

## A Summer of Fun at Witley Court & Gardens



There's plenty of fun to be had at Witley Court & Gardens this summer, with tours of the work on our latest garden restoration project, family trails in the grounds, and a chance to catch a classic Shakespeare comedy in a spectacular setting.

### Garden Tours: A Sneak Peak of the East Parterre

With work due to finish on the restoration of the East Parterre later this year, visitors have the exclusive opportunity to enjoy a guided visit of the project with the man responsible for making the garden bloom, head gardener Richard Squires!

On Friday 9 and Friday 16 July at 2pm each day, Richard will take groups of gardening enthusiasts around the garden to see how the restoration project is starting to take shape – including over 19,000 box hedge plants which are being grown to just four inches high to form the main structure of the garden.

Make sure you pre-book your place on a tour on 01299 896636 as places are limited.

If you can't make a special tour, don't worry - the gardens will remain open throughout the summer every day, 10am to 6pm for you to view at your leisure.

### Family Fun Trail

While the adults are enjoying the East Parterre garden, children can take part in a fun trail around the grounds of this beautiful ruined country house. Trails are available to take part in over the summer holidays, from Sunday 1 to Tuesday 31 August.

### The Merchant of Venice

Enjoy a traditional performance of one of Shakespeare's classic comedies, The Merchant of Venice, on Saturday 7 August, brought to life by Theatre Set-Up. Three caskets of gold, a pound of flesh, masquerades, a beautiful heiress who disguises herself as a man and a lovely Jewess and a Venetian Carnival all feature in this famous comedy. Don't forget to bring your own seating, suitable outdoor clothing and a picnic. Gates open 6.30pm for a performance at 7.30pm.

To find out more about these events and visiting Witley Court & Gardens, visit [www.english-heritage.org.uk/witleycourt](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/witleycourt).