

FRIENDS NEWS

Barbara Atkins, Treasurer would like to thank those friends who have renewed their subscription so promptly. This is a great help. (Renewal form attached to your E-Newsletter for those who haven't yet done so.)

All those at the filmshow '*The Nelson Affair*' would like to thank Helena Gerrish for hosting and for the cakes. £70 was raised. Excellent!

NEWS FROM APRIL 1805

It was amusing to find this in an old book from Stockport public library: -

Annual Register for 1805; an entry under Deaths had an odd report about a lady from Osbaston, Monmouth.

At Osbaston, near Monmouth, aged 90, Dame Morris. She had her coffin prepared many years previously to her decease, and kept it in her house, devoted to the purposes of holding the necessaries of life, &c.; and when it came to be appropriated to its real use, it was found nearly filled with apples, which of course gave place to the good old dame's body.



The Nelson Garden Preservation Trust

Charity No. 1177651

MAKING USE OF THE GARDEN

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

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

'Friends' Mr and Mrs Pirie will be inviting small groups from the above mentioned community groups for coffee mornings with home-made cakes and biscuits on Friday 28th June, Friday 26th July and Friday 30th August 10.30am - 12 noon. Refreshments will be served in the Nelson Garden. We remain open to the public and volunteer gardeners while these gatherings take place so feel free to join in. It will be a lovely opportunity to visit the garden and meet some of our new visitors.

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THE NELSON GARDEN MONMOUTH



NEWSLETTER

NO.18 SPRING 2019

Dear Friends,

Springtime at last!

Progress continues in the Nelson Garden in order to be ready for the new season which begins on Thursday 4th April. We will be open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday right up until the end of October.

The garden is open 10am—4pm.

We are delighted to announce that we shall be helping Wyesham Cubs and Beavers gain their Gardening Badges this summer. They will be coming to the garden to work for a minimum of four hours to earn their badge and help us with planting, weeding and composting. Please let one of us know if you can offer any help or experience or would like to be involved.

The ironwork around the pond is back in place, a new pond surround has been ordered and the decorative urns are almost ready to be installed on the memorial pavilion. The hot wall bed looks very neat and smart with the fruit trees blossoming and the lavender, iris and white admiral phlox all planted and looking healthy. We look forward to seeing you very soon !

Susan Amos Chairman

Spring**Garden Opens to the public**

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

10am—4 pm 4th April until 26th October.

Bees for Development Day

Sunday 19th May 2019

National Garden Scheme

Wednesday 22nd May

1.30—5pm £4. Children Free. Refreshments.

Summer**Watercolour in the Garden** with Susan Amos.

Saturday 8th June 1pm—3pm.

Instruction & materials provided. Donations.

Nelson Garden Party Tickets £10

Sunday 18th August 3pm. Our annual celebration of Nelson's visit to the garden in 1802.

There will also be regular monthly talks in the Garden on Fridays. Times will vary but will be advertised on our website and Newsletter.

Autumn

Annual Lecture Thursday 24th October from 6.15pm with the lecture at 7pm. We are pleased to announce that Louis Hodgkin will give an illustrated talk on

1798 The Battle of the Nile and Egyptomania

Shire Hall, Monmouth. Tickets will be on sale from September 1st.



The ironwork and wooden handrail between the memorial pavilion and the pond has now returned from restoration and is in place. Iroko wood has been used for the rail.

Iroko has a medium to coarse texture, with open pores and an interlocked grain.

It is very durable, and is resistant to both rot and insect attack. It is sometimes used as a substitute for Teak.



Photos in the Garden Gallery show the re-shaped pear tree, the hot wall bed, weeded, dug over and planted with lavender, iris and white admiral phlox, the trimmed beech (with the now clear view towards the Kymin) next to it and the newly restored ironwork around the memorial pavilion.

Lots of progress!