

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 £8.50 (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

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

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

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

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

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

Trewithen Gardens, Grampond 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

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

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Show Reports in brief

The Kea Garden Society reported a very successful show held on 7th July. The Gold Medal certificate was awarded to Mrs Carole Allen of Playing Place for her blue hydrangea head in the Flower Section. The Silver Gilt Medal went to Mrs Sue Toft-Hunt of Kea for her elephant garlic bulb in the Vegetable Section. The treasurer, Mr Allen, let us know that they are very grateful to the CGS for their generosity in awarding these certificates and he assures us that they will continue to give good coverage to the activities of the CGS in their thrice-yearly newsletters which circulate throughout Playing Place and district.

The Lelant Village Produce Association Annual Show was held on 7th July. Michael Hicks won the Gold Medal Award for a beautiful spray of rambler rose. Michael, from Wheal Whidden, had only ever entered once before, but arrived this year with armfuls of roses, sweet peas, foliage and pot plants. He was awarded for the best horticultural exhibit in the Show; like many others he had hoped to enter the vegetable classes, but the weather put a stop to that.

The St Erme Horticultural Society Gold Medal Award winner was Mrs Bridget Diamond of St Erme with her Hydrangea 1 bloom in container. The Show was held in the new Community Centre with entries from as far away as Redruth and Wadebridge.

The St Cleer Gardening Club summer show was held on 4th August. The CGS Gold Medal was won by Mrs Carolyn Brown with her exhibit of 3 perfect gladioli spikes in the Open Flower Class. Owing to the inclement weather, flower and vegetable entries were fewer this year, but they had more handicraft and cookery. A total of 46 exhibitors and 298 entries.

The 62nd Lerryn Produce Show took place at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 4th August. Entries were slightly down, due to the challenging weather. However, the hall looked a picture thanks to the hard-working committee and, of course, the exhibitors. They were pleased to welcome Mr & Mrs Iain Mackie to open the show and present the prizes. The show has a close relationship with Lerryn School and this year the task for the pupils was to grow broad beans; the winner, Callum Dack, grew 92 beans from his original three seeds. He was presented with the George Keast Memorial Shield which was richly deserved. The Association Cup for most points in the Vegetable classes was presented to Brian Philp as was the CGS Gold medal for the best overall exhibit - a collection of magnificent parsnips; the Penfoye Cup for most points in the flower classes went to Marie Farey and the WI. Cup for most points in the show was awarded to Brian Philp. Thanks were given to everyone who helped to make the annual show such a great success!

Included with your **September Newsletter** will be two Booking Forms:

- 1) **The Christmas Lunch on 8th December.**
- 2) **The Photographic Workshop on 1st November.**

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Chairman's Corner

At last a glimpse of summer. Wonderful to see some wildlife in the garden other than snails and slugs!

I am sure that most of you will now be aware that our past President Alice Boyd was awarded the VMH. It was presented to her by the Countess of Wessex at the RHS Hampton Court Show in July. A truly well deserved award, and many congratulations from all of us. (See below for further details)

One of the prizes at our Show this year was a new Daffodil to be grown by Ron Scamp. Geoff House the winner was presented with a picture of the Daffodil and a bag of its bulbs by Ron on Sunday July 22nd at Ethy House. Geoff is a great daffodil enthusiast and so the prize could not have gone to a better home. (see below for further details)

It is hard to believe that the Lecture season is almost upon us again. As always we have arranged some first class Lecturers and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the various locations.

Andrew Leslie Chairman



THE VICTORIA MEDAL OF HONOUR (VMH)

The Victoria Medal of Honour is awarded to British Horticulturalists resident in the UK whom the Royal Horticultural Society Council considers deserving of special honour by the Society. The award was established in 1867 "In perpetual remembrance of Her Majesty's glorious reign, and to enable the Council to confer Honour on British Horticulturalists". Originally there were only 60 awarded but, after Queen Victoria's death, the Council decided that there could be 63 holders of the award at any one time, being the number of years that Queen Victoria was on the throne. It is truly the most prestigious award and one most richly deserved by Alice Boyd, who has given many years of devoted service to the RHS, serving on the Council as well as on many committees. She continues to be a Judge at all the main RHS Shows. Our heartiest congratulations go to her.

