

A young girl with blonde hair in a braid, wearing a blue helmet and a blue t-shirt, is climbing a red rope. She is looking upwards with a focused expression. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage.

*Whats on at*  
**Hestercombe**  
**2011**

Book Online: 01823 413923  
[www.hestercombe.com](http://www.hestercombe.com)

**February**

**Add something extra to your days out at Hestercombe!**

There is much to see, do and enjoy all year round at Hestercombe. From the changing colours and seasons in the garden – to apple crushing and corn grinding at Mill Demonstration Days, cookery and garden workshops, Den Building & Woodland Skills Days and the Active Hestercombe programme – there is something for everyone.

Our FREE Qigong classes run each Tuesday at 11a.m. (Garden admission applies. Check the website for class updates), and for a little pampering, why not visit Gemma Waterjohns at the Lavender Rooms' hair salon, with complementary treatments being available soon.

Look out for new product ranges, special offers and treats in the Gardens Shop, Plant Centre, Stables Restaurant and Coffee Shop. Our popular Sunday Roast with all the trimmings is available all year round – FREE garden admission in January and February!

The Lutyens Gallery has monthly exhibitions by different local artists with a special exhibition planned for the 2011 Somerset Art Weeks.

So visit us often to enjoy the gardens, the art, the food and the range of events and activities throughout the year!

**Bookings and information:** www.hestercombe.com  
01823 413923 info@hestercombe.com

*Please remember, Hestercombe is an independent charity and all proceeds from events and retail support the continuing restoration, development and maintenance of the gardens.*

**January**

*Looking good in the garden in January and February...  
Snowdrops, dogwoods, Chimonanthus praecox, winter flowering honeysuckle, sarcococca and witch hazel*

**Mill Demonstration Day**

**Sunday 23rd 10a.m. to 3p.m.**

Throughout the year there will be opportunities to learn more about the workings of the Watermill with demonstrations of the different pieces of machinery in the Mill Room – apple crushing, flour grinding - and information about life on the Estate through the ages.

**FREE event – Garden admission only**

**In the Mood for Food –  
'Eating for Pleasure, not for Fuel'**

**Wednesday 16th February 10a.m. to 12.30p.m.**

The first in a series of cookery demonstrations with Head Chef, Martin Osedo. Be inspired to try different ingredients, new recipes and above all, have fun!

**£20 per person including garden admission**

**Half Term Spring Quizzes and Trails  
through the Gardens**

**19th to 27th February – available all day, every day**

**FREE event. Garden admission only**

**Running Forever's Hestercombe Humdinger  
and Hestercombe Hurtle Road Race**

**Sunday 20th February**

For full details visit the website [www.thehestercombehumdinger.co.uk](http://www.thehestercombehumdinger.co.uk) or contact Richard Palmer on 07903047072 to join in this fun and energetic day, beginning and ending at Hestercombe.

**Mill Demonstration Day**

**Tuesday 22nd February 10a.m. to 3p.m.**

A second opportunity to learn more about the workings of the Watermill with demonstrations of the different pieces of machinery in the Mill Room – apple crushing, flour grinding - and information about life on the Estate through the ages.

**FREE event – Garden admission only**

**The Confident Gardener – 'Rose Pruning'**

**Wednesday 23rd February 9a.m. to 1p.m.**

Formal Gardens' Supervisor, Claire Reid, shares her knowledge in this useful and informative workshop. Some classroom theory followed by practical work in the rose garden. Gloves, sturdy footwear and secateurs required. Only six places available so booking is essential.

**£15 including garden admission**



## February

### The Bampfylde Memorial Lecture - 'From Somerset to Portman Square'

**Friday 25th February 7.30p.m.**

Tom Mayberry traces the remarkable story of the Portman family and how they rose from relatively modest origins in Somerset to become one of the greatest landowning families in England. He describes the role they played in local and national history and their key role as builders and improvers in Somerset, Dorset and London.

*Tom Mayberry is responsible for Somerset County Council's Heritage and Library Service. He has written and lectured extensively on West Country history and is the author of Coleridge and Wordsworth in the West Country.*

Supper 5.45p.m.

Coffee and wine bar open from 7p.m.

Lecture 7.30p.m. to 9.30p.m.

**Lecture Ticket only: £8 per person.**

**Lecture & Supper Ticket: £20 – delicious two-course dinner and entry to the lecture**

## March

*Looking good in the garden in March and April...*

*Daffodils, winter flowering honeysuckle, saracococca, witch hazel-scented plants, aquilegia, irises, East rill irises, wisterias and new spring bedding on the Victorian Terrace*

### School's Science Challenge

**11th to 20th March**

The theme for the National Science & Engineer Week is 'Communication'. Hestercombe will be hosting activities for school groups linking with this central theme. Groups can register their interest by contacting Hestercombe's Education Officer, **Andy Holden on 01823 414187 or by email andyholden@hestercombe.com**

### The Confident Gardener - 'Seed Sowing & Saving'

**Wednesday 9th March 9a.m. to 1p.m.**

In her second workshop, Formal Gardens' Supervisor, Claire Reid, shares expertise and knowledge of different types of seeds, seed treatment for germination and types of compost to get the best results.

