

AGS news

Newsletter of the Alpine Garden Society

New conference to be wrapped around AGM

A special two-day conference is being organised to run alongside next Year's Alpine Garden Society AGM.

The theme will be 'From Spain to Turkey – A celebration of European Alpines'. It will be held on November 9 and 10, 2013, in Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, and will feature a varied programme of new talks, some by overseas speakers, as well as practical sessions.

A full programme and booking information will be published in the March newsletter. The AGM itself, including the E. B. Anderson Memorial Lecture, will of course

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John Blanchard (right) receives the Kath Dryden Award for his meritorious work on the genus *Narcissus* from AGS President David Haselgrove at November's AGM

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For details of life membership apply to
AGS Centre.

AGS CENTRE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

AGS Centre will close at
5pm on Friday, December
21, and will not reopen
until 9am on Monday,
January 7.

Send items for the March 2013
issue of AGS News to Jackie Cooper
at the address above or email
jackie@alpinegardensociety.net. The
deadline is January 31, 2013.

NOTICEBOARD

Welcome to the new AGS News

Welcome to AGS News, the Alpine
Garden Society's renamed and
redesigned quarterly newsletter.

It contains all the features of its
predecessor, Alpine News, but in a
more accessible format. For example,
details of copy deadlines for the next
issue and of any closures of the office
at AGS Centre will always be found in
the panel on the left.

Included in this issue is a four-page
pull-out of the AGS shows programme
for 2013, which replaces the shows
programme that was previously
published separately.

If your Local Group is organising a
special event, such as a one-day
conference, local show or plant sale,
please let us know so that it can be
included in the Noticeboard pages.
AGS News is also published on the AGS
website (address on the front page).

SEED EXCHANGE

The seed list has been posted out.
If you have not received a copy,
please contact AGS Centre (see left
for details). If you have access to a
computer do try the online ordering
system, which is very easy to use.

OBITUARY

We send our sincere condolences to
the family of Ian Spencer, a member of
the AGS Birmingham Group, who died
recently.

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continue to be open to all members at no charge.

The Society's AGM this year was exceptionally well attended. There are more pictures on the website of the various award recipients. Robin and Sue White of Blackthorn Nursery jointly received the Lyttel Trophy, the Society's highest award.

The Society also elected a new President, David Haselgrove. The day culminated with an excellent talk by John Good about his garden in North Wales and the plants he loves to grow there.

On behalf of the Society, may I wish all our members around the world a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Christine McGregor, Society Director



Robin and Sue White receive the Lyttel Trophy from David Haselgrove

AGS 2013 CALENDAR

Our handy desk calendars feature wonderful images of plants taken by AGS members.

The calendars cost just £4.50 each, or buy two for £8.

Postage is free in the UK, £2.50 for the rest of Europe and £3.50 for the rest of the world.

To order, please call AGS Centre on 01386 554790.

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CALENDAR 2013

The image shows a grid of 12 small photographs of various alpine plants, including yellow flowers, purple flowers, and white flowers. Below the grid, there is contact information for the AGS Centre.

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AGS Blackpool Show

March 16, 2013

Collegiate High School, Blackpool Old Road, Blackpool, FY3 7LS.

Cliff Booker will give the afternoon lecture entitled 'Cream of Alpines'.

Breakfast, lunches and afternoon teas at reasonable cost.

Plant sales from top alpine nurseries, plus members' plants.

The North Lancashire Group invites anyone staying in the north-west for the weekend to their lecture evening on the Thursday before the show. John Page will be giving a lecture entitled 'Talking Turkey'. Everything kicks off at 7.30pm at The Methodist Church, Greaves, Lancaster.



Attractive tea-towels featuring Meconopsis and sweet-pea designs by talented artist Heather Raeburn.

£4 each or Just £7.50 for two, post free. To order call AGS Centre on 01386 554790

TAKE PART IN THE AGS ONLINE SHOW



The 2012 AGS Online Show is open for entries. This is a great opportunity for members who can't normally get to shows – particularly those who live outside the UK and Ireland – to show off their plants and gardens.

There are almost 90 classes to enter and the closing date is Christmas Eve, after which judging will take place.

Visit the AGS website (address on the front page) where you can also view the online shows of the past six years. GOOD LUCK!

Danish Group celebrates 40th anniversary



The Danish Group of the AGS celebrated its 40th anniversary with a dinner attended by 64 members. Kit Strange from RBG Kew spoke to the group, and some members told the history of the AGS in Denmark. Our picture shows the group's committee, with chairman Birthe Nielsen on the right.

Waterperry Saxifrage Day

Sunday, March 24, 2013
11am-4pm

Waterperry Gardens in Oxfordshire has the world's largest collection of *Porophyllum Saxifraga*. Two new tuft beds, constructed with aid from the Alpine Garden Society's E. F. Hendry Bequest and planted with Silver Saxifrages, will be officially opened on the day. Experts will be on hand to discuss cultivation and identification, and there will be plenty of unusual *Saxifraga* for sale.

Tim Roberts will give a talk on Himalayan *Saxifraga* at 2pm.



**The second Czech International
Rock Garden Conference
organised by the Czech Rock
Garden Society will take place
from May 2-5, 2013, in Tábor.
For details please visit**

www.czrgrs.cz

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AGS AWARDS AND GRANTS 2013

Travel Awards

Each year the Alpine Garden Society gives a limited number of Travel Awards to enthusiasts wishing to gain field experience in the serious study of alpine plants in native habitats. Applications should be for clearly defined projects, though awards have been made to those wishing to participate in an AGS tour if it complements a particular area of interest. Application forms and further details are available from: Jackie Cooper, c/o AGS Centre or email: jackie@alpinegardensociety.net

Hendry Fund Grants

In addition, grants for specific alpine-related projects are available financed by the E.F. Hendry Fund. Details from Meg Smith (meg.smith@agsgroups.org), The Hendry Bequest Fund, 23 Richmond Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4RF. The closing date for applications in respect of the Hendry Fund Grants is January 31, 2013.

Merlin Trust/AGS Travel Scholarships Tour awards for 2013

In 1990 The Merlin Trust was founded by the late Valerie Finnis VMH to provide travel grants for young horticulturists. In 2013 the Merlin Trust is offering jointly with the Alpine Garden Society six fully paid travel scholarships on AGS-organised plant tours. Up to two places will be available on a tour, the destinations of which have yet to be decided. If you would like to receive this information and an application form, when it becomes available, please send your contact details.

