

# NEWSLETTER

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This Months meeting will be held on Thursday  
June 29 th at the Village Hall, Church Road,  
Rawreth, SS11 8SH at 8pm.

Doors open 7:30

This Month Tim Ingram returns to talk about 'Gardening on the Rocks'  
A brief history of rock gardening.

Tim was introduced to alpinas as a teenager and it initiated his life long  
passion for plants. He talks about the development of rock gardening and  
gardens which have inspired him.

Tim shows how this is put into practise at Copton Ash, the Nursery he  
runs in Kent and looks at plants which thrive in the sharp drainage in  
the hot south-east of England.



Willow Park Nature Reserve, Langdon  
Hills, thousands of Dactylorhiza's in  
flower.

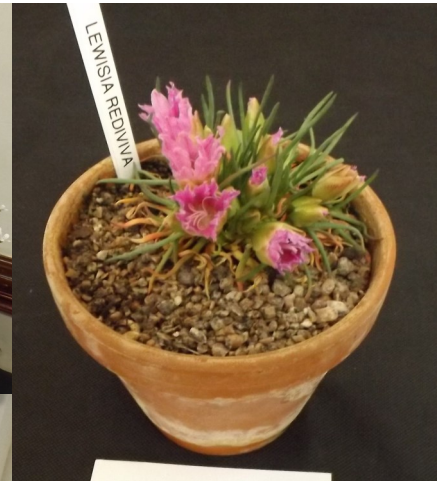
### A Warning.

I bought three plants from a  
local nursery yesterday even  
though I originally only wanted  
to get one! On putting them  
down at the till the impact  
dislodged two vine weevil, so  
that was a reminder of how  
easily a simple purchase of a  
plant can import so much future  
pain.

Mike.



Adult beetle that chomps the  
leaves, and the grubs that eat  
away the roots. Best controlled by  
Nematodes, available on-line or  
from most Garden Centres.



Competition and  
Display plants for May,  
Judged this month by  
Ann Vale.

Competition for June

Class 1. excl. Any Alpine  
plants in Class 2.

Class 2. Campanula.

Thanks to Barry for a  
very interesting talk  
about the Patagonia Lake  
District last month.



Left, a Lily from my garden, individual flowers only 2 inches across, anyone any ideas of type. Paul.

The Burren, June 2023.

The trip started life as a recce for a potential group trip, which from the get-go became a non-starter. Flights changed by Ryanair - twice, the landscape was treacherous almost everywhere, guarantee of seeing plants in flower, where they should have been, was very hit-and-miss. Transport costs would be astronomical, the list goes on and on. Despite that, our trip was very enjoyable. The two Sues, Rod and I stayed at a very nice Airbnb on a farm, we had the old pigsty and Sue and Rod had the Cow milking shed; they were, however, converted into a very modern, attractive bungalow. We flew into Shannon airport and travelled north-west to Corofin, Co Clare., a great striking-out point for the Burren. The village itself is quite sleepy, having not really recovered from Covid, so all the plans for eateries went out of the window; the supermarket and kebab shop sufficed. Not getting a hire car with Satnav proved to be a mistake - written instructions work when there are road signs but none were to be seen, so we spent a number of pleasant hours surveying the countryside from the car, often arriving home in the dark. When we did find plants (orchids were our quarry) they were spectacular. So many names have changed in recent years that it's hard to keep up with what is a very difficult group of plants in the first place but we saw around 14 different species (which would have been more using old names). There were plenty of other plants as well, mostly growing out of limestone grykes and hollows in the clints which form the 'pavement' of the area. We are putting together a short talk for next January's AGM, where we can share the plants we saw.

Ray.



Gentian verna group



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