

# *Newsletter*

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Summer – 2024      Diary of Events

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Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

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Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Members Garden Visit  
Claire Jenkins

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Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August

Coach trip to Aulden Farm, near Leominster  
and Stockton Bury Garden, Kimbolton

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Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Roger Lloyd.  
*Talk:* Hydrangeas.

## ***Arrangements for Coach Trips.***

Bookings for coach trips can be made at meetings or by contacting Catherine Ramsay

Tel. 01446 772545 or 07531 436469 Email: [cramsay2010@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cramsay2010@hotmail.co.uk)

A deposit of £20 per person per day trip is required to secure a place.

If you cannot go on the trip after all, please telephone Catherine straight away, to give someone else a chance of the place. Members should bring packed lunches and refreshments unless otherwise stated.

## ***The AGM and talk.***

This will be held at Williams Memorial Hall, Main Road, Coychurch, Bridgend, CF35 5HB at 2pm. Members are welcome to meet for lunch at the White Horse in Coychurch prior to indoor meetings and where it's often an opportunity to meet the afternoon's speaker. To book, phone (01656 360129) and ask to sit with the HPS.

Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>



AGM

Doctor Andrew Ward:  
Gardening in a changing climate.

Andrew is the owner of Norwell Nurseries which specialises in rare, and unusual perennials. The garden and Astrantias was featured on Gardeners World in March this year. This talk looks at the consequences of Global Warming and at beautiful, interesting, unusual plants that are amenable to weather extremes. He will be bringing plants for sale.



Saturday 27th April

Plant Sale: Cowbridge Physic Garden

This is our main fund raising event, and an excellent opportunity to buy interesting and unusual plants at bargain prices.

Plant contributions should be interesting, (to appeal to members.) and of good size (to appeal to the public) but in all cases, labelled and healthy. The sale is on from 1000 to 1430 but the garden will be open from 9am to members bringing plants.

There will be seven other nurseries attending so plenty of opportunity to buy plants.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May



Llwyngarreg Gardens and Pentresite, Carmarthen.

A return visit to Paul and Liz O'Neills lovely garden, which we last visited in June 2019, and we've learnt more about, with Paul's very entertaining talks, and Liz's great photos. Four acres, beautifully planted with lots of rare and interesting plants.

Pentresite, near Carmarthen, is an approximately two acre garden developed over the last 17 years with extensive lawns, herbaceous borders, a bog garden and beautiful views of surrounding countryside.

## Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June Plant Sale at Pencoed College

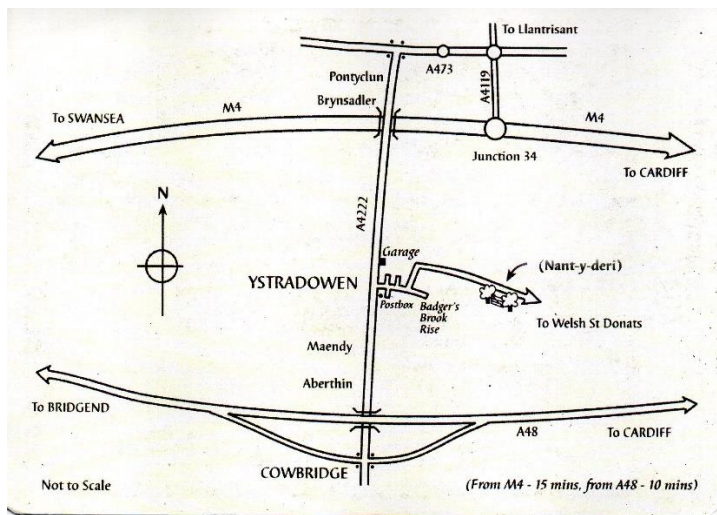
We have been invited to have a plant stall at Pencoed College. (Pencoed Campus, Pencoed, CF35 5LG) Sale is from 1000-1400.

This is an opportunity to raise awareness of our group, as well as provide further funds. We would appreciate contributions of healthy, labelled plants, preferably interesting and of a good size. Plants should be dropped off from 0830 onwards.

We will also need volunteers to man the stall. If you are able to help, please contact one of the Committee members.

## Summer Weekend Trip Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. 2024

There are still a few places for the Summer weekend trip to Oxfordshire. For further details, contact Catherine Ramsay (e-mail: [cramsay2010@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cramsay2010@hotmail.co.uk)) or Jean Baker Tel: 01446 773325 ([jean@bakerlite.co.uk](mailto:jean@bakerlite.co.uk).) The balance of payment, £400 for those sharing rooms, £505 for single rooms is due by the 31<sup>st</sup> March.



Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Claire Jenkins has kindly agreed to open her garden at Nant-y-Deri, Sandy Lane, Ystradowen. CF71 7SX. for members and friends, 2pm-4pm.

The garden is set within its own mature Oak woodland valley, areas of which are semi tamed and it has extensive mixed borders and a wild

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August



### Aulden Farm and Stockton Bury Garden

We last visited Aulden Farm on our way back on the 2016 summer weekend trip to Cheshire. The owners, Jill and Alun Whitehead are the co-ordinators of Plant Heritage in Herefordshire and hold the National Collection of Siberian Iris.

Stockton Bury is a four acre garden which is the Treasure's family home and business in the heart of a working farm originally one of the Bury Farm of the Benedictine Priory in Leominster with a dovecote and mediaeval barns. There is an original Victorian kitchen garden, water gardens and well planted gardens.



Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Roger Lloyd.

*Talk:* Hydrangeas.

In June 2023, we visited Roger and Jenny's beautiful garden at Highfield Farm, and in October, Roger gave us a talk on the development of the garden. In this talk he will tell us about his passion for hydrangeas and the best ones to grow.

### Some Plant Sales in South Wales this summer

West Wales Plant Fair, Sunday 28th April 10 - 3, Rhosygilwen Mansion, Rhos-hill, Cardigan SA48 7NG

Cae Hir Plant Fair, Sunday 5th & Monday 6th May 10-4, Cribyn SA48 7NG

CDGA Plant Fair, Llanllyr NGS Open Garden, Saturday 18th May 2-6, Talsarn SA48 8QB

CDGA Ceredigion Garden Festival, Sunday 26th & Monday 27th May 10-5, Alban Square, Aberaeron SA46 0AD

CDGA Plant Fair, Llanllyr NGS Open Garden, Sunday 23rd June 2-6, Talsarn SA48 8QB