Applicants should be enthusiastic about plants with a particular interest in alpinism. They must be 18 to 35 years of age or in their first five years of a career in horticulture and have British or Irish citizenship. Students belonging to other nationalities are eligible only if they are currently studying at a UK horticultural training establishment.

For details and more information contact: Joanne Everson, Rock Garden Team Leader, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, Richmond TW9 3AB. Email: j.everson@kew.org Tel: 0208 3325585.

LIST OF AGS LOCAL GROUPS

The Alpine Garden Society has 50 Local Groups across England, Wales and Ireland. Most meet on a monthly basis and offer a varied programme of talks, garden visits, shows and social events. If you are not already a member of a Local Group (some members join more than one), please use this list to find those nearest to your home. A programme of Local Group events can be found on the AGS website. Groups are encouraged to send copies of their programmes to AGS Centre so that they can be included on the website.

BEDFORDSHIRE

Hon. Sec: Mr Robert Amos, 9A Ickwell Road, Northill, Biggleswade, SG18 9AA. Tel: 01767 627487. Meetings: Wilstead Village Hall, near Bedford, 7.30pm on 1st Monday of month, February to December. Programme on request. www.bedfordshirealpiners.com

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT

Hon. Sec: Mrs Sonia Morris, 55 Grange Road, Stourbridge, DY9 7LH. Tel: 01384 378609. Meetings: The Unitarian New Meeting Church, 31 Ryland Street, Five Ways, Birmingham, B16 8BL, on 2nd Friday of month, September, October, December and January to April. Birmingham Botanical Gardens Lecture, 3rd Thursday in August. Roy Elliott Memorial Lecture, 3rd Saturday in November. Garden visits March to August. Subscription £6, family £10. Visitors welcome.

BRISTOL

Hon. Sec: Mrs Marion Monahan, 90 Brentry Lane, Brentry, Bristol, BS10 6RQ. Tel: 0117 9503422. Email: marion.monahan@agsgroups.org Meetings: The Methodist Hall, Westbury-on-Trym, 7.30pm on 3rd Friday of month, September to May. Subscription £6, family £8.

CHESHIRE EAST

Hon. Sec: Mr Kevin Pratt, Alcombe, 7 Bosden Fold Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK7 4LQ. Meetings: Wilmslow Preparatory School, Grove Avenue, Wilmslow, 7.30pm usually on 2nd Monday of month, September to April. Summer outings. Subscription £10, family £18, visitors £2.

CHESHIRE WEST & WIRRAL

Hon. Sec: Peter Cunnington, 3 The Quillet, Neston, South Wirral, CH64 9QE. Tel: 0151 336 3407. Email: p.cunnington1@ntlworld.com Meetings: Gladstone Village Hall, The Village, Burton, Neston, South Wirral, CH64 5TH, 7.15pm on 2nd Friday of month, September to May. Subscription £5. Visitors welcome.

CHESTERFIELD & DISTRICT

Hon. Sec: Mr Dave Newsome, 10 Grasmere Road, Dronfield Woodhouse, Dronfield, S18 8PS. Tel: 01246 416013. Meetings: the Schoolroom, United Reformed Church, Cotton Mill Hill, Holymoorside, Chesterfield, 3pm on 2nd Sunday of month, September to May, Subscription £3.

CHILTERN

Hon. Sec: Dr John Noakes, Old Church Cottage, Chapel Lane, Long Marston, Tring, HP23 4QT. Tel: 01296 660072. Email: john.noakes@btinternet.com Meetings: Great Kingshill Village Hall, near High Wycombe, 7.30pm on 2nd Friday of month, except June, July and August. Visitors very welcome. Subscription £6, family £9.

CLEVELAND

Hon. Sec: Mr Barry Winter, 92 Oxbridge Lane, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 4HN. Tel: 01642 800373. Email: barry.winter@agsgroups.org Monthly winter meetings. Subscription £4 single, £6 family; senior citizens £3 single, £5 family.

CORNWALL

Hon. Sec: Miss Clethra Matthews, Trenance, Ruan High Lanes, near Truro, Cornwall, TR2 5LH. Tel: 01872 501208. Meetings: St Marks Church Hall, Sticker, St Austell, 7.30pm on 3rd Wednesday of month except August and December. Garden visit in July. AGS members visiting Cornwall are

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very welcome to our meetings. Subscription £6, visitors £2.

COTSWOLD & MALVERN

Hon. Sec: Mrs Pam Turner, Bramblegarth, Forge Lane, Upleadon, Newent, GL18 1EF. Tel: 01531 820666. Meetings: Redmarley Village Hall, Redmarley, Gloucestershire, 7.30pm on 1st Wednesday of month, September to June. Garden visits. Spring show on Easter Monday, Maisemore Village Hall, near Gloucester. Subscription £8, family £11, visitors £1.50.

DERBYSHIRE

Hon. Sec: David Charlton, 41 Cole Lane, Ockbrook, Derby, DE72 3RD. Tel: 01332 668915. Email: david.charlton41@btinternet.com Meetings: Breadsall Memorial Hall, Breadsall, Derby, 7.30pm on 1st Wednesday of month, September to May. Garden visits. Subscription £5 per member.

DEVON – EXETER

Hon. Sec: Mrs Lorraine Birchall, Barratts Cottage, Clyst Hydon, Cullompton, Devon, EX15 2NQ. Tel: 01884 277614. Email: lorraine@talevalleynursery.co.uk Meetings: Longdown Village Hall (on the Exeter to Moretonhampstead Road), Longdown Road, Nr Ide, Exeter, 7pm on 3rd Thursday of month except July and August. Subscription: AGS members £5, family £8, non-members £8, visitors £2 per meeting.

DEVON SOUTH

Hon. Sec: David Nicholson, 7 Carter Road, Ivybridge, Devon, PL21 0RX. Tel: 01752 896307. Email: David.Nicholson@agsgroups.org Meetings: Dartmoor Lodge, Pear Tree Corss, Ashburton, 7.15pm for 7.30pm on 1st Wednesday of month, September to May. Subscription: AGS members £8/£12, non-members £10/£17, guests £2.

DORSET

Hon. Joint Secs: John and Christine Chappell, 3 Church Lane, Frampton, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 9NL. Tel: 01300 320247. E-mail: johnchappell321@btinternet.com Meetings: Corfe Mullen Village Hall, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, 7.30 pm on 1st Thursday of month, September to April;

1st Friday in May. Subscriptions: AGS members £7, family £12; non-AGS members £10, family £17; visitors £2.50 per meeting.

