

EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday 19 August at 6.30pm Nelson Evening with music, drinks and canapés in the Garden. £8 (£5 Friends)

Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September 2pm –5pm European Heritage Day Open Doors Weekend.



Wednesday 21 October Trafalgar Day 7pm Another chance to see 'That Hamilton Woman' starring Vivien Leigh & Laurence Olivier at High Glanau Manor £3.

Saturday 20 February 2016 10am—12noon Coffee morning and craft session making decorative plant stakes. The Priory Church, Monmouth.

SEASONAL SENSATIONS

Roses, Geranium, Day Lilies, Nelson-Sweet Peas and Spencer Sweet Peas, Lavender, Globe Thistles, Lady's Mantle, Phlox.

FROM THE GARDENERS

It has been a joy to see the Emma Hamilton rose once again in full and blooming health. Steve and John have been busy with clipping the box hedges and grass which both need constant attention at this time of year. The bed under the wall and the sloping bed are responding well to all the attention they receive from Joan, Judith, Janice, Penny and Carol. Andrew has been shredding garden waste and Grahame has been turning it into brilliant compost.

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THE NELSON GARDEN MONMOUTH



NEWSLETTER NO.3 SUMMER 2015

What a busy summer! It was lovely to see the Nelson Garden full of visitors for our National Gardens Scheme Day and for the theatre production of 'Under Milk Wood'. Several friends have also used the garden for private evening parties which have been a great success. Thank you for your support at the Nelson Garden coffee morning at the Priory Church. We sold lovely cards of the Nelson Garden kindly donated by Roo and Penny which made it most worthwhile.

On a more personal note, I had the great honour of HRH The Prince of Wales visiting our garden at High Glanau Manor, and was very pleased to be able to introduce to him three member of the Nelson Garden Preservation Trust committee. Perhaps one day we can persuade him to visit the Nelson Garden itself.

We look forward to welcoming you to our next event, the Nelson Garden party on Wednesday 19th August.

With all good wishes, **Helena Gerrish** *Chairman*

The Nelson Garden Preservation Trust

UNDER MILK WOOD

The performance of Under Milk Wood in the Garden on the evening of Friday 10 July was a great success and enjoyed by all. We sold refreshments and made a modest profit of £42.78p. (photos:G Thomas)



BOOK REVIEW

*The Finest Gardens in
Wales* by Tony Russell

Amberley, Stroud 2015 £15.99

Monmouthshire very well represented in this illustrated alphabetical guide book. It has an intimate style which feels like Tony is guiding readers through each garden and telling us their stories.

NGS DAY May 31st 2015



NAVAL MEDALLION BIOGRAPHIES

Admiral Sir George Bridges Rodney (1719—1792)

Rodney was an aristocratic man from an old Somerset family. He entered the navy at the age of twelve and was the last to enter as a King's Letter Boy, before the later career path taken by young gentlemen after the founding of the Portsmouth Naval College.

Rodney served with distinction under Hawke and Boscawen but although intelligent and an aggressive fighting man, he was unpopular. He was a strict disciplinarian but he had in N.A.M. Rodger's words "a well established reputation for dishonesty, repeatedly and flagrantly misappropriating public money and abusing his powers of patronage in ways which could not possibly be overlooked even by the most friendly Admiralty Board."

The Naval Medallion celebrates Rodney's victory at the Battle of the Saintes. The Saintes Passage is a waterway to the north of Dominica in the West Indies. The channel is divided by a cluster of islets discovered by Columbus on All Saints Day.

The Battle of the Saintes came as a conclusion to a complex period in the West Indies where both the French and the British made serious mistakes. Rodney's successful breaking the line of the enemy was more accident than design in the thick smoke of battle but it led to great rejoicing by the public in need of reassurance. Before the government learned of his victory they had actually recalled Rodney but then had to congratulate the admiral through gritted teeth.

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