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Chairman's Corner

After a promising start, what a disappointing summer it has turned out to be. This resulted in several events, that so often form part of the Cornish summer season, having to be cancelled.

We had every intention of having a Stand at the Marie Curie Day at Trewithen, but sadly torrential rain made it impossible, and the day was cancelled.



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We did however have a Stand at **Truro in Bloom**, (see left) which takes place on Lemon Quay at the beginning of August. This resulted in us signing up several new members, which made manning the stand for four days well worthwhile.



I am delighted to report that Jilly Easterby has agreed to become our Membership Secretary, and I hope many of you will have the opportunity to meet her at the Lectures and of course the Show next year on 1st/2nd April. Please make a note of the change of contact details on the back page.

The Lecture season starts on October 13th at the AGM, where Tony Kirkham from Kew will be the Speaker. His subject will be 'Trees – A cut above the rest'. The lecture will commence following the AGM which starts at 7.00pm at the Alverton Hotel, Tregolls Road, Truro, TR1 1ZQ.

This should be a very interesting talk and I look forward to seeing you there.

Andrew Leslie Chairman

Seasonal Report from the Lost Gardens of Heligan.

September already!

With what seems like a blink of the eye, our glorious summer is coming to a close! Unfortunately August brought us the regular deluge that we so loathe. However the gardens have flourished with the rain and the fecundity is rife. We have been working on many areas of the garden with our cyclical regimes, adding new plantings as we go about our work. Be it a collection of *Trycirtis* at the Entrance, to *Salvia*, *Sedum* and *Althea* across from the Entrance. All new plantings will take time to establish, so an element of patience is needed. We are replacing the whole of the boardwalk in the jungle and remodelling parts of it to give access to other areas. This will be finished for the spring. The Ravine renovations started last year will begin again shortly and be open for June next year....another large project.



Hoheria sexstylosa © Charles Francis

We are giving Pencalenick glasshouse a thorough overhaul which will be complete shortly. Many other exciting projects for this year so, all in all, a very busy time as we head into autumn. Progression is great and very fulfilling in a garden, though at this time it is also worth a mention of the real characters that wow me at this time. The *Hoherias* in all their forms are striking just now as are the *Eucryphas*. The *Hedychiums* and *Cannas* are just coming into their flight in the Jungle.

Always something to see and do....I love it.

Iain Davies Head of Gardens & Estate

'Garden Holidays Re-visited'

Tuesday October 20th at Ladock Community Hall. 2.00 – 4.30 pm.

All CGS members and their friends are invited to join some of the members who went on one of this year's Garden Holidays to either the South Coast weekend trip or the longer 5 day holiday to Lincolnshire Gardens.

Power Point presentations from the tours will be shown together with other memorabilia and no doubt some 'chat' about their visits. Alison Davy will be giving details of next year's planned Garden Tours to Normandy & North Wales and outlining some of the planned day trips - answering questions about them; a chance perhaps for you to see what you missed and decide if these events might be of interest to you in future.

Alison would also like to receive any ideas of Gardens that you think could be on the CGS itinerary in the next year or two – your ideas are very valuable! The same goes for The Two Carolines and their self-drive visits.

As this is not one of the Official CGS lectures there will be a small entry charge of £2 per head. Tea & Cakes will be served.

Ladock Community Hall is beside the B3275 in the village of Ladock. For satnav users the postcode is: TR2 4NQ

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Lectures - *CHANGE OF VENUE*

Wednesday October 14th 2.30pm

Tony Kirkham at **Tremenheere Sculpture Garden**, Gulval TR20 8YL

Wednesday November 18th 2.30pm

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Please amend your Programme Booklet !



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Included with your September Newsletter will be the booking forms for the Christmas Party and the Normandy Holiday. Also the Annual Report & Financial Statement for the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

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