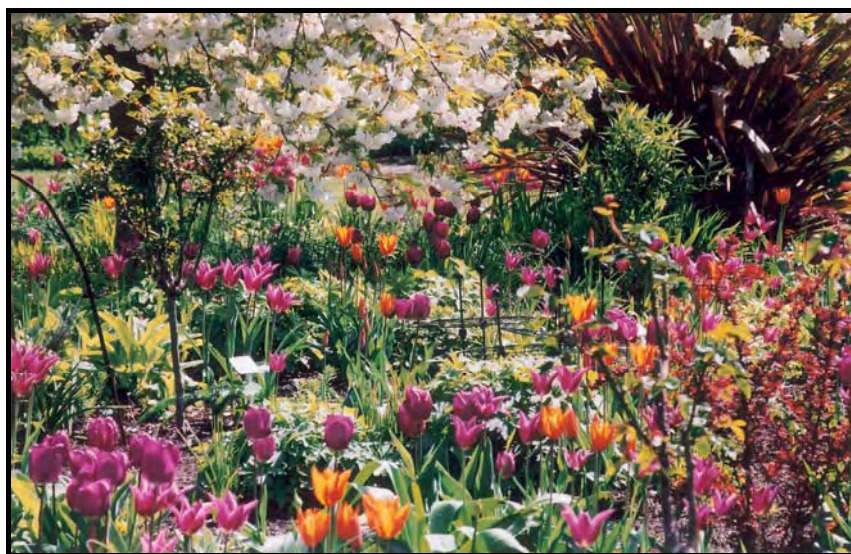


## Press Release



### **Celebrate the arrival of spring at Merriments Garden and Nursery**

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a visit to Merriments Garden and Nursery, located near Hurst Green in East Sussex. After the dark days of winter, visitors can enjoy the uplifting sights and scents of early flowering shrubs, fragrant early blossom and a spectacular sea of tulips in this delightful four-acre garden. And this year, to help visitors get the most out of their visit, owner David Weeks will be conducting two special tours on 28 April and 5 May starting at 2pm.

This stunning four-acre garden is divided into separate areas comprising an entrance garden, a Monet style garden set out in the style of Monet's 'Grande Allee' at Giverny in France with an impressive bridge stretching over large ponds, a fountain, gravel garden, water garden, a foliage border, woodland and a rock and scree garden. A unique feature of the gardens is the wild area where many bird feeders and a bird watching hide provides visitors with the opportunity to observe up to 25 species of birds feeding throughout the day.

During the summer months when the gardens are really at their peak, Merriments will host a month long Summer Spectacular, which will kick off on

17 July with a production of Shakespeare's *Merry Wives of Windsor* (7.30pm, tickets £15). Other attractions include some stunning new sculptures for the garden designed by Jo Ansell.

After a tour of the gardens, visitors inspired by the imaginative planting schemes in the garden can visit the nursery to purchase many of the plants and seeds seen growing. Merriments' shop is also fully stocked with everything a gardener could want – from tools to twine and seeds to soil.

Visitors can then treat themselves to refreshments in the new licensed Garden Terrace Restaurant – perfect for lunch or tea with its welcoming fire and comfortable sofas. If the weather is warm there is also an outdoor patio with seating. The menu includes an assortment of delights from homemade cakes to daily specials freshly prepared by the Merriments chefs as well as hot and cold drinks.

Members of Merriments Gardening Club can take advantage of free access to the gardens, 10% off all shop purchases, special offers and regular newsletters. A two-year membership is only £30 for two people living at the same address or £25 for an individual. Further info at [www.merriments.co.uk](http://www.merriments.co.uk)

Merriments is easy to find on the A229 off the A21 at Hurst Green in East Sussex. There is plenty of free parking.

Gardens are open from Easter until the end of Sept: Monday – Saturday 10am – 5.30pm and Sunday 10.30am – 5.30pm. Entrance Adults £4.50, Children 5 – 16, £2, Groups of 15 or more £4.

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