

THE SCOTTISH ROCK GARDEN CLUB



2015 YEAR BOOK & JANUARY SECRETARY'S PAGES

NOTICE

The 2015 AGM will take place on Saturday 14 November 2015 at the
Old Scone Church Hall, Scone.

Full details will be published in the July Secretary's Pages

DISCUSSION WEEKEND GRANTOWN ON SPEY

Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th October

Details of the programme can be found in the January issue of
"The Rock Garden"

The **BOOKING FORM** is part of this booklet.

THE SHOW SCHEDULES are printed as a separate document and include the Show Rules, Special Awards, Rules for Judges, RHS Joint Rock Garden Plant Committee information, full details of all Shows and the Photographic/Art Competitions.

Show Schedules are no longer sent automatically to overseas members.

Should any overseas member wish to receive a copy, please contact the Secretary.

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Golden Jubilee Salver. Chairman: The President. Members: Previous recipients

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Angus: Mr Michael ALMOND, The Retreat, Grange, Errol. PH2 7SZ 01821 642232 Tower Lecture Theatre, Tower Building, Dundee University, Dundee: First (or second) Monday in the month.

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West of Scotland: Mr John LEE, 25 Douglas Drive, Old Drumchapel, Glasgow G15 6SW 0141 944 2411. The Fraser Centre, Douglas Street, Milngavie: Second Monday in the month.

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Group Meetings are normally held monthly from September or October until March or April.

The normal dates of meetings are given and the lectures usually start at 7.30 pm. Exceptions do occur, so it is wise to check by contacting the appropriate Group Convener.

AWARDS

Golden Jubilee Salver

Surviving recipients are: Mr A J Leven, Mrs E B Ivey, Mr J H A Milne, Mr R J D McBeath, Mrs J Wyllie, Mr A D McKelvie, Mrs L Bezzant, Mr T G Sprunt, Mrs J Thomlinson, Mrs M Taylor, Mr H Taylor, Mr I Young, Mrs A Chambers. Dr I Bainbridge, Mr I Christie, Mr J Sutherland. Ms J Corden.

The Salver may be awarded annually to an individual who has given outstanding service to the Club. In 2014 the recipient was Mrs L Mills.

AGS Salver - Plantsman of the Year

The AGS Salver for the highest aggregate of First Prize Points in Section I of Club Shows in 2014 was awarded to Dr Stan da Prato with 5040 points.

Rutland Salver

The Rutland Salver for the highest aggregate of First Prize Points in Section II of Club Shows in 2014 was awarded to Sue Simpson with 1750 points.

The President's Award

For service to a local group was awarded to Tony & Celia Mitchell

Merit Medals

Merit Medals have been awarded in 2014 as follows:

Gold: Mr W Russell (1st), Mr D Pearce (2nd), Mr T Green (2nd), Mr A Newton (3rd), Dr S da Prato (7th), Mr & Mrs M & H Taylor (15th).

Silver: Mr J Bunn, Mr J di Paola, Mr & Mrs R & H Price.

Bronze: Mr P Farkasch.

Peg Crosland Award

The Peg Crosland Award for the best article in "The Rock Garden" was awarded to Margaret & Henry Taylor for "Why Not Cultivate Lilies?" in the July issue.

David Lane Award

The David Lane Award for the best photograph in "The Rock Garden" was awarded to Peter Maguire for his photograph of *Coprosma petriei* on the cover of the January issue.

The Alf Evans Award

The Alf Evans Award for the best alpine stand at Gardening Scotland was awarded to Kevock Plants.

Best Exhibit in Art Group:

The Williamson Trophy was awarded to Jeannie Jones for her iced cake with sugar work Primula vulgaris.

THE DIANA AITCHISON FUND

This Fund, in memory of nurserywoman Diana Aitchison, awards grants and bursaries to support young people who wish to pursue a career in horticulture and can demonstrate an interest in furthering their knowledge of alpine and rock garden plants.

