

# Alpine news

## BIG ideas for small plants!

Newsletter of the Alpine Garden Society

### Free DVD with this Issue



Enclosed with this issue is a second DVD that follows on from the one issued last year containing the first 11 volumes of 'The Alpine Gardener' upto 1943. This DVD covers the next ten years and is in the form of PDF files that are fully searchable. Using Adobe Acrobat Reader you can search for an item within a volume or across all volumes on the disc - brief instructions are given in the News section of the AGS Website.

### On-line Seed Ordering - A Great Success

This new initiative has been a resounding hit. Members who have used the system are delighted with the ease of use and the speed of the process:

*"Fantastic, ... very easy to use and saves hours of writing and crossings out on paper - well done!"*

If you have not yet tried it, there is still time to order your seed on-line now.

### Portraits of Alpine Plants – Pre Publication Offer

We are sorry to advise members that this publication has been delayed and is not expected in stock until end of **January/early February 2010**.

### 2011 International Rock Garden Conference –

see inside for Provisional Programme.

On-line Booking will open on-line **11 January 2010**. Paper copies of the booking form can be obtained from AGS Centre and will also appear in the next Newsletter.

### STOP PRESS - Late Change of Venue for East Cheshire Show

The Show is to be held on **1 May 2010** at **Morley Green Club, Mobberley Road, Morley Green, Wilmslow, SK9 5NT**.

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# Noticeboard

## AGS CENTRE OFFICE CLOSURE

### CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR 2009 – 2010

The office at the AGS Centre, Pershore will be closed from 5.00 pm on Tuesday, 22 December 2009 and will re-open at 9.00 am on Monday, 4 January 2010

## AGS AWARDS AND GRANTS 2010

The Society considers applications for AGS Travel Awards annually and applications for these awards must be received by 31 January 2010 at the latest.

### Travel Awards

Each year the 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: Jill Larner, c/o AGS Centre or email: [jill@alpinegardensociety.net](mailto:jill@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](mailto:meg.smith@agsgroups.org)), The Hendry Bequest Fund, 23 Richmond Road, Leighton Buzzards, LU7 4RF. The closing date for applications in respect of the Hendry Fund Grants is 31 January 2010.

## MERLIN TRUST - ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY

### Travel Scholarships - TOUR AWARDS for 2010

In 1990 The Merlin Trust was founded by the late Valerie Finnis VMH to provide travel grants for young horticulturists. In 2010 the Merlin Trust is offering jointly with the Alpine Garden Society four fully paid travel scholarships on AGS organised plant tours.

Four places will be available on three tours. - Spring Bulbs of Parnassos and the Peloponnese (one place), Pontic Alps (one place) and Tibet (two places). Details of these tours are available from the AGS.

Applicants should be enthusiastic about plants with a particular interest in alpinism. They must be under 35 years of age 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: Fiona Crumley, Merlin Trust/AGS Tours, 55 Deodar Road, London SW15 2NU. Email: [info@merlin-trust.org.uk](mailto:info@merlin-trust.org.uk) Tel 020 8874 763



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## 8th International Rock Garden Conference 2011

The next ten year International Rock Garden Conference is to be held at the East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham University. The Provisional Programme is given below, together with costs. As you will see there are 'Early Bird' Discounts available. You may book by completing the Booking Form in this Newsletter or alternatively book on-line through the AGS website which will open for bookings on **11 January 2010**.

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

#### Thursday 14 April 2011

**15.00 - 16.00**

Registration

**16.00 - 16.30**

**Tea**

**16.30 - 17.30**

Welcome & Opening Lecture - Brian Mathew: provisional title  
'Ever-changing Frontiers: of all sorts!'

