

EVENTS CALENDAR

Friday 9th June Watercolour in the Garden
12.00 -3.00 p.m. Free Event. Just come along with a folding chair and a drink. Instruction given.

Saturday 19th August Nelson Garden Party
6.30 until Late. An 1802 entertainment with food, drink, prize draw, games and sea shanties.

Sunday 10th September NGS Open Day.

Friday 6th October Annual Lecture
at the Shire Hall, Monmouth
'Fitzroy, Darwin and the Voyage of the Beagle'
by our Guest Speaker Christopher Flower.
Friday 6th October 7pm. £10 (£8 for Friends of the Nelson Garden).

ROBERT FITZROY (1805– 1865)

*British Vice-Admiral who was the Captain of H.M. brig *Beagle* on two surveying voyages with naturalist Charles Darwin.

*Fitzroy was a controversial Governor of New Zealand between 1843—1845 managing to incur the bitter enmity of the New Zealand company which was strongly represented in parliament.

*Inventor of the cheap and serviceable simplified 'Fitzroy barometer'

*Inventor of the term 'Weather Forecast'.

Come and hear his story on October 6th.

CONTACT FOR GARDENERS

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SPRING SEASONAL SENSATIONS



Tulips.
Blossom on the fruit trees.
Primroses.
Bright green newly unfurled leaves.
Nesting birds.



'Weatherman' Robert Fitzroy in 1855

THE NELSON GARDEN MONMOUTH



NEWSLETTER NO.10 SPRING 2017

Dear Friends,

The long-awaited Spring has arrived and the garden is blossoming again! The gardeners are busy at work every Friday now and, as Friends, you are always welcome.

Since the last Newsletter was published we have had good news concerning the success of our Heritage Lottery Fund application and this has given us a new impetus for Fund Raising.

Our Quiz Night held on March 24th was not only a very enjoyable social occasion but also a challenging one, thanks to our question master, Brian Atkins. Thank you for supporting this event and we look forward to seeing you at future events. Our Annual Lecture is being held in Shire Hall on October 6th this year. We are fortunate to have a return visit from Christopher Flower to talk on "Fitzroy, Darwin and the Voyage of the Beagle". If you attended his presentation on Captain Cook last year you will not wish to miss this!

Thank you all for your continued support,

Val Conniff *Chairman*

Nelson Garden Summer Lunch

Ticket Application

Dear Friend,

I am delighted to announce that the Nelson Garden Preservation Trust has been awarded a grant of £84,600 from the HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND in order to restore and preserve the historic fabric of this important listed garden situated in the centre of Monmouth with its significant links to Lord Nelson and Emma Lady Hamilton. At last we will be able to repair the Nelson Memorial Pavilion together with the seat that Lord Nelson sat on in 1802 when he took refreshments in the garden. We will also restore the rare 18th century hot wall and plant it with espalier trees, and build a disabled lavatory to increase access for visitors. We will be putting on special workshops, lectures, tours, concerts and theatre performances, as well as setting up a Nelson Heritage Trail and putting on a Nelson Exhibition in Monmouth to bring the project to a wider community.

Now the hard work begins in earnest with raising match funding, and in this context I am writing to you to ask if you would generously support our HLF project which will be formally launched at a Summer Luncheon in the gardens of High Glanau on Saturday 3 June at 12 noon. We are particularly pleased that Sir Roy Strong CH, historian, diarist and gardener, has generously agreed to be our guest of honour on this occasion.

The Nelson Garden will be open that afternoon for guests who wish to visit. We look forward to welcoming you here in June and telling you more about this important appeal.

With all good wishes,

Helena Gerrish, HLF Grant Co-Ordinator

I would like ----- tickets @ £50 each for the Nelson Garden Summer Lunch at High Glanau Manor, Lydart, Monmouth NP25 4AD. Email helenagerrish@gmail.com

I cannot come but enclose a donation for £.....

Name.....

Address.....

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Email.....

I enclose a cheque made payable to The Nelson Garden, and post to

Helena Gerrish, High Glanau Manor, Lydart, Monmouth NP25 4AD.

All cheques will be acknowledged and a ticket sent.