

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019

The Queen's College, Oxford.

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September



With special thanks to the Provost and Fellows of The Queen's College.

The Gardens Trust Conference 2019 will be held in the Baroque splendour of The Queen's College Oxford from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September. The weekend will provide an opportunity to revisit some of the gardens and writings of Mavis Batey, a founder of the Garden History Society, the forerunner of the Gardens Trust.

Friday afternoon (registration from 13.00) features a guided tour of the Oxford Botanic Garden accompanied by a tasting of The Oxford Artisan Distillery's Botanic Garden brand gin. An early evening reception and exhibition in the College's elegant private rooms and Fellows' garden precedes supper in College.

Saturday's programme from 9.00am includes talks on Oxford's College gardens with a special focus on new research by Toby Parker, walking visits to Christ Church's private gardens, including the rarely-open Deanery Garden (where the Cheshire Cat appeared), with the head gardener, and Worcester College's gardens. The afternoon features the New Research Symposium's presentations of new research in garden history, chaired by the inimitable Dr Patrick Eyres, and the Trust's AGM. The evening's Conference dinner guest speaker is Robin Lane Fox, Emeritus Fellow of New College Oxford and the Saturday FT's resident garden writer.

Sunday's programme from 9.00am comprises visits by coach to the gardens of two major Oxfordshire historic private estates: at Nuneham Courtenay we will see Mason's iconic flower garden and the Palladian church and walk the historic drive to the Harcourt Arboretum. After a local buffet lunch we go to Shotover for a guided house tour, a self-guided tour of the garden and tea. Return to Oxford at 16.30.



The Temple at Shotover.

Full details and booking options available from 18th February via The Gardens Trust website www.thegardenstrust.org and Eventbrite; booking closes on Friday 10 August.