



News and events for spring 2019

Wales



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Simply springtime

Spring is a time for venturing outdoors to discover wonderful sights, sounds and scents at our special places throughout Wales.

All of our properties are bursting back into life and action.

There is an abundance of wildlife to explore, Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts for the family and Mother's Day treats to enjoy, while appreciating our heritage, land and coastline.

Call at Erddig, to step into one of the best meadowlands in Wales. Head Gardener, Glyn Smith monitors the number of common spotted-orchids that grow in this wonderful, wild space. He said: "The record year saw 2,800 common-spotted orchids but heavy winter snows can bring this down to 400, like last year."

You can find out about our latest garden projects too. At Bodnant Garden, take a walk with John Rippin, Head Gardener on 13 March, to enjoy the early camellias, magnolias and rhododendrons.

At Powis Castle, see dozens of magnolia, plus delicate fritillaries, primroses, and *Narcissus Pseudonarcissus*, the famous Welsh daffodil, as the stunning *Wisteria Floribunda* drapes its beautiful long strands of pea-like flowers over the Aviary Terrace. This spring vision has charmed visitors for over 300 years.

Touch golden daffodils and breathe in new blooms on Chirk Castle's Spring Sensations Trail, from 30 March to 28 April.

Check out
inside for all
the best of the
National Trust
in Wales



And birdlovers can celebrate World Wetlands Day with our rangers on Saturday, 2 February in Gower, studying waders at our spectacular wetland at Whiteford.

Grab your muddy boots from 13 to 28 April, for family fun and adventure at Dyffryn Gardens on a Plant Hunter expedition this Easter. Collect lots of different species of plants to complete your mission.

Visit Tredegar House from 18 to 22 April, to watch spring awaken and rustle through new shoots, to discover which

wonderful creatures eggs belong to on our Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt.

As the mornings get lighter in late spring, it's the perfect time to experience the sublime, harmonious tweets of the dawn chorus. And you can celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day on Sunday, 5 May at Marloes Mere, Pembrokeshire, from 5.30am before breakfast at Runwayskiln café, or be an early bird at Southgate, Pennard, in Gower from 5.10am.

Come and celebrate spring at one of our special places.



For more ideas or further information visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wales

A word from our Director

I've always been passionate about increasing the relevance of the National Trust to as many people as possible.



For me, that means making everyone welcome, through improving accessibility and opportunities to visit our places. It means drawing in more people to involve them in what we look after and showing that we have something to offer to everyone, not just appealing to those who already know how their lives can be enriched by our places.

In doing this we can show that we are an essential part of the whole nation, and not just appealing to a part of the nation.

That doesn't mean we stop doing what we have done so well for such a long time, or lessen our commitment to looking after things for ever for everyone.

But in an uncertain world I feel our commitments have to mean that we utilise our spaces and places to offer more for more people.

I was exceptionally heartened by recent statements from our new Director General, Hilary McGrady, where she said she wanted us to be on the front foot in putting people first.

Wealth is not always about riches in the traditional sense; it is also about wealth of space through access to places and experiences at places – something the founders of the National Trust fundamentally recognised.

And I believe that our part in tackling society's many challenges, in a way that is appropriate for us, is through having our arms wide open in making everyone welcome at our places.

