

THE SCOTTISH ROCK GARDEN CLUB



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Hello from the News Editor

After eagerly opening the latest SRGC post you may have been surprised to find a different newsletter to the usual *Secretary's Pages*. This is because it has been relaunched and I've volunteered to take on the newly created role of News Editor who has the responsibility of putting it together.

We've called the newsletter *Dryas* after the flower which serves as the SRGC emblem; *Dryas octopetala*. It may not be an especially original name, but it's snappy, attractive and it seems fitting. The main difference from the *Secretary's Pages* is the inclusion of a news section with items that readers may find interesting. Otherwise the *Dryas* retains the function of announcing important Club information such as the details of the seed exchange and of upcoming events.

So how did I end up being recruited? My friend Peter Edge, who works at Alnwick Garden, introduced me to David and Stella Rankin at an SRGC event for young members, and before I knew it we were all planning an expedition to the Chinese provinces of Sichuan and Yunnan. While I confess I'm a poor gardener I do have a love of the Chinese flora and I enjoyed the trip tremendously. On reading my expedition report David noticed that I could manage basic punctuation so he thought I'd do as News Editor, and here I am!

Various people have kindly contributed items to the *Dryas* so please do have a browse and I hope you find something of interest.

News Editor

Ed Shaw (01522 529663, edwardalanshaw@googlemail.com)

NEWS

Gold medal at Gardening Scotland!

The hard work and dedication of SRGC volunteers has paid off again with a gold medal for our display at this year's Gardening Scotland event in Edinburgh.

The exhibit consisted of three parts. Perhaps the highlight was a large mixed woodland planting that included primulas, *Celmisia*, *Iris*, *Arisaema*, *Incarvillea* and ferns. In front was a scree/rock garden with saxifrages, *Rhodohypoxis*, *Lewisia* and more. Alongside was a raised dais on which sat seven large troughs each planted to a theme; ferns, dwarf hostas, white flowers, *Sempervivum*, foliage, woodland and shade tolerant plants.

Members supplied the plants, constructed and dismantled the exhibit and manned the stand during the show. A BBC TV programme 'the Beechgrove Garden' devoted part of their half hour to our display and its troughs. Hopefully we will encourage more people to grow rock garden plants.

The SRGC will again have a small display at the Killearn Show.

Congratulations to all involved.

Tracking the spread of New Zealand Flatworms

The New Zealand Flatworm is an invasive species and cause for concern as it preys on our native earthworms, which are essential for good soil quality and an integral part of food webs in Britain.

A team from the University of Aberdeen and the James Hutton Institute want to get a picture of the distribution of this invader, and so are appealing to members of the public to conduct a ten minute survey of the garden.

If you are interested in helping and would like to know how to spot and report the presence or absence of New Zealand Flatworm in your garden please go to <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/news/10843>

My picks from the International Rock Gardener

The International Rock Gardener is the SRGC's monthly online magazine which aims to showcase the beauty of the plants as found in nature or in garden settings and to give brief comments on cultivation. A range of excellent articles are published by various authors, but here are three articles that the News Editor enjoyed (reflecting his interest in ecology and wild plants).

***Narcissus*: Variation and hybrids in the wild (January edition)**

Based on his travels in Spain Matt Topsfield describes some of the extreme variation he found in wild *Narcissus* populations, which raises some questions about some of the species in his own collection of the genus.

***Galanthus nivalis* in Catalonia, Spain (February edition)**

Another traveller to Spain, Dimitri Zubov, presents some of his findings on the snowdrop *G. nivalis* growing in the wild. For me it was interesting to get a flavour of the natural habitat of this British garden staple.

Orchids and other species of Rhodes (May edition)

As a destination for mass tourism I had imagined Rhodes to be a bustling island, but Gerrit & Iep Eijkelenboom explain the island is surprisingly wild and harbours many botanical gems.

Queen's Birthday Honour for Bob Mitchell

The SRGC is delighted to congratulate Bob Mitchell on his award of an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. The citation reads "to Robert John MITCHELL, Emeritus Curator, St Andrews Botanic Garden. For services to Horticulture and Horticultural Education in Scotland."

