



## Welcome!

Summer is definitely here and the Botanic Garden is looking beautiful! As the weather improves, we are delighted to be welcoming more of our community members into the Garden. Some of you may have seen that the Botanic Garden was featured in the King's Coronation celebrations when our Black Pine (*Pinus nigra*) was lit up during the Coronation Concert as a part of 'Lighting up the Nation' (see image, bottom left). This magnificent tree was part of the original plantings in the Garden and can be found on the Main Walk.

Particularly striking areas of the Garden at the moment include the Bee Borders in front of the Glasshouses, which look stunning across the main lawn, while the Systematic Beds in the western half of the Garden are alive with colour and the buzz of happy insects. The impressive *Gunnera manicata*, which can be found next to the stream near the Brookside entrance, is also worth a visit. The leaves on this giant rhubarb can reach an enormous 120cm in diameter.

Whatever you choose to see while you are in the Garden, we look forward to seeing you soon!

Contact us to discuss how we can help you get the most from your visit:  
[communities@botanic.cam.ac.uk](mailto:communities@botanic.cam.ac.uk)

## Photography Competition

Does your community group have any photography enthusiasts? The Botanic Garden is partnering with the International Garden Photographer of the Year to offer this free-to-enter competition to all of our visitors. This year's theme is 'Discovery in Cambridge University Botanic Garden', which invites visitors to capture plants or scenes from around the Garden which they may not have come across before, or a plant they find particularly interesting or intriguing. Full details can be found in the [What's On](#) section of our website.

*Please note this competition is open to over 18s only.*



## Activities for the Summer

From the 20th July - 3rd September our Around the World trail will be available. Find out amazing facts about plants from all around the world, including a plant rumoured to eat sheep and cucumbers that have an explosive way of spreading their seeds! Amazing People, Enquiring Minds is a new self-led trail that introduces you to some of the people who use plants found in the Botanic Garden in a range of projects across the University of Cambridge. Free trail maps are available from ticket offices.

*Pinus nigra* lit up by cyclists for 'Lighting up the Nation'