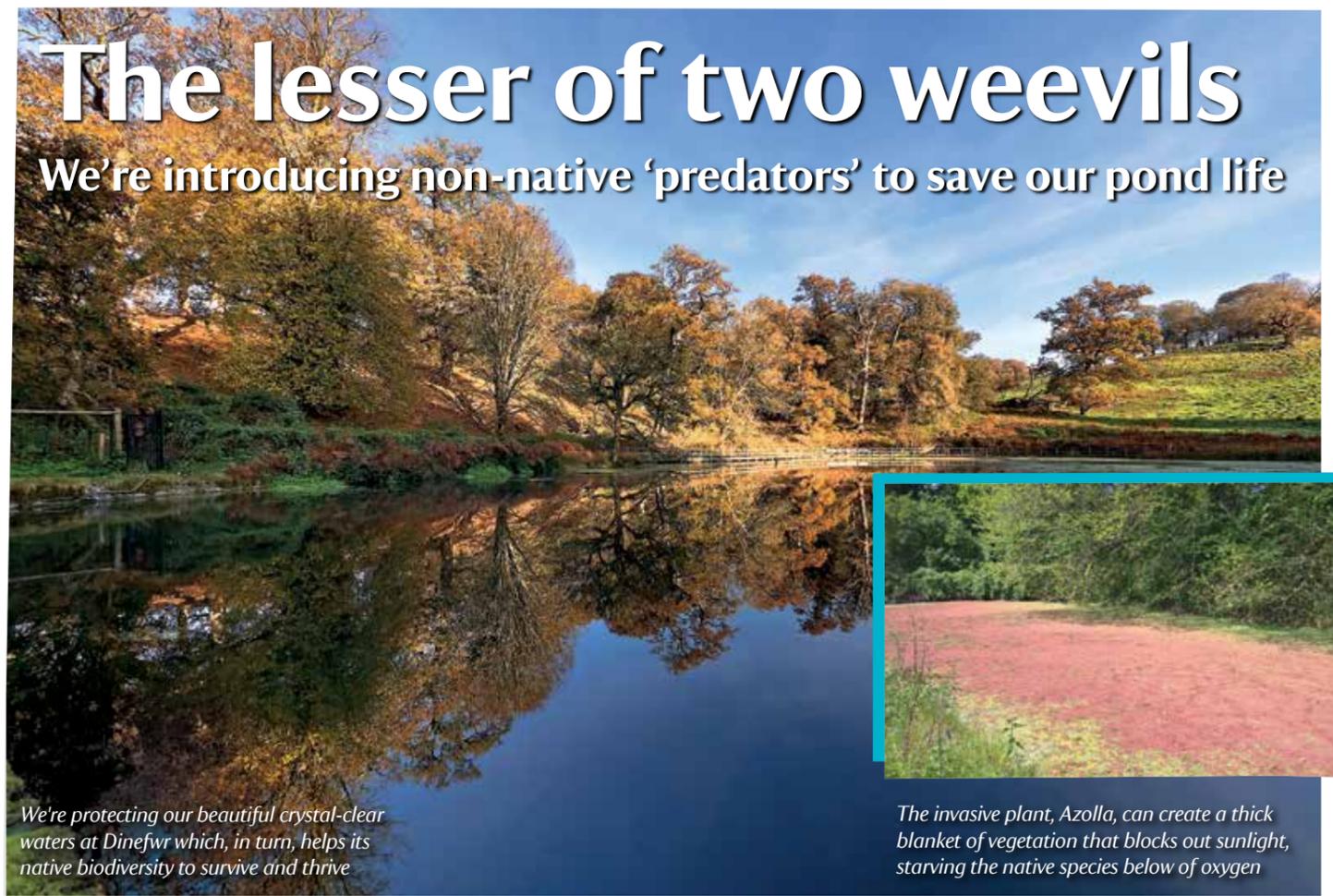
Of course that will mean different things to different sections of society, but we are a big enough and experienced enough charity to find a welcome that sits comfortably with all who want to walk, talk and share a sense of wonder with us.

This coming year will, I'm sure, see more people visiting our places, and more people and partners working with us in Wales. That challenges us to make the idea of 'everyone welcome' increasingly relevant to more people, and in accepting that challenge I believe we can genuinely enrich and improve the spiritual wealth of our nation.