STEREN IS CORNISH STAR Winner of the CGS 100th Spring Flower Show daffodil naming contest:

Geoff House, from Jacobstow, has chosen the Cornish word meaning star as the name for a new daffodil produced by Falmouth-based daffodil expert Ron Scamp. Geoff was visiting the Spring Flower Show when he decided to enter the prize draw marking the event's beginnings as the Daffodil Exhibition. Much to his surprise, he won it - giving him the chance to visit Ron's site near Falmouth, select a bloom and choose an appropriate name. The flower he chose had been 16 years in development and he called it 'Steren' meaning star in Cornish. "It's just right," said Ron Scamp. "Its horticultural classification is in the *Jonquilla* section and bred from the 'Portrush' variety and the species *Narcissus jonquilla*. It has one to three flowers on each stem and is very scented with a flower that opens with greenish tones that fade to greenish white with a yellow centre. It's a very prolific bloomer and in trials has proved to be disease resistant and has a long flowering season."

Geoff, a regular visitor to the CGS Spring Flower Show, was delighted with the opportunity of being able to name such a lovely specimen. "Visiting Ron's site was a fantastic experience and although I had thought of lots of possible names beforehand, the name 'Steren' came to me on the day," he said. "I've often joked that if I won the Lottery I'd like to hold a national plant collection, so perhaps this is the start!" Geoff also intends to commission a botanical painting of the bloom by artist Laura Smith.

'Steren' has been registered with the RHS and a framed copy of the registration certificate, with a colour photograph of the flower, was presented to Geoff by Andrew Leslie, Chair of the Cornwall Garden Society, at Andrew's home: Ethy House.



Ron Scamp Andrew Leslie Debbie Evans Geoff House

Improved Arrangements for Accessing Tours

As you are aware, the CGS seek to provide a number of events and tours each year that improve members' gardening experience and knowledge. The CGS hope is to always make these events accessible to all members, but one aspect that can cause some members a problem is accessing the start (and return) of the long distance Tours lasting several days as the coach pick-up points can be some distance away. Using public transport or your car to reach these pick-up points for a day trip is relatively easy to arrange, but there are significant difficulties on the longer trips for early morning starts in respect of public transport or leaving a car in a 'strange' place for several days.

Therefore, as an experiment, the CGS will seek to support members who need to travel significant distances to the pick-up points. This may include members living in the Lizard, Rame, Bude/Stratton and Roseland areas. Members in these areas should book early in the normal way and, if there is a clear demand from a particular area, a member will be asked to book a taxi to pick-up all members in that area. If arrangements cannot be put in place, then the deposit will be refunded immediately. The CGS tour costs will meet the cost of the taxi, but this will not increase the overall cost to all - with more members joining the Tour, overall there should be additional Tour income over additional expenditure.

These arrangements will be included on the booking form for each tour, but even at this stage it will be of interest to the 'Tour' team if this new arrangement is likely to increase the probability of you joining one of these several day tours in the future. Please let me know this by emailing me at hiddenvalleygardens@yahoo.co.uk or telephoning 01208 873225.

Peter Howard

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Courses in Practical Horticulture at Eden 8 Sept 2012 - 15 June 2013

Do you have green fingers but would like to learn more?

Whether you're a keen amateur, or thinking of a career in horticulture, this series of one-day courses is a great chance to develop your practical gardening skills and knowledge.

The programme of eight one-day practical gardening sessions, now in its fifth year, is taught by the experts in the Eden Horticultural Team. The eight sessions can be enjoyed one by one or taken as a complete course with an assessment for a certificate in practical horticulture, which is offered in conjunction with the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.

To find out more call us on 01726 811972 or visit www.edenproject.com/ciph

Lots of changes at Trenarth

Trenarth already opens for the NGS and has done for over 15 years, raising a considerable amount for charity, and this year over 80 CGS members visited for a Walk & Talk.

Lucie Nottingham would welcome further visitors including groups, so please do make contact if you would like to visit this lovely garden.

Cost £3.50 pp, ample parking, teas available and garden tours. All proceeds to charity.
Contact details: Website: www.trenarthgardens.co.uk
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Horticulture for Hardy Perennials

Become a more confident gardener. Learn in a friendly atmosphere.

Garden visits (mostly free of charge), workshops and specialist plant knowledge (car share transport) All keen gardeners welcome!

Monday 15th October 2012 (Autumn 8 sessions - Stage 1) continuing Monday 7th January 2013 (Spring 8 sessions - Stage 2)

Time - 09.30 - 12.00 (A few visits continue into the afternoon) Tutor - Pat Eaton Dip. Hort. (R.H.S.)

Venue - Woolwell Community Centre, Darklake Lane, Woolwell.

