

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

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

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

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

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

Port Eliot, St Germans. 2 for the price of 1.
website: 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

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

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

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

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Forthcoming Affiliated Society Shows:

Lostwithiel Garden Society – September 3rd
Secretary – Miss V Strout, Woodville, Grenville Road, Lostwithiel, PL22 OER

St Minver and District Garden Society – Autumn Show Wednesday September 28th at Rock Village Hall followed by a slideshow from Sandra Goodswen called 'Autumn'
Secretary Mrs J Gordon, 19 Guineaport Parc, Wadebridge, PL27 7BY

Show news:

West Cornwall Horticultural Society held their Spring Show on 12th March and the winner of their Best in Show was Trewidden Gardens at Buryas Bridge, Penzance, who also won the award for Most Points in Show.

Lelant Village Produce Association Show was held on July 16th and they had an excellent Show. Last year was almost the last Show with a very small committee, no officers and low entries in the show. The schedule was the revamped and members pleaded with the villagers to support and we are pleased to report that they have survived! Well done to everyone.

The winner of the CGS Gold Medal was Mrs Yvonne Dineen. Her pot plant - flowering (any variety) was judged the winner. Mrs Jean Osborn, the secretary, reports that Yvonne's entry was a wonderful healthy looking 'Clog Plant' (Hypocyrta - Gesneriaceae) with the flower pouches being almost red. We are pleased to welcome Yvonne to the CGS as a show winner.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members who have joined recently:

Mr Barter from Truro and Mr and Mrs Williams of Perran-ar-worthal

Included with your September Newsletter will be the Christmas Lunch Booking Form. For any membership enquiries, please contact Marion at the address below:
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Chairman's Corner

Not quite the Barbecue Summer we had hoped for. We have some Acers that are so confused by the seasons that they were in full Autumn colour in July!

Many thanks to Piers and Tessa Phipps, who hosted a splendid Stewards' Thank You Party in their immaculate garden in Mawnan Smith. The weather was beautiful for us, but sadly not for them the next day when they had the Garden open for Charity. Huge thanks also go to Alison Voelcker, who organised the day, producing a magnificent tea.

A most enjoyable afternoon was had by all, and thank you again to all the Stewards without whom the Show would not be the success that it has become.

The AGM is once again at the Truro Methodist Church on October 12th, which I hope many will be able to attend. Parking is available at the Multi Storey Car Park next door if the car park is full.

Andrew Leslie
Chairman



The CGS Spring Flower Show will be held at Boconnoc on 31st March & 1st April 2012.

Would you like to join the Show Team? asks the Show Director, Debbie Evans

As we strive to make each Spring Flower Show better than the last we find we need more people to help share the load. If you would like to be involved we would be delighted to hear from you. Help is particularly needed with the following jobs:

Children & Schools Co-ordinator - to liaise with local schools, send out and receive entry forms, accept entries at the Show, accompany the judge and then contact winners prior to the prize giving.

Entries Secretary - Rosemary Wakeham will be stepping down after the 2012 Show so we are looking for someone to work with her during next year's Show and then take over for 2013. Rosemary will offer lots of help and support to her successor.

Please contact Debbie Evans if you would like further information on 01209 714488.

Update for Walks & Talks from the Two Carolines

The Walks & Talks programme this year, draws to a close with our visit to Weir Cottage & Coombe Trenchard on October 12th. We do hope CGS members have enjoyed the visits as much as we have. We are both hard at work finalising the programme for 2012. Unfortunately, rising printing and postage costs are compelling us to put up the prices a little for next year, as we cannot afford to run at a loss.

As before, we are trying to spread the visits out as much as possible, both across the year and across the county. We are always glad of new recommendations for gardens and good nurseries to visit, so please keep your suggestions coming in. The full programme for next year will be in the December mail out. We do encourage people to book up as soon as the individual booking forms appear. As many of you now know, we don't pay in the cheques until very close to the event. You can always cancel and someone else will be glad of the place. If we know that a visit is likely to be very popular we can sometimes negotiate a double visit on the day, provided we have plenty of notice. Parking is the main restriction, as most visits are to private gardens.

