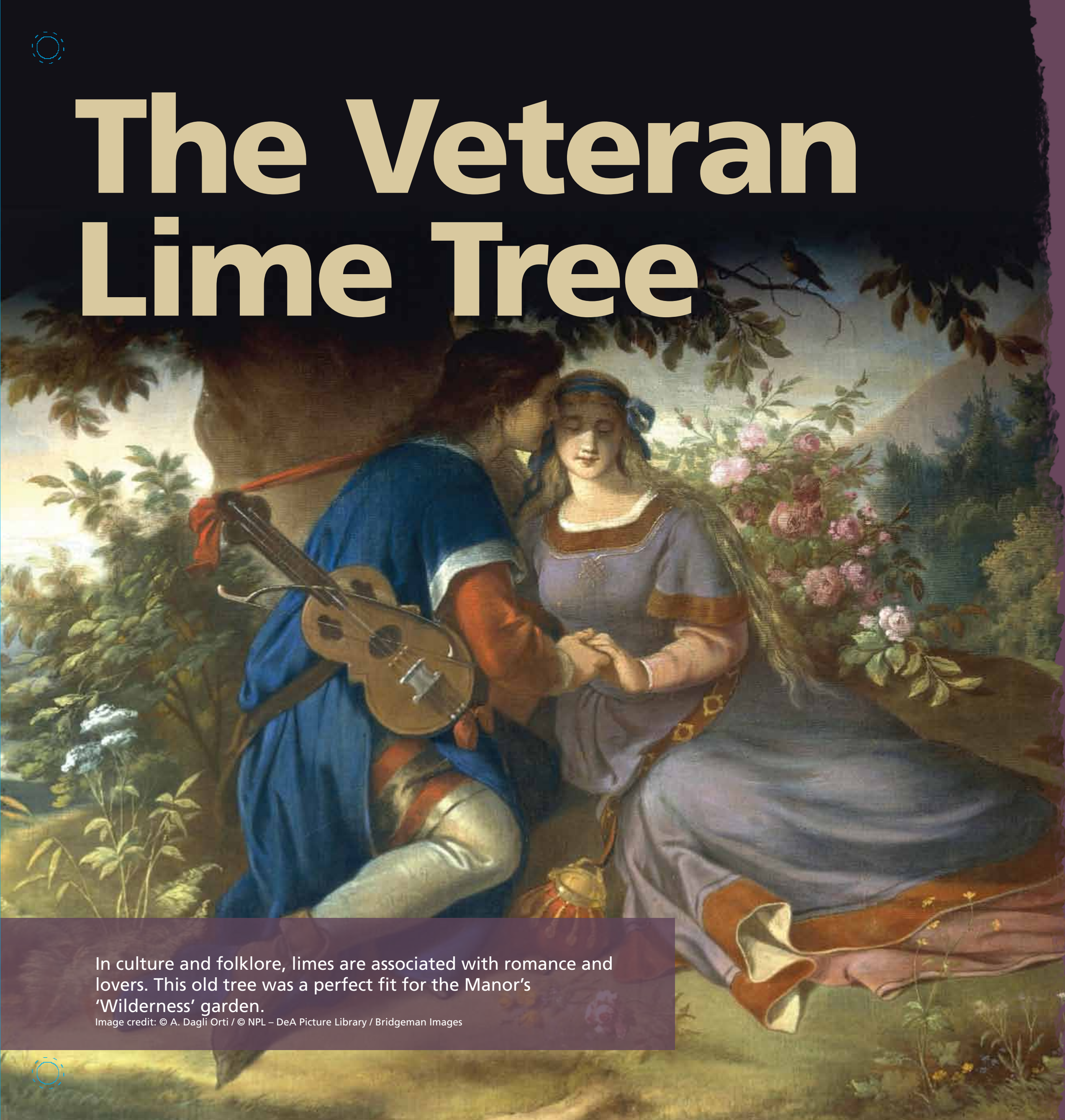


The Veteran Lime Tree



In culture and folklore, limes are associated with romance and lovers. This old tree was a perfect fit for the Manor's 'Wilderness' garden.

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Linden Ford

A popular theory explaining how Great Linford got its name invokes this small-leaved European lime, or linden tree. The name is thought to refer to a river-crossing point (ford) where there were linden trees.

Ancient Wood

This Lime is certainly the oldest tree in the Park, perhaps in the whole of Milton Keynes. While a few others may have been saplings at the time, at 300 to 450 years old this is likely the only tree which was already mature when the Manor gardens were laid out.

The unusual, spreading shape is from pollarding (its upper branches were removed) over 150 years ago. Maybe some of its useful timber was cut (lime wood doesn't warp), or perhaps pollarding was needed for it to survive damage from the canal being cut so close.

Stop

... and think!
This tree is up to 450 years old.

It may have been alive during the English Civil War, perhaps even when Sir Frances Drake sailed around the world.



During a brief flowering season this tree is an absolute bee-magnet. The resulting honey is mildly minty and greenish gold in colour.

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