

Kick off the summer season with Winterbourne House and Garden's anniversary event

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Winterbourne House and Garden has a lot to celebrate with its visitors this spring and summer. Launched as a heritage attraction in spring 2010, one year on from opening to the public, the house is now a bustling tourist attraction and is hosting a 'Spring Fling' event on Saturday 14 May.

This bumper outdoor extravaganza will start the summer with a bang where visitors will be able to soak up the sunshine in the glory of the garden's endangered plant species as well as enjoy a guided tour of the house. Built in 1903, last year's £3 million restoration project restored it to its original glory as conceived by the local Nettlefold family.

Morris Dancers will be entertaining visitors in the gardens during the day and there will be craft and artisan food stalls, Pimms on the lawn and plenty of games and activities for the whole family to enjoy.

The attraction's exhibition room is also celebrating the centenary of a feature in Country Life magazine which printed a spread on the Nettlefold's innovative home. The images of the house, taken 100 years ago, grace the walls of the house today and visitors are often amazed to see the parallel between these photos and the house as it is today.

Winterbourne House was then described as 'a work of large simplicity and reasonableness' and visitors are encouraged to come and see how they would rate the home now. As well as the 'Spring Fling' event, Winterbourne has a packed summer events calendar, including film screenings, jazz evenings and theatre performances; the perfect way to spend a summer night.

The 'Spring Fling' event is taking place at Winterbourne House and Garden on Saturday 14 May with activities starting at 11am and last entry to the house at 5.15pm. For historical enthusiasts, guided tours will be taking place throughout the afternoon. Entry is £4.50 for adults and £3.50 for concessions.

For visitor information please view www.winterbourne.org.uk or call 0121 414 3003.

Note to Newsdesks

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