A richly-deserved award for many years of work, involvement and commitment to Scottish Gardening. Congratulations from all your friends in SRGC.

Sizing up the SRGC's online impact

If you ever wondered about the SRGC's online influence, the Web Team have provided us with a few facts and figures for January and February showing just how big it is.

- Over this period the SRGC Forum saw 148 new topics, 3,001 posts, 76 new members (total Forum members = 3,174) and 1,288,474 page views - yes, that is over a million!! Visit www.srgc.net/forum
- The Web Team made 92 tweets on the SRGC Twitter account, reaching 49,400 people, with 103 mentions, 1,135 profile visits and 2,637 followers. Visit twitter.com/scottishrockgc
- The SRGC Facebook page had 4,679 likes and reaches about 10,000 people per month with many posts and shares. Visit www.facebook.com/ScottishRockGC
- You can now also follow us on Instagram which often gives reminders of upcoming events. Visit www.instagram.com/srg_club

There are also some excellent resources online:

- The Bulb Log and International Rock Gardener (IRG) are published by the Web Team every month and are read by many tens of thousands. Visit www.srgc.net
- Ian Young's YouTube Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement received a total of 26,254 views to date. Visit: www.youtube.com and search for "Ian Young bulb"
- In 2016, Ian Young published Erythroniums in Cultivation. This 278 page illustrated guide has been published as an e-book and is available to download free of charge at www.srgc.net
- Donations via the SRGC Forum raised almost £1,200 in 2016, helping to support the work of your Club. You can donate by using the button at the top of any page on the SRGC Forum. Visit www.srgc.net/forum

Thank you from the Web Team!

NOTICES

Workshops - demonstrators needed

The Club is always looking for members willing to assist in various ways, and many people do not realise that they have developed skills which could help us. We are currently looking for people willing to assist in running workshops or “hands-on” sessions showing members the practical aspects of looking after plants.

Tasks could include how to clean seed, sow seed, pick out seedlings, re-pot, pot-on or many other things. Some training will of course be given, but a willingness to help out is the main requirement. This might well suit teachers for the practical aspects, but anyone used to presenting or coaching groups is encouraged to **contact** Sandy Leven (sandy.leven@btinternet.com) or any council member.

Advertising Manager - vacancy

Our Advertising Manager David Nicholson reports he is beginning to feel his age and he's ready to hand over the job to another. David comments that the role is interesting, satisfying, not too time-consuming and rather modestly says that if he can do it anybody can. Conveniently it doesn't particularly matter where you happen to be located.

So please give it some serious thought and **contact** David for further information (01752 896307, d.avensis@btinternet.com).

An appeal for volunteers to packet seed

For any recent members of the SRGC, ‘seed packeting’ is the process of placing donated seeds into small glassine envelopes for later distribution. It is the middle process of the SRGC Seed Exchange and is of vital importance. Last year we had only just enough volunteers to cope and are therefore anxious to recruit new volunteers. It has been agreed that volunteers need not be members of the Club and that friends of members would also be more than welcome to take part.

Please do consider joining the team. Detailed instructions will be given. **Contact the Seed Packeting Manager** George Watt (01292 592445, seed@srgc.org.uk, Burnside, Littlemill Road, Drongan, East Ayrshire, KA6 7EN).

Changes to subscription rates

Subscriptions have not increased for several years now, and have not kept up with inflation. Council has approved a small increase in cost to all categories of membership.

The new rates are:

UK	Single	£20
UK	Family	£23
UK	Junior	£3
Overseas	Single	£25
Overseas	Family	£28
Overseas	Junior	£8
Web		£11

The new rates will apply with effect from renewals due on or after **1st October 2017**.