EPPING FOREST

Hon. Sec: Ms Kit Strange, 5A Hartham Road, Bruce Grove, London, N17 6RZ. Email: Kit.Strange@agsgroups.org Meetings: Theydon Bois Village Hall, Theydon Bois, near Epping, Essex, CM16 7ER, on the 2nd Tuesday of month from September to May. Subscription £5 plus £2 a meeting.

ESSEX

Hon. Sec: Ruth Jones, Park House, Park Road, Rivenhall, Witham, CM8 3PS. Tel: 01376 583260. Meetings: New Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth, near Wickford, 7.30pm on last Thursday of month except December. Subscription £3, partners £3.50, plus £2 per meeting. Guests £2.

HAMPSHIRE

Hon. Sec: Mrs Paddy Hinton, 179 Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 1JH. Tel: 023 8026 5672. E-mail: lighthouse1471@yahoo.com Meetings: Chilworth Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, 7.15 pm on 4th Tuesday of month, September to May, 3rd Tuesday in December. Summer outings. Subscription: AGS members £6, AGS family members £8; non-members £7, family £10; visitors £2.50.

HERTFORDSHIRE

Hon. Sec: Mr Bernard Gane, 65 Ox Lane, Harpenden, Herts, AL5 4PH. Hertfordshire Group website www.hertsags.co.uk/ Tel: 01582 761416. Meetings: Homewood Road United Reformed Church Hall, Homewood Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 4BH (junction of Homewood Road and Sandpit Lane), 3pm usually 4th Saturday of month, September to May.

IRELAND – CORK

Hon. Sec: Mrs Hester Forde, Coosheen, 15 Johnstown Park, Glounthaune, Co Cork, Ireland. Tel: 00 353 21 4353855. E-mail: hesterforde@hotmail.com

IRELAND – DUBLIN

Hon Sec: Ms Mary O'Neill Byrne, Larch House,

44 Northumberland Avenue, Dun Ladghaire, Dublin, Ireland. E-mail: mary.onb@agsgroups.org Meetings at National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Co. Dublin, 8pm usually 3rd Thursday of month, September to May. See our website www.alpinegardensociety.ie/ for programme of activities. Subscription 12 Euros (£7.00), family 18 Euros, student 5 Euros.

IRELAND – ULSTER

Hon. Sec: Mr William McKelvey, 7 Mount Charles North, Bessbrook, Newry, BT35 7DW. Tel: 028 3083 8006. E-mail: william.mckelvey01@btinternet.com website: www.alpinegarden-ulster.org.uk Meetings: Main Hall, St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, 2.30pm on Saturdays, September to March. Summer garden visits. Subscription £9; family £14.

KENT EAST

Hon. Sec: Dr Gillian Regan, Frith Old Farmhouse, Otterden, Faversham, ME13 0DD. Tel: 01795 890556. Email: gillian.regan@agsgroups.org Meetings: Lower Hardres & Nackington Village Hall, Street End, Canterbury, CT4 5NP, 7pm for 7.30pm on 2nd Friday of the month except October and November when they will be on the 3rd Friday. Subscription £7, visitors £2.

MID KENT

Hon. Secs: John & Carolyn Millen, Spring Platt, Boyton Court Road, Sutton Valence, Maidstone, Kent, ME17 3BY. Tel: 01622 843383. E-mail: john.millen1@btinternet.com Meetings: Madginford Village Hall, off Willington Street, Bearsted, 8pm on 1st Friday of month, September to May. Garden visit in June. Subscription £6, visitors £2.

KENT – TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Hon. Sec: Mrs Anne Hill, Hamptons, Blackhurst Lane, Tunbridge Wells, TW2 4QG. Tel: 01892 824813. Meetings: Main Hall, King Charles the Martyr Church, Warwick Park, Tunbridge Wells, 7.30 for 8pm on 1st Monday of the month, unless it falls on a Bank Holiday, then the 2nd Monday, September to May, with Group BBQ in June/July. Subscription £5, visitors £1.

KENT WEST

Hon. Sec: Mr Rodney Starmer, Strathmore, Tan House Road, Oxted, Surrey, RH0 9PE. Tel: 01883 713043. Meetings: Crofton Halls, Orpington (adjacent to Orpington Station), 7.30pm on second Tuesday of the month, except June, July and August. Subscription £10.

LANCASHIRE EAST

Hon. Sec: Cliff Booker, 11 Horsefield Avenue, Whitworth, Rochdale, OL12 8SW. Tel: 01706 356385. Email: bookcliffo@aol.com Meetings: Ramsbottom Civic Hall, near the junction of Bolton St. & Bridge St., Ramsbottom, Nr. Bury, usually on Mondays at 7.45pm, September to June. Summer outings. Subscription £1 plus room charge at each meeting. Lecture programme sent on request, SAE please. Visitors welcome.

LANCASHIRE NORTH

Hon. Sec: Mrs Liz Walsh, 3 Thirsk Road, Bowerham, Lancaster, LA1 4NF. Tel: 01524 36627. Meetings: Lancaster Methodist Church, Scotforth Road, Greaves, Lancaster, LA1 4TE, 7.30pm on 3rd Thursday of month, September to April. Summer outings. Subscription £5, family £7, visitors £2 [plus 50p per lecture at meetings].

LANCASHIRE SOUTH

Hon. Sec: Joan Vincent, 34 Burden Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside, CH46 6BQ. Tel: 0151 678 1621. Meetings: Emmanuel Church Hall, Cambridge Road, Southport, 2pm for 2.30pm usually on 2nd Saturday of month, September to April. Subscription £2, family £3.50.

LEICESTERSHIRE

Hon. Sec: Mr Eric Webster, 25 Highfields Drive, Loughborough, Leics., LE11 3JS. Tel: 01509 261626. E-mail: dozzer.lobro@tiscali.co.uk Meetings: Braunstone Civic Centre, Kingsway, Braunstone, Leicester, 7.30 pm on 4th Wednesday of month, September to May. Subscription £5 per member.

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LINCOLNSHIRE

Hon. Sec: Mr Mark Childerhouse, The Gardens, 12 Vicarage Lane, Grasby, Barnetby, DN38 6AU. Tel: 01652 629122. Email: hen.chouse@btinternet.com Meetings: New Waltham Village Hall, Station Road, New Waltham, Grimsby, 7.30pm on last Wednesday in most months. Group website: www.alpinegardeners.co.uk

LONDON CENTRAL

Hon. Sec: Ms Sue Morris, 23 Allison Road, London, N8 0AN. Tel: 020 8341 3262. E-mail: suemorris33@hotmail.com Meetings: Royal Horticultural Society, New Hall, Greycoat Street, London SW1, 6.15pm on 1st day of RHS shows, September to June. Programme on request. Visitors welcome.

