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MOUNT EDGCUMBE JOINT COMMITTEE



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MOUNT EDGCUMBE JOINT COMMITTEE

DATE: FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2012
TIME: 9.45 AM
**PLACE: BELVEDERE ROOM, BARROW PARK COMPLEX,
MOUNT EDGCUMBE, CREMYLL**

Committee Members-

Plymouth City Councillors-

Councillors Mrs Beer (Co-Chair), Mrs Bragg, Browne, Mrs Foster, Penberthy, Peter Smith and Vincent.

Cornwall Councillors-

Councillors Austin, Flashman, German, Holley, Pearn MBE, Preston and Trubody (Co-Chair).

Co-opted Members-

Sir Richard Carew Pole Bt, Commander G Crocker, Mr D L Richards, Mr T Savery and Mrs B Spring.

Members of the Joint Committee are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf.

Please note that, unless the Co Chairs agree, mobile phones should be switched off and speech, video and photographic equipment should not be used during meetings.

BARRY KEEL
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MOUNT EDGCUMBE JOINT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

PART I – PUBLIC MEETING

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for non-attendance submitted by Joint Committee Members.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda.

3. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2011 as a correct record.

4. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

To receive reports on business, which in the opinion of the Chair, should be brought forward for urgent consideration.

5. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2011/12 (Pages 5 - 12)

The Joint Committee will receive a report on revenue budget monitoring 2011/12.

6. MOUNT EDGCUMBE REVIEW OF 2011 (Pages 13 - 20)

The Joint Committee will receive a report on the Mount Edgcumbe Review of 2011.

7. EXEMPT BUSINESS

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

PART II (PRIVATE COMMITTEE)

PART II (PRIVATE MEETING)

AGENDA

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

that under the law, the Panel is entitled to consider certain items in private. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

8. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2011/12 (E3) (Pages 21 - 40)

The Joint Committee will receive a report on the revenue budget monitoring 2011/12.

9. MOUNT EDGCUMBE BUSINESS PLAN (E3) (Pages 41 - 132)

The Joint Committee will receive an update on the Mount Edgcumbe business plan.

(Please note that copies of two further reports will be available at the meeting).

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Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee

Friday 25 November 2011

PRESENT:

Councillor Trubody, Co Chair, in the Chair.

Councillors Mrs Beer (Co Chair), Mrs Foster, Pearn MBE, Penberthy, Peter Smith and Vincent.

Co-opted Representatives: Sir Richard Carew Pole Bt, Commander Crocker and Mrs Spring.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Austin, Bragg, Browne, Flashman, German, Holley and Preston and Co-opted Representatives Mr D L Richards and Mr T Savery.

Also in attendance: David Bennett (Accountant PCC), Ian Berry (Park Manager PCC), Nick Butcher (Head Gardener/Ranger PCC), Charlie David (Strategic Waste and Landscape Manager), David Marshall (Business Development Mount Edgcumbe House and Country Park, Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery PCC) and Tony O'Connor-Smith (Senior Accountant PCC).

The meeting started at 9.45 am and finished at 10.55 am.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

22. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by councillors in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

23. **MINUTES**

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2011 are confirmed as a correct record.

24. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

25. **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2011/12**

The Director for Community Services and the Assistant Head of Service, Waste and Environment submitted a report on the revenue budget monitoring 2011/12, which highlighted the following main areas –

- (a) a deficit of £7,425 had been identified which would need to be addressed; this represented a decrease of £1,949 since the last monitoring update in September;

- (b) there were a number of variations that had been identified which included –
- Mount Edgcumbe House
 - ▶ salary costs – a post had been deleted (£3.9k favourable);
 - ▶ management action had curtailed spending in order to address an operating deficit (£1.2k favourable);
 - ▶ income had increased on the forecast due to additional functions being booked (£1.9k favourable);
 - Mount Edgcumbe Park
 - ▶ there had been a reduction in overtime (£2k favourable);
 - ▶ the charge for pot holes had been absorbed within current budgets (£4k favourable);
 - Mount Edgcumbe Trading
 - ▶ income had reduced by £6.2k; this had been as a result of VAT not being paid on the hire of the Orangery since 2008/9 (VAT had now been backed);
 - ▶ £1.4k had been included in the forecast for events that had not taken place this season;
- (c) a number of projections had been identified which had a high risk of change –
- Trenninow chalet rent review;
 - winter retail trading and stock review;
 - the car parking price increase from 19 September 2011; (in the first six weeks the figures had backed up the 50 per cent income increase which had been forecast, although this would be dependent on the weather for the remainder of the financial year);
 - catering trading information from the operator.

