



NEWSLETTER

January 2024 Number 556

This Month's meeting will be held on Thursday
January 25th 2024 at the Village Hall, Church
Road, Rawreth, SS11 8SH at 8pm.

Doors open 7:30

Hello, welcome to 2024 and a Happy New Year to you all.

Please be advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Essex Group of the Alpine Garden Society will take place at 8pm on Thursday 25th January 2024 at the Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth, SS11 8SH.

Any items for discussion should be submitted to the Secretary two weeks prior to the AGM.

The Committee has agreed that all existing Committee Officers and Members be proposed for re-election.

Please note, only members of the National Alpine Garden Society can nominate and/or vote for election of the Officers and Committee.

AGM 2024 Agenda

1. Chairman's welcome.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of last AGM.
4. Matters arising.
5. Secretary's report.
6. Treasurer's report.
7. Show Secretary's report.
8. Election of Officers.
9. Election of Committee members.
10. Appointment of Auditor.
11. Any other Admissable Business.

After the official business refreshments will be served, there will be a raffle, and the Monthly Competition.

Our Show Secretary will be giving us a talk on a subject entitled

'Kick Starting Seedlings'

After last month's mix up we had an interesting talk by Richard on the second part of his trip to Argentina.



Plants from the November 2023 Competition





Proposed Programme for 2024

May be subject to change.

- Feb. 29th Rod Willett - Newfoundland
- March. 28th Martin Denney - Georgia
- April. 25th Richard Rolfe - Ecuador
- May. 30th Ray Drew - subject to be decided
- June. 27th Tim Ingram - Woodland plants
- July. 25th Barry Hennessey - Development of his garden
- August. 29th Diane Clement - A year in the alpine garden
- Sept. 26th Andrew Ward - Growing in sand
- Oct. 31st Adrian Cooper - Rock gardens
- Nov. 28th Jon Evans - Wildside

2024 Competition.

January, one class in each division
Any Alpine.

Each Month — Class 1. Any Alpine,
excl. plants from Class 2.

Class 2.

February. Galanthus or Narcissus.

March. Primula or Saxifraga.

April. Saxifraga.

May. Lewisia.

June. Campanula.

July. Sempervivum.

August. Dwarf Conifer.

September. Alpine, showing
Seed/Berry or Autumn Foliage.

October. Cyclamen.

November. Dwarf Shrub.



A couple of meetings back at the end of the raffle there was a rather sad looking orchid left on the table so I took it home and put it in the back of the greenhouse. A week or two later I noticed a flower bud a few inches long, so it then had a clean up and came indoors. The stem grew and presented me with this flower in time for Christmas.



Galanthus Mr's McNamara



Galanthus 'Three Ships'

A couple of Brian Salter's Snowdrops.

Chairman	Secretary	Show Secretary	Editor
Rod Willett	Ruth Jones	Mike Sullivan	Paul Nice
'Ashtree Cottage'	5 Ballingdon Gardens	3 Barn Mead	162 Parklands
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