**19.30 onwards**

**Dinner**

David Haselgrove 'Southern Hemisphere Treats'

#### Friday 15 April 2011

**09.00 - 10.00**

Harry Jans 'Plant Hunting on the Roof of the World'

**10.00 - 11.00**

John Richards 'Asiatic Primulas Old and New'

**11.00 - 11.30**

**Coffee**

**11.30 - 12.30**

Martin Walsh 'The High and Low in the Himalaya'

**12.50 - 14.15**

**Lunch**

**13.30 - 15.00**

**WORKSHOPS**

**15.00 - 16.00**

Robert Rolfe 'Location, Location, Location: Alpines Near and Far,  
Narrowly Endemic and Nationalistic'

**16.00 - 16.30**

**Tea**

**16.30 - 17.30**

Jim Archibald 'Beyond the Last Frontiers'

**19.30 onwards**

**Dinner**

Plant Auction

#### Saturday 16 April 2011

**09.00 - 10.00**

Keith Wiley 'An Holistic Approach to Alpines in the Garden'

**10.00 - 11.00**

Todd Boland 'Alpine Plants of Newfoundland through to the Appalachians'

**11.00 - 11.30**

**Coffee**

**11.30 - 12.30**

Bob Wallis 'Fritillaries on Four Continents'

**12.50 - 14.15**

**Lunch**

**13.30 - 15.00**

Free Time (to allow opportunity to see Show)

**15.00 - 16.00**

John Good 'Alpines in a changing world'

**16.00 - 16.30**

**Tea**

**16.30 - 17.30**

John Watson 'Three decades in the Andes'

**19.30 onwards**

**Dinner**

Roy Lancaster 'My world of Plants'

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## 8th International Rock Garden Conference (continued)

Sunday 17 April 2011

09.00 - 10.00	Ian Young 'Highland Gathering'
10.00 - 11.00	Michael Kammerlander 'Juno Iris – the Persica Group and Some Others'
11.00 - 11.30	<b>Coffee</b>
11.30 - 12.30	John Grimshaw 'Giants and Dwarfs: the Alpines of Africa'
12.50 - 14.15	<b>Lunch</b>
13.30 - 15.00	<b>WORKSHOPS</b>
15.00 - 16.00	Vojtech Holubec 'Central Asia: Plants under burning sun and cooling snow'
16.00 - 16.30	<b>Tea</b>
16.30 - 17.30	Christopher Grey-Wilson 'A Lifetime of Alpines'

Full details of costs, together with a Booking Form are printed on the back page of this Newsletter. Alternatively, you can reserve a place by booking On-Line by visiting the AGS website: [www.alpinegardensociety.net](http://www.alpinegardensociety.net) under the Events section.



### Items for the Newsletter and Copy Dates

Please note that any copy for the Newsletter should be sent to Jill Lerner, AGS Centre, Avon Bank, Pershore, Worcs, WR10 3JP or email: [jill@alpinegardensociety.net](mailto:jill@alpinegardensociety.net)

**Deadline for the March 2010 issue is 18 January 2010**

## Local Group News

### Bedfordshire Group

The Bedfordshire Group's Annual Show will take place on Saturday 13 March 2010 from 12:00pm to 16:00pm in Wilstead Village Hall, 50p entrance fee, children free admittance.

For further details contact Mrs. Elsie Willett, 10 Garner Close, Northill, Biggleswade, Beds, SG18 9AF. Tel: 01767 626 185, or by visiting the website, [www.bedfordshirealpines.com](http://www.bedfordshirealpines.com)

### Essex Group Annual Show- 24 April 2010

The Group will be holding its Annual Show at the New Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth, Nr. Rayleigh, Essex (opposite the Forge Nursery). Show opens to the public from 12.00 noon until 4.00 pm. Free entry; Classes for all AGS members; Non-competitive displays, Plant sales, Tombola; Ample parking and refreshments available. For full details contact Diana Nice, 162, Parklands, Rochford, SS4 1SY, Tel: 01702 540443.

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## Mid Kent Group

The Mid-Kent Group will hold their Annual Group Show on 13 March 2010 in Madginford Hall, Egremont Road, Bearsted, Kent. Staging from 8 30am until 11am. The Show opens at 12.30pm and is open to all members of the AGS. For a schedule and further information please contact David Hoare on 01303 862913.

## GROUP CONFERENCES

### **BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT GROUP** **“WORLD OF BULBS 4” ONE-DAY CONFERENCE**

The above One-Day Conference will take place on Saturday 30 January 2010 in Holy Name Church Parish Hall, Great Barr, Birmingham, B43 6LN.

Speakers will be:

**Kevin Hughes - Erythroniums and Trilliums**

**Jim Archibald - Bulbs of the Americas**

**Bob & Rannveig Wallis - Bulbs of Eastern Turkey, the Levant & Iran**

**Ian Young - Bulb Update**

Admission fee £12.50 which includes light refreshments. Lunch is available at an additional cost of £7.00. Further information and Booking form, please contact Dr. John Page, 118, Shutt Lane, Earlswood, Solihull, West Midlands B94 6BZ. Tel. 01564 702 765.

