

## SPECIALLY REDUCED GARDEN ENTRY RATES FOR CGS MEMBERS

**Carwinion, Mawnan Smith.** 2 for the price of 1  
Open Daily 10.00am - 5.00pm all year.  
Website: [www.carwinion.co.uk](http://www.carwinion.co.uk)

**Lost Gardens of Heligan.** Admittance at group rate: Adults £8.00 (Seniors £7.00). Open daily all year. April - September 10.00am - 6.00pm. October - March 10.00am - 5.00pm.  
Dogs on leads: October - March only. Assistance dogs welcome all year. Website: [www.heligan.com](http://www.heligan.com)

**Pencarrow, Washaway, Bodmin.** Gardens only: £1.00 reduction on standard admission prices and house tours. Dogs are welcome in the grounds (off leads in woodland areas). Free admission to both house and gardens when joining the Friends of Pencarrow.  
House Tours: March 28th - September 30th, Sunday to Thursday 11.00am - 3.00pm.  
Café, plants and shop: 11.00am - 5.00pm.  
Normal admission £8.50 adults, £4.00 Children 5-16 years, under 5s free.  
Gardens only: March 1st to October 31st daily 9.30am - 5.30pm, normal admission £4.00 adults, £1.00 Children 5-16 years, under 5s free.  
Events: March 1st - Gardens open for the season. March 14th - Wedding Fair. March 28th - House tours begin. April 21st - Open for NGS. May 2nd - Bluebell Sunday.  
Website: [www.pencarrow.co.uk](http://www.pencarrow.co.uk)

**Penjerrick Garden, Budock.** (Gumboots recommended) 2 for the price of 1. Adults £3.00, Children £1.50. Open: March 1st - Sept 30th. Wed. Fri. & Sun. 1.30pm - 4.30pm.  
Website: [www.penjerrickgarden.co.uk](http://www.penjerrickgarden.co.uk)

**Pinsla Garden & Nursery, Cardinham, Bodmin.** 2 for the price of 1. Open Feb 23rd to Oct 31st. 10.00am - 6.00pm. Naturalistic planting surrounded by wild woodland.  
Website: [www.pinslagarden.net](http://www.pinslagarden.net)

**Port Eliot, St Germans.** 2 for the price of 1.  
website: [www.porteliot.co.uk](http://www.porteliot.co.uk)

**Trebah Garden, Mawnan Smith.** 2 for the price of 1. Open every day of the year from 10am. Gallery and Garden Shops, Plant Sales and Planters Cafe. Dogs welcome, on a lead please, all year round. RHS Recommended Garden.  
Website: [www.trebah-garden.co.uk](http://www.trebah-garden.co.uk)

**Tresco Abbey Gardens, Tresco, Isles of Scilly.** 2 for the price of 1 entry to the gardens. Open every day of the year 10.00am - 4.00pm.  
Website: [www.tresco.co.uk](http://www.tresco.co.uk)

**Trevano Estate, Crowtown, Helston.** Open daily except Christmas Day & Boxing Day. 10.30am - 5.00pm. 2 for 1 entry. Full programme of events and walks. National Daffodil Collection with over 1,000 varieties. Also National Museum of Gardening; Soap and Toy Museum.  
Website: [www.trevarno.co.uk](http://www.trevarno.co.uk)

**Trewithen Gardens, Grampound Road.** Members at group rate £5.00 per adult (normally £7.50). Garden opens March. Plant Nursery open all year round.  
Website: [www.trewithengardens.co.uk](http://www.trewithengardens.co.uk)

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**St Erme Horticultural Society's Show will be held on Saturday 13th August.**  
It will be opened by Mr Richard Budge at 3.00pm. Schedules are available (SAE please) from the Secretary: Mrs H Cole, 63 Poliskan Way, St Erme Truro TR4 9RG

### Transport to Walk & Talks

Mrs Joy Brookes who lives in the Falmouth area would like to know if there is anyone in her area who would be prepared to pick her up for the 'Walks and Talks' as she is no longer happy driving. Mrs Brookes would be happy to share costs. Her telephone number is 01326

### Plant Power Pulls at Peninsula Medical School:

A 300 strong audience of medics and horticulturists, including many members of the Cornwall Garden Society, was captivated by Dr Arthur Hollman's illustrated history of medicines from plants, in the Duchy Health Charity's 2011 President's Lecture at the Peninsula Medical School. The international expert traced a fascinating path through medicinal plants from ancient folklore to the modern pharmaceutical industry via the famous "Herball" compiled by surgeon and plantsman John Gerard in 1597.