Deaths

The Club has received intimation of the death of the following members: Mr Wilfred Holmes, Banchory; Mr David Cross, Hull; Mrs Betty Wilson, Banknock; Mr Jack Wright, Milton; Mrs Jan Graham, Kirknewton; Mrs Sheila Brown, Maidstone; Mrs Jean Stephen, Edinburgh; Mr Frank Williams, Alnwick; Mrs Betty Clark, Ashburton, New Zealand; Miss Pauline Topham, Dundee; Mr William Morrison, Edinburgh; Rev D Lapsley, Belfast; Mr Bill Robinson, Paisley; Mr Jack Garstang, Ipswich; Dr Denis Hardy, Muir of Ord; Mr David Walkinshaw, Glasgow; Mr Robert Ballantyne, Kilmarnock.

We have also been notified of the death of Alastair McKelvie. Due to health he has not been active in the SRGC for some years but he was previously a major contributor, serving two terms as Editor and one period as Subscription Secretary. He was also an Honorary Vice-President.

We extend our sympathies to their family and friends

The twice-yearly photographic/art competition

The competition is a chance to get creative or simply to capture the beauty of a plant, so why don't you consider entering the next one at the Annual General Meeting on the 11th November (page 14)?

We'd like to improve the competition and increase number of entries, so please send any feedback or suggestions that you have to the Photographic Competition Manager (contact details bottom).

Results from the Kincardine Show on 25th March 2017

CLASS 1 (Plant portrait in cultivation or the wild)

1st Margaret Fraser, Lumphanan, with "*Draba oxycarpa*, Svalbard"

CLASS 2 (Photograph of a plant in its habitat)

1st Margaret Fraser, Lumphanan, with "*Saxifraga cespitosa* on Svalbard Cliff"

2nd Kirsty Wilson, St Andrews Botanic Garden, "*Silene asterias*, native to the mountains of the Balkan Peninsula"

3rd Jim Forbes, Freuchie. "*Primula forbesii*, self-seeded in pot of *Sarracenia* where it has been growing for 2 years".

CLASS 3 no entries

CLASS 4 (Painting or drawings)

1st Anne Chambers, Killearn. "*Epipactis atrorubens*, Sutherland".

2nd Sandra Wilson, Bardowie. "Hellebore, (white flowers)".

CLASS 5 (Craftwork)

1st Carolyn McNab "A Scree Garden for a Pillow". Patchwork with flowers.

As a contender for the Williamson Trophy, the winner in Class 5 should exhibit their entry at the AGM in the autumn.

The class descriptions here are approximate only, but full details are included on page 12 of the Show Schedules booklet.

Photographic Competition Manager

Cathy Caudwell (01828 686709, c.m.caudwell@fireflyuk.ne)

Golden Jubilee Salver

The Salver is presented annually to an individual member for outstanding service to the Club. All nominations are considered by the Awarding Committee which consists of previous winners of this prestigious award.

Nominations for the 2017 recipient should be sent to the Secretary no later than **15th August 2017**. It would be helpful if a short account of the nominee's services to the Club were included, and also the names of other supporters. You may submit your nomination again in subsequent years if initially unsuccessful.

The names of all previous holders are recorded in the Golden Jubilee Salver Book which is available for inspection at the AGM and on our website. In 2016 the recipient was Mrs. A Christie.

Secretary

Carolyn McNab (01557 870225, secretary@srgc.net)

Exploration Awards - Spring 2017

The following awards have been agreed:

- Sarah Carlton from the St Andrews Botanic Garden for a trip to Kyrgystan to explore the alpine flora - £1,000
- Andreas Groeger, Jenny Wainwright-Klein and Clara Friedrich from the Munich Botanic Garden for a seed collecting trip to Eastern Lesotho - £1,500
- Hamish Brown from New Zealand to study *Ranunculus grahamii* - £1500
- Matt Topsfield from South Uist to recreate a trip undertaken by Jim Archibald in 1962 to Corsica - £1,000

The next deadline for receipt of applications for Exploration Awards is **15 November 2017**. The application form and awards criteria can be downloaded from srgc.net or by contacting Carol Shaw (findhorncarol@icloud.com, 01309 641405).