LONDON NORTH

Hon. Sec: Miss Valerie Holman, 26 Mayfield Avenue, Southgate, London, N14 6DU. Tel: 0208 886 1175. Meetings: Methodist Church Hall, Westpole Avenue (Bramley Road end), Oakwood, near Oakwood Tube Station. 7.30pm on 1st Monday of month (2nd if 1st is a Bank Holiday), September to April (excluding January). May to July: Sunday garden visits. Subscription £10 per person, due on January 1. Visitors £2 per meeting.

LONDON WEST

Hon. Sec: John Humphries, Lodore, Star Hill, Hartley Wintney, RG27 8AQ. Tel: 01252 844078. E-mail: john.humphries@bull.co.uk Meetings: Horsenden Hall, Perivale Community Centre, Horsenden Lane South, Perivale, Middlesex, UB6 7NP, 8pm for 8.15 pm on 4th Thursday of month, September to November and January to June. No meetings in December, July or August]. Summer visits. Subscription £6, additional family member £3.50, visitors £2.

MID ANGLIA

Hon. Sec: Mrs Veronica Munson, The Priory, Flowton, Ipswich, IP8 4LH. Tel: 01473 658425. Meetings: Community House, Birdbrook, usually the 2nd Saturday each month. Garden meetings in summer. Subscription £2.

NORFOLK

Hon. Sec: Mrs Diane Blyth, 33 Stoke Road, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7NJ. Tel: 01508 494277. Meetings: Hetterset New Village Hall, Hetterset, Norwich, 7.30pm on 3rd Wednesday of month except January, July & August when meetings are held at different times and places. Subscription £5, visitors £1

NORTHAMPTON

Hon. Sec: Geoffrey Oddy, 2 Hawthorn Drive, Brackley, Northamptonshire, NN13 6PA. Tel: 01280 700787. Email: jean.geoffoddy@btinternet.com. Meetings: Weston Favell Parish Hall, Northampton, 7.30pm on 3rd Wednesday of month except August. Subscription £6, family £8. Non-AGS members £7, family £10.

NORTH EAST ENGLAND

[Northumberland & Durham]
Hon. Sec: Mr Terry Teal, Copse End, Ryton Village, Ryton, NE40 3PZ. Tel: 0191 413 2574. Meetings: St Mary's Church Hall, Ponteland, 7.30pm on 2nd Monday of month. Garden visits June & July. Subscription £8.

NOTTINGHAM

Hon. Sec: Mrs Christine Foster, Otterpool, 4 Hillcrest Gardens, Burton Joyce, Nottingham, NG14 5DD. Tel: 0115 9312571. Meetings: Wollaton Park Community Association, Community Centre, Harrow Road, Wollaton Park, Nottingham, NG8 1FG, 7.30pm on 2nd Wednesday of month, September to May. Subscription £6, family £9 plus a meeting charge of 50p per attendee. Visitors £1.

OXFORD & DISTRICT

Hon. Sec: Mrs Celia Sawyer, South Lodge, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3RF. Tel: 01865 316229. Email: celia.sawyer@btinternet.com Meetings: Exeter Hall, Kidlington, OX5 1AB, 7.30pm on 2nd Wednesday of month from September to April. Garden visits in summer. Subscription £5. Visitors most welcome.

SHROPSHIRE

Hon. Sec: Mr Les Jones, 26 Wharf Close, St Georges, Telford, TF2 9PX. Tel: 01952 619659. Meetings: Bayston Hill Memorial Hall, Lyth Hill Road, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury, SY3 0EW, 7.30pm on 1st Tuesday of month, September to November and February to May.

SOMERSET

Hon. Sec: Richard Horswood, Freshfields, Fenny Bridges, Honiton, Devon, EX14 3BG. Tel: 01404 850868. E-mail: SKRAH@androsace.demon.co.uk Meetings: The Frank Bond Community Centre, 84 Mountway Road, Bishops Hull, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 5DS, 7.30pm on 4th Wednesday of month. Subscriptions: £6 single, £10 family, £1 visitors.

SUFFOLK – IPSWICH

Hon. Sec: Mr J. J. R. Pratt, 11 Priory Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 7NE. Tel/Fax: 01394 286649. Email: jemanpratt@btinternet.com Meetings: Oddfellows Hall, High Street, Ipswich, IP3 0QJ, 7.15pm on last Wednesday of month, September to June, excluding December.

SURREY EAST

Hon. Sec: Mr Mike P. Morton, Cedarhurst, Kettlewell Hill, Horsell, Woking, Surrey, GU21 4JA. Tel: 01483 768047. Meetings: Christ Church Hall, Christ Church Road, Stamford Green, Epsom, KT19 8NE (¾ mile from Epsom Station, car park next to the Church), 7.30pm on 1st Tuesday of month. Occasional garden visits and field trips. Subscription £8.

WOKING & WEST SURREY

NEW VENUE

Hon. Sec: Mr James Lintott, 16 Chinthurst Park, Shalford, Guildford, Surrey, GU4 8JH. Tel: 01483 536222. Meetings: Brookwood Community Hall, adjacent to 150 Connaught Road, Brookwood, Surrey, GU24 0AL. 1st Thursday, 7.30pm except June, July & August. Subscriptions: £10 single, £15 family, £2 visitors.

SUSSEX WEST

Hon. Sec: Diann M. Berry, 5 Balmoral Close, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 7XQ. Tel: 01243

786254. Meetings: Donnington Parish Hall, Donnington, Chichester, 7.30pm on 2nd Monday of month, September to April. Subscriptions: £6 single, £11 family.

WALES NORTH

Hon. Sec: Mrs Pam Boardman, Bryn Llwyd, Rhosgadfan, Caernarfon, LL54 7LB. Tel: 01286 831194. Meetings: English Methodist Church, Llanfairfechan, normally 3rd Friday of month. [Note venue: March 15 – The Len Beer Memorial Lecture, The Main Arts Lecture Theatre, College Road, Bangor]. Subscription £4, family £6.