### Report from the Landulph Gardening Club Show held on 26th March 2011:

Mrs Dunn, the winner of the Gold Medal awarded by the Cornwall Gardening Society only entered daffodils in the show but because of her high standards and wide choice of varieties, managed to score more points than those who entered a wide range of flowers. Mrs Kitney who was awarded the Cornwall Garden Society's Silver Gilt medal entered a wide range of flowers and even tried floral art this year. The weather was right for the flowers and there was a very high standard of entry. It was a very successful afternoon.

### Report from the Chairman of St Keverne Gardeners' Society, Mr Roger Pearce :

The morning was damp and gloomy, but soon cleared to a fine, sunny day. This can be a good thing, on the other hand, if the weather is too good, there are many rival attractions for potential visitors. As far as showing was concerned, we received over 200 entries in total in 35 classes. 135 were daffodils, split disproportionately - as usual - Divisions 1-4 (about 90), and Divisions 5-13 (about 40) with a few in the Beginners' Class. Of the 20 other classes, hellebores and camellias were popular, plus a good range in floral art. Visitors in the afternoon were not as many as I would have liked, but tea and cakes sold well. Altogether a satisfactory show, returning a profit, but with no outstanding entry to highlight. Our thanks to CGS for their additions to our awards.

Included in this mailout with your June Newsletter will be details of these Walks & Talks: Castle Hill with Gorwell House and Forde Abbey with Prospect House. Also a leaflet about the St Just Flower Festival. For any membership enquiries, please contact Marion at the address below: Marion Barker, Membership Secretary, Cargoll Cottage, St Newlyn East Newquay, Cornwall TR8 5LA. Tel: 01872 510402  
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## Chairman's Corner

I am delighted to report that the 2011 Spring Show was once again a great success. The feedback that I got was that it was one of the best and happiest shows that we have put on. I am sure that you are aware that to achieve this success we are dependant on our brilliant army of volunteers to whom I am extremely grateful. As a reminder, the Stewards' Thankyou Party is on 11th June at Trerose Manor, Mawnan Smith thanks to Tessa Phipps and I do hope that as many of the stewards as possible will be able to attend.

As has now become a tradition, the Show was preceded by a Press Lunch at Ethy House. This has become the opening salvo for the Show, as well as an opportunity to thank the Press for their most valuable support.

Now, a plea for help!

Peter Gilmore has been organising our Outings Programme for some years and is now looking for a successor. Peter Howard has kindly agreed to take on some, but not all of his duties. Anyone who feels that they would like to become involved with this most worthwhile and important function for the Society please let either Peter Gilmore or myself know.

I hope that a glorious summer follows this glorious spring and that you will enjoy it

*Andrew Leslie*  
Chairman



## Thanks from the Show Director, Debbie Evans

Another splendid Show which as well as being enjoyed by thousands of garden lovers, also raised a significant sum to fund the Society's activities for the coming year. This would not be possible without the help and hard work of all the members that volunteer to help with the set up, stewarding and breaking down of the Show. Because of the cost of postage I decided not to write to each volunteer after the Show this year, so I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'Thank You' to everyone who gave up their time.

Particular thanks must go to the members of the Show Committee who work throughout the year to organise the event. I am sure that in the last few stressful weeks before the Show they must question why they do it! I hope you agree that it was well worth it and once again it was a show to be proud of. I look forward to catching up with you all at the Stewards Party on 11th June.

## Update for Walks & Talks from the Two Carolines

The first three visits, this year, have gone very well, with record attendances. We have been fortunate to be able to double up on all three, taking around 80 people on each visit and the weather has been wonderful - so far. The waiting list system is working well and very few people on the waiting list have failed to get an offer of a place. We do urge people to apply immediately - you can always cancel (before the date that tickets go out) because there is usually a waiting list and cheques are not paid in, until after the event. It does, however, give us an early indication of the popularity of a trip and allow us to double up if the gardens are able to do so. If there is exceptional demand we can always try and arrange another visit, next year. We do try to include as many people as possible but parking and size of groups dictate the numbers.

We do welcome feedback from members and also tips about new gardens to approach for visits. There is nothing to beat local knowledge! Cornwall is of course wonderful for Spring gardens but we are keen to extend the period for potential visits away from mid spring, which is the most crowded season and are looking for early spring, late summer and autumn gardens to spread our trips over a wider time frame. We also attempt to spread the visits evenly across the county.

Our last trip this year to Weir Cottage for wonderful trees and autumn colour is now joined with a visit to Coombe Trenchard, a fascinating Arts and Crafts House and garden near Lifton (30 minutes away) which is being lovingly restored by new owners. We are also having a tour of the house, with its famous 'disappearing wall'. We think you will find this visit an interesting take on reclamation.

