

NEWSLETTER

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This month's speaker is Martyn Denney, Chairman of Woking and West Surrey AGS Group and Secretary of the Cyclamen Society.

Martyn has travelled widely throughout Asia, initially as an antidote for Cyclamen and has led several Cyclamen Society field trials in Europe and the Levant. His book 'Cyclamen - A Concise Guide' is published by the Cyclamen Society.

Martyn's talk is entitled 'Late Summer and Early Spring in Georgia' (a tale of two field studies)

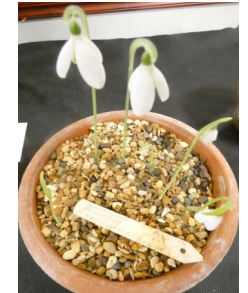
The 2024 Monthly competition classes will remain the same as in 2023 January just Class 1, Any Alpine.



View from Mike's window at his new home in Doddinghurst.

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday November 30th at the Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth, SS11 8SH at 8pm.

Doors open 7:30



Competition Plants October

The Early Spring Show 2024

The show is changing venues next year and will be held on the 2nd March at Chelmsford City Race Course (off the A131, between Chelmsford & Braintree).

The venue is much bigger than Theydon Bois which enables us to invite more nurseries. We are also hoping to get somebody to give a talk.

The venue organisers will be arranging and covering the display and sales tables for us, so we do not expect to need much help on the Friday evening, but the usual help will be gratefully appreciated during the day on Saturday. Once again, we will not be having a raffle, but are considering a tombola instead. Thoughts on this idea are welcome, but assuming that we get the groups support, we would ask members to hunt out any unwanted items or gifts etc, that could be donated to the group as suitable prizes. We would also obviously need helpers to manage it.

Anne & Steve Vale



Plants for November Competition

Class 1. Any Alpine excl. plants in Class 2

Class 2. Dwarf Shrub



Non-Competitive October



Crocus cartwrightianus 'Alba', a plant from rocky areas in Greece (commercial stock) and *Crocus thomasii* (Croatia: near Zadar, at foot of Halan Malu Pass, in the Velebit Mountains, from GBG seed.), both are members of the 'Saffron' group - those with the long red stigma and styles. Both need a well-drained, sunny spot that gets warm in Summer.
Ray Drew.

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