The Joint Committee agreed –

- (1) to note the report;
- (2) that detailed financial information is provided at future meetings; due to the confidential and commercially sensitive information, this item will be considered under exempt business.

26. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

Agreed that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public are excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act, 2000.

27. **UPDATE ON THE BUSINESS PLAN (E3)**

The Director for Community Services, Director for Corporate Support and the Assistant Head of Service Waste and Environment submitted an update report on the Mount Edgumbe business plan.

The Co Chairs expressed their concern at receiving this report late. The Park Manager assured the Joint Committee that every effort was made to provide reports in a timely manner, however, in order to provide a comprehensive and meaningful report, it had not been possible to do so on this occasion.

Agreed that –

- (1) the report is noted;
- (2) an options report will be submitted to the Joint Committee on 3 February 2012, identifying the role of a consultant, in providing a brief, indicative costs and an understanding of how the costs would be met;
- (3) the Mount Edgumbe Officers' Working Group looks at resources in both constituent authorities which would meet the objectives of the brief and the costs associated with it.

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**PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
MOUNT EDGCUMBE JOINT COMMITTEE**

Subject: Revenue Budget Monitoring 2011/12

Committee: Mount Edgumbe Joint Committee

Date: 24 February 2012

Joint Chairs: Councillor Mrs Beer, Plymouth City Council
Councillor Trubody, Cornwall Council

Cabinet Member: Councillor Jordan, Plymouth City Council
Councillor German, Cornwall Council

CMT Member: Director for People, Plymouth City Council
Assistant Head of Service, Waste and Environment,
Cornwall Council

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Ref: ME

Key Decision: No

Part: I

Executive Summary:

This report presents an update on the financial position of the Joint Committee for financial year 2011/12.

Members' attention is drawn to the confidential information referred to in item 8 below which is considered commercially sensitive.

Corporate Plan 2011-2014:

Mount Edgumbe

Plymouth City Council:

This monitoring report links to delivering the priorities within the Council's corporate plan.

Cornwall Council:

Business Plan Immediate Priorities: Use of resources and performance management

Environment, Planning and Economy Directorate Plan priorities:

Creating a Green Cornwall

Creating Better Places to Live

Delivering Excellent Services

**Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:
Including finance, human, IT and land**

Current detailed monitoring work has identified that this year's outturn should come on budget

Other Implications: e.g. Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management and Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion:

Increased risk management will need to take place to manage the impact of the challenging financial position.

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

It is recommended that the Joint Committee notes the report.

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

None

Background papers: Mount Edgcumbe 2011 budget setting

Sign off:

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Originating SMT Member James Coulton											

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Report has been produced to update the Joint Committee with the monitoring position up to the 31 December 2011.
- 1.2 Variations are reported in the attachment and broken down by park operation that reflects 50% of the budget agreed by each constituent authority of £237,000 each.

2. 2011/12 REVENUE MONITORING VARIATIONS

- 2.1 Previously an operating deficit of £7,425 had been identified, management action was taken to address and we can now forecast that Mount Edgumbe park should run to budget for this financial year.
- 2.2 The variations to bring back to 2011/12 budget have been identified as follows -

Mount Edgumbe House 6.5 k adverse

- 2.2.1 Employees – Overtime 7k above original budget set due to ambitious target of halving previous years actual. Forecasting 4.7k less than last year's actual.
- 2.2.2 Transport – 5k adverse due to increase in cost of fuel and maintenance of ageing vehicles.
- 2.2.3 Supplies and Services – (10k favourable) management action to curtail spend to address operating deficit mainly in advertising and postage.
- 2.2.4 Income – 4.5k adverse, rent income for slipways that originally was to be 100% Mount Edgumbe is now shared 50/50% Plymouth City Council to maintain the slipway on Stonehouse side.

Mount Edgumbe Park (7k favourable)

- 2.2.5 Premises – (2k favourable) Reduction in upkeep of grounds.
- 2.2.6 Supplies and Services – (2.5k favourable) Linked to upkeep of grounds, materials needed to maintain grounds lower than budget plus management action on purchasing materials.
- 2.2.7 Income – (2.5k favourable) Increase in donations from Xmas fayre and Friends of Mount Edgumbe.