Contributions for awards are always welcome and our thanks go to Bissy Genova of Bulgaria for his generous donation last year. This enabled us to offer more support this spring than would otherwise have been the case. Donations should be sent to the **Treasurer**, Mr Richard Green, Cedar Cottage, Balfron Station, Glasgow G63 0SQ, United Kingdom.

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**: Julia Corden, 2 Lettoch Place, Pitlochry, PH16 5BB (0797 6849666, julia.corden@icloud.com).

Discussion Weekend Bursary

At the March meeting Council awarded the Bursary for the 2017 Discussion Weekend in Peebles to Alex Samokhin.

71st SRGC Seed Exchange 2017-2018

Password: 17Gate71

All seed correspondence, lists and queries can be sent to **seed@srgc.org.uk**. We will ensure that emails reach the relevant manager.

Seed Donations (Autumn 2017)

Please send fresh clean seed as early as possible (**no later than 31st October**) to **Ian and Carole Bainbridge** (see the Team subsection at end of item for addresses). Late seed can be accepted if a list has been received by post or email by **31st October**. The seed list will be compiled on **1st November**, so late seed may not make the exchange.

On each packet please write the full name of the seed, where it was collected (if wild), and your name or initials. Put all seed of one type in one packet, using small packets when possible (avoid big packets!).

Supply a list of donated seed in alphabetical order. Note your e-mail, phone number and membership number in case we have queries, and provide comments on any new or rare seed.

Wild seed

The reputation of the SRGC is at risk if we offer seed that has been collected illegally or

does not have distribution permission. This could harm future attempts by people who want to collect seed legitimately. The SRGC is not able to check seed submissions, so please do not submit wild collected seed that would put our reputation at risk. Please also retain the documentation giving any relevant permission for as long as possible.

Seed Lists

All members (except those with paperless subscriptions) will receive a seed list automatically by post late November. Ensure your membership is renewed promptly to ensure you receive a seed list. The request system will be live until **15th January**, which is the closing date for receipt of all seed orders.

To access the online system you need to register each year using this year's password: 17Gate71. You will also need the digits of your membership number (e.g. member REW97836 is 97836).

Queries about passwords and membership numbers can be sent to **seed@srgc.org.uk**.

Seed Packeting

Seed packeting will be done during November / early December. **The Ayrshire group would be very grateful to hear from any UK member willing to volunteer to packet seeds.** Full instructions and guidance will be provided; see page 6 for the appeal..

Seed Distribution (Early 2018)

The South-West Scotland Group will manage the distribution again in 2018. Full details of the arrangements for ordering seed will be included in the seed list and on the website. Requests must reach the **Seed Request Manager, Neil McNulty, by 15th January 2018.**

The seed distribution will begin in early January and all main requests will be sent out by late January. Donors' seed requests are completed first, then non-donors in order of their arrival date followed by surplus seed requests. This means that main and surplus requests are sent out separately and may arrive a few weeks apart. The whole distribution should be completed by the end of January.

Please allow for delays in the postal system, waiting until after **5th February** before enquiring with Neil McNulty about the whereabouts of your seeds.

US Members

Members from the USA must have a permit, which is issued by APHIS, see: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_imports/smalllots_seed.shtml.

This must be a **‘Small lots of Seed’** permit, as this does not require UK phytosanitary certification. Please apply for your permits ahead of the exchange to ensure there is no delay in getting your seeds to you. Permits are valid for three years so if you are using an old one please check it is valid to the end of February 2018.

You must email or enclose a copy of the permit and conditions with your request. Each numbered green/yellow customs label may be used once only; please send one for each request - one for a main request, and one for each surplus request of 50 packets.

If you order seed online, you must still send the permit documents and labels to Neil McNulty, **as soon as possible - to arrive before 15th January** (or you may send them to Ian and Carole Bainbridge with your seed donation).

We must stress that “no permit, no seed” is the SRGC rule! We will do our best to get everyone their seed, but it must be in compliance with USDA regulations.

US, Australian and New Zealand members

We are able to print the lists of seeds of your request and no longer need you to send us a list.

