



Cornwall Plant Heritage

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Spring has started and Cornwall is awash with Camellias and Daffodils at last. Winter was so wet I had started to think it would never end.

It was very nice to see everybody at the Annual Meeting in January. Many thanks to Charlie and Liz for their hospitality and making it such a convivial day. We will start planning for next year soon, so if anybody has suggestions for things you would like to see included, please let me know.

I talked about some historical gardens at the Annual Meeting, particularly about the way they seem to survive and adapt to new circumstances. If anybody is interested in seeing how East Lambrook Manor has developed, Somerset Hardy Plant Society are holding a Spring Plant Fair there on 25th March. There should be some good plants available from the 16 nurseries attending and the Margery Fish Plant Nursery will be open. Light lunches and refreshments will be available. Admission to the Plant Fair and gardens, £4 (£3.50 for HPS and RHS members). East Lambrook Manor, Silver Street, East Lambrook, South Petherton, Somerset TA13 5HH.

Our next meeting is a visit to Lamorran Garden on Thursday 30th March, meeting at the entrance to the garden at 2.00pm. We hope to be guided around the garden and given an insight into the development of this amazing and mild Italianate garden. It is famous for the collection of tender plants, especially those from the southern hemisphere. The last frost recorded in the garden was in 1987!

The garden stands above the village of St. Mawes at the end of the Roseland Peninsula, surrounded by the sea on three sides.

Lamorran House Gardens, Upper Castle Road, St. Mawes, TR2 5BZ.

The following month we are visiting Heligan - Alistair will be showing us the key points of interest from the point of view of Plant Heritage and we hope to have some input from the staff at Heligan as well (if schedules permit). There will be plenty of time to explore the garden ourselves. I have never had tea and cake at Heligan, is it good?

We are meeting at the entrance to the garden at 2.00pm on Tuesday 25th April, normal garden charge for admission.

Finally can I remind everyone about the Hardy Plant Society sale in Truro on Saturday 6th May from 10.00am - 2.00pm.

We had a very successful stand there last year and thanks to your generosity in donating

plants we were able to raise some essential funds for Cornwall Plant Heritage.

We will be there again this year and once again I am appealing for any plants you can spare to help us raise funds for the coming year. Please start dividing and potting now and either bring plants on the day, or get in touch with me and I will try to find a way of transporting them.

It is a well attended plant sale and there is always something interesting and new to buy!
Truro Cattle Market, Newquay Road, Truro, TR1 1RH.

I look forward to seeing you at Lamorran or some of the coming events.

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