

## YEALM GARDENS SOCIETY 2013 NEWSLETTER

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

**Mr. Roy Fenner, Mrs. Shirley Fleming, Mr. Neil Harris, Mrs. Judith Jones,  
Mrs. Gabrielle Service**

### MEETINGS & EVENTS 2013

**Speaker meetings take place at the W.I.C. Hall, Newton Ferrers 7.00 for 7.30pm on the last TUESDAY of each month. Annual Subscription £8.00. Visitors are most welcome to attend all meetings for which there is a charge of £3.00.**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – ‘Garden Design: A new way of looking.** **Charlotte Rathbone** of Rathbone Partnership is a landscape architect whose practice is based in Modbury. She has taken on an amazing spread of projects in this country and overseas including parks, university campus landscapes, residential schemes and numerous private gardens in Devon and Cornwall. She has recently worked on two community projects in Totnes: the Leechwell Garden and Heaths Garden. Many of her designs have been inspired by Dartington and examples of these will be discussed in her talk.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – ‘Gardening made easier’.** This is a welcome return visit from **Simon Nicholls** of **Endsleigh Garden Centre**. He proved to be a fund of knowledge when he was a our Gardeners’ Question Time expert a few years ago. He is going to give us hot tips on how to garden more effectively with less stress!

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - ‘Rediscovering Overbecks’** Cat Saunders is the head gardener of the National Trust Gardens, Overbecks near Salcombe. She started her professional life as an archaeologist before retraining in horticulture. She has travelled widely and was particularly inspired by the incredible plants of the Himalayas. She has looked after large private gardens and worked at Knightshayes Court as senior gardener before taking up her post at Overbecks – a garden she first fell in love with on a visit with her parents as a teenager. Be preapred to meet an incredible enthusiast.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – ‘Thorn House. The transplanted garden: a botantical miracle’.** **Eva and Karl Gibson** will take us on an historical journey through the remarkable garden that surrounds their home, Thorn House, near Wembury. Some of us were lucky enough to have a guided tour of the garden in 2012. The ‘transplanted’ part of the story is that in 1920 the house was sold to William Arkwright, a descendant of Richard Arkwright who had made a fortune in cotton spinning. He sold his property, Sutton Scarsdale Hall in Derbyshire and moved to Thorn in Wembury. He embarked on a major programme of garden development, laying out terraces and formal grounds in imitation of those at Sutton Scarsdale. The gardens were developed to such an extent that they were reputed to be the richest in Devonshire. These lasting contributions were further enhanced by the next owner, the Hon. Mrs Ida Marie Sebag-Montefiore. Eva and her family have continued to enhance this stunning garden with its enviable position overlooking the Yealm. We’d love a return visit!

**Saturday May – Plant Sale 10.00 – 11.30 Village Hall, Noss Mayo**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – ‘Husbandry: Practice and Principles’ Carole and Jonty Williams** started the **Husbandry School** at Bickington near Ashburton five years ago. It is the first of its kind. Their 50 acre plus farm is an educational resource for adults and children. In his youth, Jonty worked for Walter, a traditional Blackdown Hills farmer, and came across the notion of husbandry in Walter’s journals. Husbandry had been taught on farms in Devon as formal apprenticeships since the 1800s. The Williams hope to revive the practice which is necessarily unique to each locality as it embraces different traditions, soil types etc. They are working with local schools and colleges and taking on apprentices. Apart from caring for livestock they grow heritage varieties of vegetables and have started a local meat and veg box scheme. It sounds like an interesting place to visit.

**Saturday July – Flower and Produce Show 2.30 - 4pm Village Hall, Noss Mayo**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – ‘The Garden House: Past, Present and Future.’** David Miles has a long history with the Garden House. When Lionel Fortescue first bought the Garden House in 1945 he asked David’s father to come with him to Devon to help create a new garden. David arrived as a small boy and saw at first hand the growth of this iconic garden - described by some as the most beautiful in England. Inspired by growing up in such a rich environment David has had a lifetime career in horticulture. In retirement he is a trustee of the Garden House where he mentors students and serves on the Gardens Committee which gives horticultural advice to the Trustees. What a privilege to have access to this a unique vision of a much loved garden.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October AGM** followed by an illustrated talk, then wine and nibbles

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – ‘Herbaceous Perennials’. Chris Birchall’s Tale Valley Nursery** is located in a stunning location in the Tale Valley between Cullompton and Honiton. With his wife Lorraine he produces an ever increasing range of alpines, bulbs, herbaceous woodland plants and ferns. They grow a selection of winter and summer growing South African bulbs, specialising in Rhodohypoxis and x Rhodoxis to which they were granted National Collection status in 2007. They describe themselves as a young, small, specialist nursery and have 20 years experience in various aspects of horticulture, working with and raising plants of distinction with a high regard for customer care.

#### **RHS JOURNAL ‘THE GARDEN’**

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Minimum purchase of £10.00

**THE COMMITTEE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY & PRODUCTIVE GARDENING YEAR  
AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN JANUARY 2013**

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