

## 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 £8.50 (Seniors £7.50). 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)

**Moyclare Garden.** Garden open weekends and Bank holidays from April - August. 2 for 1 admission to CGS members Elizabeth & Phillip Henslowe Moyclare Garden, Lodge Hill, Liskeard PL14 4EH 01579 343114 [www.moyclare.co.uk](http://www.moyclare.co.uk)

**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: April 1st - September 27th, Sunday to Thursday 11.00am - 3.00pm.  
Café, plants and shop: 11.00am - 5.00pm.  
Normal admission Adults £10.50  
Children 5-16 years £5.00, under 5s free.  
Gardens only: March 1st to October 31st  
Daily 10.00am - 5.30pm,  
Normal admission Adults £5.50 adults  
Children 5-16 years £2.50, under 5s free.  
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. Please park carefully on the drive and pay at the honesty box.  
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. 9.00am - 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)

**Trewithen Gardens,** Grampound Road. Members at group rate £5.00 per adult (normally £7.50).  
Garden open March 1st - September 30th.  
Plant Nursery open all year round.  
Website: [www.trewithengardens.co.uk](http://www.trewithengardens.co.uk)

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

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## We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Mrs Bannerman from Saltash  
Mr and Mrs Willis of St Mawes  
Dr and Mrs Gilbert from Redruth  
Mrs Hill from St Austell  
Mrs Evans from Landulph  
Mr Ryde from Fowey  
Mrs Greening from St Austell  
Mr and Mrs French from Bude  
Mr and Mrs Olver from St Kew Highway  
Dr Marston from Barnstaple  
Mrs Stear of Dunstable, Beds.  
Mrs Haines of Devoran  
Mr and Mrs Andrews  
Mrs Boughton from Liskeard  
Mrs Cant of Delabole  
Mrs Crew from Launceston  
Dr Davies of St Austell  
Mrs Devey from Lostwithiel  
Mrs Dowling from Newquay  
Ms Dunkerley of Looe  
Mrs Graves from St John  
Mr and Mrs Gregan from St Mabyn

Ms Harris of Lifton  
Ms Jope from Withiel  
Miss Lambert of St Erme  
Ms Lloyd of Dobwalls  
Mrs Mitchell from St Breward  
Mrs and Mrs Peckham from Camelford  
Mr and Mrs Pomfret of Port Isaac  
Mrs Rusbridge of Tregony  
Mrs Simmonds from St Pinnola  
Mr Stevens of Yelverton  
Miss Tevosyan from St Austell  
Mr and Mrs Tolmie from Liskeard  
Mr and Mrs Trewella of St Austell  
Dr and Mrs Walker from Landrake  
Miss Wane of Carnon Down  
Mrs Webb from Looe  
Mrs White of Launceston  
Mr and Mrs White of Launceston  
Mr and Mrs Wilcox of Ashford Kent  
Mrs Wood from Penzance  
Mr and Mrs Yeo from Callington  
Mr and Mrs Bourne of Pendoggett  
Mrs Richards from Tregony

## And an especially warm welcome to two new Affiliated Societies:

**St Tudy Garden Produce Association  
Menheniot Garden Club**

## Landulph Show

Mrs Jo Butcher was awarded the Gold Medal, Mrs. Butcher won the best shrub in show and also gained the most points in Show.  
The Show was well attended helped by lovely weather. We were very pleased to have several new exhibitors this year some of whom were very successful. The new novice floral art class encouraged more entries in this section too.

Included with your **June Newsletter** will be:

**Coach Trips:** 18th July visit to Coletton Fishacre & High Garden. 4th September visit to The Garden House  
**Walks & Talks:** 6th September to Tresillian House and Arundell. 17th October to Kennal House

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## Chairman's Corner

What a fantastic 100th Show! If you were not able to come I am sorry, because you missed what many have described as the best Show ever. Well done and many congratulations to Debbie, our Show Director, and her army of volunteers, without whom the Show would not happen. We had record numbers for the Sunday, which was due partly to gorgeous weather and partly due to the appearance of Mr Bloom, who proved very popular with the children.

We had some fantastic press coverage, for which we are always very grateful, but this year the icing on the cake was an article by Val Bourne, in the Saturday Telegraph the week after the Show, where she described us as the Chelsea of the West, which I regard as a huge pat on the back for all those involved in making the 100th Show so special.