WALES SOUTH

Hon. Sec: Mrs R. Wallis, Llwyn Ifan, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8BP. Tel: 01267 275205. Meetings: Pencoed College, near Bridgend, 7pm usually 2nd or 3rd Wednesday or Friday of autumn and spring months. Phone for exact dates. Summer garden visits. Subscriptions: £3 single, £5 family, £1 visitors.

WARWICKSHIRE

Hon. Sec: Mrs Jo Walker, 9 Bellamy Farm Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 3DH. Tel: 0121 744 3129. Meetings: Bishopton School, Drayton Avenue, Stratford-on-Avon, 7.30pm usually on 4th Tuesday of month, September to May.

WILTSHIRE

Hon. Sec: Mr Cliff Herbert, 14 Meadway, Walwayne Court, Trowbridge, BA14 9TF. Email: cliff.herbert@agsgroups.org Meetings: Westbury Leigh Community Hall, on the main road through Westbury Leigh Village, 7.00 for 7.30pm on 2nd Friday of month, September to May. Subscriptions: £5 single, £8 family, plus £1 per meeting when there is a speaker. New members very welcome.

YORKSHIRE WEST

Hon. Sec: Miss Liz Barber, 68 Eden Close, Woodthorpe, York, YO24 2RD. Tel: 01904 704459. Meetings: St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road, Leeds 16, 2.30pm on 2nd Saturday of month, September to May. Subscription: £7.50 single, £12 family, £2 visitors.

NEW BOOK OFFERS

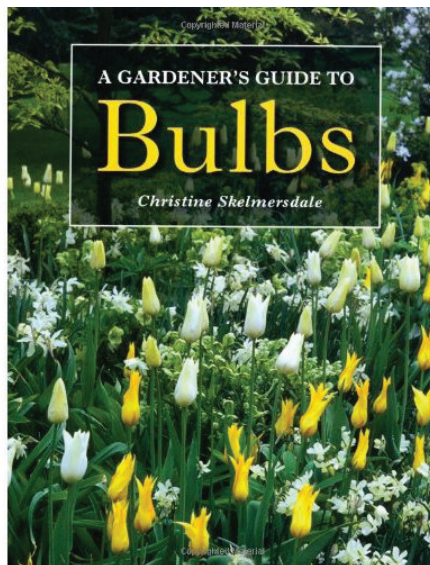
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Christine Skelmersdale, proprietor
of Broadleigh Bulbs

Bulbs are always a delight for gardeners, whether used in drifts or to add colour and exuberance in a border or container. This book celebrates the potential of bulbs throughout the year. Organised into seasons, it gives practical advice on growing and choosing bulbs.

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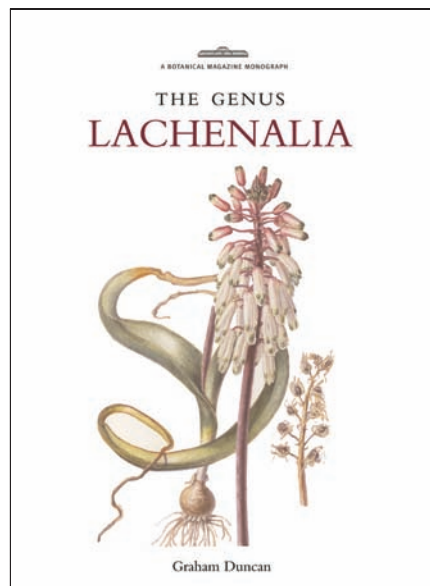
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The Genus Lachenalia
by Graham Duncan

This Kew publication is the first complete and illustrated monograph of the genus *Lachenalia*, one of the most popular of South African bulbous plants. It's author is the Curator of the Bulbous Plants Living Collection at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. The 480-page volume includes extensive information on cultivation and propagation.

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032	Alpine Gardening for Beginners by John Good	£6.50
772	Alpines from Mountain to Garden by Richard Wilford	£23.20
028	Alpine Plants: Ecology for Gardeners by John E G Good & David Millward	£12.00
244	Alpine Plants of Europe by Jim Jermyn	£20.00
457	Alpine Plants of North America by Graham Nicholls	£18.00
292	Alpines: An Essential Guide by Michael Mitchell	£14.99
024	Alpines in Pots (New Edition) by Kath Dryden	£4.00
026	Crevice Gardening by Zdenek Zvolanek	£5.50
033	Portraits of Alpine Plants by Robert Rolfe **NEW LOW PRICE**	£15.00
729	The Rock Garden Plant Primer by Christopher Grey-Wilson	£16.00
SPECIFIC GENERA		
019	Androsace: The Genus by G.F.Smith & D.B. Lowe	£8.00
694	Bleeding Hearts, Corydalis & Their Relatives by Mark C Tebbitt et al	£20.00
277	Dwarf Campanulas by Graham Nicholls	£12.00
643	Clematis (Timber Press Pocket Guide) by Mary Toomey	£12.00
263	Daphnes: A Practical Guide for Gardeners by Robin White	£20.00
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794	Britain's Orchids - Wild Guide by David Lang	£12.00
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349	The Genus Cypripedium by Phillip Cribb	£48.00
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741	Cacti and Succulents for Cold Climates by Leo J Chance	£20.00
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TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE SOCIETY'S CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS FOR 2011-2012

The Consolidated Accounts include the combined income and expenditure accounts of both the parent Society (the Alpine Garden Society) and its two subsidiary companies (AGS Publications Ltd and AGS Expeditions Ltd). The full version of the Consolidated Accounts was approved by Main Committee at its meeting on 27 October. It will be sent to the Charity Commission in fulfilment of the Society's statutory obligations. In line with a

previous decision made by the Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM), only a summarised version comprising the Statement of Financial Activities and the Consolidated Balance Sheet is presented to the AGM. You will find a copy on your chair. It will however also be made more widely available both in the Society's Newsletter and on its website. Any member wishing to see a full set of the accounts may obtain one by making a written application to

the Society's Director.

The comments that follow relate to items in the full accounts and their accompanying notes only where significant variations occur compared to the previous year or where attention is otherwise drawn to particular noteworthy features. If small differences occur between the comparative figures for 2010/2011 in these accounts and those published last year, these probably arise in the late submission some information or changes in the way sums of money have been attributed to particular purposes.

The Society is grateful to its independent auditors, Messrs Kendall Wadley LLP, not only for preparation of the accounts but also for their advice on a number of issues during the year.

