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## AUTUMN GLORY AT HAREWOOD HOUSE

### TWO NEW EXHIBITIONS, THREE FESTIVAL-THEMED WEEKENDS AND ONE WEEK-LONG CELEBRATION

Two new exhibitions, three festival-themed weekends and one week-long series of events and activities will bring Harewood to life this autumn in a celebration of wellbeing, food, craft and harvest.

There are over **40** events and activities, from a 40-piece male voice choir, outdoor yoga, cookery demonstrations and wreath workshops, to welly walks and an Artisan Food and Drinks Fair. Many of the events are free to enjoy once through the gate, as Harewood once again showcases the best of regional inspiration and talent and establishes itself as a 'must-do' for autumn.

#### TWO NEW EXHIBITIONS

Two new exhibitions opened this weekend in the House, delving into new stories from Harewood.

**Remembering Repton** showcases **Humphry Repton** in this the bicentenary of his death. Successor to 'Capability' Brown, he was the leading gardener of his generation and created a theatrical showmanship to his work that included illustrated portfolios entitled 'Red Books'.

With a strong link to Harewood, Repton's life and prolific work is being reunited for the first time with proposals, drawings and watercolours that he presented to the Lascelles family following visits here in 1800 and 1802. A newly commissioned film by artist and film-maker Simon Warner is also part of the exhibition.

The second exhibition, artist and illustrator **Kate McGuire's Seed to Table**, fills The Terrace Gallery with a series of delicate and meticulously observed images of edible plants, fruit and vegetables in pencil, ink and watercolour. Kate was an artist in residence at Harewood several years ago, taking inspiration from the Walled Garden and has been asked to exhibit as her work reflects the harvest of fruit and vegetables from *Seeds of Hope*. A new line of prints and gifts, including a notebook, notecards, tea towel and tote bag designed by Kate McGuire will also be on sale.

**Seeds of Hope** expands into the Servant's Hall as part of the House display of autumn and continues the homage to the end of the First World War and what that meant for life in and around the House and Gardens.

**Jane Marriott, Trust Director, says;** *"We've been programming a regularly changing diary of events and exhibitions over the past year at Harewood that present some of the finest local, national and international talent. Seeds of Hope, our commemoration of the end of the First World War, leads us nicely into autumn, with the reaping of a fabulous harvest from the Walled Garden over the next two months and the move to our Autumn Glory Festival and autumnal exhibitions until we temporarily close on 4 November.*

*"Whether it's a new discovery, such as the work of artist and illustrator Kate McGuire, who originally visited some years ago to study and draw the plants in the Walled Garden, or an immersive experience with our live music or artisan food and craft fair, there is always something new to discover at Harewood and we're reigniting the House and its gardens as the happening place it was built to be, in which to explore, enjoy and entertain."*

## THREE FESTIVAL WEEKENDS

**Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 September 10am – 6pm**

### NATURE & WELLBEING

<https://harewood.org/whats-on/event/autumn-glory-nature-and-wellbeing/>

In the first in a series of Autumn Festival Weekends, Harewood celebrates nature in all its glory; focusing on improving wellbeing by getting outdoors, exploring nature or discovering a new skill.

#### Highlights include:

- Live music from the incredible, energetic **Back Chat Brass**. With a nod to their roots in pop, funk and hip-hop, they combine a brass twist on classic tunes with electrifying Showmanship.  
[www.backchatbrass.co.uk](http://www.backchatbrass.co.uk)
- Free **Singing Workshop** in the Courtyard with George Strickland, musical director and musician working with the RNCM and the Piccadilly Symphony Orchestra amongst others,
- **Welly Walk** and **Nature Trail** on the Lakeside Path
- Sketching on the Terrace
- Bookable outdoor Yoga with Leeds-based Yoga Kula
- Bookable workshops in Tai Chi **and** Mindfulness.

**Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 October 10am – 6pm**

### FOOD & HARVEST

<https://harewood.org/whats-on/event/autumn-glory-food-and-harvest/>

#### Highlights include:

- **Artisan Food and Drink Stalls** on the North Front 11am-4pm each day
- **Cookery Demonstrations with the Harewood Food & Drink Project**: Join professional chef Josh Whitehead from the Harewood Food & Drink Project for some extra special seasonal cookery demonstrations in the Old Kitchen. Below Stairs, 11am-3pm each day.
- **Harvest Arts and Crafts**
- **Autumn Biscuit Decorating**
- **Walled Garden Walk and Talk**: Join our Gardens Team for a free walk and talk around the wonderful Walled Garden, bursting with fruit and vegetables. 1pm each day, meet in the Walled Garden.

**Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 October 10am – 6pm**

### CRAFT & COLOUR

<https://harewood.org/whats-on/event/autumn-glory-craft-and-colour/>

### Highlights include:

- The fantastically energetic **Hyde Park Brass** perform two outdoor performances in the Courtyard at 12pm and 2pm Sunday. Combining elements of New Orleans, hip-hop and brass, they are known for their originality and lively music, have gigged throughout the UK and are ones not to be missed.
  - Get crafty with **leaf printing** and **pine cone collages**
  - Help create a **Giant Sculptural Forest** in our Stable 11am-3pm daily.
  - **Kate McGuire's *Seed to Table***: Join us for a free talk on our new autumn exhibition in the Terrace Gallery, *Seed to Table*. 3pm in the Terrace Gallery each day.
  - **Colour in the House**: Join us for a free talk on the State Floor and learn all about the colours that make up the patterns and design schemes within the House. 1pm each day. \*
- \*Access to the State Floor requires a Freedom Ticket.

### WEEK-LONG HALF TERM AUTUMN GLORY

**Saturday 27 October - Sunday 4 November 10am – 6pm**

The grand finale to our series of Autumn Festival events, this is perfect for families and lovers of the outdoors, October half term week at Harewood celebrates autumn in all its glory, with indoor and outdoor activities.

### Highlights include:

- **Seasonal Cookery Demonstrations**: Visit the Old Kitchen and see autumn inspired recipes brought to life. Daily, 11am-3pm.
  - **Northern Fruit Group Apple Display**: Visit the Old Kitchen and see the wonderful sights and smells of autumn with our display of heritage apple varieties, grown by the Northern Fruit Group.
  - **Giant Sculptural Forest**: Visit the Stable and help us build our giant communal forest. Visitors decorate a leaf and hang it from real trees installed in the Courtyard. 11am-3pm in the Stable daily.
  - **Autumn Biscuit Decorating**: Get creative with your food and join us for some fun, free biscuit decorating in the Pastry Room, Below Stairs. 11am-3pm daily, donations welcome.
  - **Food & Drink at Harewood**: Join us for a free talk on the State Floor and learn all about the stories of great food traditions and lavish dinners at Harewood. 1pm daily. \*
- \*Access to the State Floor requires a Freedom Ticket.

### ADDITIONAL DIARY DATES

**LAST CHANCE TO SEE:** *Seeds of Hope*, the immersive garden exhibition will close when the House and Grounds close on Sunday 4 November.

### HAREWOOD AT CHRISTMAS: 1920's HOUSE 2018

**24 NOVEMBER – 6 JANUARY: It's Christmas Eve 1928 and two little boys are looking forward to the morning ahead. Whilst they sleep their dreams start to come to life....**  
**Welcome to a fantasy Christmas at Harewood.**

For the second year running, Harewood House near Leeds, Yorkshire, opens at Christmas, this year dressed by **Creative Director Simon Costin**. For six weeks, opening Saturday 24 November, enter a Christmas dreamscape that extends from the House into the surrounding grounds, with festive-themed music, events, demonstrations and experiences, including an encounter with Father Christmas.

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### **About Harewood House**

Harewood House Trust is an independent charitable educational trust set up to maintain and develop Harewood, its collections and grounds, for the public benefit. The Trust includes the Grade 1 Georgian house and 100 acres of listed parkland and grounds.

Harewood House is the seat of the Earl and Countess of Harewood and boasts one of the finest art and furniture collections in the country.

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