Further information and application forms are available from the Fund Administrator: Miss Julia Corden, 2 Lettoch Place, Pitlochry PH16 5BB Tel 01796 474 410 e-mail: julia.corden@explorersgarden.com and on the SRGC website.

THE EXPLORATION FUND

The Exploration Fund was set up in 1985 to award grants to help finance projects or trips pertaining to rock garden plants. Feedback in the form of articles, talks, photographs etc., is appreciated. Recipients of grants need not necessarily be members of the SRGC.

Anyone wishing to apply to the Exploration Fund for a grant for an expedition in 2015 or early 2016 should submit their application prior to **1st March 2015**. Application forms are available from the Secretary.

Contributions to the Fund are always welcome and would enable us to offer more support. Any donations should be sent to the Treasurer, Mr Richard Green, Cedar Cottage, Balfron Station, Glasgow G63 0SQ

ANNUAL LECTURES

The Clark Memorial Lecture is given at the Annual General Meeting.

The Jim Archibald Lecture is given at the Discussion Weekend. The essential feature of this Lecture is that it is given on bulbs.

The W. C. Buchanan Memorial Lecture is given at the Discussion Weekend. The essential feature of this Lecture is that it is given on the raising and growing of plants.

The Harold Esslemont Lecture is given at the Discussion Weekend. The Lecture is devoted to plant hunting and the introduction of plants.

The John Duff Scottish Lecture is given at the Discussion Weekend. The Lecture is to be given by a Scottish speaker.

THE SCOTTISH ROCK GARDEN CLUB LIBRARY

The library is available for use by any SRGC member and, by prior mutual agreement; collection of books from the librarian's home is still an option.

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THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Scottish Rock Garden Club became affiliated to The Royal Horticultural Society in 1954.

CLUB STATUS

The Scottish Rock Garden Club is registered as a Charity, No. SCO 00942.

INFORMATION DEADLINES

Show Schedules:	to the Chairman of Show Secretaries by 1 November
Show Reports:	to the Editor within one month of Show concerned
Journal Material:	to the Editor by 1 April for the July Journal to the Editor by 1 November for the January Journal.
Advertisement Copy:	to the Advertising Manager by 1 April for the July Journal to the Advertising Manager by 1 Nov. for the January Journal
Secretary's Page Material:	to the Secretary by 18 May for the July issue
Yearbook Material:	to the Secretary by 18 November for the January issue
Applications for Expenses	to the Treasurer by 30 June

SECRETARY'S PAGES

SHOWS

21st February DUNBLANE EARLY DWARF BULB DISPLAY*

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14th March KENDAL SHOW – New Arts Section

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21st March “STIRLING” SHOW IN KINCARDINE *

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28th March NORTHUMBERLAND SHOW, HEXHAM*

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11th April EDINBURGH & THE LOTHIANS SHOW

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18th April PERTH SHOW *

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25th April HIGHLAND SHOW

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2nd May GLASGOW SHOW *

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16th May ABERDEEN SHOW

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22nd August SRGC SUMMER EVENT

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19th September LATE BULB DAY, OLD SCONE CHURCH HALL

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3rd-4th October DISCUSSION WEEKEND, GRANTOWN ON SPEY

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10th October NEWCASTLE SHOW

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* Joint Rock Garden Plant Committee meeting at this Show

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EVENTS

Early Bulb Display 21 February - Dunblane

Kit Strange will give two talks

11.00am Growing Bulbs at Kew

2.00pm Looking for Bulbs in the Wild

Brookfield Prize: One pan crocus grown from seed by the exhibitor. First prize £10 Second £5 Third £3

Gardening Scotland Friday 29 May - Sunday 31 May

The SRGC is building its own stand again this year. Help is needed in setting up the stand, loaning plants and shrubs and being present at the actual event to sell seed, talk to visitors and generally promote the Club. For further information please contact Liz Mills 01383 852321 liz.saline@hotmail.co.uk

Flowers of the Hills & Mountains SRGC Summer Meeting 22 August 10:00am to 4:00pm Dunblane Christian Fellowship Hall & Victoria Halls

- Two talks by Susann Nilsson; 11am Pulsatillas, 2.30pm Treasures in Mongolia and East Russia.
- A display of rock garden plants, flowers, foliage and fruits.
- Seedling and plant exchange.
- Plant Sales.

