

NEWS FROM PEACEHAVEN

March 2020

WATER: WE CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT IT



What a joy it was to get some decent rainfall last month. Almost overnight, a tawny landscape was transformed into a green one, gardening ceased to be the depressing pursuit it had been during those long hot months, and there was proper water in the lake at Peacehaven.

CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR!

The path outside the new nursery was a casualty of the heavy rain. The entrance had to be blocked off and customers diverted via the shed.



The path has now been repaired, and direct access to the nursery restored.

SEEN IN THE PARK



Plumbago zeylanica, native plumbago, luxuriant groundcover under the trees

FEATURE TREE: GOLDEN PENDA

Have you considered planting a golden penda, *Xanthostemon chrysanthus*? It has large glossy leaves and bears spectacular gold blossom in spring and autumn, attracting bees, birds and butterflies. It can grow up to 15 m tall in the wild but is smaller in gardens, and can even be pruned to shrub size. In stock now at the nursery.



100th MEMBER

Last month we were delighted to sign up our 100th Friend of Peacehaven Botanic Park. Since then more have joined, bringing our membership up to 106 – the most members in a financial year since the Friends of Peacehaven Botanic Park began.

MUSIC IN THE PARK



The first Music in the Park event of 2020 will be on **Sunday 8 March**. Duo Mark Weare and Natalie White will perform from **1 pm to 3 pm**.

TAVERN TALK: WISE WATER USE

Continuing the theme of water, here's advance notice of our next Tavern Talk. In May, horticulturalist Peter Deuter will cover the important topic of using water wisely.

Date: Thursday 21 May

Time: 6 pm for a 7 pm presentation (dinner and drinks at your own expense)

Place: Highfields Tavern

Bookings: peacehaven3@gmail.com

NEXT MEETING OF FRIENDS

The next General Meeting of the Friends of Peacehaven Botanic Park will as usual be on the second Wednesday of the month.

Date: Wednesday 11 March

Time: straight after the management committee meeting, which starts at 9.30 am.

Place: nursery shed, Peacehaven

All welcome.