



Welcome to Trewithen Gardens and whether this is your first visit or a return one we hope you enjoy your time here.



SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Spring 2016 started early this year with our first Spring flowering camellia C.x williamsii 'Glenn's Orbit' in flower on the day that Major Tim Peake launched to go to the International Space Station. Other early signs of Spring came in the form of our Asiatic Magnolias - the first flower this year (Magnolia Cambellii) seen on New Year's Eve! March & April are not only busy times because the Gardens are open but we are also busy behind the scenes with the numerous flower shows we participate in.(see below for a list of those we are attending this year).

12th/13th Mar RHS Early Camellia Show at Rosemoor, Great Torrington, Devon

2nd/3rd Apr Cornwall Garden Society Spring Flower Show, Boconnoc, Lostwithiel

23rd/24th Apr Rosemoor Rhododendron Show

When is a Magnolia actually in Flower?

There is always a debate about this! Gary Long counts it as when the perules (furry jackets) are shed and when the stamens in the middle of the flower can be seen. Others count the flowering as when the perules are shed and the buds show colour. Whichever criteria you go by do watch out for 'Magnolia Neck' - those who participate in the sport of 'magnolia watching' will know all about this!

The Stumpery

During the winter of 2014/2015 the gardening team removed a series of cherry laurel hedges in the West Bay area of the Garden. Within the hedge were chestnut stumps (remnants of the 1990 gales) - amongst these different species of ferns have been planted to create a 'Stumpery'. Find this area SW of the bird hide near the wildlife pond.



Easter Hunt

This year for children, we are using our Champion Tree Trail for an Easter Hunt. Each child participating will have a St Kitts chocolate upon completion of the trail and can also then be entered into a prize draw to receive a 'Slabergé' St Kitts is based in Camelford, Cornwall. Ask at our Ticket Office for more details.

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The 'Storm With No Name'

Following on from 'Storm Imogen' of 8th February, the 'Storm With No Name' that hit on 10th March uprooted several trees (one 200 years old at the bottom of the Main Lawn) & several large branches from trees fell down in other parts of the Gardens. We actually had to close the Gardens on 10th March for the first time in over a decade!



In keeping with 'Volunteer David' constantly appearing in pictures - here he is again! See more pictures of David on social media with the hashtag #wheresvolunteerdavid and remember to look out for him in the Gardens!

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Wildlife Nature Area

A 'Bug Hotel' has been put together by volunteers Alison and David to provide a habitat for insects, small mammals and any amphibians from the pond nearby. The Bug Hotel is situated near the Bird Hide, where we have also spotted Jays recently and Greater Spotted Woodpeckers. This south west corner of the Garden is now a lovely nature area.



And who's this peeping through...?

