

NEWSLETTER

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This Months meeting will be held on Thursday June 30th at the Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth SS11 8SH at 8pm.

Doors open at 7:30.

Our speakers this month need no introductions, they are the 'Dynamic Duo' Ray and Rod talking about Gothenberg Botanic Garden.

Mike Sullivan was awarded the Farrer Medal at this year's East Cheshire show, for a stunning plant of Saxifraga 'Tumbling Waters'. I was one of the judges of the 'One Pan Saxifragaceae' class, so my team had the privilege of proposing it for best in show. Farrer medal plants announce themselves when you walk into the show hall - this certainly did!

Mike had previously made plans for the day of the show, so took a couple of plants the day before (so he wasn't even there to bath in the glory!). I'm pretty sure if we awarded a second best-in-show, his other plant would have easily taken that as well.

Because Mike couldn't get back to pick his plants up (and didn't know I was going to be there), he kindly donated both plants to the aggregate winners of the Novice and Intermediate sections: the flowering rosettes will die but there were plenty of off-sets to propagate from.

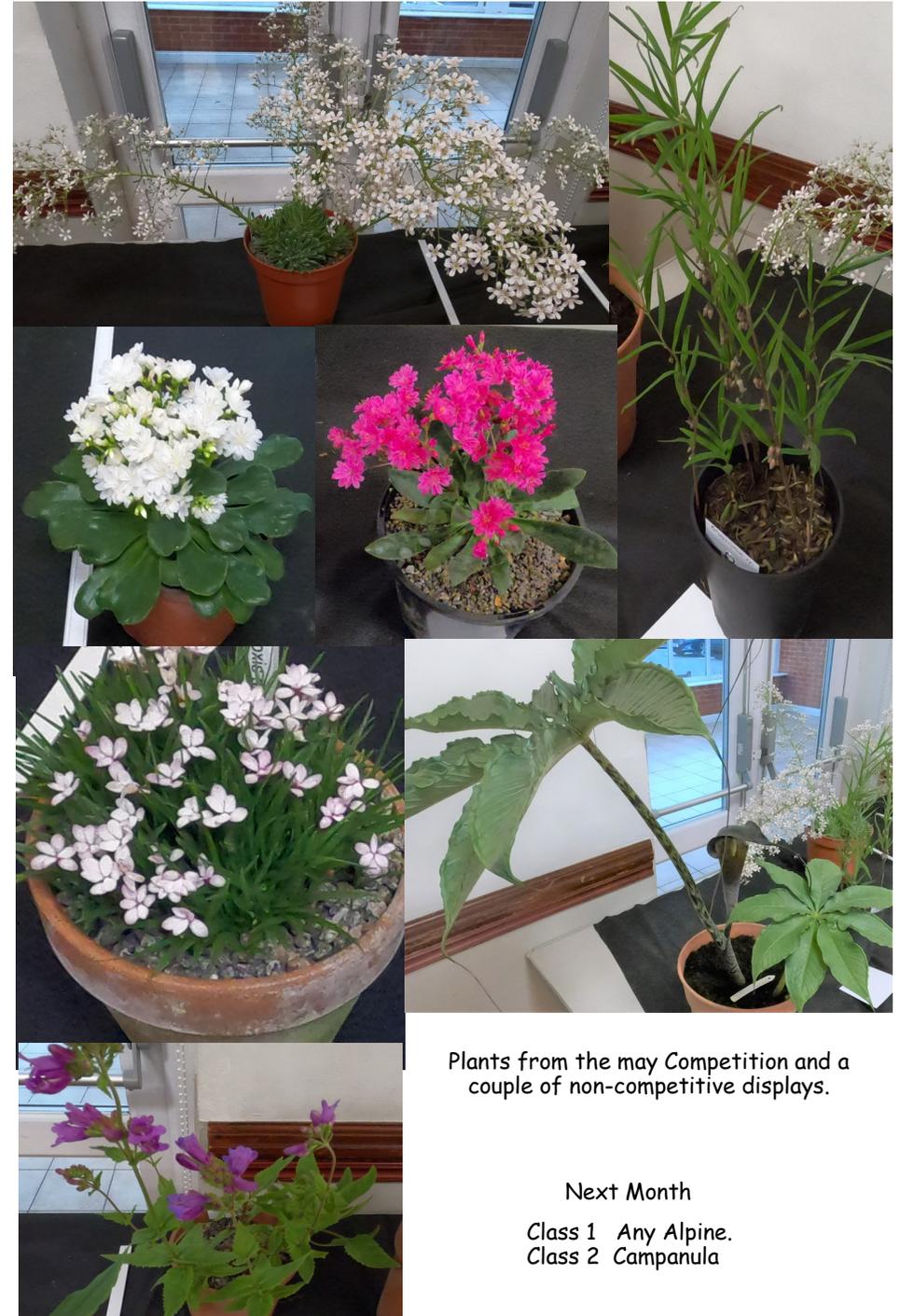
Ray Drew.



Saxifraga 'Tumbling Waters'

Summer Picnic at Forge Nursery.
Saturday 25th June at 12 noon.
Bring your own munchies, plants for display and raffle.

Many thanks to Doug for a very interesting talk at the May meeting about the 'Bardfield Oxlip'



Plants from the may Competition and a couple of non-competitive displays.

Next Month

Class 1 Any Alpine.
Class 2 Campanula



The Essex Groups sales/publicity stand at the 'Celebration of Horticulture' Garden Fair at Writtle on June 12th.

We had a successful day I think selling plants, but perhaps more importantly talking to folk. Several expressed interest in coming along to a meeting.

Ray, Sue (Drew) Maurice and I got plants ready on Saturday afternoon. Then Sunday our stall was manned by Ray, Sue, Debbie, Sue Jackman, Rod and me.

Ruth.



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