

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As a **Friend of The Nelson Garden** you will shortly be receiving the Agenda for this year's AGM, along with the Minutes of the AGM 2017.

You will also receive nomination forms for membership of the committee. Two members of the committee are standing down this year and we would like to encourage new members to come forward. We particularly need a Minute Secretary. This would involve attending ten meetings per year. Meetings last about one hour and are usually held at the Monmouth Museum.

### Resolutions for the AGM from the Committee

1. That the name of the organisation be changed from the Nelson Garden Preservation Trust to The Nelson Garden in line with our charitable status and the Lloyds Bank account.

2. That the annual subscriptions for Friends of the Nelson Garden be raised from £5.00 for an individual and £10.00 for a joint membership to £10.00 for an individual membership and £18.00 for a joint membership to take effect from 1st March 2019.

Please come along to the meeting on **Monday 19th November at 2.30pm** to discuss these, and other issues.

Our Chairman Helena Gerrish will host the AGM at **High Glanau Manor. NP25 4AD**

*The Nelson Garden Preservation Trust*

*Charity No. 1177651*

## THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF IRONMONGERS

### Some facts about the Ironmongers' Company

The Ironmongers' Company is ranked as the tenth of the Twelve Great Livery Companies of the City of London.

The Company received a Grant of Arms in 1455 and a Charter of Incorporation in 1463.

The Company Barge took part in many ceremonials and pageants on the River Thames including Lord Mayor's Day.

The Ironmongers had a bargehouse at Lambeth.

St Lawrence is the patron saint of the Company.

The staircase in Ironmongers' Hall has a carving of an ostrich with a horseshoe in its beak because the ostrich is known to have a cast-iron digestion!

A new barge built in 1763 had a cabin with thirty-six plate-glass sashed windows. It was sold in 1809.

But best of all... the barge was one of the Livery Company barges which took part in the funeral procession by water of Lord Nelson on Wednesday 8th January 1806.

*Susan Amos Editor*

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## THE NELSON GARDEN MONMOUTH



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends

At the end of our first opening season, I am pleased to report that we have many new Friends, that the garden has been hired for outside events, and that the volunteers have enjoyed talks on composting, fruit tree pruning and lavenders. We have now finished our HLF project, and the metal work in front of the pavilion is now being restored with a generous grant from the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers. The garden is in good shape with the espalier fruit trees growing well, and we have started to replant the hot wall border with Phlox 'White Admiral' and Iris 'Gerald Darby'. I do hope you are able to join us at the Shire Hall this Friday 26th October at 7 p.m. for the Nelson Garden Annual Lecture. Joseph Atkin will be talking about 'A Year At Aberglasney'.



We do appreciate your continued support,

**Helena Gerrish** *Chairman*

## EVENTS CALENDAR AUTUMN

**Friday 26th October 7pm ANNUAL LECTURE**  
**'A YEAR AT ABERGLASNEY'** by  
Joseph Atkins -Head Gardener  
Shire Hall Monmouth.

**Monday 19th November 2.30pm AGM**  
High Glanau. Lydart. Presentation about our year  
plus homemade cakes and tea by a roaring fire.



**'A YEAR AT ABERGLASNEY'**  
with Head Gardener Joseph Atkin

The Nelson Garden Annual Lecture  
7pm  
Friday 26th October 2018  
Shire Hall Monmouth

Tickets £10 (£8 for Friends with membership card) Cash  
bar (wines/fruit juices) with free nibbles & a chance to  
win tickets for a visit to Aberglasney.

Tickets available from Nelson Museum, Monmouth

## GARDEN REPORT

The Lavender day was a great success last month. This hot-wall bed has been further enhanced by the planting of blue irises, white admiral phlox, hostas and soon to be planted, purple alliums.

The large old pear tree at the top of the tunnel entrance is to be professionally cut back to new growth which will mean it is reduced by about half, as the top is dead.

The red sycamore by the bothy is to be pruned and some smaller trunks removed as it makes too much shade in that area at the moment.

The large beech tree is to have the lower branches taken off so that we preserve the view of the Kymin and the Round House from the Britannia statue area of the garden.

The volunteer gardeners continue to garden, even though the garden is closed to the public until April 2019. The volunteers continue to tidy, sweep, rake leaves and prepare for putting the garden to sleep for a couple of months. Any fine Friday mornings will find a few 'Hardy Perennials' there! So...do join us if you can help.

Elizabeth Whittle has prepared a new planting plan for the garden. This will be discussed with the committee and volunteer gardeners on a Friday morning in early November.

## CONSERVATION & RESTORATION NEWS

Tim Martin (of Context Engineering Conservation Services) and his team came to the garden this week to take away the sections of wrought iron and wood balustrade around the Nelson Pavilion.

They will return to install the refurbished balustrade in January or February 2019. The hardwood handrail will be repaired as needed using tropical hardwood to match,

This work has been made possible by the generous grant made to the Nelson Garden by the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers. **Grahame Thomas**



The Nelson Pavilion after removal of the balustrade.  
*Photograph by G.Thomas*  
*See next page for facts about the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers*