

# NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2024 Number 558

This Month's meeting will be held on Thursday  
March 28th at the Village Hall, Church Road,  
Rawreth, SS11 8SH at 8pm.

Doors open 7:30

Our March 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)*

We are having a stand at the RHS Plant Heritage Sale this year and more help is needed. You don't have to stay on the stand all day but if you can do an odd hour or so it gives the others a chance of a comfort break. If you would like to help see Ruth, Ray or Rod.

### Forthcoming Events

Our Group Show is on Saturday 27th April at Rawreth Village Hall. A poster is attached with this n/l, please try and publicise it.

Saturday 20th April is the British Cactus and Succulent Society, Chelmsford Branch, Show. Also at Rawreth Village Hall.

Saturday 20th/Sunday 21st April, RHS Hyde Hall, Plant Heritage Sale.

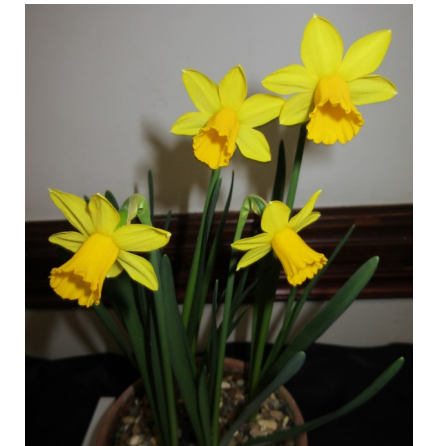
June we are going to have a picnic.

September Plant Exchange.

Both dates to be arranged with Forge.



Visitors admiring plants on the show bench, above, at the Early Spring, and right, part of the sales area.





Plants from the February competition.  
Photo credits Ray Drew



**March Competition**

- Class 1. Any Alpine excl. plants in Class 2
- Class 2. Primula or Saxifraga

**ESSEX GROUP SHOW.**  
VILLAGE HALL  
RAWRETH

27TH APRIL 2024.

Hi All, Our group has a proud history of excellent group shows and our next show is soon approaching, so this is an opportunity to join the fun if you have never exhibited before. New exhibitors are given plenty of support, and will soon gain confidence.

There are changes to the Schedule this year, including show rules and additional pot sizes within the sections to enable more plants to get on the bench, please read them carefully.

There is a revised version of the Group Poster and I urge you to distribute as many copies of it as you are able, i.e. Garden Centres, Village Halls, etc. in order to attract as many visitors and potential new members as possible.

Kind regards Mike.



A selection from the Early Spring  
Photo credits Graham Mee

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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