Email [joka@earlspage.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:joka@earlspage.freeserve.co.uk)

*All Members welcome to attend!*

### **Fritillaria Group of the Alpine Garden Society** **Spring Meeting and Non Competitive Show**

Date: **Sunday 21 March 2010**

Speakers: **Bob & Rannveig Wallis - Demonstration on Keying-Out**  
**Paul Cumbleton - Demonstration on Composts and Drainage**  
**Janis Ruksans - Fritillarias from Baltic to Pacific**

Date of Autumn Show and AGM - 24 October 2010 - Speakers to be confirmed.

**It is confirmed that the Shows will be held at the RHS Garden at Wisley.**  
**Please also see - [www.fritillaria.org.uk](http://www.fritillaria.org.uk)**

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**Alpine Garden Society Chiltern Group**

## **Habitats of Mountain Plants**

A one day Conference in the Chilterns

**Saturday, 11 September 2010 at Green Park, Stablebridge Road, Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire, HP22 5NE**

An event exploring the adaptation of plants to a variety of mountain habitats and how we might create the conditions to grow them.

All speakers have travelled widely in mountain regions and have led expeditions to many wild, remote places. They are also expert photographers so will make the plants and landscapes come alive.

**Registration..... 9.30 to 10am**

**Setting the Scene-The Ecology..... John Good**

**Alpine Meadows..... Chris Grey-Wilson**

**High Mountain Places..... Harry Jans**

**High and Dry Deserts..... Jim Archibald**

**Nursery stalls present on the day**

..... **Aberconwy (North Wales)**

..... **Pottertons (Lincolnshire)**

..... **Little Heath (Hertfordshire)**

..... **Long Acre (Somerset)**

Conference closes 4.30pm approx. Cost £25 (for all bookings made by July 20, 2010) to include lunch and refreshments through the day.

Booking Details from

**John Noakes (01296 660072) john.noakes@btinternet.com**

**Mike Baker (01494 763211) mike@mikebaker.mail1.co.uk**

## OBITUARY

The Society has been informed of the sad news that Harry Lill, past Director of Seed Distribution and Lyttel Trophy Holder, died on 6 November, 2009.

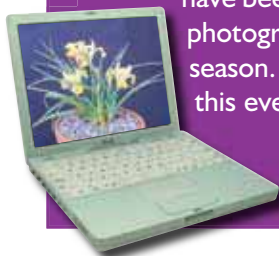
Sincere condolences are sent to his wife Maureen, family and friends.

A full acknowledgement of Harry's contribution to the Society will appear in *The Alpine Gardener* at a later date.



## Online Flower Show

The Online Flower Show for 2009 is currently accepting entries. You can submit pictures of your plants at Shows or in your garden. Plants exhibited must have been cultivated by the exhibitor and photographed during the last growing season. Details of how to participate in this event are posted on our website.



For more information please visit our website:  
[www.alpinegardensociety.net](http://www.alpinegardensociety.net)

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## LIST OF AGS LOCAL GROUPS

**BEDFORDSHIRE:** Hon. Sec: Mrs Elsie Willett, 10 Garner Close, Northill, Biggleswade, SG18 9AF. Tel: 01767 626185. Meetings: Wilstead Village Hall, Nr Bedford, 7.30 pm. on 1st Monday, February to December. Programme on request. <http://www.bedfordshirealpines.com/>

**BERKSHIRE:** Hon. Sec: Mrs Avril Hughes, Holly Hock, North Street, Islip, Kidlington, OX5 2SQ. Tel: 01865 377104. Meetings: Parish Hall, Speen Lane, Newbury, 7.30 pm., 3rd Thursday, September to June, exc. December. Garden visits in Summer. Subscription: £3.00; Family £5.00.

**BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT:** Hon. Sec: Martin Lindop, 11 Badger Close, Cheswick Green, Shirley, Solihull, B90 4HR. Tel: 01564 703213. Meetings: The Octagon, Edgbaston High School for Girls, Wesbourne Road, Birmingham, B15 3TS, eve y 2nd Friday, January to April; September; October and December. Birmingham Botanic Gardens Lecture, 3rd Thursday in August. Roy Elliott Memorial Lecture 3rd Saturday in November. Garden visits March to August. Subscription: £6.00, Family £10.00. Visitors welcome.

