

The Barn House cont'd.

In addition, the newly restored Tudor Guild House beside the church, distinguished by being in continuous community use since it was built in the 1540's, can be viewed on the day. This building recently won the Europa Nostra Prix award for Cultural Heritage and Restoration'

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Add Tuesday 3rd December 7.30pm
Falmouth Hotel, Beach Road, Falmouth
Lecture by Christine Walkden on "Diversity of Alpines"

Wednesday December 4th 2.30pm
Shire House Suite, Bodmin
Lecture by Christine Walkden
"How to grow 2000 plants in a 20 x 30 foot garden"

Christine Walkden is a lifelong gardener starting when she was only 10.

She is a television presenter and hosted her own show "Christine's Garden" on BBC for many years. She is a lecturer, writer and also a Gardener's Question Time panellist.'

The AGM will now be held on Tuesday 15th October 2013 at 7.00pm at **Brannel School, St Stephens, PL26 7RN** instead of in The Keay Theatre in St Austell. This will be followed by a lecture entitled "Creating a Life-rich garden" by Nigel Colborn.

We have pleasure in welcoming, as new members:

Churchtown Plant and Herb Society from Pulval as an Affiliated Society.
Plantgenius from Golant Enys Gardens from Penryn

Mr J Roberts from Launceston	Mr and Mrs Gould from Grampound
Mrs Davies of Plymouth	Mr Pearce of Launceston
Ms Dawson from St Austell	Mr Lovie from Liskeard
Dr Fergusson from St Buryan	Mrs Boyt of Camelford
Mrs Gadd from Par	Mrs Willoughby from Kingsand
Mr and Mrs Keers of St Agnes	Mrs Heather of Feock
Mrs Phillips of London	Mrs Gladwell from St Hilary
Mrs Rennis from Penzance	Mr Charnley from Hayle

Coach Tours - Using your own Transport

We are aware that a number of members have been keen to join the Coach outings but find travelling on a coach is very difficult. If this is the case with yourself, the bookings forms will in future include a note to ring the outing organiser to discuss the possibility using your own transport arrangements and the appropriate cost of the outing.

Dates for your diary:

The early Rhododendron, Magnolia and Camellia Show is this year being held at Rosemoor on March 16th & 17th. The CGS will be in attendance with a stall, so please call by and say "Hello".

Also the West Cornwall Spring Show is to be held on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th March at St. John's Hall in Penzance.

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Included with your **March Newsletter** will be nine Booking Forms:

- 1) 6th April - Spring Flower Show Coach
- 2) 17th April - Sherwood House, Crediton and Knightshayes Court.
- 3) 25th April - Tregrehan House, Par, St Austell
- 4) 16th May - Penheale Manor, Launceston & The Barn House, near Poundstock
- 5) 18th June - Rowden House and Rowden Gardens, Brentor
- 6) 28th June - Cadhay House and Gardens, Bickham House and Cottage Garden
- 7) 4th July - Treadreva and Bucks Head House, Constantine
- 8) 10th July - Cothay Manor & Garden and Holcombe Court Garden
- 9) 23rd September - Three Counties Show, Malvern

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Chairman's Corner

In spite of the ghastly winter weather, preparations are well underway for our **101st Spring Show**. We are delighted that Roy Lancaster O.B.E. will be joining us to judge Trees & Shrubs and the Plantsman Award and he will be formally opening the Show on Saturday morning. Pat Ward will have another fascinating exhibition on display giving the history of the main classes in the competitive sections and how those plants came to be growing in our gardens.

As always a plea for more volunteers to help, not only during the Show, but also in the build-up. It is so important to have as many Stewards as possible in order to continue to make the Show the wonderful event it has become. If you know someone who would like to volunteer please contact Alison Voelcker on 01726 812432 or alison-voelcker@green-bough.com. All volunteers are given free entry into the Show and we can offer mileage expenses to those helping during the build-up week. To further encourage you, all volunteers are invited to a 'Thank You' party in May which this year will be held in the garden here at Ethy.

Our new website www.cornwallgardensociety.org.uk has proved a great success with several enquiries from prospective new members, some of whom have already joined.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the list of nurseries offering discounts to CGS members as this increases to grow, see next page.

A new feature in this Newsletter is a Seasonal Report by a Head Gardener from one of the major Cornish gardens. We begin with Darren Dickey's report from Trebah Gardens, typically upbeat and providing several timely tips.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Show.

