

(Dated 9.3.11)

Listed below is a brief outline of our 2011 Events Programme. Please telephone the Garden Office on 01492 650460 to purchase event tickets, and for further details.

PLEASE NOTE: Minimum numbers apply to all Head Gardener Walks, Special Interest Walks, Garden Walks, Jobs of the Season and Breakfast Walks. If minimum numbers are not reached 48 hours prior to event date, the event will be cancelled and we will contact you to arrange transfer to an alternative event, or refund of ticket cost.

Entrance to the Garden is free to National Trust Members on production of their valid Membership Card.

FEBRUARY

Sat 26th 1-3pm Snowdrop Planting, £1 for snowdrops, normal entrance charges apply.

MARCH

Tues 1st St. David's Day Lunch 3-courses, adult £12.95 child £5.90 booking required, telephone Catering Manager on 01492 650758.

Weds 2nd 10am Head Gardener's Walk £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Thurs 17th 1pm Garden Walk - Plants of Interest with a member of our gardening team, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Fri 25th 1pm Special Interest Walk 'In search of Mr. Forrest' looking at rhododendrons with Dr. Ted Brabin, Chair of North West Branch RHS Rhododendron Group, £13.25 (inc coffee and biscuits) + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Tues 29th 1pm Jobs of the Season - Shrub Borders. Join a member of our Garden Team for a discussion, walk and practical demonstration, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Tues 29th 10-4pm Poem Open. Overlooking the mill-pond is the Poem, a beautiful building built by Henry Davis Pochin as a last resting place for himself and his family. Today the doors will be open for visitors to enjoy a glimpse of the impressive interior.

APRIL

Sun 3rd Mothering Sunday Lunch 3-courses, adult £12.95 child £5.90 booking required, telephone Catering Manager on 01492 650758.

Weds 6th 10am Head Gardener's Walk, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Fri 8th 7pm Gardeners' Question Time in Pavilion Tea-room, a great chance for you to ask our expert gardeners that gardening question to which you've always wanted to

know the answer. You can also bring along a sample of a plant you would like identifying, followed by a Quiz with prizes. £14.75 inc. drinks and nibbles, booking required.

Tues 12th 7.15am Breakfast Walk with Deputy Head Gardener focussing on the beauty of the Garden in the early morning light, £16.50 inc Full Monty breakfast, booking required as places limited.

Weds 13th 10.30-4pm Falconry Displays and Flying Demonstrations. Meet the falconers and their wonderful birds of prey, audience-participation flying demonstrations at 1.30pm and 3.30pm. Normal entrance charges apply.

Thurs 21st 1pm Garden Walk - Plants of Interest with a member of our gardening team, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Sun-Mon 24-25th 10-5pm family fun Easter Trails and face painter sponsored by Cadbury, £2 per trail + normal entrance charge, last trail issued at 2pm. Also, on Easter Sunday have your photograph taken with the Easter Bunny and Chick and help support Llandrillo College student's HappySnaps fundraising for Ty Gobaith children's hospice.

Sun 24th 3-5pm Mad Hatter's Tea Party in Pavilion Tea-room, £5.50 per child (max 30 places) booking required.

Tues 26th 10-4pm Poem Open. Overlooking the mill-pond is the Poem, a beautiful building built by Henry Davis Pochin as a last resting place for himself and his family. Today the doors will be open for visitors to enjoy a glimpse of the impressive interior.

Fri 29th 1pm Special Interest Walk 'Principles of Garden Design' led by Daniele Altieri, £13.25 (inc coffee and biscuits) + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

MAY

Weds 4th 10am Head Gardener's Walk, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Tues 10th 1pm Champion Tree Walk, discover what makes a tree a Champion and learn more about our wonderful collection. £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Thurs 19th 1pm Garden Walk - Plants of Interest with a member of our gardening team, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Fri 27th 1pm Special Interest Walk 'Birds of Bodnant Garden' with RSPB Manager Julian Hughes, £13.25 (inc coffee and biscuits) + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Tues 31st 10-4pm Poem Open. Overlooking the mill-pond is the Poem, a beautiful building built by Henry Davis Pochin as a last resting place for himself and his family. Today the doors will be open for visitors to enjoy a glimpse of the impressive interior.

JUNE

Weds 1st 10am Head Gardener's Walk, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Weds 9th 1pm Special Interest Walk 'Propagation', join our Taxonomist Alison and learn how to take cuttings, collect seed and give your plants the best chance of success. £13.25 (inc coffee and biscuits) + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Thurs 16th 1pm Garden Walk - Plants of Interest with a member of our gardening team, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Tues 21st 6.30pm Evening Guided Walk led by members of the Garden team. A special opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Garden in the evening light, followed by drinks and canapes in Pavilion Tea-room, £14.75 booking required as places limited.

Fri 24th 9am Special Interest Walk 'Plant and Garden Photography'. With our Head Gardener, Troy Smith, hone your photographic skills and learn how best to capture that perfect picture. £13.25 (inc coffee and biscuits) + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Sun 26th Father's Day Lunch 3-courses, adult £12.95, child £5.90 booking required.

Tues 28th 1pm 'Jobs of the Season - The Delí, join a member of our gardening team for a discussion, walk and practical demonstration, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Tues 28th 10-4pm Poem Open. Overlooking the mill-pond is the Poem, a beautiful building built by Henry Davis Pochin as a last resting place for himself and his family. Today the doors will be open for visitors to enjoy a glimpse of the impressive interior.

Weds 29th June 10.30-4pm Falconry Displays and Flying Demonstrations Falconry Displays and Flying Demonstrations. Meet the falconers and their wonderful birds of prey, audience-participation flying demonstrations at 1.30pm and 3.30pm. Normal entrance charges apply.

