

YEALM GARDENS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER 2014

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Roy Fenner, Sarah Green, Neil Harris,
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SUBSCRIPTION: £8 per annum. Visitors are always welcome at any meeting at a charge of £3.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2014:

January and February meetings will be held in the W.I.C. Hall Newton Ferrers at 7pm for 7.30pm, but due to building works there, from March onwards meetings will be held at the same time at Newton and Noss Village Hall, Noss Mayo.

Tuesday 28th January - Caradoc Doy "Plant Hunters and Pioneers." The Story of the Vietch Nurseries of Exeter and Chelsea. Caradoc is an accomplished horticulturalist with a passion for plants and a keen interest in landscape and plant and garden history. He has undertaken a variety of projects from planning major plant marketing campaigns to preparing plant-based exhibitions. He will be giving us his acclaimed talk on plant hunters and pioneers who have had such a profound influence on how we all garden today.

Tuesday 25th February -(Change from scheduled talk 'Plant Hunting in Nepal') **Mike Stephens** "A Wonderful Winter Garden" He will give advice and inspiration on planting and creating a winter garden. His garden, Coombegate Cottage in St Ive, Cornwall, opens under the National Gardens scheme.

Tuesday 25th March - Sarah Chesters "Rosemoor Through the Seasons." Sarah is the Education and Learning Manager at RHS Rosemoor and award winning broadcaster. After a successful career in fashion she studied horticulture at Kew and has worked at Rosemoor since 2000. She manages a wide variety of projects including exhibitions and RHS tours to far flung places. She also organises curricular events for 5700 school children a year. You will find her every Sunday morning on BBC Radio Devon 'In the Potting Shed' with Pippa Quelch. **Meeting followed by Wine and Nibbles.**

Tuesday 29th April - Chris Trimmer "Plant Conservation in the National Trust." Chris was tasked with finding a new base for the National Trust's Plant Conservation Centre when plant disease threatened its original site. It is in a secret location somewhere in Devon in a complex built to ensure the survival of rare and endangered species threatened from disease, global warming, unsympathetic farming practices, plant thieves and the trampling of careless animals and humans. Chris will give us fascinating insights into the work of one of the National Trust's most important properties - albeit one that we will never be allowed to visit.

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

Tuesday 24th June - Katherine (Katy) Ross "The Gardens at Dartington Hall." Katy has been a professional gardener for five years but she started out as a long term volunteer at Castle Drogo with, she says, the best address - the North Tower of the castle - and wonderful professional training. She now works in the gardens of Dartington Hall with a great team of professional gardeners and volunteers. She feels it is a privilege to work in such beautiful and peaceful surroundings that have been an inspiration to so many other gardeners over the years.

Saturday 26th July - Annual Flower & Produce Show: 2.30pm - 4pm Village Hall, Noss Mayo

Tuesday 30th September - Mark Wash "Bulbs Throughout The Year." Trecanna Nursery is a family run business owned by Mark and his wife Karen. It is set on the Cornish slopes of the Tamar Valley and specialises in unusual bulbs and perennials, Crocosmias and other South African plants and Sempervivums. This is a welcome return visit by Mark who will inspire us with his depth of knowledge and exciting ideas on planting with bulbs.

Tuesday 28th October - AGM followed by an illustrated talk, then Wine and Nibbles.

Tuesday 25th November - John Rippin "The Garden at Castle Drogo." John is the relatively new Head Gardener at Castle Drogo and his mission is to improve the horticultural standards and raise the profile of this incredibly ambitious and dramatic garden on the top of Dartmoor. Previously he worked at Hidcote Manor, Heale House and The Hillier Gardens. He says he will never be bored with gardening work as it deals with both art and science and he relishes the physical and mental well being that it promotes.

CAR SHARING VISITS: Visits to the following gardens are proposed during the year, Coombe Trenchard House and Garden - 24th April; Wildside- 5th June; Cadhay- 4th July; Highcroft Gardens- 31st July.

SCHOOL PROJECTS: More volunteers are needed to help with the Newton Ferrers Primary School allotment garden project. If you can spare some time to assist with this (even on an ad hoc basis for a couple of hours) please contact Roy Fenner or any Committee Member.

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

DISCOUNTS - 10% Discount is available for purchases over £10 on the production of your Membership Card at: Fordbrook Nurseries, Brixton Torr; Sunridge Nurseries, Worston, Yealmpton and Pounsley Plants, Brixton.

**THE COMMITTEE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND PRODUCTIVE GARDENING YEAR AND
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT MANY EVENTS DURING 2014**