



Newsletter

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This month's meeting will be held on Thursday 28th February 2019 at the Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth, SS11 8SH.

Doors open at 7:30

Tonight's speaker is Barry Hennessey who has been an active member of the Essex Group for many years, he was first co-opted onto the committee in 1992 and was elected as Membership Secretary in 1994. He has assisted with the running of the Early Spring and our own show and a member of the Chelsea team. We don't get to see him much since he and Sally moved to the midlands so it will be good to see them both and listen to Barry talking about Spring in the Spanish Pyrenees.

Early Spring Show March 2nd 2019

Most of you will be aware that the roster for the Early Spring at Harlow on March 2nd has been taken over by Ros Fuller. If you are a new member that has not been included on the roster listings and are able to assist in the running of our show please contact me and I will get you put on the roster. Assistance is particularly needed on the Friday evening when you can get in early with the plants on offer after setting up.

Mike Sullivan.

Included with this newsletter is an addendum to the Essex Group Show Schedule that you received last month as some important bits were missed off. Please use it in conjunction with the schedule.

Meconopsis the Himalayan Blue Poppy



Myself, in common with most gardeners like to grow things we possibly should not, they may be unusual and challenging but if we do get a success it can be very rewarding. After our visit to Cluny House, I sent for various Meconopsis seeds and after good germination, I tried plants around the garden and some, fingers crossed are doing alright. Our garden is shaded all day so is on the cool side and the soil is light but so far they have survived. Near the pond we have peat blocks and they have grown there for several years. So never be afraid to try something new.

Rod.

On Saturday 9th I went to the Spring Show at Hyde Hall, it was extremely crowded and the wind was awful, personally I think if it is to be a permanent event more room needs to be provided for the exhibitors.

There were some very nice plants on the various stands especially some Reticulate Iris on Amands, I just had to buy this one below, its called 'Eyecatcher' and it certainly is.
Paul



Forthcoming Events.

Sat. March 2nd,
Early Spring Show, Harlow.

Tue. March 12th 7:30
Epping Group,
Speaker Hugh Meteyard,
A Recent Trip to Mongolia.

Sat. April 27th
Essex Group Show,
Village Hall, Rawreth.

Winning entries
in the January
Competition.

Judged by
Ray Drew



Ray also gave us
an excellent talk
on those beautiful
Garden Orchids
at Anthura in
Holland.



Plant of the month for February

Open

maximum size pot/pan 36cm (one pot/pan per entry)

Class 1 - Any Alpine in flower (excl. bulbous)

Class 2 - Any Bulbous Alpine in flower

Class 3 - Any Dwarf Shrub or Alpine for foliage (incl. Sempervivum/Fern)

Intermediate

maximum size pot/pan 26cm (one pot/pan per entry)

Class 4 - Any Alpine in flower (excl. bulbous)

Class 5 - Any Bulbous Alpine in flower

Class 6 - Any Dwarf Shrub or Alpine for foliage (incl. Sempervivum/Fern)

Novice

maximum size pot/pan 19cm (one pot/pan per entry)

Class 7 - Any Alpine in flower

Class 8 - Any Alpine separate genus from 7 (if you have entered that class)

Please Note ! Schedule will remain the same each month for 2019

Exhibitors are eligible to show in the novice section and above until they have been awarded an AGS Bronze Medal or have not won the novice section three times. Exhibitors are eligible to show in the intermediate section and above until they have been awarded an AGS Gold Medal or have not won the intermediate section three times.

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