

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, 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

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

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Show Reports in brief

Stoke Climsland Flower Show

On a day, 5th October, that delivered so much Olympic excitement, Stoke Climsland held its own exciting event – the annual Flower Show!

This year's event attracted exhibitors from the village and surrounding areas in a wide range of classes. As ever, the competition was hot and the standards high, the Marquee was full and there was even sun in the sky! Display tables were laden with garden produce, baking and beautiful handicrafts. In some classes entries were down, possibly due to the poor growing conditions, but in others such as photography they were up on previous years.

Additional entertainment was provided by the Launceston Town Band, Emazdad the Magician and special Children's Sports events. Wonderful cream teas were available throughout the afternoon in the Parish hall. There really was something for all the family to enjoy.

In total 37 cups were awarded to the keen competitors presented by this year's presidents Cmdr and Mrs Bill Watson. Notable winners included young Thomas Barriball who won cups for most points, best entry and best vegetables in the under 16 years classes. Jenny Llewellyn also won 3 cups for most points in dairy classes, wine classes and fruit classes. Pat Cox won cups for both her large garden and her vegetable garden, Vivien Colwill won most points in the open floral art classes, Viv Wilmot most points in the pensioners' classes, Jean Philp won most points and best exhibit in open needlework classes and Bonita Lightfoot won most points in both local and open cookery classes. Richard Vulliamy won with the best collection of vegetables, best cider and shared the best wine entry with Stephen Pryor who also won the best beer.

We have pleasure in welcoming, as new members:

Mrs M Farey from Lerryn who was the Silver Gilt Medal winner at the Lerryn Show 2012
Ms L Griffiths from Padstow
Mr A Giblett from St Just in Roseland
Mrs C Hosking from Hayle
Also an especially warm welcome to North Hill Garden Club from Launceston and Helston and District Garden Club from Breage.

Included with your **December Newsletter** will be four Booking Forms:
2 for 2nd March at Kilmarth - Hedge laying and Willow work
1 for 7th February - Walk & Talk - Tregoose and Trewithen Nursery
1 for 23rd-28th May - Loire holiday

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Chairman's Corner

The AGM took place on October 17th and was well attended. We bade farewell to Frances Banham, our President, for the last three years, and I was able to thank her for her considerable contribution to the Society. I am pleased to say that she will remain a Trustee. The meeting then approved the appointment of Michael Galsworthy as our new President. I am delighted that he will also become a Trustee of the Society. Elizabeth Wilton has retired as Secretary of the CGS after 12 years, I was able to thank her for her valuable contribution, and also present her with a Lyn Aldridge painting. We then had a most inspiring lecture from James Hitchmough, the principal planting design and horticultural consultant of the herbaceous vegetation at the 2012 Olympic Park.

I was pleased to be able to announce that we had helped towards financing Bradley Newton, the gardener at Tremeer on a plant-hunting trip to the Sichuan province in China. I am particularly pleased that this opportunity arose, as I feel strongly that this is the direction that our Charitable activities should be channeled. Bradley will be giving a talk to tell us about his trip in the New Year. See inside for further details.

I announced that several of the Cornish Nurseries and Garden Centres had agreed to give CGS members a 10 percent discount on any plant purchases on production of their Membership Card. We have updated our Website which, I hope, will give you all much more information about what the Society is doing. See inside for further details of both of these items.

It is hard to believe that another year is nearly over and what that means, other than the normal Christmas and New Year festivities, is that the 2013 Show is just round the corner. We need volunteers to help, so please, if you know someone who would like to help in whatever capacity please contact Debbie Evans. We appreciate that the cost of travel is an issue and will contribute to the cost of petrol.

The Christmas lunch is on December 8th and I much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Falmouth. For those who cannot attend may I take this opportunity of wishing you a very Happy Christmas and New Year and an excellent gardening year in 2013.