Mount Edgumbe Trading (7k favourable)

- 2.2.8 Income increased – Commission from caterer expected to be more than original forecast and sales for Christmas fayre from discontinued stock from old plant sales store.

3. **BUDGET RISK**

3.1 There are a number of projections that have been incorporated within the latest forecast which have a high risk of change that members should note -

- Trenninow Chalet rent review. Budget set on 50% rise in rent which would mean a new annual fee in the region of £1050. Draft report from Humberts recommends £1100 per chalet however this has still to be agreed by the Chalet owners so if new rent is below £1050 there will be an in year pressure.
- Car parking price increase from 19 September 2011, so far in first 13 weeks since the increase figures are backing up the 50% increase in income forecast so usage has remained the same. This will always be weather dependant for rest of the financial year.

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee notes the report.



Latest Forecast Monitoring High Level

Latest Forecast Monitoring High Level



Year: 2011/12

Period: 9

	Previous Year's Actual	Latest Budget Full Year	Latest Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Outstanding Purchase Orders	Actual + Outstanding Purchase Orders	Variance Year to Date (Favourable) / Adverse	Latest Forecast Full Year	Variance Full Year (Favourable) / Adverse
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Division: GCOMCI - Mount Edgcumbe									
Level 8: GCOMCIAA - Mount Edgcumbe House									
Detail code level 4-CPFA Standard groups:									
D11 - Employees	474,826	376,235	282,224	297,129	0	297,129	14,905	382,791	6,556
D12 - Premises	80,477	79,916	55,433	47,172	3,694	50,866	(4,567)	64,928	(14,988)
D13 - Transport	25,092	24,669	18,510	22,625	2,856	25,481	6,971	28,310	3,641
D14 - Supplies and Services	107,505	101,326	75,414	46,427	11,501	57,928	(17,486)	84,996	(16,330)
D15 - Third Party Payments	175	357	270	0	0	0	(270)	0	(357)
D17 - Support Services	489	0	0	649	0	649	649	533	116
D19 - Income	(626,847)	(440,716)	(310,233)	(501,604)	0	(501,604)	(191,371)	(450,090)	(9,374)
D20 - Capital Financing outside NCS	29,301	29,301	0	29,301	0	29,301	29,301	29,301	0
Total for	91,018	171,088	121,618	(58,300)	18,050	(40,250)	(161,868)	140,769	(30,319)
Total for Level 8: GCOMCIAA - Mount Edgcumbe House	91,018	171,088	121,618	(58,300)	18,050	(40,250)	(161,868)	140,769	(30,319)
Level 8: GCOMCIAB - Mount Edgcumbe Park									
Detail code level 4-CPFA Standard groups:									
D11 - Employees	90,832	92,491	69,385	74,397	0	74,397	5,012	98,676	6,185
D12 - Premises	73,091	56,483	44,564	35,085	9,079	44,164	(400)	57,854	1,371
D13 - Transport	1,080	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D14 - Supplies and Services	9,701	13,098	9,830	2,711	0	2,711	(7,119)	9,893	(3,205)
D19 - Income	(64,460)	(68,894)	(59,282)	(44,119)	0	(44,119)	15,163	(54,635)	14,259
Total for	110,244	93,178	64,497	68,074	9,079	77,153	12,656	111,788	18,610
Total for Level 8: GCOMCIAB - Mount Edgcumbe Park	110,244	93,178	64,497	68,074	9,079	77,153	12,656	111,788	18,610
Level 8: GCOMCIAC - Mount Edgcumbe Trading									
Detail code level 4-CPFA Standard groups:									
D11 - Employees	231,343	40,522	33,906	30,074	0	30,074	(3,832)	33,040	(7,482)