Other overseas members

Please check with your authorities whether your country has any seed import requirements. Let us know what we need to do, and send any necessary documentation. We do wish to comply with any laws relating to seed imports.

The Seed Exchange Team

All seed correspondence, lists and queries can be sent to **seed@srgc.org.uk**. We will ensure that emails reach the relevant manager.

Seed Reception Managers:

Drs Ian and Carole Bainbridge, 01557 814141, Luckie Harg’s, Anwoth Road, Gatehouse of Fleet, Castle Douglas, DG7 2EF, Scotland.

Seed Packeting Manager

George Watt, 01292 592445, Burnside, Littlemill Road, Drongan, East Ayrshire, KA6 7EN, Scotland

Seed Distribution Team Manager:

Carolyn McNab, Barmagachan House, Borgue, Kirkcudbright DG6 4SW, Scotland.

Seed Request Manager and Seed Accounts Treasurer:

Neil McNulty, 6 Main Rd, Crookedholm, Kilmarnock, KA3 6JT, Scotland.

EVENTS

Dates for remaining 2017 shows

Dunblane Summer Meeting Flowers of hills and mountains Saturday 19th August - 10 am to 4 pm

This event celebrates the SRGC as a garden club and the plants that members grow. It will illustrate the beauty, diversity, and garden worthiness of the widest range of rock and woodland garden plants, bulbs, shrubs and trees, and to encourage their cultivation in gardens and the exchange of plants and knowledge amongst gardeners. The display is not intended to be floral art.

Talks by Kenton J Seth, Paintbrush Gardens, Grand Junction, Colorado, USA

11 am: The American Crevice Garden

2.30 pm: Plant hunting in the Wild West - things you may grow and adventures chasing seeds

Contact Sandy Leven (01786 824064, sandy.leven@btinternet.com)

Sandy encourages members to bring plants and cut flowers for the displays and points out that members can have space for their own mini display.

The Late Bulb Show in Aberdeen A celebration of plants and bulbs Saturday 23rd September - 8 am to 4 pm

Talks will be given by:

10 am - 11 am: Matthew Topsfield. In the footsteps of John Blanchard

12 pm - 1 pm: Ian Young. Growing narcissi and other bulbs

3 pm - 4 pm: Dave Millward. Autumn bulbs of southern Turkey and Jordan

Contact Mike Hopkins (01467 642429, mike.hopkins43@yahoo.co.uk)

Newcastle Show Saturday 7th October - 10 am to 3.30 pm

Organised by the Alpine Garden Society in conjunction with the SRGC

Contact Alan Newton (01661 871974, alan.newton@agsgroups.org)

Discussion Weekend Show, Peebles Friday 13th - Sunday 15th October

Show Secretary Dr David Millward (01620 870283, dmillward6@aol.com)

AUTUMN FESTIVAL and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 11th November 2017

Scone and St Martin's Church Hall, Balformo Road, Scone, PH2 6QX

Travel Directions

From Perth drive into Scone, straight up the main road past Tesco. There is a Davisons chemist on the left-hand side of the road and just on the bend there is Scone New Church. Turn left by the black railings at the Church into Balformo Road. There is parking available beside the halls and also at the Wheel Inn (turn back onto the main road, left and the Wheel Inn is about 50 yards on the left hand side).

If you are travelling from Perth on public transport, catch the number 7 bus which runs every 10 minutes and leaves from the bus stop opposite the library at York Place.

Programme

Tea and coffee on arrival

11 am Feedback – three short talks

Peter Edge introduces the highlights of his expedition to south-west China, partly funded by the Rock Garden Club.

Hannah Wilson tells us about her course and subsequent career at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, which was made possible by a grant from the Diana Aitchison fund.

David Shaw reports on 'Gardening from the ground up', the first David Boyd event, held in July.

12 noon Food for sustenance

Coffee, tea and a glass of wine are provided; bring your own lunch.

1 pm Food for thought; our Annual General Meeting (agenda next page)

2 pm A feast of plants.

In the Clark Memorial Lecture, 'Alpines and beyond', Stan da Prato shows some of the amazing range of plants that he grows, and tells us how he grows them.

