

Gardening

This weekend the Prince of Wales is opening his garden at Clarence House to celebrate Start Day, an initiative to encourage us all to lead a more sustainable life. For garden owners, the 80m-long walk through Forest Garden, created by Petherick Urquhart and Hunt, full of edible and medicinal plants, shows how productive this kind of tiered planting can be, even in urban plots. Favourites such as *Amelanchier lamarckii*, *Arbutus unedo* and sea buckthorn all provide edible fruits while other trees and shrubs, such as *Elaeagnus ebbingei* and *Sophora japonica* are excellent companion plants as they fix nitrogen. More unusual are the winged fruits of *Halesia carolina* and the scarlet berries of Japanese wineberry (*Rubus phoenicolasius*) which should be treated like raspberry canes.

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The Wellcome Trust 75th Anniversary Debate

Tonight Sir John Tusa chairs a debate that looks at how best to nurture art and science in an age of austerity. On the panel are the sociologist and author Richard Sennett, the space scientist Monica Grady and the choreographer Siobhan Davies. Wellcome Collection, London NW1, 7pm wellcomecollection.org

Saint's day

St Samson, 6th century, was Bishop of Dol. Aged 5 he was sent to a monastery in Llantwit, Glamorgan, where he proved himself an able scholar and was committed to monastic observance. He received a vision that told him to go beyond the seas and began travelling, arriving in Brittany, where he founded a monastery at Dol.