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Open Garden

The former home of Captain Lawrence Oates, this extensive garden with a series of spectacular mixed borders includes an iris walk and buxus allée. The magnificent restoration of the one-acre walled kitchen garden completed several years ago now produces an abundance of fruit, vegetables & flowers.

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs Michael Sharp

Thursday 5th June 2025

2pm to 5pm

Gestingthorpe Hall, CO9 3BB

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Tickets £15 (Non Members £20) includes tea & cake

Bank Transfer: Friends of Essex Churches Events Committee

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HISTORY

Gestingthorpe Hall

Gestingthorpe Hall, formerly known as Over Hall, is a Georgian house, built in 1736 for George Walker. The Oates family lived in the house between 1892 & 1947. There is a brass plaque to the famous explorer Captain Lawrence 'Titus' Oates in the church which will be open to visitors.

Further history on the village can be found at gestingthorpehg.co.uk

GARDEN

The impressive large sculptures on the front driveway and on the South Lawn are by Henry Brown made on site at Gestingthorpe Hall in 1968 out of concrete.

Within the one-acre walled kitchen garden there are amongst other highlights, two 'kiwi fruit' arbours on the east and west walls.

The white rose growing over the central arbour is David Austin Albéric Barbier.

The Belvedere also is planted with white roses and English lavender.

This special event is hosted by the Friends of Essex Churches Trust to raise money to preserve and improve church buildings of all denominations in Essex.

