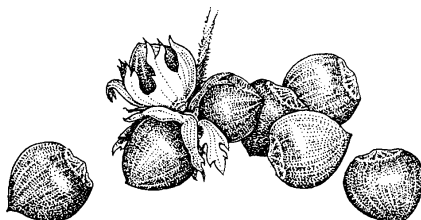


In a Nutshell

THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FRIENDS OF STANDEN ESTATE:

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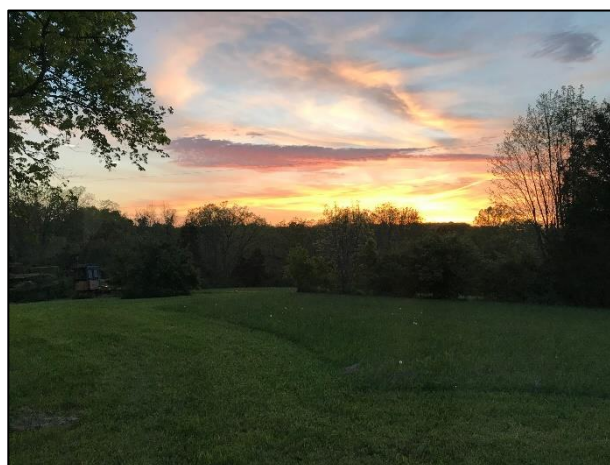
AND FINALLY...

Amy's new home



recently sent newsletter an update about her new life with her fiancé Wyatt:

We were all sorry to see Amy leave Standen, but she is clearly settling in to her life in Kentucky, which clearly has some beautiful countryside. Needless to say, she is already making her mark in a new garden. She





How quickly these past couple of months have gone! It's been very, very busy here - so much to organise and set up. But we've broken ground with house building (after having to go through multiple plan changes) and of course most importantly started a little garden!



It took me a while to decide/find what I wanted to buy with the leaving money. Thank you so much again to you all for your generosity. I've invested in a set of tools, and they've proven fantastic on horticultural endeavours so far.

We've essentially formed an allotment patch - it's the next field over from where our house will be because of the building works. We'll most likely move the plants when we can. Or we might just keep it as an additional



garden plot! Currently there's lots of Cayenne Peppers, Marigolds, Agastache, Asparagus Ferns, Thunbergia, Gaura, Tomatoes, Aubergines, Squash. In recent weeks the heat index has been over 100f so it's near impossible to do any gardening during the day. But this brings the delights of sunset gardening, overlapping with the dusk dances of the fireflies.

I hope all is well at Standen, it was lovely to read the latest fose letter. I would love any photo updates (especially the exotic bed/lower terrace/upper

terrace!!). I'm not 100% sure my final email got through to everyone, as I no longer have access to my NT account, and this also meant that I've got no other contacts apart from this fose one! I'll be popping back to England in about a month for visiting/visa purposes, but I wanted to check in to say thank you for the contributions to the tools, and feel free to contact me at this email address.

Warmest wishes,

Amy

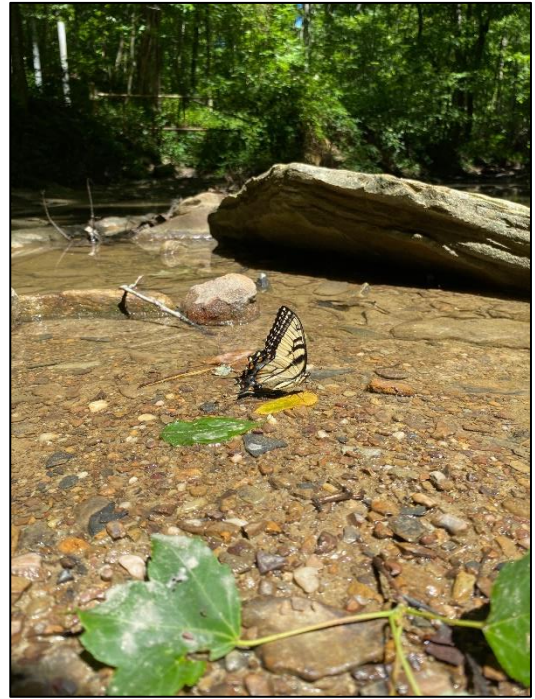
Amy's email address is amy@photon.me.uk

She and her fiancé have clearly got their work cut out in this massive greenhouse as well.



They certainly do things bigger in the United States. However, the life is obviously suiting Amy and she and her fiancé both look very happy together.

We look forward to seeing Amy and hearing all her news when she comes back to England on a visit in August.



Sweet treats

Sally Roberson has been keeping the garden volunteers happy for years with her delicious cakes, but, for the Platinum Jubilee, she excelled herself with these clever Jubilee muffins.

The Rice paper pictures were edible too, though it did feel slightly like *lèse-majesté* to be eating the queen. Needless to say we all overcame our scruples in that direction and just tucked in.

Our thanks go to Sally, both for her Jubilee ingenuity and her continued support of the garden volunteers' tummies.



New greenhouse

One of the projects currently being undertaken at Standen is the upgrading of the Nursery area to National Trust Silver standard. To this end, a team of Thursday volunteers have been clearing the area round the nursery - a task which has involved some serious pruning and tree-felling, as well as a lot of heavy strimming. The squirrel cage has been taken down and the delapidated shed demolished. An area beside the potting shed can now be levelled to allow the building of an extension to house all the hundreds of pots which were lying around the nursery area. In addition, the large space above the greenhouses will now have a hard surface put down so that it can be used as a quarantine area. The one thing missing was a quarantine greenhouse.

Fortunately, FoSE member Diana Burch had one which was surplus to requirement, and generously donated it to Standen. A team of Thursday volunteers went to dismantle and collect it, and it is now safely in storage. As soon as the hard standing is in place, it can be re-erected and go to work. Our thanks go to Diana for her kind gift.

All aglow

When the exotic bed was planted up, there were some fears that the ground might be too impoverished for things to take, and they have certainly had a lot to contend with given this year's excessively dry weather. However, the Fox-tailed lilies have done particularly well and positively glow in the afternoon sun.



And finally...

Anyone know how to do a rain dance?