Latest Forecast Monitoring High Level

Year: 2011/12

Period: 9



	Previous Year's Actual	Latest Budget Full Year	Latest Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Outstanding Purchase Orders	Actual + Outstanding Purchase Orders	Variance Year to Date (Favourable) / Adverse	Latest Forecast Full Year	Variance Full Year (Favourable / Adverse)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Level 8: GCOMCIAC - Mount Edgcumbe Trading									
Detail code level 4-CPFA Standard groups:									
D12 - Premises	3,018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D13 - Transport	168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D14 - Supplies and Services	228,358	55,291	39,133	23,854	7,628	31,483	(7,650)	35,891	(19,400)
D19 - Income	(315,690)	(123,079)	(99,714)	(71,014)	0	(71,014)	28,700	(84,488)	38,591
Total for	147,198	(27,266)	(26,675)	(17,086)	7,628	(9,458)	17,217	(15,557)	11,709
Total for Level 8: GCOMCIAC - Mount Edgcumbe Trading	147,198	(27,266)	(26,675)	(17,086)	7,628	(9,458)	17,217	(15,557)	11,709
Level 8: GCOMCIAD - Mount Edgcumbe Suspense									
Detail code level 4-CPFA Standard groups:									
D14 - Supplies and Services	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total for	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total for Level 8: GCOMCIAD - Mount Edgcumbe Suspense	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total for : Division: GCOMCI - Mount Edgcumbe	348,480	237,000	159,440	(7,312)	34,758	27,445	(131,995)	237,000	0
Grand Total	348,480	237,000	159,440	(7,312)	34,758	27,445	(131,995)	237,000	0

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
MOUNT EDGCUMBE JOINT COMMITTEE**

Subject: Mount Edgumbe Review of 2011

Committee: Mount Edgumbe Joint Committee

Date: 24 February 2012

Joint Chair: Councillor Mrs Beer, Plymouth City Council
Councillor Trubody, Cornwall Council

Cabinet Members: Councillor Jordan, Plymouth City Council
Councillor German, Cornwall Council

CMT Member: Director for People, Plymouth City Council
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Ref: IB/JC/02/12

Key Decision: No

Part: I

Executive Summary:

This report reviews the past year and informs members of House and Park usage, events and key work undertaken in the past year.

Corporate Plan 2011-2014:

Mount Edgumbe

Plymouth City Council

This report links to delivering the priorities within the Council's corporate plan particularly with regard to raising aspirations and providing value to communities.

Cornwall Council

Business Plan Immediate Priorities: Use of resources and performance management.

Environment, Planning and Economy Directorate Plan priorities:

Creating a Green Cornwall

Creating a better place to live

Delivering excellent services

**Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:
Including finance, human, IT and land**

None.

**Other Implications: e.g. Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk
Management and Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion:**

None.

Recommendations and Reasons for Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the -

- i) Joint Committee note the report
- ii) Joint Committee formally thank the Friends of Mount Edgumbe for their continued support.

Alternative Options Considered & Reasons for Recommended Action:

None.

Background Papers:

- i) Mount Edgumbe events files.
- ii) Mount Edgumbe diary.

Sign Off

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This report is a summary of some of the key activities that have been undertaken at Mount Edgcumbe over the past year.

2. Spring Flower Show 2011

- 2.1. The Cornwall Garden Societies Spring Flower Show is held on the first weekend in April at Boconnoc. As holder of the National Camellia Collection, Mount Edgcumbe exhibits Camellia's in the competition section of the show. For the sixth year in a row, Mount Edgcumbe won the Camellia Cup for most points in the Camellia section. We also had a stand at the show promoting Mount Edgcumbe and selling merchandise.
- 2.2. The 2012 show is being held on the weekend of 31 March/1 April. Mount Edgcumbe will be entering the competition classes again and having a promotional stand.

3. Mount Edgcumbe Events Programme

- 3.1. The Mount Edgcumbe events programme is split into two parts, January to June and July to December.
- 3.2. A varied programme of events, totalling around 40 are scheduled, ranging from Bushcraft days, Deer Walks, Camellia Walks, Murder Mystery evenings, Craft Workshops and the Christmas Fayre. The events are well supported and are targeted at different age groups.
- 3.3. The annual Classic Car Rally which is organised by the Friends of Mount Edgcumbe Country Park and Cornwall Hospice Care was well attended with estimated visitor numbers between 12,500 to 15,000.
- 3.4. The 2011 Christmas Fayre was the best yet. The Barrow Centre was included this year with additional stalls in the Belvedere and entertainment in the courtyard. 4,100 people came through the doors over the two days of the Fayre.
- 3.5. Contingency Planning for the America's Cup Series held in the Sound was put in place, but few people came to Mount Edgcumbe.
- 3.6. Plymouth's Annual National Fireworks Championships again saw good numbers coming to watch the spectacle from Mount Edgcumbe.
- 3.7. The events programme for the first six months of 2012 is attached to this report.