This is my first report to the Society as Honorary Treasurer. I want to thank Colin Smith very warmly for making it easier for me to take over his role than it might have been; he is a hard act to follow. Christine McGregor and her staff at AGS Centre have supported and helped me over my first year as they did Colin over his seven years as your Hon. Treasurer

1. Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2012

1.1 Incoming Resources

The total incoming resources for 2011/2012 amounted to £468,758, compared with £592,905 last year: a decrease of £124,147. This fall is explained largely by the Annual Conference in 2011 which generated around £150,000. (This sum was more than offset by its costs.) The decrease in income would have been greater had the Society not received a number of donations during the year amounting to £42,388. No legacies were received.

As always the Society is extremely grateful for those legacies and donations that are received and thanks most sincerely members who have assisted the Society in this way.

1.2 Subscriptions

There has been a relatively small decrease in the income received from subscriptions: £144,747 against £149,419 in 2010/2011. In fact membership rose slightly during the year. That this is not reflected in income is partly attributable to those who pay by direct debit who may have joined in (say) May but would not pay until September after

the close of the accounting period.

1.3 Investment income

Interest income from investments is down: £66,050 against £71,940 in 2010/2011, something that was predicted in last year's accounts. This is partly, though not entirely, a result of the need to sell investments to make up the shortfall between income and expenditure.

1.4 Trading income

Trading income for the two subsidiary companies, AGS Expeditions Ltd and AGS Publications Ltd, was £146,251 down from £164,190 for 2010/2011 by £17,939 (11%). A total of £15,477 was contributed to the Society under deeds of covenant by the subsidiary companies (£26,177 in 2010/2011). However, there remains an outstanding loan of £70,357 made by the Society to AGS Publications Ltd. Most of the loan was made when the Encyclopaedia of Alpine Plants was published.

1.5 Resources Expended

At £520,963, the total resources expended in 2011/2012 showed a substantial decrease, £161,877, from those in 2010/2011 (£610,867). The costs of the 2011 Annual Conference account for the bulk of the difference.

Expenditure attributable to the two trading companies at £130,733 was reduced compared with £140,307 in 2010/2011, a fall of around 7%

Historically, the Seed Distribution scheme has usually broken even or thereabouts, as has been the intention. In this year income (£19,253) substantially exceeded costs (£12,722) exactly reversing last year's figures.

Staff costs, at £88,686, remained remarkably and commendably close to those for 2011, £88,135 which represented a considerable fall from 2009/2010 (£106,177) in 2009/2010. This represents a considerable achievement by the Director in reducing costs without reducing the quality and level of service to members, and then maintaining those savings into a second year.

1.6 Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources for Year

A deficit of £52,178 has been recorded for this year compared with that for last year of £89,935

1.7 Other Recognised Gains and Losses

Despite sales of investments, their (nominal) paper value has increased by £61,000 (3.2%) over the

year, from £1,881,930 to £1,942,745.

1.8 Net movement in Funds and Fund Balances at 31 August 2011

The total value of the Society's assets at the end of the year has increased overall by £98,004 (4.3%) and now stands at a total of £2,368,594.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2011

This shows the make-up of the Society's current assets and liabilities. Tangible fixed assets (£282,856) include the value of the lease on the Society's Headquarters Building, the fixtures and fittings therein, and its trophies, medals and library. The value of the Society's investments has increased by 5.1% over the year.

Of the £85,352 held in stock, most can be attributed to publications. The amount due from debtors (£31,440) includes prepayments and income receivable but not physically received in the bank account. Cash at the bank is a much lower figure compared with last year, which partly reflects the Society's challenges over cash flow.

The amount falling due to creditors (£35,308) is substantially less than last year (£82,723).

The section on Income Funds shows the breakdown between Restricted and Unrestricted Funds. The latter category includes the General Fund and some Designated Funds, the names and number of which have been rationalised to reflect more closely the key activities of the Society. Restricted Funds can be used only for the objects of the charity within conditions specified by the donor. The Revaluation Reserve is the result of the successive annual revaluations of investments, trophies, etc.

Independent auditor's statement to the Trustees of the Alpine Garden Society

We have examined the summarised financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2012 which are comprised of the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Auditor

The trustees are responsible for preparing the summarised financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and the recommendations of the charities SORP.

Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements with the full annual financial statements

Commentary

This year's accounts show a deficit of expenditure over income of approximately (£52,000). If the distorting effects of the National conference on both income and expenditure are stripped out of 2011's figures then this year's deficit is similar to that recorded last year. In particular it is worth noticing that in 2011/2012 income from membership subscriptions amounted to only 31% of total income and offset only 28% of expenditure. As Colin Smith said last year it would take the recruitment of about 2,000 new members (with no losses) to cover such a deficit. Regrettably, that remains almost as true now as it was then.

Conclusion

Nothing has changed during 2011/2012 to vary Colin Smith's conclusions last year. First, overall, the accounts show that the Society is in a relatively healthy financial position. But, second, the persistent gap between regular income and levels of expenditure is not sustainable other than in the short-term. Subsidising the Society's activities by selling its investments, as was done again this year, is a strategy that on present appearances can continue for no more than a further 10 years.

If the quality and volume of services and activities enjoyed by members is to be maintained at its present high level, there is no long-term solution that does not include a strong and enduring commitment by the current membership as a whole to the recruitment of new members.

John Galloway, Hon. Treasurer, AGS, November 2012

and Trustees' Annual Report. We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/3 issued by the Auditing Practices Board.

Opinion

In our opinion the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full annual financial statements and the Trustees' Annual Report of the Alpine Garden Society for the year ended 31 August 2012.