## March

This is followed by practical work in the garden showing you how to sow, how to save your seeds and tips for aftercare.

**£15 including garden admission**

### Mill Demonstration Day

**Sunday 13th March 10a.m. to 3p.m.**

Another opportunity to learn more about the workings of the Watermill with demonstrations of the different pieces of machinery in the Mill Room – apple crushing, flour grinding - and information about life on the Estate through the ages.

**FREE event – Garden admission only**

## April

### Mothers' Day Lunch and Tea

**Sunday 3rd April from 12 noon**

All Mum's deserve a treat on Mothering Sunday - a special lunch or tea at Hestercombe is the perfect way to celebrate. Sumptuous lunch choices are available from 12 noon to 2.30p.m. with an elegant Mothers' Day Tea available all day – 10a.m. to 5.00p.m. Book directly with the Coffee Shop to avoid disappointment - **01823 414197**

### Easter School Holiday Fun

#### Active Hestercombe

**8th to 26th April**

Active Hestercombe and Creative Hestercombe offer fun, exciting, fully supervised activities in the Easter Holiday. While Active Hestercombe has a range of outdoor adventurous activities including rafting, climbing, woodland skills, paintballing and archery, 'Creative' Hestercombe encourages children to explore their creative side through a variety of arts and crafts.

Suitable for children 8-12 years (paintballing for youngsters 12 to 16 years) Full information and booking details – **www.somersetleisure.org.uk**

### Bunny Trails and Easter quizzes through the gardens every day

**Garden admission only**



**April**

## Mill Demonstrations in the School Holidays

During the Easter Holidays, there is plenty of opportunity to enjoy the many different aspects of the Watermill, its historic machinery and live demonstrations. Visit the website or telephone for further information.

## Lovin' Revision!

**18th, 19th 20th and 21st April**

Aimed at those working towards GCSE examinations, each session will cover a different element of the curriculum. Andy Holden, Bsc Hons, PGCE, Hestercombe's Education Officer will take students through exam techniques, tricky topics and practice questions. Students have the opportunity to discuss areas they are finding difficult and also engage in peer support and mentoring. **Contact Andy directly on 01823 414187 or email him andyholden@hestercombe.com Places are limited so book early. £45 per session**

## Toddle Waddle

**Sunday 10th April**

Fun charity walk for the under 5s.....more details to follow.

## Charcoal Burning Days – Hot dates for your diary

**12th, 13th & 15th April**

A chance to see how Hestercombe's charcoal is made. The kiln is loaded on the first day, lit on the second and the charcoal is then ready to be removed on the fourth day. This event is repeated through the year and the charcoal is on sale in the Shop, helping support the sustainable management of our woodland.

**Garden admission only.**

**Do join us for lunch a BBQ in the Courtyard using Hestercombe charcoal.**

## Easter Weekend at Hestercombe

**22nd to 25th April**

Delicious lunches, teas and special children's treats in our Coffee Shop and Stables Restaurant over the Easter weekend.

**May**

*Looking good in the garden in May....*

*Best month for the Landscape Garden - Bluebells galore Magnolia stellata, lilacs, amelanchier, paeonie, delphiniums, wisterias and new summer bedding on the Victorian Terrace*

## Wedding Open Day

**Sunday 8th May 11a.m. to 4p.m.**

Hestercombe dresses up for a wedding to showcase its beautiful venues for wedding ceremonies and receptions. A limited number of handpicked exhibitors will display products and services and the Hospitality Team will be on hand to assist you to begin planning your wedding day. Join us for canapés and sparkling wine and view our facilities including the classical Orangery, romantic Temple Arbour, grand Bampfyld Hall and the rustic Woodland Barn. Special offers available on the day. **FREE event.**

## In the Mood For Food – 'Undress Your Salad'

**Wednesday 11th May 10a.m. to 12.30p.m.**

The second in a series of cookery demonstrations with Head Chef, Martin Osedo. Get ready for summer with lots of ideas for tasty salads. Be inspired to try different ingredients, new recipes and above all, have fun! **£20 per person including garden admission**

## Seed and Plant Swap Day

**Wednesday 18th May 10a.m. to 5p.m.**

Bring in your extra seedlings, half used seed packets and divided plants from your garden and swap them with other keen gardeners – real 'green' currency!

**Garden admission only**

## Charcoal Burning Days – Hot dates for your diary

**24th, 25th & 27th May**

A chance to see how Hestercombe's charcoal is made. The kiln is loaded on the first day, lit on the second and the charcoal is then ready to be removed on the fourth day. This event is repeated through the year and the charcoal is on sale in the Shop, helping support the sustainable management of our woodland.