Andrew Leslie Chairman



Michael Galsworthy, owner of Trewithen estate and gardens near Truro, has become the new president of Cornwall Garden Society. (Photo: Cameracraft)

Mr Galsworthy has taken over the presidency from Lady Banham who stood down at the Society's Annual General Meeting after serving her three year term. As owner of one of only thirty gardens in the world to have been officially awarded the title of 'International Camellia Garden of Excellence' and internationally recognised as one of Cornwall's 'great gardens', Mr Galsworthy is well qualified to preside over an organisation that was first established in 1832 as the Royal Horticultural Society of Cornwall, under the patronage of King William IV.

"I am delighted and honoured to be president of one of the most prestigious garden societies in the country," said Mr Galsworthy. "Thanks to its mild climate, Cornwall enjoys a global reputation for the beauty of its gardens – especially in spring when camellias, rhododendrons, magnolias, azaleas and other lovely shrubs and flowers are at their very best. I look forward to attending some of the many events that the CGS holds each year and, of course, to attending its Spring Flower Show at Boconnoc on 6th and 7th April."

The tour to Italy, "Ninfa and Gardens outside Rome" which is being organised by Charlotte Strutt of Heritage Touring in early May 2013 is now fully booked.

It is now too late to 'hold' flights for a second tour next year, but Charlotte intends to run another one hopefully the following year. As usual these tours will be joined by other Heritage Touring garden enthusiasts from elsewhere in the UK. If you wish to receive details of her next Italian tour when they become available please contact Charlotte Strutt direct on 01794 342249 or by emailing tours@heritagetouring.co.uk.



Bradley Newton's trip to China

Thanks to generous sponsorship from the CGS, Head Gardener Bradley Newton travelled through China for ten days following in the footsteps of famous British plant-hunters Ernest 'Chinese' Wilson and Joseph Dalton Hooker. His travelling companions included Ken Cox, a world expert on rhododendrons and azealas and William Campbell, Hon. Sec. of the Scottish Rhododendron Society. Their destination being Chengdu in Sichuan Province they had hopes of finding Rhododendron williamsianum - which has only ever been found once in the wild and from which all known plants of that type originate - and other rhododendron species. Before he left, Bradley said: "We're going to be staying in hotels, hostels and even a monastery and we're being accompanied by a Taiwanese guide and two drivers. Seeing rhododendrons in their natural habitat will be an incredible experience. I'll be doing lectures about the trip when I return".

**Bradley will be giving two lectures as follows: March 6th at 7.30 p.m. at the Falmouth Hotel. TR11 4NZ
March 7th at 2.30 p.m. at Eagle House Hotel, Launceston. PL15 8BA**

Can You Help?

Next February, the 11th – 16th, the CGS will be putting on a display at the Cornwall Centre, Alma Place, Redruth, in the Clarence John Langman Room, to publicise the Spring Flower Show at Boconnoc.

Using, as the base, the Show History material that formed the exhibit at the 100th Show in 2012, it is hoped to attract both visitors and new exhibitors to the Show. The display will need to be manned throughout the week, so we need help; offers from members are invited for either a morning or afternoon session. (Redruth has very affordable car parking – at present £1 for three hours, just around the corner in the old cattle market). This is an apt venue as much of the research for the History was done in the Cornish Studies Library held there.



If you failed to see the display portraying the 100 years of the Show, it will be a chance for you to come and read all about it.

Offers of help for staging and dismantling as well as the daily manning to Pat Ward please Tel: 01872 863 300 or Email: patward@btinternet.com Full details of the opening times etc. will be in the next Newsletter.

(left) Pat Ward with a photograph of the first Show held in 1897.

New CGS website

www.cornwallgardensociety.org.uk

The Cornwall Garden Society has launched a new website which features handy hints and tips for local gardeners - as well as county-wide gardening news, features, events listings and gardens to visit. There are also details about the Society's Spring Flower Show at Boconnoc on 6th and 7th April and information about CGS membership which costs as little as £15 a year.