Late Bulb at Scone Old Church Hall 19 September

There will be two talks by Julian Sutton

11am Making Sense of Iridaceae

2pm From South to North – Southern Hemisphere bulbs in the garden and cool glasshouse

For more information contact Barry Caudwell Tel 01828 686709 f.b.caudwell@fireflyuk.net

TRAVELLING SPEAKER 2015/16

I am very pleased to be able to announce that I have been able to persuade Ger van den Beuken from the Netherlands to return to Scotland to deliver the Travelling Speaker talks for the 2015/16 season. Many will know Ger from talks that he has given at Discussion Weekends and his enthusiasm for the plants of South America. Indeed, some of you may even have been on tours led by him!

Ger will be travelling round the groups during the last week in March and the first week in April 2016. Ger will be offering a selection of talks to the groups including travelogues of his South American trips, a talk on the plants of the Kackar Mountains in Turkey and, as Ger is noted for growing excellent cushion plants, a talk on his growing experiences below sea level in the Netherlands.

Details of the talks have been sent to all the Conveners so that you can discuss the wonderful selection on offer.

David Shaw, Chair of Conveners

DEATHS

The Club has received intimation of the death of the following members: Mrs Anne Anderson, Glasgow; Mr Ron Arthur, Aberdeen; Charles Bailey, BC Canada; Mr Brian Davidson, Gatehouse of Fleet; Mr J Goodman, Hassocks; Mr Robert Ives, Poynton; Mr Keith I'Anson, Edinburgh; Dr G M Mackintosh, Aberdeen; Mrs Margaret McCall, St Andrews; Mr Ian McIntosh, Dundee; Mr J Millan, Dundee; Mr David F Mowle, Heston Bank; Mr Phil Phillips, Cleethorpes; Mr Richard Polacek, Pizen; Geoffery P Shaw QC, London; Mrs Elizabeth Smart, Aberdeen; Lt Cmdr. EFB Spragge, Ceres; Mr Harold Sym, Sevenoaks; Mr D J van Lochen, Amheim; Frank Walsh, Belfast; Mrs Hilary Young, Perth.

We extend our sympathies to their families and friends

SEED EXCHANGE AND DISTRIBUTION

As you receive this Yearbook and Secretary's Pages, the 68th Seed Distribution will be nearing completion. Queries about seed requests should be addressed to Mr. Neil McNulty, neil.mcnyltysrcgseedexchange@talktalk.net but please do not enquire about the whereabouts of seed until after 10th February.

Details of the 2015/16 Seed Exchange will be given in the summer issue of the Secretary's Pages.

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DISCUSSION WEEKEND BURSARY 2015

An annual bursary is offered to any member of the SRGC who has never been to a Discussion Weekend. This covers the cost of the Discussion Weekend. All other expenses, e.g. travel, extra nights at the hotel, etc must be met by the recipient. In 2015 the Discussion Weekend will be held in the Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown on Spey from 2 – 4 October.

Group Convenors as well as the Forum Administrator should canvas interest within their Group/Forum and select one individual to be nominated for the bursary. Members who are neither part of a Group nor the Forum should make their submission direct to the Secretary. The nomination should be sent to the Club Secretary either by e-mail or by post. One member will be selected at random from all those put forward.

NOTE: Deadline for receiving all nominations is 28 February 2015.

EXECUTIVE & COUNCIL CHANGES

Please see AGM minutes for details of all changes.

