

# West Dean College and Gardens Friends

## Events Programme Autumn/Winter 2017

We want you to **experience** all that West Dean College and Gardens has to offer and make the most of your Friend membership. Every year we organise a number of small events that are your chance to get **behind-the-scenes**. Discover more about the College and **meet the people** who look after West Dean house and the glorious gardens that you **enjoy** year round.



### Tues 26 Sept

5.30pm, The Old Library,  
West Dean College

#### Author talk with Iain Sinclair

Award-winning author of numerous works of fiction, poetry, and non-fiction, including *Downriver*; *Radon Daughters* and *Lights Out for the Territory*; *London Orbital*, *London Underground* and in 2017 *The Last London*. Renowned as a chronicler of uncharted and often unloved parts of the UK, Sinclair evokes a rich, hidden history that is enlivened by his own memories of the urban landscape.

Free

(registration required)

### Tues 31 Oct

5.30pm, West Dean College

#### Author talk with Bethan Roberts

Her first novel *The Pools* won a Jerwood/Arvon Young Writers' Award. Her second novel *The Good Plain Cook* was serialised on BBC Radio 4's *Book at Bedtime* and was chosen as one of *Time Out's* books of the year. Her latest novel, *Mother Island*, is the recipient of a Jerwood Fiction Uncovered prize. Bethan has worked in television and taught Creative Writing at Chichester University and Goldsmiths College, London.

Free

(registration required)

### Sun 3 Dec

3pm & 4.30pm, The Old  
Library, West Dean College

#### Japanese Tea Ceremony

The traditional tea ceremony was introduced to Japan from China during the 16th century and even in today's hi-tech environment continues to be part of everyday life. Come and watch or participate in this ancient, graceful ceremony led by Tea Master Chizuko Kimura.

Free to watch

£10 to participate  
(booking essential)

### Tues 5 Dec

5.30pm, West Dean College

#### Author talk with Isabel Ashdown - The use and function of memory and time shifts in a novel

Her debut novel *Glasshopper* won the Mail on Sunday Novel Competition and was listed among the best books of the year. Her latest novel, *Little Sister*, a psychological thriller, was published in July.

Free

(registration required)

### Thurs 14 Dec

2.30pm, The Oak Hall,  
West Dean College

#### Carols by the Christmas Tree

Join us for our annual celebration in the Oak Hall with carols around the Christmas Tree led by a local choir. A festive afternoon by a roaring log fire, with mulled wine and mince pies. Browse for Christmas gifts beforehand and during the interval.

£10

(max. 4 tickets per booking)

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<b>Thurs 14 Dec</b> 7pm, The Oak Hall, West Dean College	<b>Carols by the Christmas Tree</b> <i>Come sing with us this festive season at our annual Christmas carols. Join in with the choir as you sing in the Oak Hall by the Christmas Tree. Visit our Christmas gift stalls before the concert or during the interval you can browse for Christmas gifts whilst you enjoy a glass of mulled wine and mince pies.</i>	<b>£10</b> (max. 4 tickets per booking)
<b>Sat 13 Jan</b> 8pm, The Old Library, West Dean College	<b>Music from America and more (incl. George Gershwin)</b> <i>An evening with Oliver Nelson (Violin) and Roy Stratford (Piano) held in the magnificent surroundings of the Old Library. Drinks can be purchased in the Steward's Bar before and after the recital.</i>	<b>£10 pp</b>
<b>Other events:</b>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month</b> 10-11am, Dining Room, West Dean College	<b>College Friends Coffee Morning</b> <i>Join us in the dining room for a coffee and meet other College Friends. Show your College Friend membership card and sign-in at the College reception. We look forward to seeing you.</i>	<b>Free</b> (no need to book)
<b>17 Nov – 18 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas celebrations in West Dean College</b> <i>Arrive to a roaring log fire and a glass of bubbly... Celebrate the festive season with a party, lunch or dinner for family, friends or work colleagues at West Dean College. Feel a sense of occasion as you dine in one of the grand State Rooms.</i>	<b>From £35pp</b> (for bookings of 10-90 guests)  Book on 01243 818258 or <a href="mailto:christmas@westdean.org.uk">christmas@westdean.org.uk</a>
<b>1 – 23 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas lunch in the Gardens Restaurant</b> <i>Treat yourself, family and friends to a traditional Christmas lunch in the Gardens Restaurant this December. A three-course menu will be available Monday to Friday. More information on how to make a reservation and prices to follow.</i>	<b>£tbc</b>

Unless stated above events can be booked online at [westdean.org.uk/friends](http://westdean.org.uk/friends) or you can send us a completed booking form.

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