



## THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND'S GARDEN

**A video presentation exploring the wonders of nature inside one of the most secret gardens in the world – The Queen's Garden at Buckingham Palace.**

At the center of the swirling madness of London traffic, there is a sort of sanctuary – a green oasis which has intrigued and aroused the curiosity of thousands of people from all over the world. A landmark in history - where nearly 400 years ago, James I planted a mulberry tree which still grows, still bears fruit . . . not quite 40 acres, yet for many reasons more precious than any jewel in the crown – the Queen's Garden at Buckingham Palace.

Here monarchs and their courtiers have relaxed and plotted. Here princes and princesses have laughed and cried - and grown up to carry the strange burdens of unelected leadership and tradition that still make Britain a country of distinction and appeal.

Dr. John Paling was a biology lecturer at Oxford University when he became seriously interested in the development of photographic techniques that would enable general audiences to share the incredible sights of nature previously known only to scientists. Several colleagues from his department shared this ambition and it was not long before the imaginative scientists turned film makers were described by the London Times as .. "probably the most technically advanced biological filming unit in the world."

Today, several Emmy awards later and more than 30 years after making this film, John shares his behind-the-scenes of experiences of filming in the palace gardens, his insights into the difficulty of balancing change with tradition, the Diana days and the beautiful differences that remain between the British and the American cultures.

Dr Paling is here as a guest of the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital where he is to give a presentation about his current research studies . . . "Improving patient satisfaction and medical outcomes by improving communication with patients."

Join us on April 3rd at . . . . .

as Dr. John Paling brings a program of sheer magic and exploration.

You are invited to share the incredible sights of nature that lie behind the walls of the most secret and privileged garden in England. You will meet the Queen as she hosts one of her famous garden parties and you will get to know the gardens through the eyes of the gardeners themselves.

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