Thanks for all their hard work are due to following people whose term of office ended during the course of the year: Ann Christie, Jean Wyllie, Mike Kendall and Gill Lee (Ordinary Members on Council), Peggy Anderson (Treasurer) and John Owen (Chair of Convenors). **Welcome** to all new Office Bearers and Council members - full details appear in this publication.

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS FOR 2015 AGM

Are required annually for all Executive Office-Bearers and four Ordinary Members of Council. These should include proposers and seconders along with a short pen portrait of the nominee. Nominations should be lodged with the Secretary no later than 15 May 2014.

Results of the Twice-Yearly Photographic Competition – AGM, 15 November 2014

Class 1 – Plant portrait in cultivation or the wild

1st Peter Maguire, Northumberland, *Colchicum speciosum* “Atrorubens

2nd Dr Margaret Fraser, Lumphanan, *Gentianella campestris* (Pink Form) in Barra

Joint 3rd Michael Almond, Errol, *Heliodieros muscivorus*, Dead Horse Arum, Punta Nati,

Minorca and Matthew Topsfield, Benbecula *Gentianella lutescens* subsp. *carpatica*

Class 2 - Alpine plants in their habitat

1st Peter Maguire, *Eritrichium nanum*, Piz Nair, Bernina Alps, Switzerland

2nd Michael Almond, *Silene acaulis* Upper Engadine

3rd Dr Margaret Fraser, July Landscape, Beinn Eighe

Class 3 - Digitally manipulated work

1st Michael Almond, “I don’t believe it”, using Lyn Almond, landscape and Jupiter garden sculpture

2nd Matthew Topsfield, Antique Harvest, using *Lathyrus tuberosus* in cultivated barley, photographed in Transylvania

Class 4 - Painting or Drawing of a rock plant

1st Jim Forbes, Freuchie, colour painting *Anemone japonica*

Class 5 - Art or Craft work of, or inspired by a rock plant or alpine habitat

1st Jeanie Jones, Lockerbie. Cake with sugar craft *Primula vulgaris*

2nd Ann Sinclair, Stewarton. Box decorated with knitted wire *Pleione*

Please refer to page 12 of the Show Schedules for the full definitions of classes, only a brief *resumé* is given above.

The Williamson Cup was awarded to Jeanie Jones for her spectacular cake with sugar sculpture of Primroses. Remember that any type of craftwork is eligible for Class 5, not just embroidery.

THIS YEAR’S COMPETITIONS WILL BE AT THE KINCARDINE SHOW IN SPRING AND AT THE AGM IN AUTUMN.

Cathy Caudwell

The MINUTES of the AGM held at Old Scone Church Hall on Saturday 15 November 2014 appear below. Please note that the publication of these Minutes in the Secretary's Pages means that no copies will be issued at the 2015 AGM.

PLEASE RETAIN THESE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Rock Garden Club held on 15th November 2014 at Old Scone Church Hall, Scone at 1 p.m.

The President, Dr. Carole Bainbridge, welcomed 57 members to the Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Rock Garden Club and thanked all for coming. Sadly the President reported that 32 members had died over the year including David Mowle a well-known grower and former presidential candidate; Brian Davidson, a former Council member, grower and shower and Graham Wenham designer supremo of Gardening Scotland. All would be sadly missed. Condolences had been sent at the appropriate time

1. Apologies had been received from Christine Boulby, John Owen, Ann & Ian Christie, Julia Corden, Peter Semple, Mike Kendall, Lyn & Ron Bezzant. Alan & Coline Souter, Bob Maxwell, Helen Davidson, Jackie Tomlinson, Sam Sutherland and David Nicholson.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Old Scone Hall, Scone on the 9th November 2013

Barry Caudwell proposed acceptance; Harley Milne seconded and members approved them.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. The President's Review of the Year

The President reported that 2014 had been a good year. After the excitement of the 80th birthday of the Club in 2013 normal Club activities had continued to engage, educate and entertain the membership. New friendships had been made through events and the web and old friendships had been cemented at meetings and on the Forum.