Andrew Leslie Chairman

*CGS Website*

We hope you have been able to visit the new look website www.cornwallgardensociety.org.uk. In order to keep it interesting and up to date, we invite members to submit their own gardening hints and tips. We would also like to feature members of the society who have interesting gardens or particular areas of knowledge that can be shared with others. If you would be willing to be featured (or would like to nominate someone else) please contact Debbie Evans on 01209 714488 or email showdirector@cornwallflowershow.co.uk

Last year we saw how the Olympic Games benefited from the contribution of the Games Makers. The success of the Spring Flower Show is similarly dependent on the support of the volunteers who help with setting up and stewarding, so may I repeat Andrew's message to encourage as many volunteers as possible. In particular, we could do with some more young carpenters to help construct the staging.

Debbie Evans Show Director

Change of venue for AGM 2013:

Please note that the AGM this year will be held on Tuesday 15th October at Brannel School, St Stephens, PL26 7RN instead of The Keay Theatre in St Austell.

On the back of this Newsletter is an errata sheet which you can cut out and keep in your 2013 Programme booklet, which details a number of other alterations to the original booklet.

Lectures

Lectures are free to members, and no booking is needed

Bradley Newton "My trip to China"

Wednesday March 6th, 7.30pm: Falmouth Hotel, Falmouth TR11 4NZ

Thursday March 7th, 2.30pm: Eagle House Hotel, Launceston PL15 8BA

In November last year, Bradley went on a plant hunting trip to Sichuan Province, China, with renowned rhododendron expert Ken Cox. The trip was partially financed by CGS. He will show slides of some of the sights he saw, and talk about the plants they found – not just rhododendron, but everything from gentians, to rubus to sorbus. At the March 7th lecture there will be an opportunity to buy plants from Dick Fulcher including species rhododendron from his 2010 plant hunting trip to Arunachel Pradesh.



Gentiana sp Xi Qui NW Muli
© Bradley Newton

Chris Bailes "Hardy Orchids"

Thursday March 21st, 7.30pm: Falmouth Hotel, Falmouth.

Chris was Curator of RHS Rosemoor for 22 years from its inception as an RHS garden; Rosemoor is holder of a National Collection of Hollies. He is now Curator of the Chelsea Physic Garden. He is an erstwhile Supervisor of Orchids at Kew and manager of the Eric Young Orchid Foundation in Jersey, and the author of "Hollies for Gardeners". He is a member of the RHS Orchid Committee.

"Hollies"

Friday March 22nd, 2.30pm: Lanreath Village Hall, nr. East Taphouse



Charles Williams
© Jim Gardiner

2013 Lectures by Charles Williams at Caerhays and Burncoose

The National Magnolia Collection - RHS recommended lecture at Caerhays Castle.

Friday 15th March 2013 www.caerhays.co.uk

Gardening in Coastal and Windswept Locations - RHS recommended lecture at Burncoose Nurseries.

Friday 5th April 2013 www.burncoose.co.uk

New Plantings and Restoration of Old Park Wood - RHS recommended lecture at Caerhays Castle.

Friday 12th April 2013 www.caerhays.co.uk

Glorious Hydrangeas - RHS recommended lecture at Burncoose Nurseries.

Friday 19th July 2013 www.burncoose.co.uk

Caerhays Castle Gardens are open from February 18th - 16th June 2013
Castle open for guided tours from 11th March - 31st May
Open day at The Vein 2nd March

Caerhays Summer Fete - Sunday 16th June
Cambridge Touring Company - Treasure Island
- Saturday 10th August

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.

Ashridge Trees

5% on online purchases - use discount code EDEBCGSS
www.ashridgetrees.co.uk

Hidden Valley Gardens

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Surreal Succulents

10% on online purchases - use discount code CGS

Calamazag Nursery

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www.duchyofcornwallnursery.co.uk

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www.bodminnursery.co.uk

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www.thebonsainursery.com

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www.pinslagarden.net

Treseders Nursery

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Tel: 01208 832234
www.treseders.co.uk

R A Scamp Daffodils

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Trevena Cross Nurseries

Breage, Helston
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Tel: 01736 763880
www.trevenacross.co.uk

Coach travel to the Spring Flower Show

Urgent! The Society has organised a minibus/coach to the Show from Penzance on Saturday 6th April. It will travel to Truro via Helston. The booking form was with the January mailout and another is included in this mailout. If you want to use it, please let Mary Hutt (01872 863735) know as soon as possible.