**BRISTOL:** Hon. Sec: Mrs Marion Monahan, 90 Brentry Lane, Brentry, Bristol, BS10 6RQ. Tel: 0117 9503422. Meetings: The Methodist Hall, Westbury-on-Trym, 3rd Friday 7.30 pm., September to May. Subscription: £6.00; Family £8.00.

**CHESHIRE-EAST:** Hon. Sec: Mrs Ann Fox, 4 Park Lane, Little Hayfield, High Peak, SK22 2NW. Tel: 01663 744260. Meetings: Wilmslow Preparatory School, Grove Avenue, Wilmslow. Usually 2nd Monday, September to April, 7.30 pm. Summer Outings. Subscription: £8.00 Visitors £2.00.

**CHESHIRE-WEST & WIRRAL:** Hon. Sec: Peter Cunnington, 3 The Quillet, Neston, South Wirral, CH64 9QE. Tel: 0151 336 3407. Email: [p.cunnington1@ntlworld.com](mailto:p.cunnington1@ntlworld.com) Meetings: Gladstone Village Hall, The Village, Burton, Neston, South Wirral, CH64 5TH. 2nd Friday, September - May 7.15 pm. Subscription: £6.00. Visitors welcome.

**CHESTERFIELD & DISTRICT:** Hon. Sec: Mrs Ju Bramley, 124 Holymoore Road, Holymoorside, Chesterfield, S42 7DU. Tel: 01246 569025. Email: [ju&mike.bramley@agsgroups.org](mailto:ju&mike.bramley@agsgroups.org) Meetings: 2nd Sunday, 3 pm, September-May, in the Schoolroom, United Reformed Church, Cotton Mill Hill, Holymoorside, Chesterfield. Subscription: £3.00.

**CHILTERN:** Hon. Secs: Freda & Alan Payne, Capleo, Crowbrook Road, Monks Risborough, Aylesbury, HP27 9LW. Tel: 01844 345928. Email: [chiltern@agsgroups.org](mailto:chiltern@agsgroups.org) Meetings: Great Kingshill Village Hall, Nr. High Wycombe, at 7.30 pm., 2nd Friday each month, except June, July & August. Visitors very welcome. Subscription: £6.00; Family £9.00.

**CLEVELAND:** Hon. Sec: Mr Barry Winter, 92 Oxbridge Lane, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 4HN. Tel: 01642 800373. Email: [barry.winter@agsgroups.org](mailto:barry.winter@agsgroups.org) Monthly winter meetings. Subscription: £4.00 single; £6.00 family; Senior citizens £3.00 single & £5.00 family.

**CORNWALL:** Hon. Sec: Miss Clethra Matthews, Trenance, Ruan High Lanes, Nr Truro, Cornwall, TR2 5LH. Tel: 01872 501208. Meetings: St Marks Church Hall, Sticker, St Austell, 3rd Wednesday exc. August and December at 7.30 pm. Garden Visit in July. AGS Members visiting Cornwall are very welcome to our Meetings. Subscription: £6.00; Visitors £2.00.

**COTSWOLD & MALVERN:** Hon. Sec: Mrs Pam Turner, Bramblegarth, Forge Lane, Upleadon, Newent, GL18 1EF. Tel: 01531 820666. Meetings: 1st Wednesday, Redmarley Village Hall, Redmarley, Gloucestershire, 7.30 pm., September to April, exc. January. Garden visits May to July. Spring Show, Easter Monday, Pershore College. Subscription: £5.00; Family £8.00; Visitors & Non-Members £1.50.



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**DERBYSHIRE:** Hon. Sec: Mrs D Webster, 25 Highfields Drive, Loughborough, Leics., LE11 3JS. Tel: 01509 261626. E-mail: dozzer.lobro@tiscali.co.uk Meetings: 1st Wed. Sept. to May, Breadsall Memorial Hall, Breadsall, Derby, 7.30 pm. Garden visits Feb. to June. Subscription: £5 per member.