4. Phytophthora ramorum Control

- 4.1. Work has continued to remove Rhododendron ponticum, (an invasive species that hosts the pathogen Phytophthora ramorum, commonly known as Sudden Oak Death), with no new cases of the disease being found.

5. Weddings

- 5.1. After a drop in wedding bookings in 2008.2009, 2011 saw a rise with 24 ceremonies being held at Mount Edgcumbe House.
- 5.2. 34 bookings have already been taken for 2012.

6. Visitor Numbers

- 6.1. The House opened, as usual, at the beginning of April and closed at the end of September, opening 5 days per week, Sunday to Thursday, 11am until 4.30pm.
- 6.2. 128 booked groups came to the House, of which, 85 were European, mainly German, but some Swiss and Austrian groups as well. These European groups visit Mount Edgcumbe as a direct result of the filming by a German company of the novels of Rosamund Pilcher, several of which have been filmed at Mount Edgcumbe.
- 6.3. Other visitors have totalled 7144 adults, 738 children and 455 school children/students.

7. Heritage Lottery Fund – Your Heritage Grant

- 7.1. A notable success in 2011 was the award of £41,000 by the Heritage Lottery Fund to conserve artefacts from the wreck of the Metta Catherina von Flensburg, a Danish Brigantine that foundered off of Mount Edgcumbe in the 18th century. The Friends of Mount Edgcumbe Country Park have kindly donated £8,000 to this project, with the Metta Catherina Trust donating a further £3,000.
- 7.2. The project will run over two years and will encompass not only conservation and display of the artefacts found, but also have an educational theme and tell the story of the amateur divers who found her and pioneered underwater archaeology.

8. Formal Opening of the Relic Garden

- 8.1. In the summer, the Relic Garden was formally opened by the Co-Chairs. This garden was designed by our Foreman Gardener using redundant stone and garden ornaments that had over the years been abandoned around the Park. This was brought together and now forms an interesting feature in the Formal Gardens. The work was wholly funded by the Friends of Mount Edgcumbe Country Park who donated a very generous £17,000 to the project.

9. Park Usage by Organised Groups

- 9.1. Over the course of the year various groups use the Park for a range of activities. These have included organised running events, orienteering, sponsored walks and school visits. The figures given below are based on the information provided by users. Not every group books to use the facilities, nor do they always give definite numbers.
- 9.2. Orienteering
The Orienteering course was used on 27 occasions.
- 9.3. College/School/Youth Group Visits
There were 51 booked visits during the year. Not all groups provided numbers, but 30 did and their numbers totalled 3,523.

10. Friends of Mount Edgumbe Country Park

- 10.1. The importance of the Friends support cannot be over emphasised. As well as financial support for projects such as the Relic Garden and the Metta Catherina Project already mentioned and financial commitments to the new guide book and improvements in the Cremyll Shop area, they have provided the bulk of volunteers that have supported the Park in even greater numbers over the past year.
- 10.2. They have helped with the full range of activities at Mount Edgumbe, supporting events, particularly the Christmas Fayre which would not have been possible without their help with preparation, car parking and stewarding. Support to staff has been provided in the following areas of work:-
- (a) Administration
 - (b) Archival Work
 - (c) Stewarding
 - (d) Gardening
 - (e) General Estate work
 - (f) Rhododendron clearing
 - (g) Driving the Buggy
 - (h) Stewarding Events (manning stalls, car parking, preparing goods for sale)
 - (i) Buildings Maintenance
- 10.3. The volunteers who work with the gardeners have given 1,000 hours of their time during 2011.

11. Other Events held in the Park

- 11.1. As well as the events organised by ourselves and FOMECP, the following events were also held in the Park but organised by others during 2011.
- (a) Sealed Knot Event
 - (b) Land Rover Discovery Owners Club meet
 - (c) Military Vehicles Trust weekend.
 - (d) Faery Festival
 - (e) Caravan Club weekend meeting
 - (f) Caravan and Camping Club weekend meeting
 - (g) Motor Caravan Club weekend meeting

12. Restoration of the Ice House Bridge

- 12.1. The Ice House Bridge forms part of the main drive to Mount Edgumbe House. Historically, the bridge consisted of stone piers joined by wrought iron railings and topped with Coade Stone pineapples. The piers had fallen into disrepair and the wrought iron railings needed to be refurbished. The pineapples were restored some years ago, but kept in store.

Mount Edgcombe staff, working with a specialist stone mason carried out repairs and refurbishment and the pineapples were brought out of store and fixed onto the piers.

