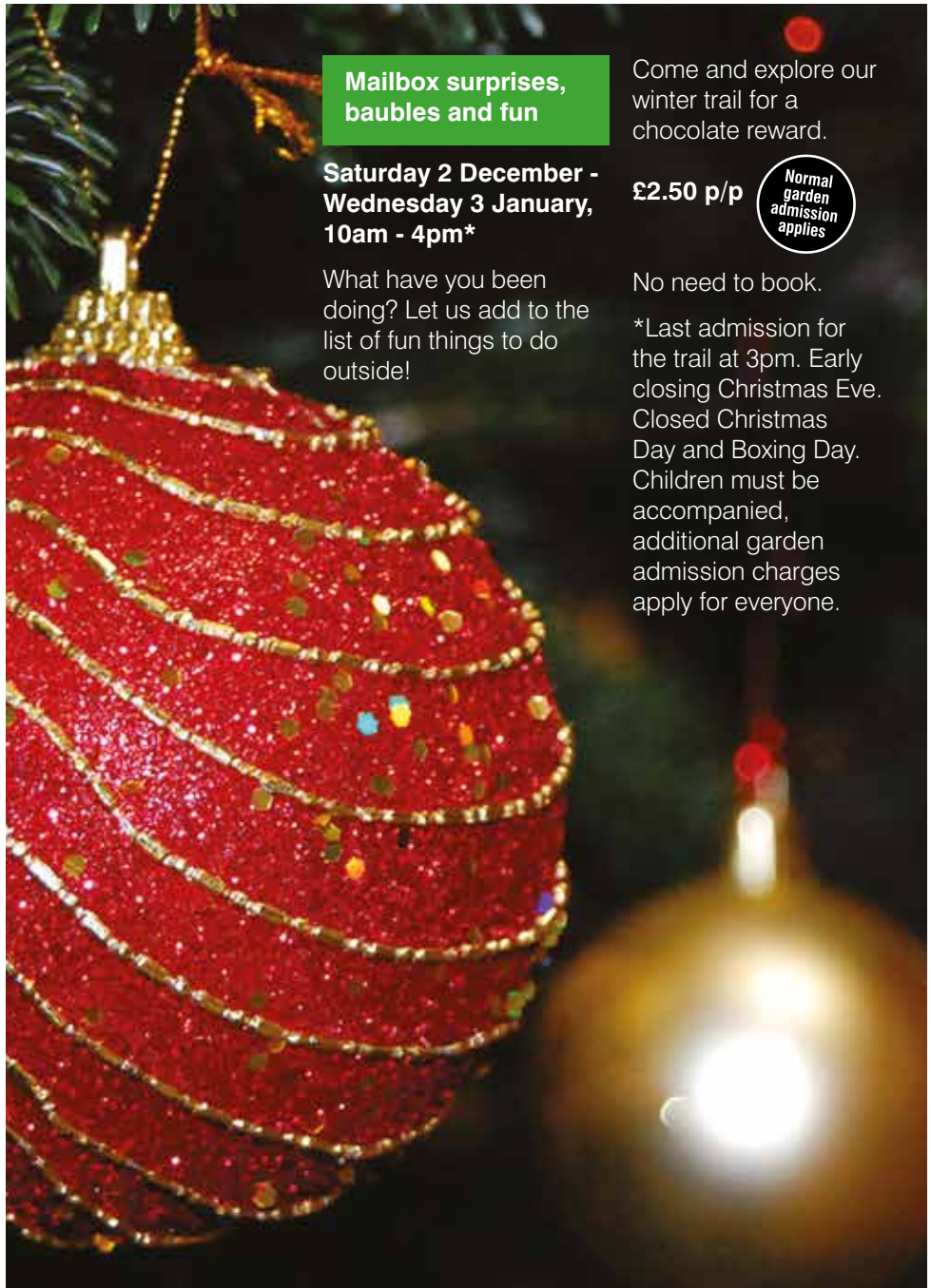
**Price: £57p/p
including all
materials,
refreshments
and lunch**

**Booking
is
essential**



Workshop

December Christmas holiday event



**Mailbox surprises,
baubles and fun**

**Saturday 2 December -
Wednesday 3 January,
10am - 4pm***

What have you been doing? Let us add to the list of fun things to do outside!

Come and explore our winter trail for a chocolate reward.

£2.50 p/p



No need to book.

*Last admission for the trail at 3pm. Early closing Christmas Eve. Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Children must be accompanied, additional garden admission charges apply for everyone.



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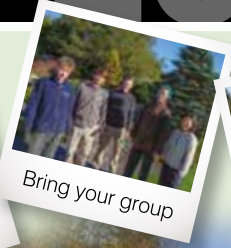
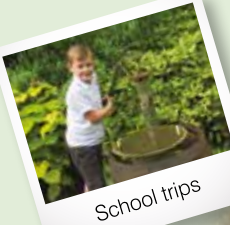
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- Free refreshment voucher for coach drivers
- Free coach parking
- Guided tours available
- Discounted group admission for 10+

School and educational groups

A wide range of topics are available to meet the National Curriculum from Animal Homes, Growing Plants, Life Cycles and lots more! Let your children's school know about us.

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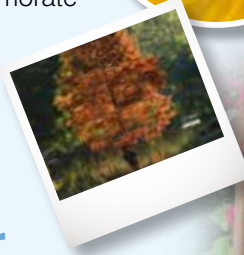
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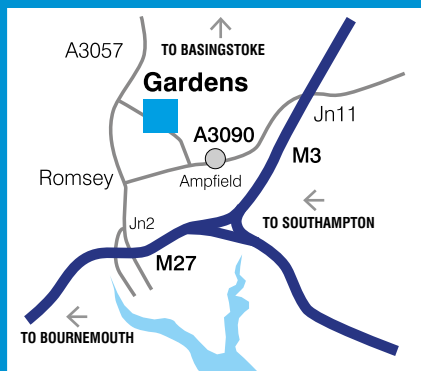
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with an all-ability path
network, accessible
WCs and parking for the
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assistance dogs are
welcome only.**

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is available (pre-book in
advance).

Open Daily

(except Christmas and
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**10am - 6pm
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Last entry one hour
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