



# NEWSLETTER

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This Months meeting will be held on Thursday 26th October at the Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth, SS11 8SH at 8pm.

Doors open 7:30

Our speaker this Month is Dr. Julian Sutton

Dr Sutton is a life-long plantsman who started out in academic botany and caught the garden plant bug while doing research at Ness Gardens in the 80s.

He and his wife Sarah ran their small Totnes nursery, 'Desirable Plants' for 20 years but they have now scaled back to two e-mail lists of choice plants per year.

His talk is titled  
Making sense of the Iridaceae.  
'My botanist turned nurseryman's view of the family'.

Sadly one of our members Sandra Rolfe passed away recently, our condolences go out to Richard and the family

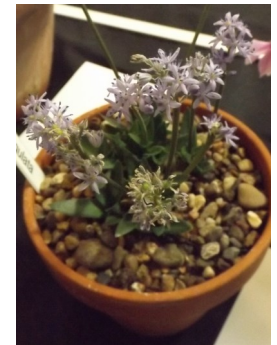
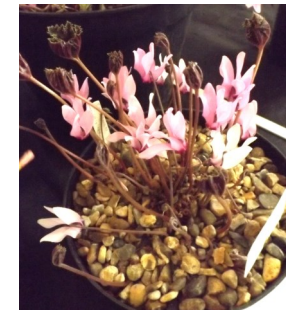
Robin is back home convalescing after his heart operation that went well, and he has sent a message via Margaret. He would welcome visitors to look round his garden but you MUST phone first. 01268 773054

Our Show Secretary Mike is now back in Essex, welcome home Mike, and a speedy recovery from your recent knee operation.



One of Robins Pleiones

### September Competition Plants

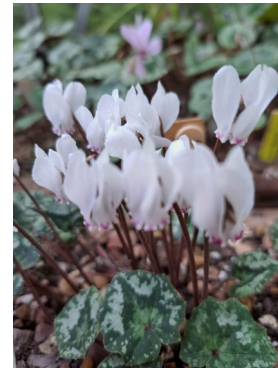


### Coming in October

- Class 1. Any Alpine excl. those in Class 2
- Class 2. Cyclamen



Watch out for a winter special from BBC Gardeners World.  
Francis Tophill and the crew have been filming at 'Wildside'  
If you go on the internet and look at 'wileyatwildside' and go to gallery there are lots of great photos of 'Wildside'



Two nice Cyclamen from Brian Salter, cyprium and purperscens



Crocus tournefortii from Phil



A Merendera from Maurice



The three plants above and left are how they appeared on the show bench. The three plants at the bottom are how they looked the next day in the daylight.



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