Justin Albert, Director for Wales

The lesser of two weevils

We're introducing non-native 'predators' to save our pond life



We're protecting our beautiful crystal-clear waters at Dinefwr which, in turn, helps its native biodiversity to survive and thrive



The invasive plant, Azolla, can create a thick blanket of vegetation that blocks out sunlight, starving the native species below of oxygen

Springtime is usually a season of new life and exploration for Dinefwr Park, but an invasive pond plant is threatening biodiversity of the waterways at the parkland National Nature Reserve.

A water fern (*Azolla Filiculoides*) originally found on the American continent has spread rapidly across the British Isles in recent years, Carmarthenshire seeming to be a new hot spot.

Spread mainly by spore dispersal and by wildfowl travelling between ponds, the Azolla is a definite cause for concern for the conservation team at Dinefwr.

If the Azolla gets a good grip on a waterway or pond it will form floating mats of vegetation that can grow to up to 30cm thick. This can cut off the sunlight to the pond beneath and suffocate our native species and wildlife.

We avoid using chemicals in the park and to control through mechanical means could result in the plant spreading further as the weed mat is broken up and dispersed.

As a preferred, biological means of control we'll be treating the Azolla using the novel approach of introducing a plant-specific predator called the North American Weevil (*Stenopelmus Reginus*).

This little insect only eats this particular type of water fern and will do so until it has disappeared. We hope to see a big difference by the end of the year.

Whilst the ponds at Dinefwr are under treatment, we have replaced our popular pond-dipping kits with alternative family activities including our top five outdoor adventures: birdwatching, track a wild animal, explore inside a tree, hold a scary beast and build a den.



Build a den

£36,000 raised to save our White Park Cattle

Our ambitious three-year campaign to safeguard the ancient herd of White Park Cattle at Dinefwr has helped us to raise an astonishing £36,000 for the iconic herd.

Our #SaveTheHerd fundraising campaign was set up to protect these magnificent and rare animals at Dinefwr.

It will also help us to sustain the flowering hay meadows at Dinefwr and to maintain important links to Welsh history.

The Dinefwr herd of White Park Cattle has grazed the land at Dinefwr for over a thousand years and has become a much-loved icon of the property.



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New canopy to connect to wildlife corridors

The Dolaucothi Estate is ready to be replanted with a native broad leaf canopy, following a successful campaign to recruit countryside volunteers.

After felling a large area of Larch woodland to prevent the spread of a tree disease in 2017, the estate can now begin creating more wildlife-rich habitat in our corner of Carmarthenshire.

Ranger Carol Bailey said: "Our next steps will be to work with our volunteers and other partners

to begin replanting the area with locally native, broadleaf trees and fruiting shrubs.

"Eventually the woodland will be part of a joined up network of wildlife-friendly corridors on the estate.

"This connectivity will give species the chance to establish larger, more

sustainable populations and to create new ones too."

You can step out into the woodland and see all of the improvements for yourself.

Visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dolaucothi-gold-mines



Power to the people in 2019

You're invited to share your precious memories of close partners in your life in our memory jar, as part of our Partnerships of Power exhibition at Llanerchaeron Estate.

Partnerships of Power, from 16 March to 3 November, follows 2018's successful Petticoats of Power exhibition, to further deepen and expand stories we're telling about the estate's residents.

Come along and help us to produce a 'Partnership' quilt, to visually bring your local stories alive, in a shared creation to treasure.

Llanerchaeron remains an integral part of our drive to focus on the people who make our places special and the experts who put our collections together.

Follow a new trail and hear how marriages, friendships and work relationships stood the test of time.



Tudor slumbers

Sleep tight, don't let the bed bugs bite, is a rhyme that we've all heard or used but have you ever wondered where the historic phrase comes from or what it actually means?

This year at the Tudor Merchant's House in Tenby, we'll be answering those questions as we embark on a slumber adventure and reveal how our predecessors would have slept.

From their nightly rituals, to the origins of sleeping tight, our

townhouse will tell the story of the merchant's family and servants.

Smell Tudor supper in the kitchen, gather herbs from the garden and help us create the ultimate recipe to a good night's sleep.

