



## FRIENDS OF TREBORTH BOTANIC GARDEN

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Bangor University, Treborth, Bangor LL57 2RQ

#### Diary of Events January to May 2009

Volunteer sessions are held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30 until 13.00 or later depending on the weather. We provide drinks but please bring a packed lunch. Student work parties will be held on Sunday 1 February and Sunday 1 March. All members will be welcome to come and lend a hand.

There will be a small charge for all meetings (unless mentioned below): £1 for members, £2 for non-members, **but note that students and children are free.** Children under age 16 must be accompanied.

#### BRING-A-DISH SOCIAL EVENING

A chance to chat without working and getting muddy! There will be no charge but please could everyone bring a small dish of food. Drinks will be provided. Please book your place by Friday 20 February by contacting Jackie Read at Treborth (phone 01248 353398 or 07732 921629) or by email ([missjax69@hotmail.com](mailto:missjax69@hotmail.com)). Please say what dish you will be bringing.

**Date:** Thursday 26 February 2009

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Place:** Treborth Botanic Garden

#### LEN BEER MEMORIAL LECTURE

Harry Jans will speak on "Alpines on the Equator".

Harry Jans is a rock gardener for more than 25-years, founder member of the Dutch Rock Garden Society and its president for 6 years. He has organized and led tours to China, Italy, the Czech Republic and Sweden. He is a regular lecturer at conferences and Study Weekends in Holland, Germany, England, Scotland, USA and Canada. No charge for entry.

**Date:** Wednesday 11 March 2009

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Place:** Main Arts Lecture Theatre, Bangor University, College Road, Bangor

#### SPRING WILDLIFE EXPLORERS

A children's event looking at insects, birds and frogs and toads at Treborth with Nigel Brown. Wear wellies and outdoor clothing. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Date:** Thursday 16 April 2009

**Time:** 2.00 - 4.30 pm

**Place:** Treborth Botanic Garden - meet at laboratory

#### EARLY SPRING PLANT SALE

Time to think of spring planting. On offer will be a selection of vegetables, herbaceous and hardy plants, alpines, shrubs and house plants. No charge for entry.

**Date:** Saturday 18 April 2009

**Time:** 10.00 am -12.30 pm

**Place:** Treborth Botanic Garden

#### CHESTER ZOO

The plants at Chester Zoo are as carefully managed as the animals there. The Zoo has created several themed garden areas - the Roman, Andes and Wildlife and Grasses Gardens. They also have large collections of orchids and cacti and are building up their range of rare British native species. We will have a guided walk with Mark Sparrow, Curator of Horticulture. Please complete enclosed booking form and return to John Gorham by 10 March.

**Date:** Tuesday 21 April 2009

**Cost:** £20 for the coach and entry to the garden.

### **SPRING WALK AT TREBORTH**

A walk around the Botanic Garden with Nigel Brown to see spring flowers and shrubs.

**Date:** Thursday 7 May 2009

**Time:** 6.30 to 9 pm.

**Place:** Treborth Botanic Garden

### **WILDLIFE EXPLORERS VISIT TO MENAI BRIDGE**

Explore Menai Bridge. A guided nature walk for children (and accompanying adults) with Nigel Brown around Church Island and the Belgian Promenade, the Pier and back through the old quarry woodlands by the library.

**Date:** Thursday 14 May 2009

**Time:** 6.30 to 8 pm.

**Place:** Meet at Church Island Car Park (opposite the police station)

### **CRUG FARM NURSERY**

Bleddyn and Sue Wynn Jones will show us around the nursery and their garden at Crug Farm. Come and see their beautiful plants and exciting discoveries from their plant hunting expeditions.

**Date:** Tuesday 19 May 2009

**Time:** 6.30 to 8.30 pm

**Place:** Crug Farm, Griffiths Crossing, Caernarfon

### **LATE SPRING PLANT SALE**

We will have tender vegetables, tomato plants etc with herbs, perennials and biennials. Jams and pickles for sale, refreshments.

**Date:** Saturday 30 May 2009

**Time:** 10.00 -12.30 am

**Place:** Treborth Botanic Garden

*ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUTURE EVENTS (more details with your May newsletter)*

### **WILDLIFE GARDENING EVENT AND BOTANICAL BEATS CONCERT - 7 JUNE**

A full day of fun and music at Treborth.

### **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF DARWIN - 28 JUNE (provisional date)**

A guided walk to Cwm Idwal

### **COACH TOUR OF GARDENS OF DORSET AND DEVON - 30 JUNE TO 3 JULY**

Four day coach trip to gardens of the south west to include: RHS Rosemoor, Bristol Botanic Garden, Wildside Nursery, The Garden House, Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens and Little Groves Nursery. Please see enclosed booking form.