13. Recommendations

13.1. Officers recommend that the Joint Committee –

- (a) Note the report.
- (c) Formally thank the Friends of Mount Edgcombe Country Park for their financial and volunteer support during 2011.

2012 Events Leaflet

Edgcombe home, you could be in for a real treat with this expedition. Meeting on the terrace at the front of the house at 8pm, the walk will take approx. 2-3 hours and finish off with hot soup and cost £5.00 p.p. Please make sure that you wrap up warm and wear suitable footwear for the walk.

JUNE

Wednesday 6th – 12.30pm-2pm

Seashore Explorer

Join the rangers to explore the creatures of the deep, and not so deep here at Mount Edgcombe. Starting at 12.30pm the event will run across low tide until 2pm. Explore the huge amount of sea life that lives above and below the low water mark. The footing will be slippery so appropriate footwear and wet weather gear is a must for this event. Tickets £4.00 per child (all children must be accompanied by an adult max. 3 children per adult).

Thursday 7th – 11.30am-12.30pm

History and Heritage of the Earls Garden

Discover all about the beautiful Earls Garden here at Mount Edgcombe and what's hidden away in all the nooks and crannies. Starting at 11.30am the talk will last approximately 1 hour. Tickets cost £5.00 per person and should be booked in advance. Tickets also include entry to the House after the talk.

Saturday 9th – 10am-3pm

Family Bushcraft Day

Enjoy a family adventure with our experienced rangers learning all about the great outdoors. Learn how to build a shelter, light a fire without matches and even forage for food! All children must be accompanied by an adult with no more than 2 children per adult. Tickets are 1 adult + 1 child - £18 (11+7), 1 adult + 2 children £25 (11+7+7). Meet at Penlee Battery car park at 10am wearing suitable clothing and footwear, you should bring a packed lunch and drink with you.

Sunday 10th - 10am -1pm

From Rags to Riches - Introductory Workshop



Come and learn the age old craft of creating beautiful textiles for the home using rag rugging techniques. This is the time to make use of all those lovely bits of fabric and clothing that you no longer really need but can't bear to

part with.

All materials provided...please bring any special fabric scraps and fabric scissors if you have them...if not, don't worry... plenty to share! Cost £15.00 p.p.

Saturday 16th – 10am-4pm

Introduction to Photography Workshop

This is a chance for those interested but not necessarily very experienced in photography to make use of the picturesque grounds of Mount Edgcombe to gain some tips from photographer, Jess Maslen, on how to get the best out of your camera. A practical session will take place outside, weather permitting. Tickets cost £25.00 p.p.

Meeting at Barrow Park Centre at 9.45 a.m. for a 10 a.m. start. Bring a camera (either film or digital), a selection of lenses (for SLR cameras ONLY), a tripod (if you've got it) and an umbrella (just in case!). A light picnic lunch will be provided.

Saturday 30th – 10.30am-12.30pm

Dowsing for Beginners

Sceptical? Why not try out the ancient art of dowsing here at Mount Edgcombe and develop a new skill. Meeting on the terrace in front of Mount Edgcombe House at 10.30 the walk will last for approximately 2 hours and cost £4 per person and don't forget to bring you wire coat hangers!

Advance Booking

All events should be pre booked, please call 01752 822236

Creative Workshops

Small group numbers ensure time and space to develop your ideas to the full whether a beginner or more experienced artist. Booking is essential as minimum numbers are required to run the courses.

Outdoor Events

You will require suitable footwear and clothing.

The management reserves the right to cancel events at short notice.

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Events Diary

Mount Edgcombe

January - June 2012

The Childhood Toy Collection

1st April - 30 Sept. at Mount Edgcumbe House

What is it that we find so comforting about that little teddy bear we've had since childhood with the ear hanging off



and its fur long gone? It reminds us of simpler times perhaps. So why not head for Mount Edgcumbe House and see Mike Cavanagh's delightful collection of childhood

toys from times gone by which is currently on loan to the Museum. See how children used to entertain themselves long before computer games were ever dreamt of.

FEBRUARY

Sunday 12th 10am-1pm

Accessorise with Felt Introductory Workshop

Use beautiful Merino Wool fibres to create a unique felted purse or small bag using the wet felting method. There will be an opportunity to experiment with colour blending using traditional carders, learn how to make pre felt and a felted button for your purse or bag. All materials provided...please bring plastic bag to carry wet items home! Cost £15.00 p.p.