CGS Special: Primrose Week at Hidden Valley Gardens



© Hidden Valley Gardens

Cornwall Garden Society members are invited, free of charge, to see our new primrose beds at Hidden Valley Gardens, as well as tour the rest of the garden from Thursday 11th April to Monday 15th April, 10am to 6pm.

Recently we have created an enclosed area fenced by hazel hurdles in a damp shady corner at the bottom of our garden with two large granite stone pillars marking the entrance. Here we have planted many varieties of old and new primroses. Some have been grown from seed from the famous Barnhaven strains. This seed is now produced in France by a dedicated team and are very special, with an old-fashioned character, and diversity of subtle colouring, fragrance, and hardiness.

To complement the primroses, the enclosure has been planted with ferns, box and pulmonarias. Tea, coffee and home-made cakes will be available as well as plants for sale. Dogs on lead are welcome.

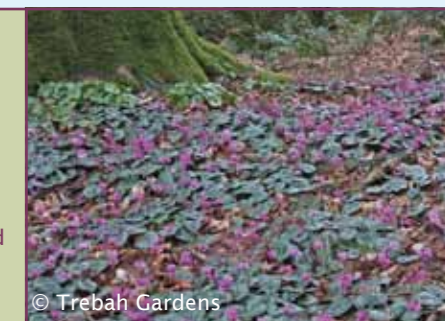
Directions: From A390 between St Austell and Lostwithiel, turn onto the B3269 towards Fowey, then right after 200 yards following the signs for 2 miles.

Tricia Howard 01208 873225 www.hiddenvalleygardens.co.uk

Head Gardener's Seasonal Report by Darren Dickey

As we head out of Winter's grip it is always an exciting time in the garden. The first signs of spring are eagerly breaking cover and showing through.

Over the last 5 years at Trebah we have been extending the flowering range including many early flowering bulbs and corms including cyclamen, snowdrops and crocus. These can give great effect and can be planted under deciduous trees such as beech where other plants would otherwise struggle to survive (see image).



© Trebah Gardens

Jobs for the spring at Trebah include maintaining the large collection of bamboo. Although people think you simply plant them and leave them, that is not the case. You can greatly improve the condition of a clump of bamboo by thinning out the weak and dead canes in early April. This is then followed by a feed with a high nitrogen fertilizer (best applied just before rain to help wash it in) and then a good mulched layer of garden compost. Don't forget that when choosing bamboo, it is always best to do some research as there are some very invasive species and cultivars that will take over your garden and next door's very quickly.

ERRATA SHEET FOR INCLUSION IN 2013 PROGRAMME
PLEASE CUT OUT AND KEEP IN YOUR BOOKLET

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Delete all reference to General Secretary
Delete Mr JWH Graham
Delete Mrs JH Foster

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Amend Elizabeth Wilton's email address to:
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Amend Caroline Rucker's email address to:
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After entry for Wednesday 6th March add

Bradley Newton, head gardener at Tremeer, was invited to join a small team of horticultural experts on an expedition to study flowering shrubs in their native habitats in Sichuan province in China. Cornwall Garden Society sponsored Bradley's place on the trip. He travelled with Ken Cox who visited us last year when he lectured on Rhododendrons and Azaleas. This will be a chance to hear about Bradley's trip and to see his photos.

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Amend date to Thursday 25th April

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Add the additional information regarding a second garden: 'In the afternoon we will visit The Barn House, near Poundstock where the Dingles have created a colourful and varied garden, above the cliffs in the teeth of a salt wind. Herbaceous border, prairie bed, patio area, pond and vegetable garden thrive, as do a variety of plants and shrubs. Beautiful views, a flower meadow and wooded valley add to the experience.

P.T.O.

Cornwall's Spring Story 2013

The Great Gardens are working on a new campaign called Cornwall's Spring Story to raise awareness that spring arrives in February or March in Cornwall rather than April/May. This will be achieved by monitoring when six champion magnolia trees flower at six of the Great Gardens of Cornwall. The gardens will be tweeting photos and progress. They will declare the beginning of spring as being when three of the six each have fifty blooms. The Great Gardens have now set up a special webpage at www.greatgardensofcornwall.co.uk/springstory where you can follow their progress

The campaign is being run in conjunction with the Nare Hotel who are providing the competition prize this year.