



NEWSLETTER

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Please be advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Essex Group of the Alpine Garden Society will take place at 8pm on Thursday 29th July 2021 the Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth, SS11 8SH.

Any nominations for Officers and Committee Members and all items for discussion should be formally submitted to the Groups Secretary two weeks prior to the meeting and all nominations must have the nominee's agreement.

Please note, only members of the National Alpine Garden Society can nominate and/or vote for election of the Committee.

The Committee proposes the following:-

Chairman	Rod Willett
Secretary	Ruth Jones
Treasurer/Webmaster	Paul Ward
Membership Secretary	Margaret Brine
Programme secretary	Jean Noakes
Show Secretary	Mike Sullivan

Committee Members:-

Maurice Bacon (Library)
Sue Willett
Rhoda Clarke
Paul Nice (Newsletter Editor)

Auditor Robin Alabaster.

Agenda

1. Chairman's welcome.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of last AGM.
4. Matters arising.
5. Secretary's report.
6. Treasurer's report.
7. Show Secretary's report.
8. Election of Officers.
9. Election of Committee members.
10. Appointment of Auditor.
11. Any other Admissable Business.

Following the AGM, tea, coffee and biscuits will be served, a non-competitive Display as set out in the May Newsletter and a talk by Ray Drew on

'How I Grow Cypripediums'

It was a beautiful day on the 26th when 30 of us met for a Picnic at Forge Nursery.
Arranged by Ray, Sue and Ruth, with a raffle table that looked more like the plant exchange and designed so everyone won plants, there was tea and coffee and a lovely display table.
A good day was had by all, thanks to the organisers and to Forge Nursery.



Setting up the raffle table.



A lot of interesting plants on the table, many thanks to all who brought plants along.



A beautiful Saxifrage on the display table



It was good to chat to each other after being apart for so long



Can anyone help to identify this dwarf iris, I got it in the raffle way back and the label has faded away.
Paul (N).

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This is a picture of Roscoeae humeana 'Snowy Owl' that was sent to me by a friend 'up north'. Named by Nigel Rowland at Long Acre Plants, its a large white flowered form of R. humeana that is derived from a collection at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh. I have grown white forms of Roscoeae humeana and the seedlings result in all kinds of colours, from a normal purple through speckled white/purple to pure white (second picture - all from one seed pod) - ya sows your seed and you takes ya chance. Easy to grow and propagate from seed.

Ray



Lunch nearly over and the raffle all but finished, its time to go and buy plants from the nursery.



A plea from Heather at Forge.

She needs jam jars to be able to keep making those delicious jams and pickles we all buy at the plant exchange and other functions. If you can return any you may have and any others instead of putting them in the bin.

Bring them to the next meeting and someone will get them over to her.

Chairman	Secretary	Show Secretary	Editor
Rod Willett	Ruth Jones	Mike Sullivan	Paul Nice
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