Saturday 25th – 10.30am-12.30pm

Dowsing for Beginners

Sceptical? Why not try out the ancient art of dowsing here at Mount Edgcumbe and develop a new skill. Meeting on the terrace in front of the House tickets £4.00 p.p. and don't forget your wire coat hangers!

MARCH

Saturday 3rd & Wednesday 7th – 11am-1pm

Camellia Walk

This is an opportunity to join the Curator of the National Camellia Collection, held by Mount Edgcumbe Country Park, on a conducted tour of the collection that currently numbers approximately 1,000 cultivars. Meeting at Dry Walk Car Park tickets costs £4.00 p.p. Suitable walking shoes and clothing is a must on this outdoor adventure.

Sunday 18th - 10.30am-12pm

British Deer Talk

If you want to learn more about these majestic animals then this is the talk for you. You can also learn about the origins of the Deer Park at Mount Edgcumbe. Join us for this fascinating talk and slideshow in the Belvedere Suite at The Barrow Park Centre, cost £5.00 p.p.

APRIL

Sunday 8th - 10am-1pm

Introduction to Colourful Corsages Workshop

An introduction to needlefelting. No sewing experience necessary!! Using a wonderful selection of coloured Merino Wool fibres and a small barbed needle we will create beautiful, one of a kind corsage, buttons and more. All materials provided...please bring buttons or beads, needle and thread to decorate corsage if required. Cost £15.00 p.p.

Wednesday 11th - 2pm-3.30pm

Spring Garden Tour



Take a tour of our Grade I listed gardens and historic buildings while they are surrounded by beautiful spring blooms. Tickets cost £4.00 per person and should be booked in advance.

Saturday 14th - 7pm-10.30pm

Murder Mystery Evening

Things that go bump in the night... for something a little more exciting why not join the Candlelight Theatre Company here at Mount Edgcumbe for cocktails, a 3 course themed dinner (BYOB) and.... murder most horrid!

Meet at Mount Edgcumbe for cocktails at 7pm and join your fellow sleuths and plan how you're going to solve the murder. Tickets cost £39.95 p.p., groups welcome.

Thursday 26th - 11.30am-12.30pm

Back to the Tudors

Discover why Mount Edgcumbe House was so modern and unique when it was built. Look at the collections to find out more about this fascinating period in history. Tickets cost £5.00 p.p. and include entry to the House and Earls Garden on the day.

MAY

Saturday 5th – 10am-4pm

Introduction to Painting - Louise Courtneil

This is a fantastic opportunity to work with local artist Louise Courtneil to capture some of Cornwall's most beautiful landscape in watercolours, oils or acrylics. Louise will work with you throughout the day giving advice, tips on your use of materials and hints on the painting techniques that have made her such a popular artist.

Meeting at Barn Pool Picnic area at 9.45am for a 10am start the course will run until 4 pm and costs £25.00 p.p. You should bring all your own equipment for your class. A light picnic lunch will be provided during the day. Places are strictly limited.

Saturday 12th – 4.30am-7am

Dawn Chorus

Awaken to the delights of the avian world here at Mount Edgcumbe. Join our expert guide to experience the amazing sounds of dawn birdsong within the gardens of the estate. Meeting at Barrow Car Park at 4:30am, the walk will take approximately 2 1/2 hours and finish off with breakfast and cost £6.50 p.p. Suitable walking shoes and warm clothing is a must, and don't forget the binoculars!

Saturday 19th & Wednesday 23rd 10.30am-12pm

Tubs and Planters Workshop

Come along and talk to the experts for all those handy hints and tips. Bring your favourite tubs and baskets along and we will have all the plants, compost etc to purchase on site at a reduced rate. There will be a demonstration by our gardening expert, followed by tea and coffee before you get your hands dirty and create your own masterpiece. Costs £5.00 p.p.

Sunday 20th - 11.30am-12.30pm

Working for 'Lordy'

An introduction to life 'below stairs' and also on the estate at Mount Edgcumbe. Brought to life with photos and stories from the past. Tickets cost £5.00 p.p. and include entry to the House and Earls Garden on the day.

Saturday 26th – 8pm-10.30pm

Going Bats at Mount Edgcumbe

Join us for a nocturnal adventure and let our colonies of bats be your guide. With rare species calling Mount

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