

Garden diary number 2 - a trip around Ian and Georgina's Garden

I have tried to make an attempt at describing a walk around our garden in Kippax with pictures of the layout of our alpine plants. I have started at the sand plunges outside our first of three greenhouses which are packed with alpines.

The first picture shows *Narcissus rupicola*, *Narcissus bulbocodium* and some seedling corydalis in flower.

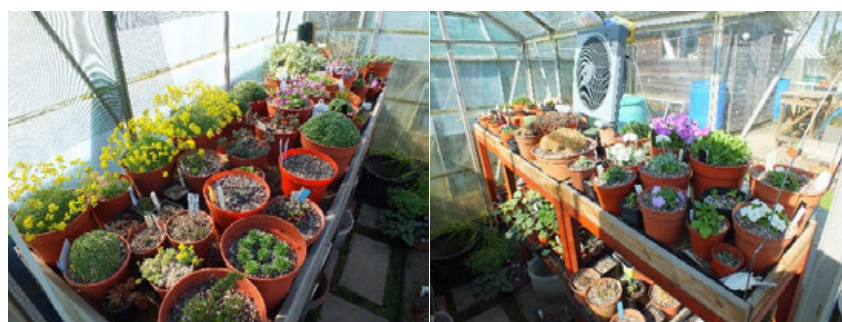


Picture 2 and 3 show views inside the first greenhouse.



Picture 4 is a closer view of *Primula Netta Dennis*, *Saxifraga Karel capek* and *Androsace himalaica* at the rear.

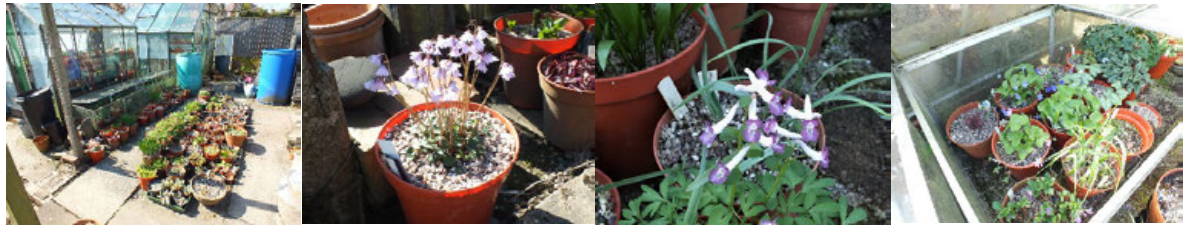
Picture 5 has *Primula Ingwersens 'A'* at the front with *Draba mollisima*, *Dianthus Pirrin* and *Tecophilaea cyanocrocus* at the rear.



Picture 6 and 7 are views inside the second greenhouse which has been claimed by Georgina. They show Primulas in flower on the right and *Draba longisiliqua* on the left.



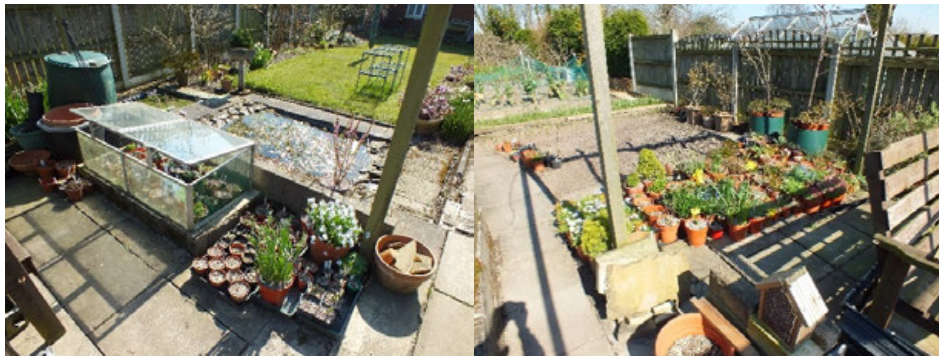
Picture 8 is a close up of *Androsace sarmentosa* Susan Jane and picture 9 *Draba longisiliqua*. Pictures 10 and 11 show close ups of *Lewisia Tweedyi* and some Primulas, including: - *Primula allionii* Maria Talbert (back left), *Primula allionii* Ingwersens 'A' (back middle), *Primula allionii* Peggy Wilson (back right). The two white Primulas in front are *Primula marginata* Wharfdale Village and Lemon sorbet.



Moving up the garden, picture 12 shows more cold frames, an area of bare soil for storing plants outside and the third greenhouse in the background. Picture 13 shows the soldanella and the bottom of the clothes post in the last picture. Picture 14 is a *Corydalis Lentune Rouge* inside the cold frame and picture 15 some blue pink and white hepaticas in the second frame.



Pic 16 another view of the holding area where different forms of *corydalis* are being stored after flowering, waiting to be fed for next year. Also resting here is pic 17 Yellow star of Bethlehem. This is the first time it has flowered in the last 15/20 years. Pic 18 shows another sand plunge which we keep netted and cover with shading when it gets too hot later in the year. You can also see our 4th greenhouse which we use for tomatoes etc.



Pic 19 shows another cold frame, the pond and a view down the garden. To the base of the post can be seen a pot full of *Scilla libanotica* in flower and just against the pond is a large pot of *Daphne mezereum*. Pic 20 shows a view up the garden from the pond at another holding area with Georgina's extra plants.



Pic 21 is the last sand plunge which holds Georgina's plants and is also covered with net. Pic 22 shows another storage area for young plants in the shade at the back of the hut. Pic 23 and 24 are plants in Georgina's sand plunge. *Hepatica nobilis alba* and *Erythronium Spindlestone*.



Pic 25 A view to the top of the garden. There are over 60 dwarf apple and pear trees at the top. Pic 26-27 are pictures from my curved top sand plunge. *Sebaea thomasii* 'Bycham' and *Primula auricula*.



Pic 28 and 29 are views into the third alpine house. Pic 30 - 34 are close ups of some of the plants in this alpine house. *Gypsophila aretioides*, *Arenaria alfacarensis*, *Primula allionii* 'Tony', *Lewisia cotyledon*.



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Pic 35-36 *Primula elatior*. Pic 37 Acid garden.



Pic38 *Fritillaria uva vulpis*, Pic39 *Androsace himalaica*, Pic40 *Hacquetia epipactis*, Pic41 *Helichrysum coralloides*.

It is devastating not to be able to go and exhibit some of these plants at the shows but I will try and take more pictures as the months go by and share them with anyone who wants to have a look at them.

Ian and Georgina