At the last AGM I mentioned the plans we have for ways in which our Charitable Funds can help young gardeners in Cornwall and that we were hoping that our first workshop would take place in March. I am pleased to say that it indeed did take place. Ken Cox, the Rhododendron expert, had come to Cornwall to lecture us, and he kindly gave up most of a day to give this our first workshop. We had seventeen young gardeners at Trewithen, who generously allowed us to use their facilities as well as spend a good amount of time in the garden. I am most grateful to Trewithen for allowing this very successful first event to take place there. We are now planning the next stage, and I will keep you apprised of our progress.

At Ethy, the Oak is out well before the Ash, so who knows, that Barbecue summer may be round the corner after all!

*Andrew Leslie* Chairman



## Swan Song

Good Friday April 2012 whilst it is all fresh in my mind. The 100th Show and what a Show! You did it again! Your entries trickled in until three days before the closing date and then the postman staggered under the weight and I was happy and we ended up with about 920 entries, roughly the same as last year but with different highs and lows in some sections. I know that it was a difficult year to make decisions with warmth at the beginning of the year and then cold and lack of rain and then everything came into bloom in the week before the Show. Our climate is fickle and as gardeners we have to abide by it. The standard of the entries was wonderful. We had more Camellias and they were a sight to behold. The Daffodils were a little down and I know that the entrants had difficulty preparing them but they gave us a wonderful display. The Wash Box with its Herbaceous entries was a delight. I wandered through the Ornamental Trees and Shrubs marquee before Judging commenced on Friday afternoon and the sight and scent was that of a warm summer evening.

The set-up week was warm or even hot some days and dry and the various helpers sat out at coffee and lunch time in the Stable Yard and enjoyed the banter, well supplied with homemade soup and rolls, cake and tea or coffee by Alison's Kitchen Stewards who kept us well fed all week.

This has been my last show as Entries Secretary and I am pleased to announce my successor: Mark Wilson from Elmgate, who has helped at this Show and will take over from me. I have enjoyed my role at the Show and the hard work, fun and friendliness of the Team who do work very hard to produce our "Chelsea of the South West". If you ever feel you would like to be a part of this Team and have time, do contact Alison when she puts out her call for help for volunteers at the beginning of the year: carpentry, draping, marking out, even filling water vases, please do respond. There are always experienced people to show you the ropes and glad of help. It's all fun when you work with a happy team.

The sight of the many visitors enjoying the two days of the Show and the very happy atmosphere in such a lovely setting is a great reward.

*Rosemary Wakeham* Competitive Classes Entries Secretary 2012





## At Falmouth Landscape and Garden School we pride ourselves on offering some of the best garden and landscape design short courses in the UK.

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The School is led by: Matt James, designer and Channel 4's 'City Gardener', a regular guest on the Alan Titchmarsh Show, Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time and BBC Radio Cornwall's 'Garden Line'; and Richard Sneesby, a qualified landscape architect, who lectures for the Society of Garden Designers and has won many awards for his work including RHS Chelsea medals.

For more information and a full list of current courses, please visit our website: [www.falmouth.ac.uk/FLAGS](http://www.falmouth.ac.uk/FLAGS)

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'Walks and Talks' by Head Gardener Gary Long

### History of Trewithen

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 1.30pm

Upon arrival light refreshments will be available.

After the talk Gary will lead a guided tour around the Gardens looking in particular at the Champion Trees and the Rose garden.

**After the Walk & Talk you are welcome to remain in the Gardens.**

**£12 per person. Tickets available from the Ticket Office**

## Coombe Trenchard

The gardens are opening each weekend for 6 weeks in June & July  
for a **Garden Sculpture** exhibition.

We will again be offering discounts for CGS members

[www.coombetrenchard.co.uk](http://www.coombetrenchard.co.uk)

Coombe Trenchard, Lewtrenchard, West Devon EX20 4PW

### Hidden Gardens of Wessex, Winchester 10th - 13th September 2012 (three nights)

**LAST CHANCE** to book this CGS short break to see gardens in Hampshire and organised for us by Heritage Touring. It includes 3 nights at the Mercure Wessex Hotel in Winchester on a B & B basis and with two dinners. Details are in the past Newsletters. If you would like to join please complete the booking form and send to Heritage Touring, Flaxmans, West Tytherley, SP5 1NR. If you need another booking form or any other details, please ring Peter Howard on 01208 873225.

### More Exciting Day Coach Trips this year

Enclosed with this Newsletter are the booking forms for additional day Coach trips this year. One to Coleton Fishacre and High Garden & Nursery on 18th July. This trip includes coffee, lunch and afternoon tea with Cakes! Another trip goes to Champerdowne Nursery and The Garden House on 4th September. More details are included on the booking forms. Please book promptly to avoid disappointment.

