New for 2014

Entry to the Gardens will be free for ICS members. Just bring some ID showing you are a member and enjoy the Camellia Collection when it is at its peak flowering.

Mount Edgcumbe Country Park, Torpoint, Cornwall, UK
Lee Stenning

Mount Edgcumbe has been an ICS Garden of Excellence now for ten years and is due for an inspection next year.

Last year our major project was the creation of a Camellia Trail with dedicated interpretation. This is a great improvement on the four boards and laminated sheets that we had used previously and this costly improvement was funded by our Friends Group.

This year we have started work on pruning the Collection because many of the original camellias were planted too close together.

One of the main effects of this pruning programme was that the flowering of some of the larger plants was greatly reduced this spring and it was for this reason that I pulled out of showing our camellias this year. It did, however, give me the opportunity of judging at the Cornwall Garden Society Spring Show at Boconnoc, together with Jennifer Trehane. I will start showing again in 2015.

We are continuing our propagation programme and are selling a limited number of plants.

The Collection as always is very popular in season and I am continuing to grow the Collection with new acquisitions.

Camellia Festival
Gardens of Excellence celebration

Devon and Cornwall are home to the four current UK Gardens of Excellence:


This year, 2014, these gardens will be joining together to create a colourful and informative display celebrating the camellias of the southwest. The display will be part of the glorious spring event, the Cornwall Garden Society Spring Show, held at Boconnoc Gardens near Lostwithiel in Cornwall, April 5th and 6th.