Over the year, membership numbers had fallen more slowly than in the recent past. The President would like to reverse this trend but recognised that all Clubs and Societies were experiencing the same situation.

The SRGC web site continues to grow in size, strength and reach, with over 250 new members this year, the Forum has now around 2,500 forumists. Between them, they made 25,550 posts and launched 1,000 new topics in 2014. The new donate button for forum users has resulted in more donations to the Club and the electronic subscription option has brought in new members in its first year of operation. The International Rock Gardener and the bulb log continue to be well received particularly by the Club's overseas members who can have regular contact with the Club through the web site. The web team deserved thanks from all members. Without Ian & Maggi Young and Fred Carrie, the Club's web site would not be so well regarded – they help to make the SRGC a truly international Club. Thank you.

Modern technology provided many opportunities to improve the service the Club provided for Members, but it also means that eventually the Club has to move on from some of the old technology the Club had grown up with. Thus the Editor announced that in the future the use of 35 mm slides to accompany Journal articles will not be encouraged, due to the high cost of preparing the images for printing. However, the Danner bequest, reported last year, had enabled the Editor to use more colour images in the Journal and as a result, 2014 has seen the production

of two superb issues of The Rock Garden, both with an increased number of pages dedicated to high quality colour photographs. The wealth of information and the varied topics covered in The Rock Garden made the Journal an essential for any enthusiast. The President thanked Anton Edwards for his splendid work as Editor.

The President thanked all those who help review the applications to the SRGC grant awarding Committees. The Committees usually requested that recipients provide a report on their activities and this provided an excellent source of potential articles for the Journal. In 2014, the Exploration Fund continued to make awards, thus increasing members' knowledge of plants in far-flung places. The Aitchison Fund made fewer awards this year due to the lack of applicants. This was disappointing and the Club hopes to encourage more applicants in 2015. Julia Corden, Ron McBeath and Bette Ivey had worked hard to ensure that the two Committees had funded worthwhile projects.

2014 had seen a successful Show season with increased entries at several shows. The Summer Event was a great success and built on the development of international links through the web site. Olga Bondareva, known to many Forum members was invited to talk at the event and delighted all with her introduction to Russian plants. Each year the Club works with its sister organisation the AGS to hold some northern shows as joint shows. This year the Kendal joint show was the first for the new Show Secretary, Alan Oatway to be held under Scottish Rules. The show attracted a large audience and was a great success. The President wished to thank all the Show Secretaries for the magnificent job they had done in managing their shows and promoting the SRGC to the wider public.

The Gardening Scotland Show this year was a celebration tinged with sadness. Without Graham Wenham, who died in the spring, the team rallied round and Stan da Prato, Liz Mills and Ian Pryde had taken charge of the operation. The President thanked the whole Gardening Scotland team for producing the beautiful Gold award winning display in Graham's memory. The display had been shown to Graham's family at a special viewing during the Show.

For the second year the Discussion Weekend was held at Grantown-on-Spey. The weekend was fully booked again and the warm reception from the hotel staff had ensured a very enjoyable weekend. The speakers had informed, amazed and entertained over the twodays. The speakers included well-known faces and four completely new speakers who provided an insight into growing alpiners in their countries and climates. The Club would return to Grantown for a final year in 2015. The President thanked the team who organised the event - Carol and David Shaw who organised the venue and Ian Bainbridge who organised the speakers.

The 67th Seed Exchange had been successfully completed by the end of February. Again, Stuart Pawley organised the seed reception and Ian Pryde had organised the packers before handing on to the Edinburgh distribution team, organised by Ian Bainbridge, for the last time. Next year, the seed distribution goes to the South West Scotland Group who are already planning their operation. The President thanked all involved with especial thanks to the Edinburgh team for all their work over the past years – "well done and enjoy a well-earned rest".