**DEVON-EXETER:** Hon. Sec: Mrs Lorraine Birchall, Barratts Cottage, Clyst Hydon, Cullompton, Devon, EX15 2NQ. Tel: 01884 277614. E-mail: lorraine@talevalleynursery.co.uk Meetings: 3rd Thursday, except July & August, 7.00 pm., Longdown Village Hall (on the Exeter to Moretonhampstead Road) Longdown Road, Nr Ide, Exeter. Excellent car parking. Subscription: AGS Members £5.00; Family £8.00; Non AGS Members £8.00; Visitors £2.00 per meeting.

**DEVON-SOUTH:** Hon. Sec: Mrs L Gwynn, Edenhurst, Church Lane, Slapton, Kingsbridge, TQ7 2QS. Tel: 01548 580728. Meetings: Dartmoor Lodge, Pear Tree Cross, Ashburton, 1st Wednesday, Sept. to May, 7.15pm for 7.30 pm. Annual Subscriptions: AGS Members £8/£12; non AGS Members £10/£17; £2.00 guests.

**DORSET:** Hon. Joint Secs: John and Christine Chappell, 3 Church Lane, Frampton, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 9NL. Tel: 01300 320247. E-mail: johnandchrischappell@tiscali.co.uk Meetings: 1st Thurs, Sept to April; 1st Fri, May, Corfe Mullen Village Hall, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne 7.30 pm. Subscriptions: AGS Members £5.00; Family £9.00; Non-AGS Members £7.00; Family £12.00; Visitors £2.00 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, Nr Epping, Essex, CM16 7ER, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September to May [except in 2010, the December meeting is Wednesday, 15th]. Subscription: £5.00 plus £2.00 a meeting Epping, Essex, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month

**ESSEX:** Hon. Sec: Paul Nice, 162 Parklands, Rochford, Essex, SS4 1SY. Tel: 01702 540443. Meetings: New Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth, Nr Wickford, 7.30pm last Thursday of month, exc. December. Subscription: £3.00; Partners £3.50; Guests £1.00

**HAMPSHIRE:** Hon. Sec: Mrs Sylvia Marshall, Brookside, 84 Granada Road, Hedge End Southampton, SO30 4AQ. Tel: 01489 782952. Email: sylvia.marshall@agsgroups.org Meetings: Chilworth Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, at 7.15 pm. 4th Tuesday, Sept. to May; (excl. 3rd Tuesday in December). Summer outings. Subscription: AGS Member £6.00; AGS Family Member £8.00; Single £7.00; Family £10.00; Visitors £2.50

**HERTFORDSHIRE:** Hon. Sec: Mr Bernard Gane, 65 Ox Lane, Harpenden, Herts, AL5 4PH. Hertfordshire Group AGS Website <http://www.hertsags.co.uk/> Tel: . Meetings: Frogmore Parish Centre, Holy Trinity Church, Frogmore, St. Albans. Usually 4th Saturday, September to June - 3.00 pm.

**IRELAND-CORK:** Hon. Sec: Mrs Hester Forde, Coosheen, 15 Johnstown Park, Glounthaune, Co Cork, Ireland. Tel: 021 4353855. E-mail: hesterforde@hotmail.com

**IRELAND-DUBLIN:** Hon Sec: Ms Mary O'Neill Byrne, Larch House, 44 Northumberland Avenue, Dun Ladghaire, Dublin, Irish Republic. E-mail: mary.onb@agsgroups.org Meetings at National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Co Dublin, usually 3rd Thursday, September to May at 8.00pm. See Local Website: <http://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: secretary@alpinegarden-ulster.org.uk Website: [www.alpinegarden-ulster.org.uk](http://www.alpinegarden-ulster.org.uk) Meetings: Lecture Theatre, Main Building, Stranmillis University College, Belfast, BT9 5DY, at 2.30 pm. Saturdays, September to March. Summer garden visits. Subscription: £7.00; Family £9.00.

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**KENT-EAST:** Hon. Sec: Dr Gillian Regan, Frith Old Farmhouse, Otterden, Faversham, ME13 0DD. Tel: 01795 890556. Meetings: Godmersham Village Hall, Nr. Ashford, 2nd Friday, September to May, 7.45 pm. Subscription: £7.00. Visitors £2.00.

