



FRIENDS OF MORRAB GARDENS

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Newsletter 2018



NEW GREENHOUSE

May saw the official Opening of the new Greenhouse and **Grand Spring Plant Sale**. Special thanks to Linda Sinclair and Michael Snellgrove who raised the plants and thank you to everyone who came along and bought plants.

MAZEY DAY SUMMER FETE

This was another opportunity for us to sell some more plants, and our popular Bric a Brac stall did extremely well. This stall is always somewhat a bit of a "Let's put it out and See" as Jane and Rita are never sure what will sell, but each year people enjoy rooting around at all the "stuff" and after parting with their cash, go off with something interesting.

Jane Scott has also had her own Bric a Brac stall by her garden gate every few weeks or so and sold more goodies to people passing by.

The Raffle was a big success too, so many thanks to everyone who helped on this stall and for the raffle prizes and huge thanks to all the volunteers who signed up new members and told people about the Friends of Morrab Gardens, what they do and how they support the gardens.

FRESH HOMEGROWN TOMATOES

A variety of tomatoes were grown in the greenhouse (purchased last year by the Friends) and were on sale throughout August. You just can't beat the smell and taste of freshly picked homegrown tomatoes.

GARDEN COMPETITION

The gardens were judged in mid-August by SW in Bloom judge Michael Foy in the *It's Your Neighbourhood Awards*.



The gardens were looking superb and Michael was very impressed with the neatness and tidiness of the gardens (particularly as nobody knew he was coming!!) as well as the unusual plant

specimens. He spent a very enjoyable hour looking around the gardens and thought the nursery set up was fantastic. He said the volunteers were amazing and clearly showed their passion for the garden in all that they do to make it so wonderful.

The Gardeners' House project was explained to him and he wished everyone involved the best of luck in bringing the long-awaited project to fruition. Mr Foy said that Morrab Gardens had been selected as one of the top 10 best public gardens in the country.



U3A GARDEN TOUR

Members of the University of the Third Age (U3A) and FoMG enjoyed a very interesting tour of Morrab Gardens on Friday 13 July.

Head Gardener, Joe Palmese led the group as they walked and talked about the gardens and Joe pointed out some of the beautiful and interesting plants, including a Xanthorrea (Grass Tree) whose trunk grows 100 feet every 100 years; Paraserianthes lophantha (Albizia / Cape Wattle); Mulberry trees with fruit on them for the first time; the new planting outside the

children's play area, Knightia Excelsa (New Zealand honeysuckle) thought to be one of the biggest specimens in the country; a Norfolk Island Pine from the Norfolk Islands in New Zealand, a cinnamon tree and Joe's favourite tree in the Gardens - a Metasequoia (Golden Dawn Redwood) - the type was discovered in a Japanese monastery in 1944.

VISIT TO TREWIDDEN GARDEN

Another enjoyable outing for the Friends was a guided tour of Trewidden Garden with the Head Gardener, Richard Morton in April. The gardens were a delight and the Rhododendrons were spectacular. Finishing with a spot of lunch in their pretty tea room nicely rounded off the visit.



PLASTIC FREE PENZANCE

The Friends have reviewed their use of plastics. For as long as the majority of nurseries use plastic pots, we will continue to use plastic pots when we grow or sell on. All of our plastic pots have previously been used and we will continue to recycle them.



We now have paper bags for sales but will continue to recycle plastic bags donated to us for this purpose. We have now stopped using plastic plant labels for our sales and instead are using biodegradable wooden ones. There will be wooden plant labels available to purchase in our Autumn sale on Saturday 22 September.

MORE BOTANICAL DRAWING CLASSES

Due to the success of two botanical drawing classes held in August at Morrab Library, local artist Clare Lucas is holding three more classes in the autumn. Using the wonderful plants of Morrab Gardens, the Botanical book collection held at Morrab Library and the Hypatia Trust's Gardeners' House project as inspiration, the classes offer the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of plants in all stages of their life cycles through the medium of drawing.

The classes will be held on Tuesday afternoons 1.00 - 3.30 on the following dates - September 25, October 23, and November 27.

£20 per session, which includes a donation to the Gardeners' House project (£17.50 if coming to more than one). All levels and experience welcome. Contact Claire on 07532 174 802 or email her at spreadinghappiness@hotmail.co.uk for more information or to book your place. Places are limited so early booking is recommended.

What's Coming up next.....

Saturday 15 September 2018 10am til 11.30am in Morrab Library in the garden.

The Fascination and Frustrations of Beekeeping a Talk with Morrab 'Gardens' own bee expert Andrew Beard with a chance to buy some of Morrab's delicious organic honey. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes too. This is a free event but donations are of course welcome. All proceeds go to Morrab Gardens.

Saturday 22 September 2018 at 10am til 12noon

Grand Autumn Plant Sale in the garden nursery

Lots of lovely healthy plants ready for planting, including young trees and shrubs. Come early to avoid disappointment and bring a bag or box to carry your plants home in.

Wednesday 3 October 2018 at 2pm

Friends of Morrab Gardens Annual General Meeting

at Dave and Lizzie Puddifoot's, Alverton Cottage, Alverton Road, Penzance (next to the YMCA)

Thursday 11 October 2018 10.30am

Workshop “How to Propagate” – come and learn how to increase your plants from your own garden stock and create more plants for free and why not give some of your newly rooted plants to friends and family.



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