

# Lectures Calendar: Edition 43 – February/March 2026



On the following pages you will find a monthly colour-coded list of online garden history-related lectures by date on offer from a variety of sources including:

The Gardens Trust - County Gardens Trusts - The Institute of Historical Research (IHR)-  
Victorian Society - Georgian Group - The Garden Museum - RHS Lindley Library – The  
Linnean Society - Gresham College.

Lecture series are colour coded:

**Gardens Trust – Mythical Gardens - a series of 4 online talks in which David Marsh will explore a range of allegorical gardens. The talks will not only look at the myths themselves but, where possible, the reality that lay behind them and their impact on gardens more recently. Wednesdays 25 February – 18 March from 18.00-19.30.**

[Mythical Gardens](#)

**Gardens Trust – Empire, Plants and Gardening: a series of 8 online talks: Tuesdays 20 January – 10 March 2026 from 10.00 -11.30 EXCEPT 3 February 18.00 -19.30**

[Empire, Plants and Gardening](#)

Lectures that do not form part of a series or are not bookable online are listed in plain type. All lectures are online unless specified otherwise.



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## FEBRUARY

**Tuesday 24 February – GT: Empire, Plants and Gardening: What's in a name? Plant Nomenclature in 17<sup>th</sup> Century France**

**Wednesday 25 February - GT: Mythical Gardens: The Hanging Gardens of Babylon**

Thursday 26 February – IHR: Urban Fruits: The Public Orchard as a Bridge to the Landscape [Urban Fruits](#)

## MARCH

**Tuesday 3 March – GT: Empire, Plants and Gardening: Legacies of Empire: The Royal Horticulture Society's Plant Collector Archive**

**Wednesday 4 March - GT: Mythical Gardens: The Garden of the Hesperides**

Tuesday 10 March – London Parks & Gardens: Repton at the Ecological Climax: to book [Repton in-person at the Garden Museum](#) OR [Repton online](#)

**Tuesday 10 March – GT: Empire, Plants and Gardening: The Uprooted Empire – Epiphytes, Greenhouses and Hybrids in 19<sup>th</sup> Century England.**

**Wednesday 11 March - GT: Mythical Gardens: Mythical Chines Gardens**

Thursday 12 March – IHR: Highgate Cemetery: Demands on a Designed Landscape [Highgate Cemetery](#)

Thursday 12 March – Oxfordshire Gardens Trust: [Two Gardens for MHP Bullingdon – Inside Out](#)

**Wednesday 18 March – GT: Mythical Gardens: The Garden of Eden**

Friday 20 March – Thurrock Local History Society: [Ellen Willmott and Warley Place](#): - an in-person event at Grays, Essex.

Saturday 21 March – Surrey Gardens Trust: [A Cultural History of the Rose](#) – an in-person event at Ashted, Surrey.

Thursday 26 March – IHR: Meanwhile Gardens: Looking back over 50 years. [Meanwhile Gardens](#)

## APRIL

Tuesday 21 April – The Georgian Group: Holkham Hall (Norfolk) in-person talk by Holkham Hall's Collections Manager & Curator, Maria de Peverelli. [Holkham Hall](#)

Monday 27 April – West Sussex Records Office: Transforming the Wealden Garden; development of 'plantsmen gardens' by incoming country house families 1840 -1920s [Wealden Garden talk](#) in-person event and online.

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You can also watch earlier lectures from Gresham College online:  
those currently available include:

[The Royal Horticultural Society's Lindley Library: Safeguarding Britain's Horticultural Heritage](#) (22/05/2013) by Dr Brent Elliot

[Chelsea Physic Garden Through the Ages](#) (14/03/2016) by Michael Holland, Head of Education at Chelsea Physic Garden

[Gardening Entrepreneurs](#) (21/03/2016) by Professor Roderick Floud, FBA.

[John Evelyn: Britain's First Environmentalist](#) (29/10/2020) by Gillian Darley, OBE

[Gardens of Empire: The role of Kew and Colonial Botanic Gardens](#) (02/12/2019) by Jim Endersby, Professor of the History of Science at the University of Sussex.

[The Hidden Face of British Gardening](#) (12/05/2011) by Professor Sir Roderick Floud, FBA.

[Dams, Radiators and The Shard: The Legacy of English Gardening](#) (05/11/-2019) by Professor Sir Roderick Floud, FBA.

[Making and Running Great Gardens 1700 – 1900](#) (20/06/2013) Professor Sir Roderick Floud, FBA.