*We are pleased to welcome the following new members who have all joined this year:*

Mr and Mrs J Adlington from St Mawes  
 Mrs S Alabaster of Perranaworthal  
 Miss S Allard of Anthony Village  
 Mrs and Mrs Baker of Little Petherick  
 Mrs D Barlow from Liskeard  
 Mrs J Barton-Jenkins of Lesnewth  
 Mrs J Bazley from Pillaton  
 Mr P Becker from Truro  
 Ms J Beecroft of Falmouth  
 Mrs B Bennett from Stokeclimsland  
 Mrs M Bolton from Lower Northcott  
 Mr P Bonavia of High Cross Constantine  
 Ms G Bonell from Probus  
 Mrs E Burr from Tavistock  
 Miss M Butterworth also from Tavistock  
 Mr and Mrs W Bye from Looe  
 Mrs M Carter from Crapstone  
 Mrs B Chalk of Harrowbarrow  
 Mrs C Craig of Okehampton  
 Mrs M Day from Little Petherick  
 Mr and Mrs K Dear of Mevagissey  
 Dobwalls into Gardening (new Affiliated Member)  
 Mrs C Dunn of Saltash (CGS Gold Medal Winner  
 at the Landulph Gardening Club Show 2011)  
 Mrs C Ellis of Calenick  
 Mrs R Ellis of Millbrook  
 Ms A Ellsion from Little Petherick  
 Mr and Mrs Enraght-Moony from Calstock  
 Miss M Frazer from Lanreath  
 Mrs G Gurr of St German's  
 Mrs A Gwilt from padstowe  
 Mrs C Hales from Gunnislake  
 Mr and Mrs J Harding of Bodmin  
 Mrs J Harris from Pelynt  
 Miss J Harris from Veryan Green  
 Mr and Mrs D Hatch from St Dominic  
 Mrs C Hedley from Dobwalls  
 Mrs J Hicks from Callington  
 Mr D Hoskin from Penstraze  
 Mr and Mrs Howard - Pearce of Bere Alston  
 Mr and Mrs J Johnson of Bodmin

Mrs A Jones from St Merryn  
 Mrs S Kitney of Saltash (CGS Silver Gilt Medal Winner  
 at the Landulph Gardening Club Show 2011)  
 Mrs R Kitt of Saltash  
 Mr and Dr Kumsang from Higher Tremayne  
 Mrs H Lade from Elmgate  
 Mrs S Lewis from Wadebridge  
 Mr and Mrs B Logan from St Stephen  
 Mrs J Maclachlan of Harlyn Bay  
 Mrs J Marks from Yelverton  
 Mrs S Marsh from Lewetrenchard  
 Mrs J Moore of Tywardreath  
 Miss C Moreton from Twelveheads  
 Mr W Mudford of Caythrope  
 Colonel R Nicholas from St Tudy  
 Mrs E Nicholls of Botus Fleming  
 Mrs M Orme from Gorran Haven  
 Mrs S Pengelly of Tavistock  
 Mrs J Penn from Mawnan Smith  
 Mr and Mrs J Pennell from Bodmin  
 Mr R Philp from Port Isaac  
 Mr T Price from Scorrier  
 Mrs S Pring of Ruan Lanihorne  
 Mr D Root from Langport  
 Mr D Stevens of St Kerterne (winner of both the CGS's Gold and Silver Gilt  
 Medal at the St Kerterne Gardeners' Show 2011)  
 Mr and Mrs C Street from Bere Ferrers  
 Stoke Climsland Flower Show (New affiliated member)  
 Ms J Sutcliffe of St Breward  
 Mrs J Symons from Rose  
 Mrs M Thackeray from Boscastle  
 Mr and Mrs E Tozer of Truro  
 Mr and Mrs Van Tromp from Chelmsford Essex  
 Mrs F Visick of Mylor  
 Mr and Mrs N Vivian from Padstow  
 Mrs C Wallwork from Budock Water  
 Mr J Weir and Miss Thomas from Helston  
 Mr and Mrs C Wheeler of Saltash  
 Mr and Mrs D Whitfield from Altarnun  
 Mr and Mrs B Yelland of Duloe

### Outings matters by Peter Gilmore

#### Visit of the Association de Parcs et Jardins des Bretagne (APJB)

A party of 46 members visited gardens in Cornwall and the Spring Show. Whilst at the Show we gave them tea and Anthony Fortescue kindly showed them around Bococonnoc House. On the Monday the majority were due to visit Tresco but due to problems with the helicopters they could not and just five intending to visit Penburth. Lady Banham happily hosted the whole party in the morning and then they moved on to St Michael's Mount before heading to Plymouth for the overnight ferry to Roscoff. We are planning to visit gardens in Brittany in April (probably 23-28th) and planning is just starting.



