YEALM GARDENS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER 2015

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SUBSCRIPTION: £8 per annum. Visitors are always welcome at any meeting at a charge of £3.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2015:

All meetings will be held at the W.I.C. Hall, Newton Ferrers at 7pm for 7.30pm.

<u>Tuesday 27th January</u> - Caradoc Doy "Charles Darwin and His Famous Plants". Caradoc has a passion for plants, a keen interest in landscape and gardens, plant conservation, and has been a professional horticulturalist for many years. He is a leading authority on the history of the Veitch Nurseries and their plant hunters. His talk is about the scientific discoveries following the voyage of "The Beagle" which set sail from Plymouth in 1831.

<u>Tuesday 24th February</u> - Martyn Pepper from Coleton Fishacre "Twelve months at Coleton Fishacre". As Head Gardener, Martyn has been tasked with reframing the lost sea views so admired by the D'Oyly Carte family, along with the continuing development of the borders, historical trees and shrubs.

<u>Tuesday 31st March</u> - Claire Woodbine from Pinsla Garden and Nursery "Gardening with Nature". Claire is an artist, plants woman, expert gardener and owner of Pinsla Nursery. Her two acre peaceful Cornish cottage garden is a photographer's dream, joyfully unconventional and surrounded by mature trees. Her talk is about gardening in tune with nature and making a tranquil garden and wildlife haven.

<u>Tuesday 28th April</u> - Jim Stephens "Camellias and Magnolias". With a wealth of knowledge, Jim has developed a particular love for Camellias and Magnolias, which he has been growing and photographing for over 20 years, and he will be sharing these images and his knowledge with us.

Saturday 9th May - Plant Sale & Coffee Morning: 10am - 11.30am at Village Hall, Noss Mayo

<u>Tuesday 30th June</u> - Ken Thompson, Saturday Telegraph Journalist "Modern Gardening Myths - Growing Superfoods, Companion Planting, etc". A plant biologist, writer and independent speaker, with a keen interest in the science of gardening, Dr Ken Thompson recently retired as Senior Research Fellow and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of Sheffield. He lectures extensively and is the author of several gardening books as well as being a regular contributor to the Weekend Telegraph. His talk will be followed by Wine and Nibbles.

Saturday 25th July - Annual Flower & Produce Show: 2.30pm - 4pm at Village Hall, Noss Mayo

<u>Tuesday 29th September</u> - Sam Westcott "Approaching Garden Design from Scratch". Sam is a qualified landscape and design consultant offering ideas for transforming an outdoor space into something really special.

<u>Tuesday 27th October</u> - AGM followed by a talk by Steve Eyre "Nerines – hardy and tender". Steve is the Head Gardener at Bickham House at Kenn. He is spellbound by Nerines and he has established a National Collection for Plant Heritage. He will give a short talk and bring a selection of Nerines which will be in flower. The meeting will be followed by Wine and Nibbles.

<u>Tuesday 24th November</u> – Todd Gray "The Art of the Devon Garden – Devon Gardens and Landscapes from 1200". Awarded an MBE in 2014 for services to Devon's heritage, Todd has written widely on this subject, publishing over 40 works and his talk traces Devon's garden history through eight centuries.

<u>CAR SHARING VISITS</u>: Visits to some of the following gardens are proposed during 2015, depending on popularity: Pinsla Gardens & Nursery, Cardinham Woods, Nr Bodmin; Endsleigh Hotel and Garden, Milton Abbot; Devon Pond Plants at East Allington; Port Eliot House and Gardens, Nr St Germans; and a private garden at Aveton Gifford.

<u>RHS JOURNAL "THE GARDEN"</u> - Contact any Committee Member if you would like to be added to the circulation list.

<u>DISCOUNTS</u> - The following Nurseries have offered a 10% discount to Members for sales over £10: Fordbrook Nurseries, Brixton Torr; Sunridge Nurseries, Worston, Yealmpton and Pounsley Plants, Brixton. You must present your Membership Card to qualify for this discount.

THE COMMITTEE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND PRODUCTIVE GARDENING YEAR AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT MANY EVENTS DURING 2015