Are you brave enough to snooze like a servant or would you prefer to rest like a merchant?

Head to the top floor to discover how wealthy residents and guests enjoyed four-poster bed luxury and a very superstitious routine.

'Don't let the bed bugs bite' runs from Saturday, 13 April to Sunday, 3 November. Visit: nationaltrust.org.uk/pembrokeshire

What's on

Llanerchaeron

19-22 April, 11am-4pm

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Follow the nature trail around the estate to claim your chocolate reward. *NAP + £2 per hunt.

27 May, 11am-4pm

Shearing day

See our flock of sheep get their annual haircut. Ceredigion Spinners and Weavers will demonstrate how to tread, dye and spin a sheep's fleece into wool. *NAP.

Colby Woodland Garden

19-22 April, 11am-3.30pm

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Bunny's been leaving clues to a Cadbury surprise. To find the treat you'll need to explore the gardens. £2 per hunt. *NAP.

12 May, 10am-4pm

Spring plant sale

Browse the stalls and enjoy a Q&A session with Colby's gardeners. *NAP.



29 May, 8.30pm-10pm

Twilight walk

Visit Colby at twilight and see the woodland garden in a whole different light. Go on a guided walk to see the bats and beasts that enjoy this special place at night. Adult £3, child £2. **BE (01834 811885).

North Pembrokeshire

Gwadrn, Solva

14 February, 10am-12noon

AND

Marloes Sands

24 April, 2pm-4pm

29 May, 11am-1pm

The Big Beach Clean Challenge

Help us care for the Pembrokeshire coastline by taking part in our monthly beach cleans. Litter picking kit will be provided. Free event.

19 April, 10.30am-3.30pm

Easter Fair and Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt, Southwood Farm

Bunny's been exploring and leaving clues to a Cadbury treat for you. £2.50 per hunt.

Stackpole

24 March, 2pm-5pm

Mother's Day flower arranging and afternoon tea

Come along to our flower arranging workshop and create a handmade floral piece for mum. Then enjoy a bite to eat with full afternoon tea including a glass of Prosecco for the grown-ups. Adult £19.95, child £7.95 including flower arrangement session and afternoon tea. **BE (01646 623110).

19-22 April, 11am-3pm

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt, Broad Haven South

Follow the Easter safari to find a sweet treat. £3 per hunt. *NAP.

11 May

Festival of the sea, Gupton Farm

With stalls, live music, food and drink, and beach activities to enjoy. Make a weekend of it and stay at the campsite. Tickets coming soon.

Tudor Merchant's House

19-22 April, 11am-4.30pm

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Bunny's been leaving clues around the house to a Cadbury chocolate surprise. *NAP + £2 per hunt.

25 May - 2 June, 11am-4.30pm

Tudor household trail

Look for the Tudor dolls hidden around the house and find out what their jobs were. Lots of different roles were needed to make the household run smoothly. *NAP.

Dinefwr

25 February - 1 March, 11am-3pm

Half term fun at Dinefwr

Get to know our wonderful trees on a guided activity event every day during the February half term, with outdoor and indoor trails. *NAP.

19-22 April, 11am-3pm

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Follow the clues to a Cadbury treat. *NAP + £3 for hunt.

Dolaucothi Gold Mines

15 March, 10.30am-5pm

Official opening for 2019

Go on an underground adventure of the only known Roman Gold Mines in the UK. *NAP.

19-22 April, 11am-3pm

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Hunt around the goldmine for clues to a Cadbury treat. *NAP + £3 for hunt.

Gower

2 February, 10am-4pm

World Wetlands Day

Join us for this bird watching event at our wetland area at Whiteford. Meet at Cwm Ivy car park. **BE.

5 May, 5.10am-8.30am & 9am-12noon

International Dawn Chorus event

Meet at National Trust car park, Southgate, Pennard (SS554873). **BE.