APJB Group at Penberth by Peter Gilmore

#### Chelsea cancellation.

It was a great disappointment that I had to cancel the short break to Chelsea. There were only 11 members that signed up and I am sorry that it had to be cancelled.

We did offer places to the Cornwall HPS and Affiliated Garden Societies. During this visit we had planned to visit Stavordale Priory and Forest Lodge and I am pleased that both gardens will welcome us next year for a day trip. A particular regret to me was that I had been able to get the hotel to agree that we could book direct with them for the period of Chelsea and Wimbledon. Normally at such times one can only book through 'agents' and organizations such as the CGS do not rate high on their customer base! Anyway relations with the Shepperton are still OK and we should be able to book direct with them in the future.

NOW, as Andrew has already mentioned, we are still looking for another person to come forward to help organise Outings for 2012 and beyond. We have one person who is prepared to take on part of the job. Please there must be someone 'out there' to help. Be sure that if no one else comes forward the Outings programme in 2012 will be reduced!

Don't forget our Web site. Articles, news and photos from YOU would be very welcome.

Please note that my email address is now [pgily@btinternet.com](mailto:pgily@btinternet.com) and Sandy is [gilysandy@btinternet.com](mailto:gilysandy@btinternet.com)

Booking forms for Castle Hill with Gorwell House and Forde Abbey with Prospect House are with this mailing.

### Shell Grotto Conservation Master Class

An opportunity to gain hands on experience & help to preserve history! Gyllyngdune Gardens at the Princess Pavilion, Falmouth is undergoing massive restoration work which will bring the site back to life and revive the beautiful, historical features found in the gardens. The Gardens contain wonderful examples of Victorian shell grottoes which need to be cleaned and restored - and you can help. Under the supervision of experienced heritage conservators you can gain practical hands-on experience of this very specialist craft. This is a rare opportunity for members of the public to work alongside leading authorities in shell conservation and experience this very specialist type of heritage conservation work - as well as leaving your own imprint on history!

Details:

Where: Gyllyngdune Gardens at the Princess Pavilion, Falmouth

When: Between Monday 20th June - Friday 1st July 2011

Requirements: A minimum commitment of 2 consecutive days is required.

Cost: £10 total (admin)

Information:

1: 1 Tuition on shell work with leading heritage conservators

Hands on, practical experience of shell work restoration

Experience of lime mortar work

Certificate of attendance on completion



Lack of space prevents inclusion of fuller information but if you would like to take part, please contact Sarah Spiegler-Williams, Visitor & Education Officer email: [gardens@carrickleisure.org.uk](mailto:gardens@carrickleisure.org.uk) or phone: 01326 310980.

Coombe Trenchard 'Arts & Crafts' Garden Festival 2011  
 17th & 18th June 10am-5pm

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#### Mrs Joan Foster

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mrs Joan Foster of Trevean, Harcourt, Feock, Truro, Cornwall TR3 6SQ.

She died at Treiske Hospital on 2 April 2011 after a severe stroke.



Spring Vale, Devoran - The Lobbs' Cottage

### Spring Vale, Devoran - The Lobb Brothers Cottage (see CGS Journals No 53 2009 and No. 54 2010 for more details)

A brief extract from the e-mail which was circulated after a meeting at the Old Quay Inn at Devoran in March:

"The meeting focused on two areas: what might be done about Spring Vale (see left), the cottage Thomas Lobb lived in until his death in 1894 which is currently on the market; and the formation of a Lobb Society to better promote and record the work and lives of the brothers. The issue of 'saving' Spring Vale, as we have known all along, is a considerable challenge. But we concluded that we should remain positive, if realistic. Since we held the meeting, we have received a letter from the Duchy of Cornwall's office stating that it couldn't buy the cottage outright, but might provide a modest contribution to any rescue fund that might be organised. (It also recommended contacting the Cornwall Heritage Trust. Does anybody have any advice/experience with regard to this suggestion?) Matt Biggs and I both feel - and I think it is fair to say that others shared this view at the meeting - that it would really need some sort of institutional support to launch and lead such an effort. Sadly, Matt and I just don't have the time or experience to orchestrate something of that magnitude. But perhaps someone else does? Our collective dream, of course, would be to see the cottage turned into a small museum and garden to celebrate the brothers, but failing this it would still be wonderful to see the cottage saved from the bulldozers and bought and renovated by an owner who is sympathetic to its heritage. Maybe a blue plaque could be the very minimum we could aim for to tell future generations that the story of these remarkable brothers should be remembered as a fascinating and important episode in the nation's horticultural history? Something that would aid that task considerably would be the discovery of more personal artifacts connected to the Lobbs. Perhaps a key aim of the Lobb Society should be to spread the message far and wide that we are actively on the hunt for more of these items: letters, sketches, diaries, photos, herbarium specimens etc."

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