

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRODUCE YOUR VALID MEMBERSHIP CARD WHEN CLAIMING THE SPECIALLY REDUCED ENTRY RATE.

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Looking Forward to Snowdrop Time!

An invitation to CGS Members (Make a note in your diary)

Herbie and Nancy Davy are holding two Snowdrop Days for the Inner Wheel Club of Saltash

**Thursday 16th & Friday 17th February 2012. 11am to 3pm
The Little House, 19 Lower Port View, Saltash PL12 4BY**

A small snowdrop garden with many varieties and a Snowdrop Theatre at eye level for easier viewing.

Entrance £3.50 to include coffee or tea and biscuits. Soup, bread roll and cake available at extra charge.

PLEASE use the public car parks nearby. NOT Lower Port View. RSVP with numbers (by Tuesday 14th February) and for full details contact Nancy
Tel: 01752 842098 (no answerphone) or
E-mail davy@little-house.wanadoo.co.uk



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

McCauley Floyd of Callington - CGS Gold Medal Winner
Mrs P Bucknell of Looe - CGS Silver Gilt Medal Winner
Mrs J Edwards of Stoke Climsland - CGS Winner
Mr C Harris of Liskeard - CGS Show Gold Medal Winner
Mrs M Hooper of Liskeard - CGS Silver Gilt Medal Winner
Mr J Parry from Lostwithiel - CGS Gold Medal Winner
Mrs R Peter of Liskeard - CGS Gold Medal Winner
Mr B Philp of Lerryn - CGS Gold Medal Winner
Ms R Retallick from Par - CGS Silver Gilt Medal Winner
Mr and Mrs Staunton of Lostwithiel
Mrs P Trethewey of St Erme - CGS Gold Medal Winner

Trewidden Gardens of Buryas Bridge - CGS Gold Medal Winner

Included with your December Newsletter will be booking forms for Ince Castle, Brittany Gardens and Wessex Gardens. The Programme Booklet, Year Planner and renewal letter.

For any membership enquiries, please contact Marion at the address below:
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CGS Spring Flower Show Photographic Competition

When you go on the Walks and Talks, our Outings and of course on your excursions, many of you take loads of photos. When you take future photos bear in mind the competition and take some that match the classes and enter. Go on, have a go.
The classes are as follows:-
Relationships,
Black and White,
Landscape,
Exotic,
Aliens.

All should have a horticultural theme.



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Chairman's Corner

It is with great sadness and regret that I report the unexpected death of Nigel Holman, he was a great supporter of the CGS over many years having been both Chairman and President.

Personally he became a very good friend and was extremely helpful to me when we started our garden. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. A full tribute to his life and contribution to horticulture will appear in the next Journal.

The AGM took place on October 12th and was once again well attended. Those who did attend were treated to one of the most fascinating and interesting lectures that I have heard. Kim Wilkie is a landscape gardener and gave a truly memorable talk.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Christmas lunch on December 10th.

As this is the last Newsletter of the year, may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Andrew Leslie Chairman



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

Signs for the Show

Thanks for all your help and ideas last year for locations to display the informational signs that are distributed around the County of Cornwall in March, advertising the CGS Spring Flower Show at Boconnoc. There are to be more signs available this year, so more places are being sought to display them for the month preceding the show.

The signs to be displayed are in banner form, about 10 foot by 2 foot, or on boards 2 foot 8 inches by 4 foot. (metric dimensions on request!). If you have any good ideas, especially for the North or East of Cornwall, then I would be very pleased to hear from you either by telephone, 01872 540405, or email brackenacc@hotmail.com

Dick Butter

Stewards for the Spring Flower Show at Boconnoc

Please

Think about volunteering to be a Steward for the Centenary Spring Flower Show.
Keep the dates free!

**Setting up Monday 26th March - Friday 30th March
Show dates Saturday 31st March and Sunday 1st April.**

Details will be mailed out in the New Year.

THANK YOU

Alison Voelcker



Transport to the Spring Flower Show at Boconnoc

A mini-bus or small coach will be organised as usual for Sunday 1st April. It will start in Penzance and go through Hayle, St Erth, Truro coach station and on down the A390. A booking form will be included with the January mail out for the Show. It can be booked by members, friends and Affiliated Society Members.

Peter Gilmore

News from the Affiliated Societies

LERRYN AND DISTRICT PRODUCE ASSOCIATION: The 61st Annual Produce Show - Saturday, August 6th

Many thanks to everyone who took part in this year's show – the exhibitors whose hard work and creativity managed to fill Lerryn Memorial Hall with a wonderful array of exhibits and to everyone who came along in the afternoon to support the show. This year's Annual Produce Show attracted many entries and was nicely balanced with all the various classes being well supported. The quality of the entries was high and the judges had much to look at and deliberate before making their final choice of awards. The show is nicely summed up in the words of one judge: "Last summer I was surprised by the high quality and this year the standard is even higher and the judging was even more difficult. Congratulations to ALL the entrants." With the judging completed the show was opened and the prizes were presented with great enthusiasm by Andrew and Vanessa Leslie from Ethy House.

Congratulations to Brian Philp (Cornwall Garden Society Gold Medal), Marie Farey (ENV WI Cup and Association Prize), Pat Bucknell (Fortescue Cup and Best Exhibit Rosette), John Philp (Best Bloom in Show), Ann Henderson (most points in the WI Cookery classes) and to all the other prize winners. A special mention must go to Rita Dunns' floral cushion, which took first prize and deservedly so. She used a clever combination of hazel nuts and blackberries to add texture and style to a new class in the show. Another stand-out winner was Joel Wilson-Brown who walked away with the A.M.L Ashfield Trophy for getting the most points for the Lerryn School classes. All of the work from the school was tremendous – the new mixed-media Van Gogh-style Sunflowers were a triumph and a match for the real ones, any day. Well done! As usual, we are grateful to Anything Goes (we should be calling them our House Band by now!) who provided the music and made the afternoon go with a swing. We always remember that the show wouldn't take place without you, the entrants, who grow and bake and shape, and the dedicated hard work of the committee. Thank you one and all.