*NAP Normal admission price

**BE Booking essential

Please visit the website for accessibility information and for further event details.



Nature's greatest show at Erddig

Enjoy nature's greatest show at Erddig's 13.5-acre walled garden, as wave after wave of fresh blooms open up in the warm sunshine and catch the raindrops.

First to arrive are snowdrops in delightful clusters in the coachman's tea garden and along Moss Walk.

The Welsh emblem of St David's Day, the daffodil, is next. Daffodils transform the canal banks and a wide variety of Narcissi fill the long borders.

The late-flowering fragrant pheasant's eye variety, *Narcissus Poeticus*, have elegant white petals and an orange-rimmed cup. They grow between the apple trees in the orchards and are joined by snake's-head fritillary at Easter.

The native wildflower, *Fritillaria Meleagris*, with its delicate, pink-white flower heads, is another star of the show.

As the fritillary fades, Erddig's fruit blossoms appear along the garden walls and the orchards, paving the

way for thousands of bold tulips in the Victorian parterre bedding scheme.

In May, the cascading Himalayan clematis looks like a foaming white waterfall tumbling 30ft from Wolf's Den into the rose garden.

And in the Big Wood, you'll find a carpet of white-flowering, wild garlic.

As spring crescendos into summer, watch wild orchids bloom in the meadows along the banks of the canal.



Bats and yellow beetles thrive at castle

Wildlife lovers, grab your boots and binoculars and see all of the new and exciting species popping up in the grounds of Chirk Castle.

The estate is already a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for bats, veteran trees, grassland fungi and for saproxylic (or dead-wood) invertebrates.

And the first results of a year-long invertebrate survey in 2018 show that the diversity of insects on the estate has held up well since the previous survey in 1996 and new species have been found.

Expert Keith Alexander used delicate flight interception traps to capture a sample of insects and identified them.

There have been many nationally-scarce species identified, including *Mordellistena Neuwaldeggiana*, a yellow beetle previously only found in Wales at a single site near Cardiff.



We're also expecting to find some nationally rare and European Union Red-list species, such as the Hairy Fungus Beetle, or the Darkling Beetle.

Our rangers work hard to maintain the estate as an excellent habitat for a wide variety of species.

And these results are proof that their meticulous approach is working well.

Take a spring walk on one of our trails around the fascinating 480-acre parkland to discover ancient trees, wildflowers, birds and insects.

Uprooted evacuees safe in castle

Imagine being uprooted from your home, split from your family and your friends and being taken to live in a huge castle in rural Mid Wales..

That's what happened when pupils and teachers from The Ashford Welsh Girls School were evacuated from Middlesex to Powis Castle in Welshpool, at the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939.

They were guests of George Herbert, 4th Earl of Powis, governor of the school, in a bid to safeguard them from the bombing raids of Hitler's Germany.

Their lives were literally turned upside down overnight but they adjusted to the safety provided by country life, within the thick castle walls.

Their remarkable and previously untold story will be revealed at Powis Castle, with a little help from

our acting friends at Theatr Clwyd, from 26 March.

Those frightening war years will be brought to life with film, audio installations and live interpretation.

Discover how the girls adapted to castle life, uncovered hidden treasures and met the castle's residents.

We'll also be inviting visitors to explore a previously unseen floor of the castle. See our recreated school dormitory, classroom and prep room.

Visit us from 23-28 April and 30 April- 5 May, for live performances.

Actors from
Theatr Clwyd
will bring the war
years to life at
Powis Castle

What's on



Powis Castle and Garden

23 February - 3 March, 11am-4pm

Spring flower trail

Follow our flower trails in the castle and garden to find out more about the beautiful blooms you can spot in your own garden. *NAP.

30-31 March, 12noon-4pm

Mother's Day afternoon tea

Show your mum how special she is by treating her to afternoon tea in our Courtyard Restaurant. £12, or £18 with Prosecco. **BE.