**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, 1st Friday at 8.00 pm., September to May. Garden visit in June. Subscription: £4.00; Visitors £1.00.

**KENT-TUNBRIDGE WELLS:** Hon. Sec: Mrs Kay Cox, 19 Warwick Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 5TA. Tel: 01892 534139. Meetings: Main Hall, King Charles the Martyr Church, Warwick Park, Tunbridge Wells, 7.30 for 8.00 pm. 1st Monday, September to April; (2nd Monday in May). Subscription: £3.50; Visitors £1.00.

**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) first Monday in the month [unless a Public Holiday when it is the next day, the Tuesday] at 7.30 pm. Subscription: £3.00.

**LANCASHIRE-EAST:** Hon. Sec: Mrs Shelagh Smethurst, 117 Newington Drive, Seddons Farm, Bury, BL8 2EG. Tel: 0161 761 7891. Email: s\_smethurst@o2.co.uk Meetings: Ramsbottom Civic Hall, Nr. the junction Bolton St. & Bridge St., Ramsbottom, Nr. Bury, usually on Mondays at 7.45 pm., September to June. Summer outings. Subscription: £1.00 plus room charge at each meeting. Lecture programme sent on request, SAE please. Visitors welcome.

**LANCASHIRE-NORTH:** Hon. Sec: Mr Darren Sleep, 45 Crag Bank Road, Carnforth, Lancs, LA5 9EH. Tel: Mobile 07933 199677. E-mail: darren.sleep@agsgroups.org Meetings: Lancaster Methodist Church, Scotforth Road, Greaves, Lancaster, LA1 4TE on 3rd Thursday, Sept to April 7.30 pm.

Summer outings. Subscription: £5.00; Family £7.00; Visitors £2.00. [There is a charge of 50p per lecture at meetings].

**LANCASHIRE-SOUTH:** Hon. Sec: Joan Vincent, 34 Burden Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside, CH46 6BQ. Tel: 0151 678 1621. Meetings: in the Emmanuel Church Hall, Cambridge Road, Southport. (north on A565). Usually 2nd Saturday of month Sept. to April. 2.00 for 2.30 pm. Subscription: £2.00; Family £3.50.

**LEICESTERSHIRE:** Hon. Sec: Mrs D 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, 4th Wednesday, September to May, 7.30 pm. Subscription: £5.00 per member.

**LINCOLNSHIRE:** Hon. Sec: Mr Vernon Hancock, 79 Windermere Avenue, Scartho, Grimsby, Lincs, DN33 3DB. Tel: 01472 827861. Meetings: New Waltham Village Hall, Station Road, New Waltham, Grimsby, last Wednesday in most months, 7.30 pm. Group's website: <http://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, on 1st day of RHS Shows, September to June 6.15 pm. Programme on request. Visitors welcome.

**LONDON-NORTH:** Hon. Sec: Miss Valerie Holman, 26 Mayfield Avenue, Southgate, London, N14 6DU. Tel: 0208 886 1175. Meetings: September to April (excluding January), 1st Monday, (2nd if 1st is a Bank Holiday) 7.30 pm. at the Methodist Church Hall, Westpole Avenue, (Bramley Road end), Oakwood, near Oakwood Tube Station. May to July:- Sunday garden visits. Subscription: £10.00 per person, due on 1st January. Visitors £2.00 per meeting.

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**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. 8.00 for 8.15 pm., 4th Thursday, Sept. to Nov./January to June inclusive. [No meetings Dec., July or August]. Summer visits. Subscription:- £6.00; additional Family Member £3.50; Visitors £2.00.

**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: £2.00.

**NORFOLK:** Hon.Sec: Mrs Diane Blyth, 33 Stoke Road, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7NJ. Tel: 01508 494277. Meetings: Hetterset New Village Hall, Hetterset, Norwich, 3rd Wed at 7.30 pm., except January, July & August when meetings are held at different times and places. Subscription £5.00; Visitors £1.00.

**NORTHAMPTON:** Hon. Sec: Miss Sandra Adkins, 29 Tabard Gardens, Newport Pagnell, MK16 0LX. E-mail: sandra@sadkins.co.uk Meetings: Weston Favell Parish Hall, Northampton, 3rd Wednesday each month, (exc August) at 7.30pm. Subscription: £10.00 Family; £7.00 Single. Reduction for AGS Members: £8.00 Family; £6.00 Single.

