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Alice's Garden

The gardens of Oxford's largest and best-known college have fired the imagination of millions of children and adults around the world. For 47 years, the college was home to mathematics don the Rev. Charles Ludwig Dodgson who, as Lewes Carroll, wrote his Alice in Wonderland stories for Alice Liddell, daughter of the dean. Founded by

Cardinal Wolsey in 1524 with a cathedral, cloisters and gardens within its walls, both college and grounds inspired many of the most memorable scenes of Alice's adventures. The Cheshire Cat's tree, the Treacle Well and the White Rabbit's hole are amongst the many familiar features which visitors recognise today. The magic lives on in Christ Church; the

Great Hall of the college was the model for Hogwarts School in the Harry Potter films, many scenes from which show the Great Hall staircase and cathedral cloisters. The approach to the college is via the peaceful Christ Church Memorial Gardens and Christ Church Meadow, with its herd of Old English Longhorns and secluded riverside walks.

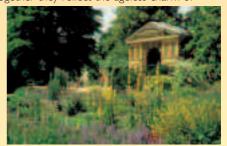
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OXFORD AND ITS COLLEGE GARDENS

Bounded by the river Thames and the Cherwell, the honey-gold buildings of Oxford's ancient colleges have created one of the loveliest of all historic cities. Its famous focal points include the Bodleian Library, Sheldonian Theatre, Ashmolean Museum and other University Museums, all popular visitor attractions. Around them, each of the colleges enjoys its own harmonious setting of shady quadrangles or cloisters, immaculate beds glowing with colour, tucked away gardens, riverside meadows or velvet, manicured lawns. Together they reflect the ageless charm of

gardens from medieval to modern times: New College, where flowers bloom against the 12th century city wall; Magdalen, noted for its deer park and water meadow, rich with fritillaries in April; Wadham, with its new 'fragrant' garden and rare old trees; Trinity's magnificent lawns and informal woodlands, carpeted with spring flowers or Worcester, landscaped in the early 19th century. For opening arrangements for these and other college gardens contact: The Oxford Information Centre, 15-16 Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3AS. Tel: 01865 726871, E-mail: tic@oxford.gov.uk or visit www.oxford.gov.uk



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