3 pm Yet more food, tea and coffee, and time to socialise before heading home.

There will also be:

- a non-competitive display of plants
- a members' 50/50 plant sale
- the second photographic/art competition of the year (see item on page 8)

AGM Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held at Scone on 12th November 2016
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. President's review of the year
5. Presentation of honours
6. Presentation of merit medals
7. Presentation of AGS Salver, Rutland Salver, Golden Jubilee Salver and AGS picture
8. Adoption of the accounts for the year ending 30th June 2017
9. Election of executive office-bearers
10. Election of ordinary members to serve on council
11. Appointment of examiner of accounts
12. Approval of office bearers who are not member of council
13. Approval of the members of Joint Rock Garden Plant Committee
14. Date and place of AGM in 2018
15. Any other competent business

Nominations for council - Do join in!

Nominations are invited for membership of council.

- They must be received by the **Secretary** (Carolyn McNab, 01557 870225, secretary@srgc.net) at least 30 days before the AGM, which is on the **11th November**
- They must be in writing from the proposer – on paper or by email.
- Each nomination must state the names of one or more seconders.
- Each nomination must state that the candidate has agreed to stand for election.

This year we elect the next President, to serve for three years from the AGM in 2018.

The elected person serves on council as President Elect for one year, for three years as President and for a further two years as immediate Past President, all subject to confirmation at the AGM each year.

The present President serves for one more year, subject to confirmation at the AGM.

The Secretary, Treasurer, Subscription Secretary, Web Manager, Publicity Manager and Editor retire annually, but are eligible for re-election. Nominations are required as described above.

Ordinary members of council serve for three years; four are elected each year. There are also vacancies remaining from previous years, so one additional member may be elected for two years, and one for one year.

Provisional dates for 2018 shows

Saturday 17th February - Dunblane Early Bulb Show

Saturday 17th March - AGS/SRGC Joint Show, Kendal

Saturday 24th March - Kincardine Show

Saturday 7th April - Edinburgh Show

Saturday 14th April - AGS/SRGC Joint Show, Northumberland (Hexham)

Saturday 21st April - Perth Show

Saturday 28th April - Highland Show

Saturday 5th May - Glasgow Show

Saturday 19th May - Aberdeen Show

Saturday 6th October - AGS/SRGC Joint Show, Newcastle

Friday 12th - Sunday 14th October - Discussion Weekend Show, Pitlochry

Dates and venues of the summer and late bulb events will be announced later.

2ND DAVID BOYD EVENT Discovering the Scottish Machair Sat 23rd - Weds 27th June 2018

The second David Boyd Event will give members an opportunity to discover a unique and iconic Scottish habitat. Machair only occurs on the north west edge of Europe, with most of this in the Western Isles of Scotland. The interaction between geomorphology and human intervention creates a diverse mosaic of wildflowers. This in turn supports our distinctive wildlife that combines with the dramatic landscapes to create a beautiful spectacle. This weekend will give you an overview of some of the highlights to be found on the machair in the Uists and would be the ideal introduction to a longer stay or tour throughout the Western Isles.

Provisional programme (may be subject to change):

Thursday 21st - Friday 22nd June 2018

Arrival (Ferry: Mallaig > Lochboisdale, South Uist or Uig, Skye > Lochmaddy, North Uist.

Plane: Glasgow > Benbecula, hire cars can be picked up at the airport)

Friday 22nd June

Morning: Workshop: 'Rock gardening in containers'

Afternoon - Red-necked phalarope, corncrake and Benbecula machair

Evening: Group supper

Saturday 23rd June

Morning: Talk: The Scottish Machair by Matthew Topsfield

Afternoon: Guided walk at RSPB Balranald Nature Reserve, North Uist

Evening: Dinner at the Westford Inn

Sunday 24th June

Morning: Group walk at Howmore

Afternoon: Exploring more South Uist machair sites

Evening: Prince's Strand, Eriskay and dinner at the Am Politician

Monday 25th June

Departure (for those not making a longer stay)

All walks will be at a gentle pace and generally suitable for all with a moderate level of mobility and fitness. Options for shorter walking routes will be available.

