

## Programme of Activities and Events 2018

### Every Wednesday April to September – Garden History Tour

Join our guided tour and discover more about the Garden – from the swashbuckling 17th century Middleton's to Sir William Paxton's magnificent mansion, come on a 45 minute exploration of our history. Commencing from the Western Entrance of the Great Glasshouse at 2pm.

### Every Friday April to September – Parkland Restoration Tours

To find out more about Sir William Paxton's fabulous historic parkland and get an update on the progress of our Regency Restoration Project. Join our guide at 2pm at the Western Entrance of the Great Glasshouse for a two hour guided tour. Terrain is uneven and can often be muddy; please wear sturdy footwear.

## May

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Calan Mai

A day of traditional Welsh May Day customs

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Specialist Talk

The East India Company in 18<sup>th</sup> Century India – Sian Swann

### 21<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> – Wildflower Recording

Come and help record our wildflowers as part of understanding the wonderful wildlife habitats at the Garden.

### 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday weekend – Regency Times

Mess up the Mess youth theatre group will be running a play in 3 days exploring real and imagined Regency characters. For all young people aged 11+.

Performances for Garden visitors will take place on Bank Holiday Monday afternoon.

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### 26<sup>th</sup> May to 19<sup>th</sup> July – Fields

Exhibition of artworks created by 'Stitching Botanicals' volunteers and includes a patchwork of the Garden's 568 acres "A landscape through time".

## June

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Charcoal Burning

Peter Lee-Thompson, the project's Education and Woodland Officer, along with project volunteers, will be using our 'Exeter Retort' to create another batch of our unique barbeque and artists' charcoal out of the waste wood from our sustainable woodland management.

## July

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> - Archaeology Day (part of the Garden's Storytelling Festival)

Fun family archaeological activities and 17<sup>th</sup> century tales of swashbuckling pirates, adventuring and daring do

### 21<sup>st</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> September - Regency Restoration: Responses

Exhibition of artworks inspired by the Garden's historic parkland - Carmarthen Artist's Network

## **August**

**Saturday and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> - Which side are you on?** It's 1644 and the Civil War has come to Carmarthenshire.

With Sir Henry Vaughan's Company of foote. Living history re-enactment of actual events which took place here in Carmarthenshire, courtesy of the Sealed Knot - including horses and cannons!

**Saturday and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - Wales Loves Wood**

A weekend of activities and demonstrations with lots to do for all the family. Find out more about veteran trees, managing woodland, and creating wonderful things out of wood.

## **November**

**Saturday and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - Votes for Women**

Celebrating 100 years since the first votes for women - Exploring the lives of Middleton Women through the ages.