Our programme next year begins with another visit to Ince Castle for the snowdrops on Sunday, 19th February, 2012. We have had so many requests that Lady Boyd has kindly agreed to open once again. Next year, numbers will be unrestricted, so no one will be disappointed but no lunch will be provided. People can visit at their own convenience between 11.00 am and 3.00pm. Tea and coffee will be available and maps of the garden. Booking forms will be in the December mail out.

We both hope you will like the programme for 2012 and be able to come on some or all of the visits.

Caroline Rucker & Caroline Hooper



Photo: Jim Rucker

Outings information

We are very pleased and grateful that Peter Howard has come forward to take over from Peter Gilmore as the Tours Organiser and he is already working on the 2012 programme. Peter Howard is a busy person helping his wife Tricia of Hidden Valley Gardens and various other committments. He will not be able to prepare as many day trips as we have had in recent years so if you can take on organising just one day trip then please contact either of the Peters: Peter Howard 01208 873225 or Peter Gilmore 01326 561445

CGS Tour of Brittany Gardens Sunday May 20 - Friday May 25 2012

Introduction

The itinerary for this tour is being researched and organised by CGS member, Kirsty Fergusson, who knows Brittany very well and has previously arranged tours in Brittany.

I will accompany and support the tour. Kirsty will be waiting for us in Brittany and will also accompany the tour. In addition to the main CGS Tour, Kirsty is offering a private tour of Brittany Gardens – see information in the panel opposite.

The costings for the tour and its final itinerary cannot at this stage be completed, principally because Brittany Ferries will not issue a sailing timetable and prices until later this year. Please note the price will be higher than a similar UK tour because of the extra travel and because it includes a number of meals and extras.

This tour needs to be booked early with Brittany Ferries and in France and therefore it will be useful to know the level of interest. If therefore you probably wish to join this tour (without making a final commitment) and be given an opportunity to book first, please complete and post the accompanying slip or email me with the same information at hiddenvalleygardens@yahoo.co.uk. If you may wish to join the smaller private tour, see Kirsty's contact details which follow.

The following outline and provisional itinerary has been prepared by Kirsty.

Peter Howard
CGS Tours Organiser

Outline of Tour

Late spring in Brittany is a perfect time to visit some of the region's finest gardens. It's the week before the national 'Rendez-Vous des Jardins' when private and public gardens across the country open their gates for a three day festival of gardening, so you may be sure that every garden will be looking it's best!

From the flamboyant exoticism of Roscoff's legendary island garden to the cool mannerist perfection of La Ballue and the stunning secret valley gardens of Kerdalo (rated by Christopher Lloyd as one of the 'must-see' gardens of France) the tour offers four days of well-paced, guided garden visits with owners and head gardeners on hand to answer all your questions. You will be accompanied throughout by garden writer Kirsty Fergusson, who has devised the tour and published articles in Country Life and Gardens Illustrated about many of the gardens on the itinerary.

The tour will be based at the comfortable, family-run Hotel de l'Europe, in the centre of historic Morlaix, giving you the opportunity to explore and dine out as you choose in the evenings.

Numbers are limited to 45 for this tour, so be sure to book your place early. Price includes transport by Oates coach throughout from pick up points in Cornwall, overnight ferry travel with cabin accommodation from Plymouth to Roscoff, four nights bed and breakfast at the Hotel de l'Europe in Morlaix, four lunches, dinner on Monday night, all admissions to gardens and return.

Provisional itinerary of main Tour (Sailing Timetable still to be published by Brittany Ferries)

Sunday May 20

Usual Coach pick up from Penzance to Bodmin, then Liskeard and Saltash. Depart Plymouth Brittany Ferries 10.00pm. Berths will be booked.

Monday May 21

Arrive Roscoff 7.30 am
Visit Kerdalo 10.00am. Guided tour of garden with Isabelle Vaughan.
Afternoon: Travel to Pelinec. Guided tour of garden.
Drive to Morlaix for the four night stay at Hotel de l'Europe.

Tuesday May 22

Visit Jardin Exotique de Roscoff. Guided tour with Mme Edern.
In the afternoon, take foot passenger ferry to Ile de Batz to visit Jardin Georges Delaselle with head gardener.