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**June**

## Half Term Trails and Quizzes through the Gardens

**28th May to 7th June**

**Garden admission only**

*Looking good in the garden in June...*

*Red campions, foxgloves, summer wild flowers, summer bedding on the Victorian Terrace, orange tiger lilies, Madonna lilies, paeonie, delphiniums, the Rose Garden is in full bloom, echinops, perennial sweet pea, eryngium, lavenders, rosemaries, nepeta, verbascums*

## Active Hestercombe in the Half Term School Holiday

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## Mill Demonstration Day

**Wednesday 1st June 10a.m. to 3p.m.**

Another opportunity to learn more about the workings of the Watermill with demonstrations of the different pieces of machinery in the Mill Room – apple crushing, flour grinding - and information about life on the Estate through the ages.

**FREE event – Garden admission only**

## Blow your Dad Away!

**Sunday 19th June 10a.m. to 3p.m.**

Fun and 'jungle warfare' in Hestercombe's woodland! How about a paintballing session to celebrate Fathers Day?

Then join us in the Courtyard for our special Father's Day BBQ. Paintballing session £25 per person and includes 400 paintballs and 3 battle scenarios (age restriction for children: 12 +, Dad's - any age!)

Full information and booking details – [www.somersetleisure.org.uk](http://www.somersetleisure.org.uk)

**June**

## Father's Day BBQ

**Sunday 19th June 12 noon to 3.30p.m.**

Celebrate Father's Day with a sizzling barbeque! Tasty barbequed meats, roasted veg and a selection of crispy salads and tasty sauces in the Courtyard.

**£10 per person (£5 per child under 12)**

## Charcoal Burning Days – Hot dates for your diary

**21st, 22nd & 24th June**

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**Garden admission only.**

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## Armed Forces Day

**Sunday 26th June 10a.m. to 5p.m.**

To mark this occasion Hestercombe hosts an event centred around the Army Huts above the Shrubbery. The 2nd Devonshire Regiment World War II Re-enactment Society will be in uniform and display items of militaria from WWI and WWII. The group travels around the country to pay homage to the older generation who contested the battles between 1939 and 1945 and educate younger people in their sacrifices. The event is also an opportunity to pay tribute to our service men and women of modern conflicts.

**Garden admission only. Free event.**



## July

*Looking good in the garden in July....*

*Red campions, foxgloves, summer wild flowers, cannas, gladiolis, echinops, perennial sweet pea, eryngium, lavenders, rosemaries, nepeta, East and West Rill figs and vines*

### Dry Stone Walling Practical Course

**Wednesday 13th July 9a.m. to 4p.m.**

With over 6kms of beautifully restored stone-faced hedge-banks and free-standing dry stone walls at Hestercombe, we are pleased to offer an opportunity to learn the ancient craft of dry stone walling from our team of experts. Gloves and sturdy footwear required. Limited spaces available. Booking essential. Bring a packed lunch.

**£70 per person**

### National Salad Week – Summer Salads at Hestercombe

**25th to 31st July**

Using our own produce together with locally grown, Head Chef, Martin Osedo, will tantalize taste buds with new and exiting salads, bursting with flavour – tangy dressings, crispy salad leaves, roasted veg, fruits, cheeses ..... check the menu boards all summer!

### Butterfly Week

**25th to 29th July**

Join the British Butterfly conservation team for delightful and informative walks in the gardens, woods and wildflower meadow seeing and identifying the many beautiful butterflies at Hestercombe.

**Garden admission only**

## August

*Looking good in the garden in August...*

*Summer wild flowers, canna, gladiolis, asters.*

### Active Hestercombe all Summer School Holiday

**July and August**

Active Hestercombe and Creative Hestercombe offer fun, exciting, fully supervised activities in the Summer Holiday. While Active Hestercombe has a range of outdoor adventurous activities including rafting, climbing

## August

and woodland skills, paintballing and archery, 'Creative' Hestercombe encourages children to explore their creative side through a variety of arts and crafts.

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### Hestercombe's Trails and Quizzes through the Gardens all Summer School Holiday

Get out into the fresh air and enjoy the gardens! Walk on the grass, scramble in the woods, splash in the water! Then enjoy tasty treats in the Stables Restaurant and Coffee Shop, specially created for discerning small people.

**Garden admission only**

### Taunton Flower Show

**Friday 5th and Saturday 6th August**

The Garden Team proudly showcases Hestercombe at Taunton's premier flower show. Visit us on the stand and hear about all the latest developments.

