

FRIENDS OF MORRAB GARDENS

NEWSLETTER

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A burst of colour to welcome warmer days

Two nurseries very kindly donated 1000's of daffodil bulbs. These were planted in the Autumn by volunteers to give a lovely burst of yellow in the Springtime. Huge thanks to Fentongollan, Penkivell, nr Truro and Burncoose Nurseries, Gwennap, Redruth.



The nursery area now has a new 18ft greenhouse funded by the Friends of Morrab Gardens, so that more plants can be propagated and seeds of special varieties can be raised. Some of these include seeds brought back from foreign climes like New Zealand and S. Africa.



The new Children's Learning Zone by the lower pond, is finished. Created by Joe (Head Gardener), Gary (Gardener), Jamie (Apprentice) and Linda (Volunteer) it provides a safe learning zone for children who love to see first-hand all the different wild beasts in their natural habitat.

The Xmas Foliage sale and Foliage Garland workshop, was a great morning and more funds were raised. Many thanks to everyone who came along and supported us.



Stables Update: The Hypatia Trust who are leading this fantastic renovation project, with committed support from the Friends of Morrab Gardens, is submitting its first bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The outlook is positive so fingers crossed the first stage of the bid process is successful. We will update you on the situation in our next newsletter.

Events for 2017

- **Fri 7 April – Coffee morning at Alan's (3 St Mary's Place, Penzance) 11 am. Raffle prize is a lovely Silver Tiffany bracelet. Why not Bring a Friend.**
- **Sat 29 April at 10.30am at Morrab Library - Gardeners' Question Time – Not to be missed! With Our expert panelists Joe Palmese (Head Gardener at Morrab Gardens) and Michael Snellgrove (Expert Horticultural Consultant) Questions for the panel to be submitted in advance to Rosie Hughes (Chair of Friends of Morrab Gardens contact details below). Free admission, but donations welcome. Coffee and cakes too!**
- **Sat 20 May – Grand Spring Plant Sale 10am to 12pm outside the old stables by Morrab Library. Lots of fantastic plants, many of a sub-tropical nature. Come early for the best choice.**
- **Wed 17 May – Photography "Flowers up Close" by Tony Mills Professional Photographer. 10 am. Meet outside Morrab Library. Learn how to take amazing photos of plants and flowers to show your friends and family.**
- **Sat 24 June – Mazey Day in Morrab Gardens. Volunteers needed to help man the membership and raffle stalls. There will also be a plant and bric a brac stall although the main plant sale will be 20 May. If you can donate any bric a brac please bring it on the day.**
- **16 July – Morrab Garden Summer Party, 'Bring and Share', in the Bandstand. Music and singing.**
- **September – Talk and Filmshow on Cornish Butterflies, and a visit to another garden. Details to follow.**

Please let us know of all your ideas and suggestions for the garden. Whilst we love it as it is, we are always on the lookout for ideas to improve it and make it even better! Contact emails below or you can write down your ideas and hand them in to Joe, the Head Gardener or one of the volunteers working in the garden.



We are now on Facebook too!
and our website address is www.morrabgardens.org

If you have any photos of the garden that you would like to share please email to Tony Mills who will put them on our Facebook page. For snippets to go in our Newsletters please email to Jackie Mace.
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