19-22 April, 11am-4pm

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Find clues hidden along the terraces and in the shade of the giant yew hedges to claim your Cadbury prize. *NAP + £2.50 for hunt.

Chirk Castle

2 February - 8 March, 10am-4pm

Sensational snowdrop walks

Chase away those winter blues with a beautiful walk around Chirk Castle's award winning gardens and Pleasure Ground Wood, and see a carpet of delicate snowdrops. *NAP.

17 March, 1pm-4pm

Spring estate walk

Join our ranger team for a spring walk around Chirk Castle's special 480 acre estate. Find out what spring means for the estate and what work the ranger team have planned for the year. **BE.

1-28 April, 10am-5pm

Signs of spring trail

Celebrate the signs of spring returning with our sensory natural trail through the gardens. *NAP.

Erddig

February to May, 11am-4pm,
10am-5pm from 23 March

Erddig spring garden

Enjoy nature's greatest show in Erddig's 13.5-acre walled garden as waves of spring highlights wash over the garden. *NAP.

*NAP Normal admission price

**BE Booking essential

Please visit the website for accessibility information and for further event details.

23 March, 12.30pm-3.30pm

House reawakens

After a winter of conservation work, we're lifting off the dust covers and opening the shutters as the house opens fully for 2019. Discover some exciting new developments in the State Bedroom. Find out more about Erddig and its unique history on guided tours. Ground floor of the house is wheelchair accessible. Free event.

19-22 April, 10am-5pm

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Hop along and join us for some springtime family fun on our annual Easter trail to claim your chocolate treat. *NAP + £2.50 for hunt.

Brecon Beacons appeal success

Thanks to your help, we have repaired 650 metres of footpath leading up to Pen y Fan since the launch of the Brecon Beacons Appeal in February 2018.

With more than 350,000 walkers treading these slopes every year, ongoing maintenance and erosion control is essential to keep this special place accessible to all.

There has been a hive of activity surrounding the appeal, which has reached millions of people across the UK.

This included live BBC coverage of the launch in February 2018,

further filming and a bird's eye view of the landscape we are protecting during the annual airlift to transport scalplings.

There was also an auction of a Pen y Fan sign.

All money raised has gone directly to fund ongoing repairs to protect this living landscape. We want to ensure visitors can continue to enjoy this beloved place.



Dyffryn's spring facelift

The house at Dyffryn Gardens will receive a major transformation this spring. The project aims to repair and replace the damaged Bath stone that has deteriorated over the last few decades.

Built over 125 years ago, from a soft stone in a relatively wet environment, Dyffryn House is now inevitably showing its age. And its 'facelift' will focus on replacing eroded and broken stone and a large amount of re-pointing and replacement of cement fixes around the whole ornate building.

This is the second stage of repairs to the façade of the historic house and the project will cost nearly £250,000 in total.

The stone has slowly crumbled and lost its colour and definition over the past few decades.

Parts had quick-fix repairs and on closer inspection were revealed to be colour-matched concrete. Work will progress in three phases and visitors to Dyffryn can expect scaffolding to mask some parts of the house for several weeks – although there are still plenty of amazing sights to see.



Hands of time



Accessibility in historic houses has been a challenge facing those who have lived in, worked at and visited these special places for many hundreds of years.

For Colonel Courtenay Morgan, early signs of blindness became apparent at a young age, resulting in sweeping changes to life at Tredegar House. Gone were the days of his lavish parties and uncompromising rule. They were replaced by a gentler lifestyle and a closer relationship with his staff.

Servants' accounts reveal furniture was not to be moved and doors had to be shut at all times allowing Courtenay to feel his way from room to room. Courtenay was a keen horseman and continued to ride on the estate with the assistance of his stud groom Jack Vaughan, while his valet William Sayzeland became his closest companion, going everywhere with him.