Jonathan Marston FCA 27 Sansome Walk
(Senior Statutory Worcester
Auditor) for and on WR1 1NU
behalf of Kendall 27 October 2012
Wadley LLP

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2012 £	Total 2011 £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income				
Subscriptions	144,747		144,747	149,419
Legacies receivable				14,520
Other voluntary income	21,888	20,500	42,388	8,675
Activities for generating funds				
Advertising income – The Alpine Gardener	8,814		8,814	11,468
Sponsors for major exhibits				
Seed distributions	19,253		19,253	12,910
Other activities for generating funds income	39,941		39,941	9,753
Conference income	1,341		1,341	150,030
Trading income from subsidiary companies	146,251		146,251	164,190
Investment income	61,528	4,522	66,050	71,940
Total incoming resources	443,763	25,022	468,785	592,905
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities				
Cost of generating funds				
Staff costs	88,686		88,686	88,135
The Alpine Gardener journal	106,156		106,156	122,991
Costs of major exhibits	16,403		16,403	8,807
Seed distribution costs	12,722		12,722	19,195
Other direct costs	94,561	11,558	106,119	74,407
Other support costs	48,131		48,131	49,983
Conference costs				168,322
Expenditure of subsidiary companies	130,773		130,773	140,307
Governance costs	11,923	50	11,973	10,693
Total resources expended	509,355	11,608	520,963	682,840
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	(65,592)	13,414	(52,178)	(89,935)
Other recognised gains and losses				
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets				
Gains on investments	138,898	11,917	150,815	41,756
Net movement in funds	73,306	25,331	98,637	(48,179)
Fund balances at 1 September 2011	2,114,905	155,052	2,269,957	2,318,769
Fund balances at 31 August 2012	2,188,211	180,383	2,368,594	2,270,590

Summarised consolidated balance sheet as at 31 August 2012

	2012		2011	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible assets	282,856		286,409	
Investments	1,942,745		1,881,930	
		<u>2,225,601</u>		<u>2,168,339</u>
Current Assets				
Stocks	85,955		85,352	
Debtors	40,223		31,440	
Cash at bank and In hand	52,123		68,182	
		<u>178,301</u>		<u>184,974</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(35,308)</u>		<u>(82,723)</u>	
Net Current Assets		<u>142,993</u>		<u>102,251</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>2,368,594</u>		<u>2,270,590</u>
Income Funds				
Restricted Funds				
E F Hendry Bequest Fund	146,046		137,936	
Wilscher Fund	16,271		17,116	
Book Bursary	15,500			
David Harding Foundation	2,566			
		<u>180,383</u>		<u>155,052</u>
Unrestricted Funds				
Designated Funds	285,468		293,248	
Other charitable funds				
General Funds	1,093,173		1,148,368	
Revaluation Reserve	809,570		673,922	
		<u>2,188,211</u>		<u>2,115,538</u>
		<u>2,368,594</u>		<u>2,270,590</u>

Trustees Statement

The summarised accounts contained in this report are extracted from the financial statements prepared by the Society and approved by the Trustees on 27 October 2012. The full financial statements were externally scrutinised by Kendall Wadley LLP, the Society's statutory auditors, and give an unqualified opinion. The full financial statements will be submitted to the Charity Commission in due course.

The summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Society. For further information the Trustees Report, the full financial statements and the statutory auditors' report on those financial statements should be consulted. Copies can be obtained from: AGS Centre, Avon Bank, Pershore, Worcestershire WR10 3JP. – Christine McGregor (Director)



View above
Fuente Dé and
Saxifraga felineri



A rich flora and splendid views

May 24 to June 2, 2013

Leader: Christopher Grey-Wilson

Cost: £550 (excluding flights & car hire)

After the highly successful self-catering tour led by Christopher (Kit) Grey-Wilson to the Picos de Europa in 2010, we have decided to repeat the tour in 2013.

The Picos de Europa, shared between the provinces of Cantabria and Asturias, is one of the great scenic delights of northern Spain. The Picos are very different from the mountains of central and southern Spain due to their proximity to the Atlantic Ocean. The scenery is splendid: the high mountains are rugged limestone in the main with wooded slopes and valleys. Wild bear, lynx and boar still roam and the area is renowned for its birds and butterflies. The flora is rich and includes a good number of endemic species such as *Aquilegia discolor*, *Asperula hirta* and *Genista legionensis*.

In spring (April to early June) the high meadows are full of colour, particularly with *Narcissus* and orchids.

The tour will be centred on the mountain hamlet of Tudes and we will stay in beautifully converted self-catering farm buildings, which are fully equipped and English-owned. The charming medieval market town of Potes is close by and has excellent restaurants and shops.

Day excursions (by car) from Tudes will include Puerto de San Gloria, the cable-car ascent at Fuente Dé, the Picos de Macondiu and Somaniezo. There will also be plenty of time for local walks and visits to ancient mountain towns. Couples and singles can share apartments, which range from two to four-person. Transport will be by hired car (not coach) as the latter restricts the places that can be visited. If any participants wish to stay longer, this can be arranged.

Christopher Grey-Wilson is an experienced tour leader and has visited the Picos several times. The Picos is very accessible from the UK with flights from Stansted and elsewhere to either Bilbao or Santander.

For further information on this tour please contact AGS Centre
Phone 01386 554790 or email ags@alpinegardensociety.net



Bulbs in a historic setting

October 30 to November 8, 2013

Leaders: John and Sheila Richards

Cost: In the region of £1,250 (including flights).

The botanical leader of this nine-day tour is John Richards, author of the AGS book, *Mountain Flower Walks: The Greek Mainland*, and leader of many previous tours to Greece and of the MESE seed expedition.

The tour begins at the ancient Byzantine site of Mistras where the ruins provide a magnificent spectacle. Autumn bulbs include *Crocus boryi* (pictured), *Prospero (Scilla) autumnalis*, *Colchicum psaridis*, *C. boissieri*, *C. cupanii* and *Allium callimischon*. We will make excursions from here to see the autumn snowdrop, *Galanthus reginae-olgae*, and the local *Crocus melantherus*.

A highlight in autumn is the village of Lambokambos, which is a sea of colour when millions of bulbs of *Crocus goulimyi*,

Sternbergia lutea and *S. sicula* appear. Also present are *Colchicum psaridis*, *C. cupanii* and four other crocus species.

The rocky headland of Monemvasia is a World Heritage site and one of the great spectacles of Greece. Among many plant treasures is a magnificent population of *Sternbergia lutea* together with *Crocus goulimyi* and *C. laevigatus*. Further south we will visit *Crocus goulimyi* subsp. *leucanthus* and magnificent displays of the autumn heather *Erica manipuliflora*.

Marathea, to the South of Gytheion, still retains stretches of mature *Quercus macrolepis* and there is a rich autumn flora. The woodlands are full of *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *crassifolium*. Also in flower will be *Cyclamen graecum*, *Crocus hadriaticus* and *Arisarum vulgare*. We shall spend two days further south in the deep Mani, a beautiful remote area. The autumn-flowering *Narcissus miniatus* (serotinus) (pictured) occurs in millions. The whole area is rich in autumn bulbs.

Our last night will be spent in the beautiful Venetian port of Nafplio, before which we will visit the ancient site of Nemea, and, if time allows, the nearby mountain Menalo.

