



# NEWSLETTER

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This Month's meeting will be held on Thursday 27th October, at the Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth, SS11 8SH at 8pm.

Doors open 7:30



Correa, Lewisia & Saxifraga.



This month's speaker is our own, Essex Group's Show Secretary Mike Sullivan. He is talking about the 'Hybridisation of Saxifrage's, Lewisia's and Correa's' of which he grows many. These are a taster of what to expect and who can forget that magnificent *Saxifraga 'Tumbling Waters'* that won him the Farrer Medal at the East Cheshire Show earlier this year.



Plants from September Competition and non-competitive display.

Next Month

Class 1. Any Alpine.

Class 2. Cyclamen.

One for the diary - If you were at the last meeting, you would have heard that we have been invited to visit John Amands garden in Harrow, on the 25th February 2023 at 11am. John has a fantastic garden full of Spring Crocus, Cyclamen, Galanthus and countless other species (refreshments will be available). This will be followed by a visit to Jacques Amand International at The Nurseries, Clamp Hill, Stanmore HA7 3JS., where the group can wander around and select from the plants/bulbs available at the time (much better than mail-order!) - this is the week before the Early Spring Show, so there should be plenty to see. If you want to bring a packed-lunch, you can eat it here. The committee has decided against hiring a coach, so people will need to make their own arrangements concerning transport. Parking is limited adjacent to Johns house, so it is suggested that people arrange to car-share. Due to the time of year, any unforeseen circumstances may inevitably result in a change of plans/cancellation.  
More information will be posted nearer the time. Ray.



Three more plants from  
Phil Walker.

Left-*Colchicum agrippinum*.

Below left-*Oxalis perdicaria*  
syn. *lobata*

Below right-*Cyclamen mirabile*



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