



## Milsom Place Festival of Flowers 2018

### "Chelsea" comes to Bath

Milsom Place is staging a spectacular Festival of Flowers; a brand new event for the city of Bath over the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Jon Wheatley, who has won no less than 26 Gold Medals at the Chelsea Flower Show, will be creating head-turning displays, so come along with your camera to get inspiration for your garden. Share your photographs on social media using #MPFlowerFest.

Jon Wheatley, who orchestrates the planting throughout the year at Milsom Place, has a distinguished career and is a member of the elite Council of the RHS. He won the Diamond Jubilee Award in 2014 for his spectacular South West in Bloom garden at the Chelsea Flower Show. Jon also chairs South West in Bloom and regularly designs and builds gardens at all the major flower shows such as the Chris Evans Taste Garden at Chelsea in 2017 inspired by Mary Berry.

One of the hallmarks of his successful show gardens is incorporating organic vegetables with flowers for decorative effect and new varieties from Sutton Seeds include a Purple Chinese Cabbage and a special lettuce designed to travel into space. Jon is enthusiastic about "happy, healthy, horticulture" and says "gardening is therapeutic, you get fit doing it and growing your own vegetables ensures that you eat healthily," He believes there is a gardener in everyone.

Pops of colour from the National Dahlia Collection from Cornwall will be incorporated into the Bath planting designs with new releases for 2019 on show for the first time. Lizzie, Jon's daughter, will also be working on the floral designs for Milsom Place with a focus on pollinators featuring a wide range of bedding plants and seasonal English perennials, such as lupins and delphiniums, in cool shades like the current favourite pantone purple.

Jon is based in the Chew Valley where he runs his family business Stonebarn Landscapes with Lizzie. “We enjoy working in Bath which has so many spectacular parks and formal gardens. With its sun drenched courtyards, plants thrive in Milsom Place and we like to create a spectacular floral display for the summer months” he says.

Visit Milsom Place over the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and expect an action packed programme. Here are some of the highlights:

**PLANT SALE BY STONEBARN NURSERIES:** Take some of the inspiration home with you to recreate the same look in your own garden. All the plants on display will be available for sale. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June 9am to 4pm.

**LE VIGNOBLE** The latest addition to Milsom Place, Le Vignoble will reveal how gin acquires its flavour from botanicals (16<sup>th</sup> June – treat your Dad for Father’s Day) and a masterclass on that most summery of drinks, rose wine (on 17<sup>th</sup> June 3 to 4.30pm)  
*[www.levignoble.co.uk/events](http://www.levignoble.co.uk/events)*

**TRUE GRACE:** Spend £50 or more at True Grace over the weekend and get a free Posy Candle worth £20. Posy is delicately fresh and leafy, evocative of an English summer garden in full bloom - True Grace are experts at capturing the essence of England.

**YVES DELORME** will be showcasing “Senteur” during their summer sale. This design captures the delicacy of the flowers in a colour palette of botanical greens, lemon yellows and tones of purple in printed Egyptian cotton percale. Embroidered linen cushion covers and a luxurious quilted bed cover complement the range. Expect an explosion of colourful blooms in the window – balloons and a chilled glass of Prosecco.

**CARLUCCIO’S** comes into its own in the summer months with its wonderful courtyard space bathed in sunshine. Enjoy a glass of prosecco on the house when you dine at Carluccio’s on 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> June between 12 noon and 5 pm (*not to be used in conjunction with any other offer or for the set menu*).

**CHANII B Shoes** is planning to create stunning windows full of oriental blossom and will be offering a gift with every purchase of one of Chanii B’s amazing shoes or

sandals over the weekend worth £25 – buy two pairs and you also get 15% off or 20% for three pairs. Take advantage of this great opportunity to glam up your summer wardrobe.

EMMA LEITH ATELIER will be running a workshop on a floral theme to share her love of mosaics. Celebrate the Milsom Place Flower Festival and make your own mosaic bloom with local artist Emma Leith. This two hour mosaic workshop is perfect for anyone wishing to dip their toes into the wonderful world of mosaic. Emma will teach you how to cut tiles using mosaic tile nippers and will pass on the skills required to get you making your mosaic flower in no time at all. You will leave with your completed masterpiece and all the mosaic know-how so that can continue on your creative journey at home. Relax, get creative and leave with a mosaic to be proud of. Cost £40 Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2 - 4.pm To book visit ([www.emmaleith.co.uk/workshops/mosaic-hearts](http://www.emmaleith.co.uk/workshops/mosaic-hearts)) (Not suitable for children.)

AROMATHERAPY WORKSHOP WITH SARAH ROBINSON Join aromatherapist and meditation teacher Sarah to learn about the power of essential oils. Learn practical ways to bring oils into your wellbeing routine, as well as oils to help you unwind, relax and sleep more easily. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30 to 3.15 pm. The workshop costs just £6 - please register as places are limited  
[eventbrite.co.uk/e/aromatherapy-workshop-at-milsom-place-tickets-45680821567](http://eventbrite.co.uk/e/aromatherapy-workshop-at-milsom-place-tickets-45680821567)

## SEASONAL SUMMER HAND TIED BOUQUET WORKSHOP WITH SKY ROANTREE

To celebrate Milsom Place's Festival of Flowers come and create your own stunning hand tied bouquet with guidance from professional florist Sky Roantree from Anemone, the Milsom Place Florist.

Using locally grown organic flowers and foliage you can learn spiralling and gift wrapping techniques to create something totally unique and beautiful, a gorgeous gift for yourself or someone else.....a great way to spend a few hours gaining new skills and meeting new people.

Sky Roantree trained at Moyses Stevens, London and has over 17 years of experience in the industry. She has a client base ranging from The Ritz, London to Chanel and Harrods. She designs bespoke flower arrangements for editorial shoots, events and weddings and holds seasonal flower workshops.

The workshop will run on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June from 10 am until 1pm with tea/coffee and cake included as well as the flowers for your creation in the price of £75. [Book here: www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-hand-tied-bouquet-workshop-tickets-45804685046?aff=utm\\_source%3DDeb\\_email%26utm\\_medium%3Demail%26utm\\_campaign%3Dnew\\_event\\_email&utm\\_term=eventurl\\_text](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-hand-tied-bouquet-workshop-tickets-45804685046?aff=utm_source%3DDeb_email%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text)

QUADRI –10% discount on a selection of contemporary jewellery inspired by flowers valid for 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June.

Milsom Place courtyards are the go to place when it comes to al fresco dining in the heart of Bath with CAU, Côte Brasserie and Carluccio's serving up tempting summer fare all day long. For special flowers for friends and family, Anemone is stocked with classic English flowers like peonies, larkspur and fragrant stocks, so take a little loveliness home with you.

Cath Kidston is the master of floral fabric. The home of modern vintage celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday this year with a fresh take on the pillars of print design that they've become famous for over the years. It wouldn't be a CK party without a fresh floral frock, so look for their sweet sleeveless shift in beautiful Birthday Rose cotton. Flowers are in fashion, so check out the floral designs at Phase Eight and Hobbs – both stores are packed with lovely summer floral frocks for every occasion from a formal outing to a casual day at the seaside. Visit [milsomplace.co.uk](http://milsomplace.co.uk) for further information and opening hours and details.

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