



Paul Hervey-Brookes photographed in his Malvern Show garden.

DESIGNER WALKS

Special walks led by an award winning garden designer have been arranged throughout the summer at one of Gloucestershire's leading attractions, Painswick Rococo Garden.

Paul Hervey-Brookes won the annual Chris Beardshaw competition for his show garden at the Malvern Spring Flower Show. His prize is to be mentored for the next 12 months by the well known gardener and to design and create his own garden at the Chelsea Flower Show in 2010.

Paul is co-owner of Box Court Plants and Gardens, a garden design company, that runs the nursery situated at the Rococo Garden. Paul says, "Being based at a famous historic garden is fantastic for us. Often I find inspiration from garden design history and so have always been interested in the evolution of gardens."

The Rococo Garden lends itself to leisurely strolls, and during these special afternoons Paul will be describing the story behind the restoration. He will point out the design features so typical of the flamboyant early 18th century and how these changed over time. Paul explains, "it is surprising how many of the basic elements so popular in Georgian times can be adapted and used in today's gardens, whether on a grand scale or smaller urban environment."

The walks around the Garden will take place at 2.00pm on Wednesday 17th and 24th June and 8th and 29th July. Normal admission will apply. It is advisable to book by phoning the Rococo Garden on 01452 813204.