JULY

Sat 2nd 7pm Musical Evening, back by popular demand soprano and tenor duo 'DivaDivó' will perform songs from well-known operas and stage musicals, £13.00 booking recommended as tickets limited.

Weds 6th 10am Head Gardener's Walk, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Tues 12th 1pm 'All things Roses' - a discussion and practical demonstration with a member of our gardening team, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Thurs 21st 1pm Garden Walk - Plants of Interest with a member of our gardening team, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Fri 22nd 7pm Jazz Evening. Bring something to sit on and a picnic for an evening of foot-tapping jazz favourites from six-piece The Hot Foot Jazz Band. £13.00 booking recommended as tickets limited.

Tues 26th 10-4pm Poem Open. Overlooking the mill-pond is the Poem, a beautiful building built by Henry Davis Pochin as a last resting place for himself and his family. Today the doors will be open for visitors to enjoy a glimpse of the impressive interior.

Weds 27th July 10.30-4pm Falconry Displays and Flying Demonstrations. Meet the falconers and their wonderful birds of prey, audience-participation flying demonstrations at 1.30pm and 3.30pm. Normal entrance charges apply.

Fri 29th 1pm Special Interest Walk 'History of Bodnant Garden', a fascinating walk through time as you hear about the development of the Garden over the last 137 years. £13.25 (inc coffee and biscuits) + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

AUGUST

Weds 3rd 10am Head Gardener's Walk £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Mon-Sun 8th-14th Nature's Treasure Hunt trail, a fun activity for all the family, collect your free trail guide from Visitor Reception. Normal entrance charges apply.

Fri 12th 7pm Illyria will perform an open-air production of Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night'. Bring something to sit on and a picnic to enjoy this evening event, £13.00 booking required as tickets limited.

Weds 17th 1.30pm Chapterhouse Theatre's outdoor performance of "Snow White" (1.5 hrs). A fun event for all the family, bring a rug or folding chair (food or picnics not permitted). Normal entrance charges apply.

Thurs 18th 1pm Garden Walk - Plants of Interest with a member of our gardening team, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Sun 21st 10-4pm Plant Heritagés Plant Fair in upper car park. Specialist nurseries offering rare or unusual plants.

Mon 29th 11-3pm A Tree with a View!! Enjoy spectacular views, and a rare photo opportunity, from your harness seat as you are raised approximately 60ft up our Pinus Radiata tree, before being gently lowered to the ground again. £10 + normal entrance charge.

Mon 29th 11-3pm Croquet. Try your hand at croquet on the Front Lawn.

Tues 30th 10-4pm Poem Open. Overlooking the mill-pond is the Poem, a beautiful building built by Henry Davis Pochin as a last resting place for himself and his family. Today the doors will be open for visitors to enjoy a glimpse of the impressive interior.

SEPTEMBER

Fri 2nd 1pm Special Interest Walk 'Greener Gardening' with a member of our gardening team, £13.25 (inc coffee and biscuits) + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Weds 7th 10am Head Gardeners Walk, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Weds 7th 10.30-4pm Falconry Displays and Flying Demonstrations. Meet the falconers and their wonderful birds of prey, audience-participation flying demonstrations at 1.30pm and 3.30pm. Normal entrance charges apply.

Thurs 15th 1pm Garden Walk - Plants of Interest with a member of our gardening team, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Tues 20th 7.15am Breakfast Walk with Deputy Head Gardener focussing on the beauty of the Garden in the early morning light. £16.50 inc Full Monty breakfast, booking required as places limited.

Fri 23rd 7pm Evening Lecture 'New Places, New Ideas, New Magic'. Our lecturer will be Stephen Lacey well-known garden writer, designer, broadcaster, author and plantsman. £15 inc wine and cheese platter, booking required.

Tues 27th 1pm Jobs of the Season - The Terraces, join a member of our Garden Team for a discussion, walk and practical demonstration, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Tues 27th 10-4pm Poem Open. Overlooking the mill-pond is the Poem, a beautiful building built by Henry Davis Pochin as a last resting place for himself and his family. Today the doors will be open for visitors to enjoy a glimpse of the impressive interior.

Fri 30th 1pm Special Interest Walk 'Wild Bodnant' learn what's good to plant to attract

butterflies and insects to your garden. £13.25 + normal entrance charge, to include coffee and biscuits, booking required as places limited.

OCTOBER

Weds 5th 10am Head Gardener's Walk £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Tues 11th 1pm Champion Tree Walk, discover what makes a tree a Champion and learn more about our wonderful collection. £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Fri 14th 7pm Evening Lecture - speaker Troy Smith, our own Head Gardener, will talk about the Garden's history, recent and current projects and future plans. £15 inc wine and cheese platter, booking required.

Thurs 20th 1pm Garden Walk - Plants of Interest with a member of our gardening team, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

Mon-Sun 24th-30th Snail Trail Week. Find the giant snails hiding in the Garden, use the free leaflet to help you locate them. Normal entrance charges apply.

Tues 25th 10-4pm Poem Open. Overlooking the mill-pond is the Poem, a beautiful building built by Henry Davis Pochin as a last resting place for himself and his family. Today the doors will be open for visitors to enjoy a glimpse of the impressive interior.

Fri 28th 1pm Special Interest Walk 'Fungus Foray', how many varieties of fungus and mushrooms will you find? Learn all about them on this exciting tour led by specialist Nigel Brown. £18.00 (inc coffee and biscuits) + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.

NOVEMBER

Weds 2nd 10am Head Gardener Walk, £10 + normal entrance charge, booking required as places limited.