The CGS Gold Medal Winner was Mr B Philp of Lerryn awarded for the Best Vegetable Exhibit in the class for 3 vegetables suitable for a Sunday roast (excluding potatoes). Mr Philp's exhibit consisted of 3 carrots, 3 parsnips and 3 leeks.

The CGS Silver Gilt Winner was Mrs P Bucknell of Looe with her 5 stems of Turks Caps Lillies which was judged the best floral exhibit.

Next year's show is scheduled for Saturday 4th August.

Written by Glenn Carwithen on behalf of Peter Bucknell, Chairman of Lerryn & District Produce Association



ST CLEER GARDENING CLUB had over 320 entries in 105 classes in this year's show held on 6th August.

The standard of all entries was very high. The winner of the CGS Gold Medal was Mr Colin Harris of Liskeard whose cabbage in Class 31 was judged by Mr G Bennett, to be in perfect condition.

The attached photograph was taken by Mr C Harris.



The winner of the CGS Silver Gilt was Mrs M Hooper of Liskeard whose Begonia 'Escargot' was judged as a striking exhibit in the Foliage Houseplant Class. This photo was taken by D. Cook.

Their next show will take place on Saturday 4th August 2012.

STOKE CLIMSLAND FLOWER SHOW 2011: The 2011 Stoke Climsland Flower Show was a great day for both young and old of the parish, says Mrs Llewellyn their Secretary. With over 1230 entries, there were some amazing exhibits and hot competition. There was stunning photography, intricate handicrafts, delicious baking, beautiful flowers and incredible vegetables. The Show was opened by this year's president, Mr Maurice Penney, who thanked the many volunteers and committee members for their time and energy in making the Show such a resounding success. As well as prizes for each class, there were a total of 42 cups and trophies awarded.

Notable winners were the Lightfoot family winning five, Alan Parker won three for his vegetables, Jenny Llewellyn for her wine and fruit, Lesley Harper for preserves and local cookery and Thomas Barriball, the youngest winner, receiving two.

In addition to the exhibits, there was entertainment in the form of Launceston Town Band and Passing Showers Circus Skills as well as a variety of stalls selling plants, herbs, books, collectables and others raising funds for local charities. The sun shone and the wonderful tea and cakes kept energy levels up!

CGS Gold Medal Winner McCauley Floyd of Callington for his carrots in the Best in Vegetables. This young lad has been encouraged by his grandfather and was thrilled to have won at his first attempt.

The Silver Gilt Medal was won by Mrs J Edwards of Stoke Climsland for orchid which was judged as the best in the flower classes.

The date of their next show is Saturday 4th August 2012.

ST ERME HORTICULTURAL SHOW was held on 13th August with 757 entries from 161 people. The winner of the CGS Gold Medal was Mrs P Trethewey of St Erme for her six fuchsias of one variety on a board.

The photo was taken by Vanessa Hirschman.

WEST CORNWALL HORTICULTURAL SPRING SHOW took place earlier this year and the winner of their Best in Show was Trewidden Gardens of Buryas Bridge who also took the award of Most Points in Show together with the CGS Gold Medal.



ELIOT HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW was held on 6th August. The winner of the CGS Gold Medal was Mrs Rose Peter for her flowering pot plant. In addition to this award, Rose also won 5 cups and trophies for Best Exhibit: Flowers, Most points: Flowers, Best pot plant, Most points: Flower Art and Most points: over all classes – well done Rose!

Their next show will be held on 4th August 2012.

WEST CORNWALL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY will be holding their 2012 Spring Flower and Vegetable Show at St John's Hall, Penzance on Friday 9th March between 12noon and 7.00pm and on Saturday 10th March between 10.00am and 4.00pm. There will also be sections for Juniors, Eggs, Photography, Domestic and Handicrafts. There will be a variety of trade stands in attendance. Refreshments will be available. The venue has limited disabled access. Further information from Mrs C Ede: 01736 731473.

The annual meeting of the Cornwall Garden Society affiliated societies was held on Friday 18th October at Trevarno Gardens. It was an interesting meeting and whilst there were not as many societies there as might have been hoped, those who attended felt it worthwhile. The meeting was told of the proposed closure of Trevarno Gardens and members were asked to visit <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/trevarno/> to add their comments. There will be another meeting in October 2012, the date and venue to be announced as soon as the arrangements have been made.

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

To ensure that you have reserved your place on this tour please complete the booking form enclosed with this Newsletter or contact Charlotte at Heritage Touring direct

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 and 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

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

CGS Brittany Gardens Tours in 2012

Kirsty Fergusson has completed the itinerary of gardens in Brittany and travel arrangements have been provisionally booked. The booking form containing details of the main Gardens Tour from Sunday, 20th to Friday, 25th May is now enclosed with this Newsletter. If you wish to join this tour, please complete this form as soon as possible as, in particular, the numbers and cabins need to be finalised with Brittany Ferries.

In addition to the main CGS tour there is a private tour of Brittany Gardens, so if you love the idea of visiting Brittany's finest gardens, but would prefer to travel with a small group of friends, Kirsty is offering similar tours, for private parties (6 maximum) There is a tour from Monday, 28th May to Friday, 1st June on which there are JUST 2 PLACES LEFT and a tour from Monday 4th June to Friday 8th June (all places still available). 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 on these private tours, contact Kirsty directly by telephone: 01736 811090 or email: kirsty.fergusson@gmail.com