As his eyesight deteriorated, Courtenay accumulated items to aid him to continue living as independently as possible. One such possession was a specially-designed watch allowing him to feel the hands in order to tell the time. This treasured item in the Tredegar House collection will be put on display to help tell Courtenay Morgan's story on Disabled Access Day on Saturday, 16 March.

Tredegar House will also be opening early on this day for a quiet hour from 10am to 11am. For more information on Disabled Access Day at Tredegar House please visit the website or call 01633 815880.

What's on

Aberdulais

16 February – 3 March, 10.30am-3.30pm

How do we know about the past? Self-led family activities to help you learn the techniques used to discover Aberdulais's secrets. *NAP.

19-22 April, 10am-4.30pm

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt Follow our geology trail and learn how Aberdulais was formed centuries ago. *NAP + £2 for hunt.



Tredegar House†

1-3 March, 11am-4pm

A taste of Wales Celebrate St David's Day with legendary tales, Welsh flavours and daffodil displays galore. *NAP.

6-28 April, 11am-4pm

Easter holidays Adventure through the Orchard, Cedar and Orangery Gardens on a sensory trail to discover the spring blooms and wakening wildlife, before ticking off some of the '50 things' with our team. *NAP.

25-27 May, 11am-4pm

Captain Henry Morgan's pirate weekend

Captain Henry Morgan has returned from his latest voyage with an impressive bounty and he's inviting you to celebrate with a fête at the home of his ancestors. *NAP.

The Kymin

19-22 April, 11am-4pm

Family animal trail Make a pair of binoculars, collect your map and permit and get ready to explore as you look for all the hidden creatures around the grounds of The Kymin. £2 per trail.

Dyffryn Gardens

23 March, 10.30am-3.30pm

Photography workshop Join Glyn Evans for a one-day course to improve your photography skills using the gardens as your subject. £40. **BE.

31 March, 1pm-3pm

Mother's day afternoon tea Treat your mum to a special afternoon tea in the beautiful setting of the Morning Room in Dyffryn house. £21.95. **BE.

13-28 April

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Hunt high and low all over the gardens to find the clues that will lead you to a chocolate prize. Child £3.50 per hunt.

† Buggies are not allowed inside the house. The first floor is inaccessible to wheelchair users.

*NAP Normal admission price

**BE Booking essential

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Uplift your senses at Bodnant Garden

Bodnant Garden comes to life in spring and we're inviting visitors to get out and be part of the great awakening.

Nothing beats that feeling when you see the first bulbs appearing – snowdrops, iris, crocus and daffodils.

Then, magnolia buds open in warm sunshine and there's excitement for what's to come.

Immerse yourself in the seasonal, sensory burst of warmer days, lighter nights, chattering birds and blossoming plants.

Make the most of our National Collection of magnolias and rhododendrons which light up the garden from March to May, and spot garden birdlife with an expert.

We want to inspire children's love of the outdoors and re-awaken that connection for adults too.

So pop out for a walk in the fresh air, volunteer in the garden, or just find a quiet spot to sit and enjoy some 'me time'.

There's also an opportunity to get fit, skill-up or chill out.

In February half-term, children can follow the Fairy House Path and join hands-on snowdrop planting.

At Easter, families can explore wildlife nature trails and activities. There will also be a programme of guided walks for adults.

There's no other time of year like spring and no better place to experience it than this beautiful listed garden in the Conwy Valley.

Growing trees for Snowdonia



We're in the process of setting up a special tree nursery in Snowdonia, thanks in part to funds from our local renewable projects.

The aim of the nursery is to use locally-collected seeds to grow a mixture of native trees. The saplings can be grown until they are big and strong enough to be planted on mountainside locations across Snowdonia. These trees won't be fenced off, so they need to be tall enough to avoid the hungry mouths of grazing sheep and goats.

Since the seeds have been sourced locally, they are more likely to have been adapted to survive in the harsh conditions of Snowdonia.

