

NEWSLETTER

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This Months meeting will be held on Thursday May 25th at the Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth, SS11 8SH at 8pm.

Doors open 7:30pm

Our speaker this month, Barry Hennessey, really needs no introduction. He has been a stalwart of the Group for several years, serving on the committee for many of those, until he and his wife Sally moved to Northampton. He still supports us in many ways and is speaking to us tonight about the 'Patagonia Lake District'.

I am happy to report that the group, along with number of private member donations, have sent a total of £220 to the Ros Wiley Tribute Garden Fund.
Ray.

The Rawreth Group Show was once again something I am pleased to be part of. All members pulled in the same direction and this resulted in a show to be very proud of. There were several members that put in a huge effort to enable the show to succeed but I would particularly like to thank Sue Drew for the advertising of the show, and it is evident how important this is.

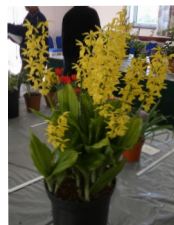
Although the number of exhibits were down slightly from previous year's the quality has not declined and I am constantly surprised at how many really good plants are exhibited.

For those that do not feel comfortable with the show scene please bear in mind that the monthly competition is an easy entry and soon you will be going for it full out!

Mike.



The Man at the Helm



Rod Willett receiving the 'Kath Dryden Award' for 'Best In Show' with *Calanthe striata*





A very interesting talk by Julian Reed, it was a shame the AV did not work. I'm not into ferns and I did not know there were so many different types etc. but I found the booklet he gave us very interesting and I am looking forward to his return with a working AV presentation.



Forthcoming Event



Meet the CHELMSFORD BRANCH of the BRITISH CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY in DANBURY on Saturday 24th June 2023

A display of plants along with plant sales and cultivation advice from experienced growers

Venue: Danbury Village Hall, Main Road, Danbury, Essex CM3 4NQ

Time: 10am to 4pm
Admission: £3 per person, children under 18 years of age free

Nearby car parks with free parking

The hall is about 3 miles east of the A12 along the A414 towards Maldon, past the Co-op store and just after the BUPA Dental Care Practice
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Plants from the April Competition.

May Competition

- Class 1. Any Alpine excl. plants from Class 2
- Class 2. lewisia

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