

WHAT TO SEE IN JULY



'White Admiral' Phlox looking lovely last week in the sunshine against the hot wall.

Thanks to Helena, Anthea and Louis for these plants which sit between the fruit trees and the Lavender hedge. Roses, Pinks, Day Lilies and Sweet Peas also looking good.

Photo S.Amos

CHARLES SMART

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Charles Smart earlier this year. Charles had been instrumental in getting the Nelson Garden into a fit state for opening to the public by chairing the local committee and by sourcing various grants for the restoration of the garden.

Lloyds Bank was understandably anxious about the security implications of a garden being developed immediately behind their premises, and insisted on a security screen. Charles, with his artistic eye, was fully aware of the importance of the viewpoint linking the pavilion with their building, and designed railings with a nautical shield, to allow the eye to pass through the screen and enhance that vista.

He also saw the need to restore the network of paths which link together the different elements of the garden - the pavilion, the hot wall, the raised walk and the bothy. But none of these would have been appreciated today by so many people without the invaluable work that he did on securing a long term lease for the garden.

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MAKING USE OF THE GARDEN

We welcome visits by groups from Residential Homes, Day Centres, Playgroups, Schools and any other local groups.

'Friends' Mr and Mrs Pirie will be inviting more guests from the above mentioned community groups for coffee mornings with home-made cakes and biscuits on Friday 26th July and Friday 30th August 10.30am - 12 noon. Refreshments will be served in the Nelson Garden. Eleven guests from Chippenham Court were entertained in the garden last month on one of the hottest days of the year.

Monmouth Aid held their evening event in the garden on 28th June and Monmouth Day Nursery will visit on 10th July for their annual Leavers' Picnic.

Don't forget, The Nelson Garden can be hired for your private party or event. It costs £75 to hire the Garden for the day but there is a £10 discount to 'Friends' of the Nelson Garden who make a booking. Please contact our Booking Secretary Penny Thomas for more information: 01600 715507

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THE NELSON GARDEN

MONMOUTH



FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER

NO.19 SUMMER 2019

Dear Friends,

Progress continues at the garden. The urns are in place atop the pavilion and the new pond is almost complete. Both of these features enhance the view of the scene Kymin and the surrounding backdrop. The visiting ducks, wild birds and insects are happy to have their drinking and bathing pool reinstated and the toads no doubt appreciate it too.

During June we have enjoyed visits from the local Cubs and Beavers. They are preparing for their gardening badges. The children really enjoyed the jobs they were given. They could not wait to dead-head roses, chop up compost material, plant runner beans and prick out tiny cabbages. Their enjoyment made for a thoroughly pleasurable experience for all concerned. We are looking forward to their next visit and the planned visit by the older boys and girls from Scouts.

The garden has been looking its best thanks to Penny, Grahame, Mike and the Garden Volunteers who work so hard at the site during the week. Susan Amos Chairman

Summer**Nelson Garden Party**

Sunday 18th August 3pm.

Our annual summer celebration of Nelson's visit to the garden in August 1802.

£10 Friends/£12 for other guests

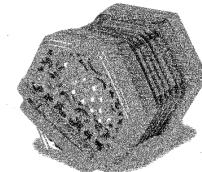
Sandwiches, Fizz, Cakes, Tea,
Raffle, Games.

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**Talks in the garden 2019 Series**

Susan Miles, Custodian of Nelson Museum will give a talk on *The Collection and the Lady Llangattock Connection* at 2pm on Friday 23rd August 2019 in the Garden.

Autumn

Annual Lecture Thursday 24th October –Drinks and sale of Raffle tickets from 6.15pm with the Lecture at 6.45pm

We are pleased to announce that our guest **Louis Hodgkin** will give an illustrated talk on *1798 The Battle of the Nile and Egyptomania* at the Shire Hall, Monmouth.

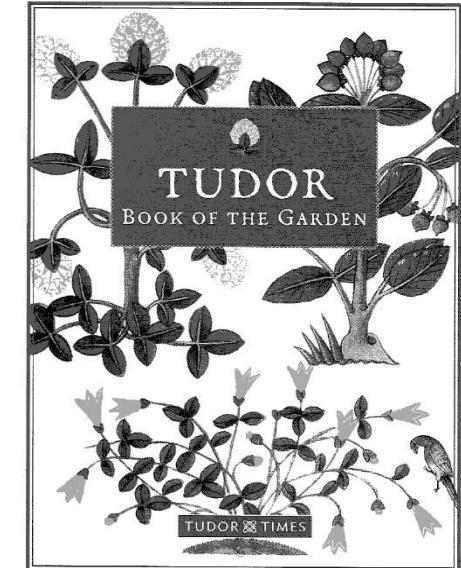
Tickets will be on sale in the Museum at the Garden and from members of the Committee from Sunday 1st September 2019.



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Please contact WHGT for more details. The cost is £35 for WHGT members and £40 non-members. Please contact anthea@prests.com for more details and a booking form.