We'll encourage them to grow to provide shelter for livestock. We want them to bridge the gaps between wooded areas, allowing birds and wildlife to move more freely.

Look out for opportunities to get involved with gathering local seeds, sowing and planting.

Spring garden

Enjoy a stroll around the gardens at Plas yn Rhiw, where you can see in the first and last bountiful signs of spring. Start with a dazzling display of snowdrops in late January and early February, then return for a warm haze of bluebells in May.

Voices at Penrhyn



It's not just the stories we tell... but the personal experiences behind them.

During 2019, the team at Penrhyn Castle and Garden will be embarking on an ambitious collaborative project to gather a collection of voices, stories and associated objects to tell the story of Penrhyn Castle from a different perspective.

From early February, the team will be taking to the streets, to gather the wealth of oral history and opinion that surrounds the contentious history of the castle in North Wales.

As well as looking for voices, the team will be looking for personal stories and objects connected to Penrhyn's history – concentrating on the Penrhyn Quarry Strike, slavery and workers' rights. Once gathered, these will form part of an experience in the castle and garden that will bring these stories and objects to life, while resonating with contemporary issues.

The Collective Voices project starts in early February and can be heard and seen at Penrhyn Castle in the summer of 2019.

What's on

Plas Newydd House and Gardens



21-25 February, 10.30am-2.30pm

Glorious mud!

Don't be a stick-in-the-mud; join the team for four days of mud kitchen mayhem – mud pies, the barefoot challenge and a fabulous mud slide. Bring your wellies, towels, a change of clothes and your sense of adventure. *NAP.

2 April - 31 May, 11am-4pm

Our place in nature: spring wellbeing trail

From learning Qigong Tai Chi poses, to forest bathing techniques and mindfulness zones – join us as we explore using our shared landscape to escape the daily grind and find our place in nature. (Self-led activities.)

10, 17 & 24 April & 29 May, 11am-4pm

Springtime fun with Wild Elements

A host of fun family outdoor activities. From den building and wild trails to craft activities and nature games. *NAP.

Penrhyn Castle and Garden

18, 21, 25 & 28 February, 11am-3pm

Snowdrop planting

Join the garden team and help them grow the amazing snowdrop display to be one of the best in North Wales. *NAP.

1 April - 24 May, 10.30am-4pm

Spring nature trail

Explore the garden using your senses to experience nature's voice amongst the trees, plants and flowers. *NAP.

13-22 April, 10.30am-4pm

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Follow our nature trail to discover the

creatures, sights, smells and sounds in the garden and claim your prize. *NAP + £2.50 per hunt.

Bodnant Garden

18-21 & 25-28 February, 11am-1pm

Snowdrop planting

Join our gardeners and volunteers creating a Snowdrop Walk in the Far End. *NAP.

18-28 February, 10am-4pm

Fairy house path

Follow the trail of tiny fairy houses through Furnace Wood. *NAP.

18 March, 11am-12noon

Birds of Bodnant guided walk

Join an expert bird watcher for a guided tour of the garden. *NAP. **BE (0344 249 1895).

Plas yn Rhiw

26-27 January & 2-3 February, 11am-3pm

Snowdrop display

Welcome the first signs of spring by exploring the garden and woodland carpeted with beautiful snowdrops. The garden, tea-room and shop will be open especially for these two weekends. *NAP.

Beddgelert

19-22 April, 11am-4pm

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Pick up your map in Tŷ Isaf shop and go on a quest to find some signs of spring around Beddgelert collecting a Cadbury chocolate prize at the end. £2 per child.

Llanbedrog Beach

26 May, 12noon-4pm

Shipwrecked

Practise your survival skills on Llanbedrog beach, and tick off some of your '50 things' activities such as den-building, cooking on a campfire and raft building; everything you need to survive on a desert island! Free event.

*NAP Normal admission price

**BE Booking essential

Please visit the website for accessibility information and for further event details.