Cost £74.00 per term (no tuition fee for learners on means-tested benefit, low income learners may be eligible to claim some assistance with fee, please ask for details). Further details available from the WEA, The Millfields, Plymouth PL1 3JY Telephone Yvonne on 01752 666265

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Mrs C Allen from Playing Place - Gold Medal Winner at Kea Garden Society Show
Mrs S Toft-Hunt from Kea - Silver Gilt Medal Winner at Kea Garden Society Show
Mr Michael Hicks from Wheal Whedden - Gold Medal Winner at Lelant Annual Produce Show
Mrs B Dymond from St Erme - Gold Medal Winner at St Erme Horticultural Society Show
Mrs C Brown from Botus Fleming - Gold Medal Winner at St Cleer Gardening Club Summer Show.

Mrs S Diamond from St Minver
Mrs P Hubbard from St Just in Roseland
Mr P Navey from London
Mrs S Gartrell from Gonvena Hill, Wadebridge,
(our Prize Draw Winner from Heartlands)

Gardening Notes from Ince Castle

**"Everyone in Cornwall has had an awkward year in the garden
and here are a few notes of what it has been like in the SE corner of the county."**

In February and March we had exceptionally warm and lovely weather and snowdrop viewing took place in unusually mild and sunny conditions. The camellias were early and very good and indeed most of the early spring bulbs flowered very well. Meanwhile drought orders were threatened and indeed, brought in in other parts of the country.



Salvia concolor

However, since early April, dark days and almost constant rain have affected nearly everything. There has been an overall lack of colour and flower, perennials are smaller than usual and many annuals haven't grown at all. *Nicotiana mutabilis* which is a wonderful mid/late summer standby, is half its normal height and many of the other tobacco plants have not grown at all. Our parsley, both in pots and in the ground, has failed completely. All members of the *hydrangeaceae* family have put on tremendous growth but are not flowering well. *Salvias*, which we make a thing of in September, were put out in early June, but have only just begun to grow. Slugs and snails have never had it so good. These last ten days have helped (*late July. Ed.*), but is it too late?

Alice Boyd

Cornwall Garden Society 2013 Early Seasons Tours

The 'Tours Team' has planned two early season tours in 2013.

One tour to Italy in early May and one tour to the Loire Valley/Chaumont Festival in late May.

The tour to Italy, "Ninfa and Gardens outside Rome" is being organised by Charlotte Strutt of Heritage Touring, who led the very successful tour to the French Riviera last year and this September is leading the Hidden Gardens in Wessex tour. The tour will fly to Rome and will stay at Frascati, a small town south of the city on the slopes of the Alban Hills. The four star hotel is set high on the hill overlooking the town in an extraordinary location with amazing view. The gardens are all very different. Some superb formal Italianate gardens of great historic and architectural interest, including a 16th century garden of huge sculpted monsters and other fantasy figures. Others have wonderful Mediterranean planting, tumbling roses and great variety of plant interest. The itinerary is being finalised but is planned to include Villa D'Este, Villa Aldobrandini Frascati, Giardini della Landriana and the Gardens at Ninfa. Bomarzo and Villa Lante near Bagnaia. Two private gardens - Castel Giuliano and the rose garden at Valleranello. The tour dates are 6th - 10th May with a possible second option 13th - 17th May depending on numbers. These tours will be joined by other Heritage Touring garden enthusiasts from elsewhere in the UK. Full details, including possible travel options, expressions of interest and bookings can be made direct with Charlotte Strutt by contacting her now on 01794 342249 or emailing tours@heritagetouring.co.uk.



Ninfa

The tour to the Loire Valley Gardens and Chaumont Festival is being organised by Kirsty Fergusson, who led the exceptional tour to Brittany Gardens this year. It will start on May 23rd (depending on the Brittany Ferry timetable) and have 4 nights in the much-admired and highly recommended Hotel Diderot in the historic town of Chinon. Kirsty is hand-picking a menu of gardens, all introduced by their owners as well as a visit to her favourite French nursery, Plantagenet Plantes, (specialising in perennials) and a day at the internationally renowned

Festival des Jardins at Chaumont-sur-Loire. Once again, leisurely and delicious French lunches will be on the menu too! There will be the opportunity to buy plants, and her friends at Plantagenet Plantes will also arrange a tasting of fine local wines for those interested. In the evening there will be plenty of time to explore Chinon which is packed with delightful cafes and restaurants suiting all tastes and budgets. Details of this tour will be published in December along with the booking form - however, included in the plans to date are: **Chateau de Rivau + lunch with owner, Patricia Laigneau; all day at the International Festival of Gardens at Chaumont sur Loire + lunch; the garden and lunch at Villandry and the rose garden at Priere de St Cosme in Tours.**

You can 'express an interest' in joining the tour now by contacting the Booking Secretary, Mary Hutt on 01872 863735 or emailing her at patfward@btinternet.com.



Villandry