Participants will be responsible for arranging their own travel and accommodation, but we will provide information to help you do this.

It will help us to have an idea of how many people might be interested in joining us for this event. To register your interest (with no commitment), or if you have any questions please **contact** Matthew Topsfield on mtopsfield@icloud.com, 07775 812036 or 12 Rhugashinish, Isle of South Uist, HS8 5PE.

DISCUSSION WEEKEND

Friday 13th – Sunday 15th October 2017

Macdonald Cardrona Hotel, Cardrona, Peebles, EH45 8NE

Spaces are still available for the 2017 Discussion Weekend either for residents in single or double occupancy rooms, or for non-resident day delegates. Our well known speakers span the world with their wide ranging presentations.

Programme

Friday 13th October

Evening: The Jim Archibald Lecture: Rod Leeds 'The winter wonderland of bulbs'

Small bulb exchange

Saturday 14th October

Morning: Optional activities; show; plant sales

Afternoon: The John Duff Lecture: Sid Clarke 'European primulas'

Magnar Aspaker 'Our garden under the midnight sun'

Harry Jans 'Around the world with alpine plants'

Evening: Gala dinner, presentation of show awards and plant auction

Sunday 15th October

Morning: Martin Gardner 'The unique flora of Chile'

Jean Gabriel 'The Lautaret Alpine Botanic Garden'

Afternoon: The William Buchanan Lecture: Tony Hall 'The central and southern Asian juno irises'

The Harold Esslemont Lecture: Harry Jans 'Flowers of the Incas'

Venue

The hotel is 4-star with a range of facilities including an 18-hole golf course, indoor pool, health club and sauna. Accommodation can be booked for double or single occupancy. Rooms have either double or twin beds. If you are booking a double occupancy room please indicate your preference for a double or twin. If you are sharing with someone not included in this booking please state their name, otherwise we will try to find you a roommate.

All rooms have lift access and most have walk-in showers. If you specifically want a walk-in shower please tick the box on the form. In addition please give details of any dietary or other special requirements.

Dogs are accepted in a limited number of rooms at an extra cost of £10 per dog per night, payable on check out. If you intend to bring dogs please indicate this on the form.

If you need extra nights we will book these for you. Please give details of dates and room type in the space provided. The extra night rate for a double occupancy room - dinner, bed and breakfast - is £65 per person sharing and £100 for single occupancy. The cost of extra nights must be settled by you with the hotel on checking out.

Please send the form on the next page together with the appropriate remittance made payable to 'E&LR Group – The Registration Account' to the **Registration Secretary**, Mike Hicks, 11 Lidgate Shot, Ratho, Newbridge, Midlothian, EH28 8TY (**send queries to mikeh3@tiscali.co.uk**.)

Terms and Conditions

The booking form and full remittance must reach Mike not later than **7th August 2017**.

Cancellations: Please note that no refunds will be given after **14th August 2017**.

DISCUSSION WEEKEND BOOKING FORM

Please complete in block capitals

NAME(S)

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

E-MAIL

TEL. No.

RESIDENT	PRICE Per Person	No.	TOTAL COST
Friday dinner – Sunday afternoon tea - double	£237		
Friday dinner – Sunday afternoon tea - single	£295		
Saturday morning – Sunday afternoon - double	£165		
Saturday morning – Sunday afternoon - single	£195		
TOTAL COST			

Double occupancy room preference:

Twin beds Double bed

Walk-in shower required:

Yes No

Room where dogs permitted at extra charge:

Yes No

Dietary requirements:

Special requirements:

Name of roommate booking separately:

Extra nights required:

NON-RESIDENT	PRICE Per Person	No.	TOTAL COST
Friday evening (including dinner)	£35		
Saturday – morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea	£55		
Saturday – As above plus dinner	£85		
Saturday – dinner	£40		
Sunday – morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea	£55		
TOTAL COST			

