

Newsletter

Gardens News – Make a note in your diary!

Autumn Colour – Extended opening until 12th November 2017

We all know autumn colour in England (and elsewhere) is often brief and changeable, often due to the weather. But due to the wide range of plants, including of course conifers, there is always interest at Bressingham. The Steam Museum closes on 30th October, but the gardens will continue to be open at a much reduced entry price of £5 per adult (no concessions – children under 16 are free) from 30th October to 12th November.



A recent addition to the garden is a line of these North American maples, *Acer rubrum* 'Brandywine'.



Late-flowering agapanthus are still green, contrasting against *Molinia caerulea* on an autumn day. Behind in the distance, the pampas grass remain attractive well into winter.

“Beautiful planting and glorious autumnal colours.” – Tracey & Isla, North London, October 2017

“A pilgrimage to a garden I have admired from afar for many years. Truly beautiful and exciting.”

– Larry from Canada, October 2017

The Winter Gardens at Bressingham 2018

Opening from 12th February to 27th March 2018 (the full 2018 Steam Museum and Gardens season begins on 28th March).

The highly acclaimed Winter Garden at Bressingham is featured in a new book by Cedric Pollet (see ‘The Perfect Gift for Gardeners at Christmas’ below), but of course it is even more spectacular in ‘life’. With Foggy Bottom also open and our ‘Snowdrop Trail’ even more impressive every year, visitors will be in for a treat. Why not join [Adrian Bloom’s video tour of the winter gardens?](#)

Please refer to our [Visit Us](#) webpage for details on possible weather restrictions if snow or waterlogged conditions.



“Exceeds all expectations. All gardeners should come here before disappearing into the great island bed in the sky.” – Margaret, October 2017

Garden Inspiration Weekend at Bressingham - Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th September 2018

In 2017 we held a celebration to mark the 50th anniversary of Foggy Bottom, Adrian Bloom’s garden. It gave us an opportunity to meet some of our customers and many new visitors, particularly following the coverage given to Alan and Adrian Bloom and their remarkable gardens on BBC Gardener’s World programme. Every year is a sort of anniversary, and why shouldn’t we celebrate the 51st year of Foggy Bottom, or the 65th year since Alan Bloom began planting his island beds of perennials?

Alan, Adrian and now Jason Bloom, Adrian's son who runs the nursery; and Jaime Blake, Alan's son in law, long-term curator and Head Gardener for Alan's 6-acre Dell Garden, carry on the tradition of inspiring gardeners of all ages and levels. A more detailed programme will be sent in a newsletter at the turn of the year.

So please, gardeners, garden clubs and horticultural societies – consider a visit in 2018, and join us on the 8th or 9th September.



“Fabulous gardens, so many wonderful varieties of trees and perennials in carefully considered designs – a feast for the soul.” – Aggie, October 2017

Books for Christmas? Added Value!

Books by Adrian Bloom – *Bloom's Best Perennials and Grasses* and *Gardening with Conifers (2nd Edition)*, and Cedric Pollet's brilliantly photographed book *Winter Gardens*, which features The Bressingham Gardens.

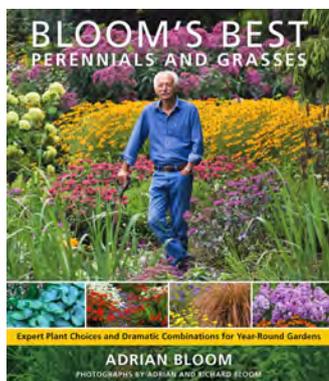
Each order for books will receive a £5 voucher to be redeemed against a 2018 order for plants from The Bressingham Gardens Nursery (minimum order value £30).

See below for details



The Perfect Gift for a Gardener at Christmas!

We may have mixed views about being reminded about Christmas (usually much earlier than this by most organisations), but what could be better than a personalised autograph in your gift? For any order of *Bloom's Best Perennials and Grasses* or *Gardening with Conifers (2nd Edition)*, Adrian Bloom will inscribe on your instructions (for example, 'To William/Mary/John, With Best Wishes, Adrian Bloom', with a date). We can't offer autographs but we also have copies of Cedric Pollet's brilliantly photographed book *Winter Gardens*, which features The Bressingham Gardens.

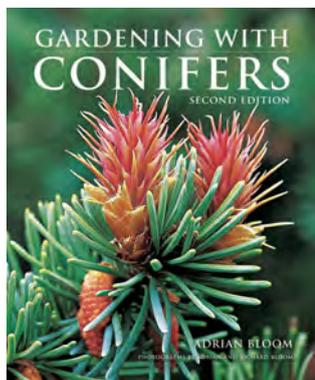


Bloom's Best Perennials and Grasses

First published by Timber Press in 2010, this is a consistent seller to visitors to Bressingham and Foggy Bottom, primarily because it offers not only inspiration, but also ideas and practical advice on choosing and using plants in all gardens. 212 pages

"Expert Plant Choices and Dramatic Combinations for Year Round Gardens"

£20.



Gardening with Conifers

2nd. edition, fully revised, with 30 completely new pages. Overheard comment by a visitor to Foggy Bottom – "I didn't think I liked conifers until I came here". That in a nutshell has been a view held by many gardeners, and which Adrian has consistently tried to dispel, as illustrated through his gardens and books. This sumptuously illustrated soft cover book is reasonably priced and is full of information and ideas about how to use conifers in the garden. 224 pages.

£20.



Winter Gardens: Reinventing the Season

Written and photographed by Cedric Pollet. Cedric's first book published in his home country, France, was stunningly photographed, and this impressive new book is not only for the coffee table, but also for inspiration. The Winter Gardens and Foggy Bottom merit not only the front cover, but also 14 pages and 18 half- or full-page photographs. Several other British gardens renowned for winter colour are also featured.

£30

For further details on these books and ordering, please visit [our website](http://www.thebressinghamgardens.com).