The Members of Council had worked hard to keep the Club running smoothly. The President thanked those members who had come to the end of their three-year term of office as Ordinary Members this year, Ann Christie, Gill Lee, Jean Wyllie and Mike Kendall; their input would be missed. She also expressed her thanks to John Owen who was standing down as Chairman of the Group Conveners at this AGM. The post was so important in keeping the local groups involved in the Club.

The President also offered a special thanks to Peggy Anderson who was standing down as Treasurer. She had worked tirelessly to ensure that Council understood its financial position and had managed the Club's financial affairs adroitly. She had quickly grown into the post and the President was certain she would be on hand to help the next Treasurer. She sincerely thanked her.

The President offered her thanks on behalf of Council to the people who carry out specific roles with the Club, behind the scenes and with little recognition. She thanked: Bob Moore as Press officer, Jean Wyllie for recording the show points, Glassford Sprunt for his work indexing the Journal and producing the bar cards, Ann Brown for acting as Minutes Secretary to Council, Ann Leven for her work with clothing sales and not least to Sandy Leven for his role in publicity, ideas and support.

Finally the President thanked all and ended her review of 2014.

5. Presentation of Honours

Honorary Member – The Regius Keeper of the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh
Honorary Vice-Presidents – Hazel Smith and Sandy Leven

6. Presentation of Merit Medals

Bronze	Peter Farkasch
Silver	John Bunn
	John di Paola
	Ron & Hilary Price
Gold Bar 1	Watt Russell
Gold Bar 2	Don Peace
	Tom Green
Gold Bar 3	Alan Newton
Gold Bar 7	Stan da Prato
Gold Bar 15	Margaret & Henry Taylor

The President congratulated all recipients.

7. Presentation of the AGS Salver, The Rutland Salver and the Golden Jubilee Salver

AGS Salver – Plantsman of the Year with the highest aggregate of First Prize Points in Section I – Stan da Prato with 5040 points.

Rutland Salver for the highest aggregate of first prize points in Section II – Sue Simpson with 1750 points.

Golden Jubilee Salver for outstanding service to the Club – Liz Mills

President's Award for outstanding service to a local group – Tony & Celia Mitchell

Peg Crosland Award for the best article in 'The Rock Garden' in 2014 – Margaret & Henry Taylor for their article in the July issue – "Why Not Cultivate Lilies?"

David Lane Trophy for the best photograph in 'The Rock Garden' in 2014 – Peter Maguire for the front cover of the January issue - *Coprosma petriei*

Williamson Trophy for the best entrant in Section 5 of the photographic/arts competition – Jeannie Jones for a cake with sugar work Primulas

8. Consideration & Adoption of Accounts

All members present received a copy of the statement of the Club's financial activity and balance sheet.

The Treasurer reported that the subscription income of £48,587 was slightly up on the previous year due to the increase in membership fee. The electronic subscription of £10 introduced near the end of 2013 was proving popular.

The Club had received several donations including two of £1,000. The button on the web site had added £740 to income in a very short time. Gift Aid was similar to the previous year. The increased income from trading activities was largely cancelled out by the increase in costs.

Council is always mindful of keeping administrative costs down. The increase to £23,331 from £17,341 was attributable in part to some of the 80th Birthday celebrations falling within the financial year, the increase in postal charges and the increase in the management fees from Barclays Wealth, which was for 16 months rather than the usual twelve.

Barclays Wealth had managed the Club's investments for some years but in the spring of 2014 they decided that all Charities portfolios under £1 million should lumped together and administered from London with no attention to the client's wishes. After some research it was decided to transfer management into the hands of David Paterson of Investec, whom the Club had previously dealt with when he and his team worked for Barclays Wealth. The total value of the investments was higher the previous year.

The Treasurer thanked David Minnett, of James Milne & Co., for all his work in producing this year's accounts especially as he received information from Barclays Wealth very late in the day.