## **NORTH EAST ENGLAND:**

[Northumberland & Durham] Hon. Sec: Terry L Teal, Copse End, Ryton Village, Ryton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE40 3PZ. Tel: 0191 4132574. E-mail: t.teal@btinternet.com Meetings: St Mary's Church Hall, Ponteland, 2nd Monday in the month at 7.30 pm. Garden visits June & July. Subscription: £5.00.

**NOTTINGHAM:** Hon. Sec: Mr Alwyn 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. 2nd Wednesday of month September to May at 7.30 pm. Subscription: £6.00; Family £9.00 plus a meeting charge of 50p per attendee. Visitors £1.00.

**OXFORD & DISTRICT:** Hon. Sec: Dr John Grimshaw, Sycamore Cottage, Colesbourne, Cheltenham, GL53 9NP. Tel: 01242 870567. Email: j.grimshaw@virgin.net Meetings: Exeter Hall, Kidlington, 2nd Wednesday of the month from October to March at 7.30pm. Garden visits in summer. Subscription: £5.00. Visitors most welcome.

**SHROPSHIRE:** Hon. Sec: Robert Llewelyn, 36 Wordsworth Way, Priorslee, Telford, TF2 9RW. Tel: 01952 292442. Meetings: 3rd Monday, September to April exc. December & January, 7.30 pm. at the Darwin Community Centre, Frankwell, Shrewsbury.

**SOMERSET:** Hon. Sec: Sue Horswood, Freshfields, Fenny Bridges, Honiton, Devon, EX14 3BG. Tel: 01404 850868. E-mail: SKRAH@androsace.demon.co.uk Meetings: 4th Wednesday of month at 7.30 pm, Albemarle Centre, Albemarle Road, Taunton. Subscription: £5.00; Family £8.00. Visitors £1.00

**SUFFOLK-IPSWICH:** Hon. Sec: Mr J J R Pratt, 11 Priory Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 7NE. Tel/ Fax: 01394 286649. Email: jemanpratt@aol.com Meetings: Oddfellows Hall, High St., Ipswich, IP3 0QJ, last Wednesday, 7.15 pm., September to June, exc. 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), 1st Tuesday of every month 7.30 pm. Occasional garden visits and field trips. Subscription: £7.00; Family £8.00; Visitors £1.00.

**WOKING-WEST SURREY:** Hon. Sec: Mr Mike P Morton, Cedarhurst, Kettlewell Hill, Horsell, Woking, Surrey, GU21 4JA. Tel: 01483 768047. Meetings: Mayford Village Hall, Mayford, GU22 0NN. 1st Thursday, 7.30 pm., except June, July & August. Subscription: £5.00 Single; £8.00 Double or Family.

# Local Group News

**SUSSEX-CENTRAL:** Hon. Sec: Mr Roy Metcalfe, 23 Courtlands, Haywards Heath, RH16 4JD. Tel: 01444 451879. Meetings: St Wilfrid's Centenary Hall, off Church Rd, Haywards Heath. Meetings usually 3rd Saturday, Sept. to April 6.30 pm. Subscription £7.50.

**SUSSEX-WEALD:** Hon. Sec: Temporary Contact: Ms Ailna Martin. Tel: AGS Centre, Pershore: 01386 554790. Meetings: 2nd Monday, 7.30 pm, September to May at the Village Hall, Hailsham Road, Herstmonceux, E. Sussex. Subscription: £7.50.

**SUSSEX-WEST:** Hon. Sec: Diann M Berry, 5 Balmoral Close, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 7XQ. Tel: 01243 786254. Meetings: Donnington Parish Hall, Donnington, Chichester, 7.30 pm., 2nd Monday, Sept. to April. Subscription: Single £6.00. Family £11.00.

**WALES-NORTH:** Hon. Sec: Mrs Pam Boardman, Bryn Llwyd, Rhosgadfan, Caernarfon, LL54 7LB. Tel: 01286 831194. Meetings: Held at the English Methodist Church, Llanfairfechan, normally 3rd Friday in month. [Note Venue: 11 March ~ The Len Beer Memorial Lecture, The Main Arts Lecture Theatre, College Road, Bangor]. Subscription: £4.00. Family £6.00.