**STOP PRESS:** There are a few places left for the coach outing to Mt Edgcombe on 28th June. In order to join us, please immediately complete and post the booking form to Mary Hutt (sent out previously) or ring Peter Howard for details on 01208 873225.

### Ron Scamp is awarded the Cornish Tin Trade Trophy

Expert daffodil grower Ron Scamp, from Falmouth, was this year's winner of the Best Trade Exhibit class at the Cornwall Spring Flower Show.

Presented by Peter Bickford-Smith, former chairman of Cornwall Garden Society, the Cornish Tin Trade Trophy was specially commissioned in 1997 to mark 100 years since the staging of the first spring flower show event in 1897. The 7.5 inch disk was the largest ever to have been made from South Crofty tin and was specially smelted, machined and polished at Wheal Jane mine in Bissoe. William Bickford-Smith invented the safety fuse in 1831 - a life saver for the mining industry.

"Combining Peter Bickford-Smith's immense contribution to the Cornwall Garden Society with his family's long-standing association with Cornish tin mining seemed very fitting which is why the trophy was created" said Debbie Evans, Show Director. "It's very highly prized and we're delighted that Ron Scamp has won it in 2012 - a very special year for us".

First established as the Royal Horticultural Society of Cornwall in 1832, Cornwall Garden Society held its first 'Daffodil and Spring Flower Exhibition' on 30th and 31st March 1897. Occasional breaks for wartime, petrol rationing or severe cold weather meant that the 100th show has only just taken place.



Peter Bickford-Smith (left) presents Ron Scamp with the Cornish Tin Trade Trophy

### Name a Daffodil Competition

Visitors to the Spring Flower Show had the chance to enter a free prize draw to win the opportunity to name a new Daffodil grown by Ron Scamp.

The winner was Mr Geoff House from Bude who chose this beautiful bloom from a selection of Ron's new seedlings.

The proposed name has been submitted to the RHS for approval and will be announced when the registration is confirmed.



### Cornwall Garden Society at the RHS Rhododendron Show

The RHS Rhododendron Group kindly invited the CGS to take a stand at the Rhododendron Show held at Rosemoor Gardens in April. It was a busy weekend and we enjoyed meeting up with many of our members as well as recruiting some new ones.

CGS members performed well in the competitive classes and managed to bring home some trophies. The results are listed below and the photograph shows CGS members Pat Bucknell and Pam Hayward with their cups. Well done to them both and Caerhays Castle Gardens.

#### RHS Main Rhododendron Competition Challenge Cups:

**The Lionel de Rothschild Challenge Cup for 6 rhododendron species, one truss of each:** Winner - Exbury Gardens  
Rhododendron hookeri, R. parryae, R. arboreum, R. annae, R. oreodoxa var. fargesii, R. morii

**The McLaren Challenge Cup for a single rhododendron species, one truss:** Winner - Exbury Gardens  
Rhododendron semnoides (F25639)

**The Roza Stevenson Challenge cup for a spray of a rhododendron species:** Winner - Exbury Gardens  
Rhododendron quinquefolium 'Five Arrows'

**The Loder Challenge Cup for a single rhododendron hybrid, one truss:** Winner - Mrs Pat Bucknell,  
Rhododendron 'Phyllis Korn'

**The Crosfield Challenge Cup for three rhododendron hybrids raised in the garden of the exhibitor:**  
Winner - Exbury Gardens  
Rhododendron 'Aurora', R. 'Carita Golden Dream', R. 'Gibraltar'

#### SW Branch of the Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Group Competition Awards:

**The Quicke Cup for the best magnolia exhibit in the SW Branch Magnolia Competition at the Rosemoor Spring Show:** Winner - Caerhays Castle Gardens  
Magnolia 'Caerhays Surprise'

**The Williams Challenge Trophy for the best camellia exhibit in the SW Branch Camellia Competition at the Rosemoor Spring Show:** Winner - Miss Pam Hayward  
Camellia 'Innovation' x reticulata



Mrs Pat Bucknell (left) with the Quicke Cup and Miss Pam Hayward (right) with the Williams Challenge Trophy

### Lecture Organiser Needed

Is anyone interested in helping Alice Boyd and Elizabeth Wilton to arrange the Lecture Programme from January 2013? This is an important role within the CGS as it brings interesting and knowledgeable speakers to Cornwall to share their enthusiasm for plants and gardening with the members.

For further details, please contact:

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