The Treasurer stated that the Club was in a healthy financial state and recommended acceptance of the accounts to the AGM.

Barry Caudwell proposed acceptance; Liz Mills seconded the motion and members approved.

9. Election of Office Bearers In accordance with Rule 5 all Executive Office Bearers retire annually but are eligible for reelection. The following had been nominated:-

President	Dr Carole Bainbridge
Treasurer	Mr Richard Green
Secretary	Mrs Carol Shaw
Subscription Secretary	Ms Christine Boulby
Editor	Mr Anton Edwards
Publicity Manager	Mr Sandy Leven
Chairman of Web Committee	Mr Ian Young
Publications Manager	Mr David Shaw

The President proposed acceptance en bloc. Jean Wyllie proposed the motion; Peggy Anderson seconded and the meeting agreed nem.con.

10. Election of Ordinary Members of Council

In accordance with Rule 6.1 four members shall be elected to the Council annually to serve for three years as Ordinary Members. The following nominations had been received:- Dr Ann Bush, Mr Keith Blundell, Mr John Lee, Mr Neil McNulty.

Mr David Shaw proposed acceptance and Mr Ian Young seconded and the meeting agreed nem.con.

In addition the President proposed the co-option of Prof. David Rankin for one year. Mrs Liz

Mills proposed the motion and Mr Harley Milne seconded and the meeting agreed nem con.

11. Approval of the Members of the Joint Rock Committee for 2015

Vice Chairman:	John Mitchell
Committee:	Ian Bainbridge Cyril Lafong Elspeth Mackintosh David Millward David Rankin Peter Semple Ian Young
Honorary Members:	Jim Jermyn Sandy Leven
RHS Member:	Ian Christie
Honorary Secretary:	Carole Bainbridge

The meeting approved.

12. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts

Mr Richard Green proposed that Mr Ewen Dyer of Martin Aitken & Co. Ltd, Glasgow be appointed; Mr Ian Young seconded and the meeting agreed nem.con. The new Treasurer assured the meeting that he and Ewen Dyer would work totally independently.

The President thanked David Minnett of James Milne for his diligence and all his work and service for the Club.

13. Date and Place of Annual General Meeting in 2015

The meeting approved that the 2015 Annual General Meeting should take place on Saturday, 14th November 2015 in the Old Scone Church Hall, Scone at 1 pm. The motion was proposed by Mrs Carol Shaw and seconded by Mrs Jean Wyllie.

14. Any Other Competent Business

Prof Stuart Pawley suggested that members' gardens, perhaps not up to Yellow Book standard could be opened for a week or weekend for the public to visit to attract new members. Sandy Leven reported that he was already arranging a 'weekend of visits to rock gardens' for inclusion in the Scottish Gardens Yellow Book for 2016. There would be a SRGC advertisement in the 2015 book together with an article he had written. He would see whether Stuart's suggestion could be included.

The President thanked all members for their attendance and especially those responsible for the refreshments. She concluded the meeting at 1.55 pm.

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30th June 2014**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2014 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2013 Total funds £
Incoming resources					
Subscriptions		48,587	-	48,587	46,860
Legacies		11,799	-	11,799	-
Donations		3,868	-	3,868	3,223
Sponsorship		-	-	-	2,000
Tax recovered under Gift Aid		4,973	-	4,973	4,737
Income from trading activities	2	15,494	-	15,494	10,506
Income from investments	3	5,135	8,550	13,685	13,175
Total incoming resources		89,856	8,550	98,406	80,501
Resources expended					
In furtherance of the charity's objectives:					
Educational activities		51,840	4,600	56,440	56,801
Publicity expenses		1,138	-	1,138	1,147
Administrative costs	4	23,331	-	23,331	17,341
Expenses from trading activities	2	12,117	-	12,117	6,751
Total resources expended		88,426	4,600	93,026	82,040
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before revaluations					
		1,430	3,950	5,380	(1,539)
Gain on investments sold		2,638	8,740	11,378	683
Gain on revaluation of investment assets		7,324	9,205	16,529	46,947
Net movement in funds		11,392	21,895	33,287	46,071
Transfers between funds		4,119	(4,119)	-	-
Total funds brought forward		272,274	280,009	532,283	486,212
Total funds carried forward		287,785	277,785	565,570	532,283

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form an integral part of these accounts.