The new site has been developed by Newquay-based Buzz Interactive, working in conjunction with Sue Bradbury, from Sue Bradbury PR. "We wanted to achieve a fresh, clean look and to make it as easy as possible for visitors to navigate the site," said Sue. "We also wanted to create a gardening resource for Cornwall that would prove genuinely helpful to everyone - from green-fingered experts to passionate amateurs, curious novices, families and children.

"A lot of nurseries and gardens in the county offer discounts to CGS members and they are listed on the site - as are some of the wonderful gardens that are open to the public. With links to Twitter and Facebook, we are keen to encourage interaction and to grow the site over the coming months."



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Want to know what sort of trees to grow in a small garden, catch up on Cornwall's latest gardening news or discover new places to visit? If so, have a look at our new website.

With handy topical tips and hints, event listings and full details of the Society's Spring Flower Show at Boconnoc, there is plenty to keep green-fingered enthusiasts in the county interested.

For example, did you know that, if you become a CGS member (at the very cost effective price of just £15 a year), you can get discounts at a large number of nurseries and garden centres? They are all listed on the site. There's also a featured member page which focuses on individuals with particular gardening expertise and links to the Society's Facebook and Twitter feed.

There is a link to the Society's new Christmas Gift Membership card (see below) which provides the answer as to what to give as a Christmas gift to those gardeners who already have a shed full of tools but can still learn much from visiting gardens on Walks & Talks, joining garden themed holidays, meeting other enthusiastic gardeners to exchange tips and ideas, as well as receiving the annual CGS Journal and quarterly Newsletters.

These nurseries have offered a discount on plant sales for CGS members.

Please note that you must present a valid CGS membership card in order to claim the discount. Unless otherwise stated the discount offered is 10% and the nurseries reserve the right not to offer discount on sale items, special offers and sales at shows, markets etc.

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Cornwall TR11 5PL
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Calamazag Nursery

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Cornwall PL14 4NN
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www.bodminnursery.co.uk

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ProperPlants.com

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Cornwall PL22 0JD
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www.properplants.com

R A Scamp Daffodils

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Treseders Nursery

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Trewhithen Garden Plant Centre

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Cornwall Garden Society Christmas Gift Membership

The new CGS Christmas card brings not only seasonal greetings, but also CGS membership for one year.

This card has been produced by Marion Barker as an easy way for you to give a gift membership to your friends so that they too can enjoy all the benefits of CGS membership which are described in the card.

For full details and to order your cards, please contact Marion Barker, Membership Secretary, Cargoll Cottage, St Newlyn East Newquay, Cornwall TR8 5LA. Tel: 01872 510402 E-mail: marionfbarker@hotmail.com



Newlyn Art Gallery competes in ground-breaking new fundraising challenge

Ten charities from across England - including Newlyn Art Gallery - are competing to engage their communities and supporters in a new form of fundraising. The Crowdfunding Challenge, which runs until 25th November, pits ten very different organisations against each other to learn, experiment and raise money from crowdfunding. Although this date will have passed by the time this Newsletter is in print, the project will continue into 2013.

The project for Newlyn includes transforming the muddy environment around the gallery into a community garden with shady paved entrance with bespoke seating, cycle rack and disabled parking. There will also be a family friendly soft landscaped garden and a colour garden outdoor classroom. "We want to create a welcoming community recreational space that will allow the gallery to spill outside and invite people to come in," says Simon Jaques, the gallery's Operations Officer.

Patrick Gale, Cornish writer and friend of the gallery, says: If you love art, Newlyn, gardening or simply the principle of public parks, do please lend your support to the Newlyn Art Garden project.

Updates and learning from the challenge will be available via the National Council for Voluntary Organisations website: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk. The organisation that demonstrates the most learning and sharing during the challenge will be awarded a £1000 prize.



Photo: Simon Cook