Wednesday May 23

Visit La Ballue. Guided tour with Marie Mathon, owner, and in the afternoon, visit to La Ravallais (home and garden of Shelley and Alain de Rouvray, who were part of the Brittany group in Cornwall April 2011)
Reception for both Cornish and Brittany AJPB garden societies

Thursday May 24

Drive south to Quimper and visit Trevarez.
In the afternoon go to the Parc Botanique de Cornouaille.
And then the Erwan Tymen nursery near Quimper.

Friday May 25

Morning, depart Hotel de l'Europe
Arrive Roscoff 11.00am for 12 noon departure, Brittany Ferries - Plymouth
Arrive Plymouth 18.45
Private tour of Brittany Gardens

Kirsty Fergusson's Brittany Tour

If you love the idea of visiting Brittany's finest gardens, but would like to travel with a small group of friends, Kirsty Fergusson is offering a similar tour, for private parties (6 maximum).

Stay at the delightful Chateau de Brelidy and enjoy a rich and varied menu of gardens, including the iconic and rarely seen Crech ar Pape, unsuitable for visits by larger groups.

Relaxed, congenial and offering privileged access to many of France's special gardens and their owners, Kirsty's French garden tours have received much acclaim in recent years. As places are extremely limited, do book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information contact Kirsty directly by telephone: 01736 811090 (July and August only 0033 683 632 842 at other times) or email: kirsty.fergusson@gmail.com

Hidden Gardens of Wessex - Around the River Test and Itchen Valleys from the Mercure Wessex Hotel, Winchester 10th - 13th September 2012 (three nights)

Introduction

Charlotte Strutt, Managing Director of Heritage Touring, who organised the recent very successful tour to the gardens of the French Riviera for the Cornwall Garden Society, is now organising a tour to the Hidden Gardens of Wessex next September. Charlotte has provided the following outline of the tour:

The Tour

The early September garden tour to Hampshire is the time to discover gardens which perhaps have a different emphasis on their planting and are cleverly designed to give all year round interest. Also where the landscaping or position of the garden has as much to do with the "wow" factor as the plants themselves.

Staying for three nights at the 4 star Mercure Wessex Hotel, next to the Cathedral, in the historic and attractive city of Winchester, with time also to enjoy the city and visit the cathedral.

The gardens that we intend to visit include two magical gardens where strong herbaceous drifts and swathes of grasses flow, John Coke's Garden at Bury Court and the relatively newly-discovered garden The Buildings, which has received rave reviews both in the press and locally. Two gardens on a grand scale with far reaching views, parkland settings and more formal planting but where roses & herbaceous perennials are still flourishing in the late summer, Redenham Park and Farleigh House. The renowned mirror borders of Bramdean House and the stunning garden with striking foliage combinations at Lower Mill, where the River Test weaves its way through the garden. En-route to Hampshire a visit to Pen Mill near Wincanton, a garden filled with later flowering salvias to give September interest. On the journey back to Cornwall we revisit, but this time in late summer, the magnificent water gardens owned by the John Lewis Partnership at Longstock. (At the time of going to press a couple of gardens still to be finalised).

Chelsea gold medallist, garden designer, writer and lecturer Andrew McIndoe, Managing Director of Hillier Garden Centres, has kindly agreed to give an illustrated talk in the hotel on one of the evenings.

Lunch will be provided at the gardens of Bury Court and Redenham Park on the Hampshire touring days, dinner included on two evenings in the hotel and on the third the opportunity for you to independently dine out in the numerous local restaurants in Winchester.

Reserve your Place?

This tour will be included in the Cornwall Garden Society 2012 Programme, but you can if you wish reserve your place now. To do this and for full tour details and a booking form please contact Charlotte Strutt at Heritage Touring. The price details are as follows:

Price per person: £449.00
Single supplement £99.00
Non refundable deposit £100.00 per person (due by 1st February)

Heritage Touring, Flaxmans, West Tytherley, Nr Salisbury SP5 1NR
Tel: 01794 342249 email: tours@heritagetouring.co.uk

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