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**Balance Sheet
at 30th June 2014**

	Notes	2014		2013	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		1,090		615
Investments	6		<u>391,986</u>		<u>425,948</u>
			393,076		426,563
Current assets					
Stocks			5,271		7,913
Debtors	7		85,713		17,483
Cash at bank and in hand			<u>95,312</u>		<u>97,018</u>
			186,296		122,414
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8		<u>(13,802)</u>		<u>(16,694)</u>
Net current assets			<u>172,494</u>		<u>105,720</u>
Net assets			<u>565,570</u>		<u>532,283</u>
Funds					
Restricted funds	9		277,785		260,009
Unrestricted funds	10		<u>287,785</u>		<u>272,274</u>
			<u>565,570</u>		<u>532,283</u>

Approved on behalf of Council on 15th November 2014 by

Carole A. Bainbridge

Carole Bainbridge
President

Carol Shaw

Carol Shaw
Secretary

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DISCUSSION WEEKEND BOOKING FORM Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th October 2015. Please send this form and the appropriate remittance made payable to ‘**SRGC Discussion Weekend**’ to:

The Registration Secretary, Carol Shaw, Delft Cottage, Dyke, Forres IV36 2TF

Accommodation at the Grant Arms is in double, twin or single rooms. **If you book a twin or double room please indicate the name of the person whom you are sharing with on the reverse of the booking form.** Otherwise we will use our judgement in finding you a roommate. The Grant Arms Hotel has 48 bedrooms and the Garth, a minute’s walk across the Square, 17 bedrooms; delegates will be allocated a room in either hotel depending on their requirements.

If you need extra nights accommodation, we will book this for you; indicate your requirements overleaf where the rates for extra nights can also be found.

Your name badge will be printed as you have written below – (first and surname). If you want something different please write on the reverse of the form.

BLOCK CAPITALS:

NAME(S)

ADDRESS

POST CODE

TEL.No

E-MAIL

RESIDENT	PRICE	NO.	TOTAL COST
Friday Dinner – Sunday Afternoon Tea, double occupancy	£198		
Friday Dinner – Sunday Afternoon Tea, single occupancy	£249		
Saturday Morning – Sunday Afternoon double occupancy	£140		
Saturday Morning – Sunday Afternoon single occupancy	£165		
TOTAL COST			

NON - RESIDENT	PRICE	NO.	TOTAL COST
Friday Evening (incl. dinner)	£35		
Saturday - morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea	£50		
Saturday - morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner	£80		
Saturday Dinner	£35		
Sunday - morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea	£50		
TOTAL COST			

Give details of dietary or any other special requirements on the reverse of the form as well as the name of the other person with whom you are sharing.

NOTE: This form and remittance must reach Carol not later than 31st July 2015.

PTO for terms and conditions

Terms and Conditions for Discussion Weekend

Cancellations: Please note that no refund will be given after 17th August 2015.

Extra nights for Thursday 1st Oct. and Sunday 4th Oct. are available at £66.50 (DB&B) per person sharing, £86.50 (DB&B) single. The cost of extra nights and any other charges must be settled with the hotel by each member prior to departure.

Name of roommate:

Dietary and/or special requirements i.e. lift access to room*, walk in-shower

***Please Note:** There are only 17 bedrooms with lift access at the Grant Arms and most of these have an over-bath shower. The remaining bedrooms at the Grant Arms and all the bedrooms at the Garth are accessed via stairs (in some cases two flights of stairs in others just 4 or 5), if you require lift access to your room please book early.