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Land of violas and volcanoes

November 30 to December 16, 2013

Leader: Martin Sheader

Tour manager: Marcel Ferreyra

Cost: around £4,200 including return flights from London. Single supplement £450.

This 15-day tour will be led by Martin Sheader, who has visited Patagonia many times and is the author of a forthcoming AGS book on the flora of the region. We will tour northern Patagonia in the austral spring, an area supporting a variety of habitats and a fascinating range of species, and there should be a wide range of steppe and mountain plants in bloom. We should see at least a dozen species of rosulate violas, many junellias, calceolarias, rhodophialas, *Oxalis* and a number of orchid species. We can certainly promise spectacular scenery in a landscape dominated by evidence of past volcanic activity.

The trip will begin at Laguna Blanca National Park, a rich area of steppe that supports a wide range of *Junellia*

species. We will then explore mountains to the west on roads that take us to around 1,800m. Here we find the spectacular *Viola coronifera* (pictured), *Jaborosa volkmannii* and *Calandrinia affinis*.

As we head further west and north, monkey puzzle trees dominate the woodland flora and we will visit the pumice-covered slopes of Volcán Batea Mahuida or adjacent mountains, where we will see *Viola cotyledon*. Further north still we will visit Argentine Patagonia's only active volcano, Volcán Copahue (pictured), which last erupted in 2002. Highlights here will be *Famatina maulensis* and rosulate violas.

Further north the mountains become higher and the flora richer. Cerro Wayle in Tromen National Park provides the opportunity to climb to 3,200m and encounter the high-alpine flora of the region, though many interesting plants are also present at lower altitudes. To the west, the lake complex of Lagos Epu Lauquen on the Chilean border supports an array of species more typical of the wetter Chilean side of the Andes. There will be two or three moderate climbs, but there is provision for botanising at lower altitude so a high level of fitness is not required.

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MOROCCO'S HIGH ATLAS

March 17-24, 2013

Leaders: Ian Green and Kurt Vickery

Cost: £1,855

Marrakech is our gateway to the majestic scenery of the High Atlas Mountains. Rare ivory-white *Narcissus waiteri* (pictured) is sure to be a floral highlight along with *Romulea bifrons*, *Colchicum triphyllum* and golden *Narcissus tingitanus* in short alpine turf. *Narcissus romieuxii*, *Dipcadi serotinum* and *Gynandris monophylla* bloom on slopes behind orchards, while on Sahara-facing slopes we'll find Chapman's Green Hairstreak and delicate *Narcissus peroccidentalis*. The delicate Narcissi may be at the top of our wishlists but who can fail to enjoy the amazing little daisy *Anacyclus depressus* subsp. *gelidus* whose



innocuous-looking flowers making one gasp when turned over, so pure and bright is the scarlet on the underside. There's pink *Rhodathemum atlanticum*, pretty *Bellis caerulea*, an orange-red form of *Anagallis monellii*, the chunky wine-red heads of *Anthyllis vulneraria* subsp. *reuteri* and lovely *Ophrys dyris*.

CORSICA

April 14-21, 2013

Leaders: Paul Cardy and Tristan Lafranchis

Cost: £1,595.

Brick pink cliffs sweep down to the sea draped with lime-green *Euphorbia dendroides* and pretty *Erodium corsicum*. Limestone intrusions at Bonifacio host endemic *Morisia monanthos* and orchids such as *Orchis pauciflora*, *Ophrys morissi*, *Ophrys eleonorae* and *Ophrys aprilia*. Large-flowered *Serapias cordigera* is joined by *Serapias neglecta*, *lingua*, *vomeracea* and local *nurrica*, as well as plenty of gorgeous *Orchis longicornu*. *Narcissus tazetta* decorates rocky crevices almost to the high tide line on the Pointe de la Parata. Moving inland we'll find *Brimeura*



fastigata and *Pancretium illyricum*, whilst Chestnut woods are full of *Corydalis solida*. *Cyclamen repandum* blooms at all altitudes and higher up we'll see pretty lilac *Crocus corsicus* (pictured). *Helleborus argutifolius* flowers amid fresh green birch woods where we can find red-marked yellow *Dactylorhiza insularis* and intense purple *Romulea requienii*.

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TAIWAN

April 20 to May 7, 2013

Leaders: Owen Mountford and Richard Foster

Cost: £3,995

The breathtaking Taroko Gorge cuts like a knife through Formosa's untouched mountains. Here are elegant *Arisaema formosanum* and huge *Amorphophallus* flowers emerge with blue *Iris formosana* and exotic Gesneriads. We'll see yellow *Disporum shimodes*, the toad lily *Tricyrtis formosana*, and stands of *Lilium formosanum* and *Lilium longiflorum* while woodlands harbour *Cypripedium debile*, *C. macranthos* and stunning pink *C. formosanum*. Mount Hehuan, at 13,000ft with a road almost to the top, will be covered in the pink *Rhododendron taiwanalpinum* and *Rhododendron*



pseudochrysanthum. The Taiwanese rate *Rhododendron formosanum* as their most beautiful species, but we think it might be scarlet *Rhododendron noriakianum* or perhaps *Rhododendron kanehirai*, which sets the peaks ablaze with blooms from fuschia to red-violet. In Mingchin's deep emerald mossy forests are *Trillium tschonoskii*, gaultherias, begonias and strange *Boschniakia himalaica* among an amazing variety of ferns.

ARARAT: NAKHCHIVAN & TURKEY

May 14-26, 2013

Leaders: Ian Green & Başak Gardner

Cost: £2,565

Ararat forms the centre of the heartland of the *Oncocyclus* irises. To the east we'll explore tiny Nakhchivan, a beautiful Azerbaijani enclave that has recently opened its 1km-wide border with Turkey. Arid slopes in the Aras River drainage host rare *Iris grossheimii* (pictured) and the dark flowers of *Iris lycotis* as well as unusual forms of *Iris paradoxa*. Mountain meadows have the rarely seen yellow Juno *Iris atropatana* while the valleys below have hundreds of thousands of impressive



Iris imbricata. In the Kars Highlands we'll find *Fritillaria alburyana* and, around Van, golden *Fritillaria minima* and *Tulipa koyuncii*. On the slopes of Ararat we'll see some magnificent shows of *Iris elegantissima* while Van's steppes host *Iris barnumae* and populations of *Iris sari*, including one that has hybridised with *Iris paradoxa* to produce a wonderful variety of different colours and forms. We'll finish with the ghostly flowers of rare *Iris gatesii*.

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