## September

*Looking good in the garden in September....*

*East Rill – asters*

### September is Mushroom Month!

Lots of innovative mushroom dishes on the menu in the Stables Restaurant and Coffee Shop

### The Great Seed Giveaway

**Wednesday 14th September**

Accompany Claire Reid, Formal Gardens' Supervisor, in collecting seeds from the wonderful herbaceous borders. Bring envelopes and a pencil and join either session – seeds only, no cuttings or removal of plants, please. Meet at the ticket office at 11a.m. and/or 2p.m.

**Garden admission only**



**September**

## The Autumn Country Family Affair

**Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th September 10a.m. to 5p.m.**

The Autumn Country Family Affair develops each year making the event an absolute must on your autumn calendar!

This year, the fun takes place on the Orangery Lawns allowing lots of space for food and craft stalls, demonstrations, entertainment, activities and a chance to visit the restored 17th watermill with its interpretation and displays of original working mill machinery.

**FREE event – Garden admission only**

### Somerset Art Weeks

**17th September to 7th October**

Special exhibitions during September and October. Details to follow.

### The Confident Gardener – ‘Cuttings’

**Wednesday 21st September 9a.m. to 1p.m.**

In this workshop, Formal Gardens’ Supervisor, Claire Reid, will show you how to prepare semi-ripe cuttings and provide an opportunity to collect material from some of Hestercombe’s formal gardens’ borders and grow on. Claire will also talk about the theory of hardwood, softwood, ‘division’ and leaf cuttings.

**£15 including Garden admission**

### In the Mood For Food – ‘A Fresh Look and Herbs & Spices’

**Wednesday 28th September 10a.m. to 12.30p.m.**

Another in the series of cookery demonstrations with Head Chef, Martin Osedo. With our own herb garden and a Chef who loves to cook with fresh herbs and spices, this demonstration is sure to give you lots of inspiration to try different ingredients, new recipes and above all, have fun!

**£20 per person including garden admission**

**October**

*Looking good in the garden in October... Autumn  
“Just before the death of flowers,  
And before they are buried in snow,  
There comes a festival season  
When nature is all aglow.”*

### Den Building & Woodland Skills Day

**Sunday 2nd October**

A great family day out in the woods! Loads of fun with woodland crafts including fire lighting, camouflage and concealment and traditional den building.

**£10 per adult, £6 per child. Family ticket £25 (to include 2 adults and 2 children under 16). Booking is essential through [www.somersetleisure.org.uk](http://www.somersetleisure.org.uk)**

### Mill Demonstration Day

**Tuesday 25th October**

Another opportunity to learn more about the workings of the Watermill with demonstrations of the different pieces of machinery in the Mill Room – apple crushing, flour grinding - and information about life on the Estate through the ages.

**FREE event – Garden admission only**

### Spooky Trail in the Gardens in the October School Holidays

Our fiendishly clever Estates Team will be full of mischief and devilment when they dress the Landscape Garden with witches, wizards and ghouls – a scary surprise around every corner!

**FREE event – Garden admission only**

### Active Hestercombe in the October Half Term

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**November**

*Looking good in the garden in November and December....  
Dogwoods in the Shrubbery*

**Mill Demonstration Day**

**Tuesday 8th November**

Another opportunity to learn more about the workings of the Watermill with demonstrations of the different pieces of machinery in the Mill Room – apple crushing, flour grinding - and information about life on the Estate through the ages.

**FREE event – Garden admission only**

**The Confident Gardener - 'Composting'**

**Wednesday 9th November 9am. to 1p.m.**

Claire Reid and Andy Holden, our Compost Champions, offer practical information and advice on the different types of compost bins and how to get the right mix for the best results. Stay for lunch, safe in the knowledge that nothing will go to waste!

**Demonstration £15 including garden admission**

**Mill Demonstration Day**

**Sunday 27th November**

Another opportunity to learn more about the workings of the Watermill with demonstrations of the different pieces of machinery in the Mill Room – apple crushing, flour grinding - and information about life on the Estate through the ages.

**FREE event – Garden admission only**

**Hestercombe's Christmas Market**

**Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th November**

Hestercombe glitters and sparkles at the Christmas Market. A variety of over 50 high quality stalls. Beat the crowds and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of this vibrant and popular event. Mulled wine, festive food, music and lots of children's entertainment. Christmas cheer for all the family.

**Tickets on the door - £3. Children under 16 FREE**

**December**

*A Traditional Christmas at  
Hestercombe*

Father Christmas, late night shopping, festive treats in the Café in December. Children's trails and activities in the gardens.

**Plus**

Winter menu options in the Stables Restaurant and Coffee Shop – celebrate your Christmas lunch with us and enjoy delicious seasonal favourites.



Although great care has been taken with the description of each event, sometimes changes become necessary and on rare occasions, cancellations may occur. For events that do not require booking or ticket purchase, please contact us to avoid disappointment.



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<b>December</b>	
	A Traditional Hestercombe at Christmas

## Hestercombe Gardens

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