



NEWSLETTER

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

Doors open 7:30

It is with sadness that I must report the death of one of our life members, George Bentley. I am told that it was a peaceful end to a long life. George was a quiet, unassuming man with a deep passion for alpine plants.

This month the speaker is one of our own group members, Mike Lavelle who is a Senior Lecturer at Writtle College. Mike has qualifications in many aspects of land and environmental subjects and his talk is entitled, 'Climate Change and The Plants in Your Garden'

Another great talk by David Haselgrove at the last meeting, what wonderful flora there is in South Africa.

Early Spring Show.

On the 4th March the Early Spring was held once again at Theydon Bois. Not such a big show as is usual but the quality was excellent and the Dionysia tapetodes that took the Farrer Medal WOW. There were one or two red cards on the bench gained by our own Group members, congratulations to you, also to the new Show Secretary's who did a great job and to all involved to make the Show the success it was.

We would all like to thank Ray for organising a grand day out to Jacques Amand and Johns Garden, also the two Sues for supplying the tea and coffee.

Our Group is having a stand at the Spring Plant Fair organised with Essex Plant Heritage, at Hyde Hall on the 22nd/23rd April

On the 29th April is the Essex Groups Show at the Village Hall Rawreth. With this n/l is the Show Schedule and also a poster, that if you can print off and display one somewhere, it will help to attract more visitors. If you have not yet volunteered to help there is still time to give your name to Ruth at the next meeting.



A wonderful display of plants in the February Competition.

Next Month

- Class 1 Any Alpine excl. plants from class 2
- Class 2 Primula or Saxifraga



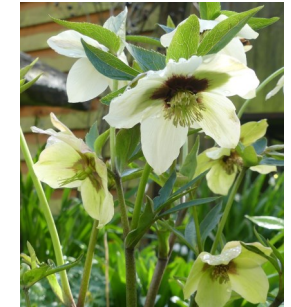
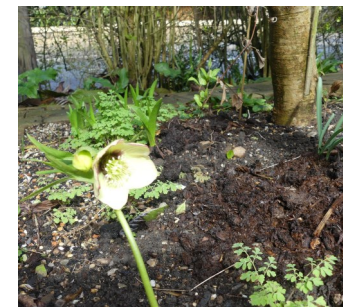
The Chelmsford Branch of the British Cactus and Succulent Society invite you to their second cactus mart on Saturday 22 April 2023.

Venue - Rawreth Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth, Near Wickford, Essex. SS11 8SH
 Times - 10am to 4pm
 Tea and coffee only will be available.
 Cultivation advice for new growers.
 Admission £3 per person, children under 18 years of age free.
 Large car park with free parking.

The hall is about 5 miles north of the A127 along the A1245 (still signposted A130), and about 8 miles south of the A12 via the A130 south, exit to South Woodham Ferrers, then south again via the A1245



Hi everybody ,Paul has been chasing me for copy so are some thoughts. The Hellebores seem to have coped with our bad weather pattern very well . Here are some of the seedlings from Ashwoods Nursery bought while on our trip several years ago. The plants already had seed pods forming when we got them so they were very good value ,a point I have learnt from Ray, always look for seeds! Rod.



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