

May to Bring Gardeners a Clipping Marvellous Celebration!

Gardeners should pop May 12 in their diaries and reach for the garden shears, if they wish to share their topiary delights with their global counterparts on World Topiary Day 2022.

Founder, Levens Hall and Gardens, based near Kendal in Cumbria and home to the world's oldest topiary garden, will be sharing Tweets from topiary-mad gardeners worldwide, not to mention formal gardens in the UK, France, Spain, Madeira and the USA, who have signed up to participate in the global celebration.

Participants include the Palace of Versailles in France and Longwood in the USA, both renowned for their stunningly clipped trees, whilst the event has somewhat enamoured French gardens in general, more than 40 of whom are taking part.

Levens Hall and Gardens is the spiritual home of topiary, having specimens dating back more than 300 years, all the way to 1694, and over half of its topiary trees celebrating 150 years or more in their Cumbrian haven.

These are in a variety of geometrical shapes or present themselves as 'character' trees with enormous personalities. These include the Great Umbrella trees, Queen Elizabeth and her maids and the Toppling Wedding Cake, not to mention peacocks, Homer Simpson and even Darth Vader!

On the day, Levens Hall and Gardens is promising special topiary themed activities, talks, quizzes and challenges, and Morocco Ale based treats for visitors including a specially created chutney and the delicious Morocco Ale fruit cake.

But World Topiary Day is for all enthusiasts of the art of clipping and trimming trees and also allows home gardeners to show off their much-loved creations, so get involved! Find out more at www.levenshall.co.uk, follow Levens Hall on Twitter @LevensHall and start planning what you will share with fellow topiary enthusiasts!

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Editors' notes

Levens Hall and Gardens opens Sunday to Thursday (closed Fridays and Saturdays) to October 6, 2022. Gardens' opening hours are 10am to 5pm, with last entry at 4pm. The Hall opens at 10am for tours (subject to availability on the day) and at 11am for general admission and is open until 3.30pm (last entry at 3pm).

Levens Kitchen opens every day, from 10am to 5pm to October 6, 2022 and then closes one hour earlier thereafter, through to December 23, 2022. The gift shop opens from 10am to 5pm until October 6 and then opens from 10.30am to 3pm until December 23, 2022.

Adult entrance costs £14.50 for Gardens and tour of the Hall. A child's ticket is priced at £5 and a family ticket at £36. Gardens-only tickets are priced at £10.50, £4 and £26, respectively. Hall and Gardens tickets currently have to be bought on the day, but Gardens-only tickets can be purchased online at www.levenshall.co.uk