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## Press information

### **Dr Brian May's (Queen) Historic 3-D Photography Collection Comes to The Harley Gallery**

For one day only, visitors to The Harley Gallery, on the Welbeck estate near Worksop, can delve into Dr Brian May's amazing collection of early colour 3-D photographs at a special event led by his curator.

Dr Brian May, of the rock band Queen, has had a lifelong passion for early 'stereoscopic' photographs, dating from the mid 1800s, which add the illusion of three dimensions to flat images. He is the owner of one of the largest collections of stereoscopic photographs in the country.

On Saturday 24 September, at 2pm, Dr May's curator Denis Pellerin (available for phone interviews, see notes to editors) will be lecturing at The Harley Gallery. Denis will explore 3-D photography through a range of examples, including images from the 'Gardens for the Duchess: Autochromes of the Gardens at Welbeck' exhibition and pieces from Dr May's own collection. Tickets cost £5 and places are limited so must be booked in advance by calling 01909 501 700.

**YouTube:** An introduction into Stereoscopy by Dr Brian May - <http://bit.ly/29m178k>

Dr Brian May said: "There are countless stereo photographs out there waiting to be observed in glorious 3-D, which will make you gasp in wonder, their old sorcery still potent after all those years. I am in my own world with a stereoscope. It's like having earphones on – you're completely in contact with your subject matter."

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A triple bill of exhibitions celebrating the 'Year of the English Garden' will open at The Harley Gallery on 27 August - 23 October, including 'Gardens for the Duchess: Autochromes of the Gardens at Welbeck', showing early 3D colour photography of the gardens at Welbeck as they were in the early 20th century.

For more information, visit: [www.harleygallery.co.uk/event/gardens-for-the-duchess](http://www.harleygallery.co.uk/event/gardens-for-the-duchess)

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### **Notes to editors:**

**Denis Pellerin** will be available for phone interviews prior the event at The Harley Gallery on 24 September. Please contact Carly Jones at Redrick on 0115 910 1500 or [carlyj@redbrickcommunications.com](mailto:carlyj@redbrickcommunications.com).

### **Visit us at Welbeck:**

Visit the Courtyard at Welbeck for great food, great art and great shopping. A focus on low food miles and rich food heritage has earned Welbeck Farm Shop a reputation as one of the country's top farm shops. Across the Courtyard sits The Harley Gallery, an award winning art gallery where contemporary exhibitions are shown alongside displays from Welbeck's own historic Portland Collection.

Don't miss the 'Made at Welbeck' range, from Stichelton cheese, Welbeck Abbey Brewery and Welbeck Bakehouse to contemporary craft.

The Courtyard is open daily 10am – 5pm (4pm Sundays). Free entry. Free parking.

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### **Autumn Exhibitions:**

Visitors can take a rare peek into the [Edwardian gardens at Welbeck](#) with an exhibition of extraordinary early colour images – in 3-D. Dating from 1911-1928 these stereoscopic autochromes capture the gardens on the ducal Welbeck estate in their Edwardian heyday.

The exhibition is accompanied with a talk from Denis Pellerin, curator of musician Dr Brian May's collection of stereoscopic photographs, one of the largest collections in the country. Inspired by the autochromes, [Julian Bray's](#) exhibition captures the romance and beauty of the century old photographs and continues his series of paintings capturing the timeless landscape of the ducal country estate.

Leading British jeweller Nora Fok returns to The Harley Gallery with [New Threads](#). Renowned for her intricate jewellery and sculpture made from knitted fishing line, for this exhibition she has taken to her garden and presents new work made from home grown flax.

**Stereoscopy** (also called stereoscopics) is a technique for creating or enhancing the illusion of depth in an image by means of stereopsis for binocular vision.

**The Year of the English Garden** is a VisitBritain promotion which seeks to celebrate one of England's greatest attractions and to mark the 300th anniversary of 'Capability' Brown.

[www.visitbritain.org/year-english-garden-2016](http://www.visitbritain.org/year-english-garden-2016)

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