**WALES-SOUTH:** Hon. Sec: Mrs R Wallis, Llwyn Ifan, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8BP. Tel: 01267 275205. Meetings: Pencoed College, Nr Bridgend. Usually 2nd or 3rd Wed. or Fri. of Autumn & Spring months, 7.00 pm. Tel. for exact dates. Summer garden visits. Subscription: £3.00; Family £5.00; Visitors £1.00.

**WARWICKSHIRE:** Hon. Sec: Mrs Jo Walker, 9 Bellamy Farm Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 3DH. Tel: 0121 744 3129. Email: Meetings: Bishopton School, Drayton Avenue, Stratford-on-Avon, 7.30 pm., usually on 4th Tuesday, Sept. 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 7.30 pm, 2nd Friday of each month, September - May. Subscriptions: Single £5.00; Family £8.00; plus £1.00 per meeting when there is a speaker. New Members very welcome.

**YORKSHIRE-WEST:** Hon. Sec: Mrs Wendy Rainford, 196 King Lane, Moortown, Leeds, LS17 6AA. Tel: 01132 697276. Meetings: St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road, Leeds 16, 2nd Saturday, September to May at 2.30 pm. Subscription: £5.00; Family £7.50; Visitors £1.00.

## LECTURES, OUTINGS, GARDEN VISITS, PLANT SALES TABLES, HELP, ADVICE AND ABOVE ALL FRIENDSHIP

### OVERSEAS AGS GROUPS

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# THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOCIETY TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2009



**The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2009. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Society's constitution, the Charities Act 1993 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.**

## ***Structure, governance and management***

The Alpine Garden Society (AGS) was founded in 1929, with the aim of promoting an interest in all aspects of alpine plants, their cultivation in rock gardens and plant conservation in natural habitats. It is a membership organisation, registered with the Charity Commission and is governed by its constitution and rules adopted 4 November 1966. The trustees who served during the year are listed on the Reference and Administrative Information page. The Charity has a governing body comprising 23 Trustees; 8 of these are Officers who are elected annually, serving for a potential maximum of ten years. Of the remaining 15, five are replaced annually with five new elected members who serve for a three-year period. Vacant Trustee and Officer positions are advertised in the Society's Newsletter that is circulated to all members. Nominations are invited and the names of nominated candidates, together with supporting statements, are published in the Society Newsletter. If there are more nominations than vacancies, a vote is taken by secret ballot at the AGM. Casual vacancies that arise may be filled by co-option. An annual Induction Day is organized for all newly elected Trustees and Officers (and they are provided with a list of Trustees' duties and responsibilities, the Charity Commission 'Good Trustee Guide', together with the Society's 'Code of Conduct' for Trustees). The governing body is known as the 'Main Committee' upon which all Trustees (Excluding Custodian Trustees) serve. It is chaired by the President of the Society. The overall strategy and policy of the Charity is set by 'Main Committee'. There are also a number of sub-committees who deal with various aspects of the Charity's activities and those of the subsidiary trading companies. All sub-committees report to the 'Main Committee'. In addition 'Main Committee', from time to time, establishes working parties to pursue special projects such as educational conferences and

displays. The sub-committees of the Society are as follows - Finance, Seed, Shows, Publications and Tours. The Finance sub-committee usually meets three times per year, Publications, Seed and Tours, twice yearly, with Shows only meeting once a year. The Society has 52 Affiliated Local Groups spread around the UK with whom it corresponds on a regular basis. Support is offered to the Groups in the form of insurance, awards and medals, grants to assist with the cost of speakers, printing of programmes, assistance with mail shots to members etc. Members of the Society are also allowed to join any of its three Specialist Groups that were established to focus on particular activities. These three Specialist Groups comprise 'The Fritillaria Group', 'The Androsace Group' and 'The History of Rock and Alpine Gardening Study Group'. The Fritillaria Group and Androsace Group produce a separate Newsletter for their members, organize their own seed exchange scheme, together with lectures on their specialist subject. The History Group arranges annual meetings at different locations around the UK with visits to relevant gardens.

The Charity employs four staff (three full-time and one part-time) who deal with the administration of the Charity and its Limited Companies. They also assist with various aspects of the Charity's wider activities. The Society Director is an ex-officio member of the Main Committee and all sub-committees and is responsible for the implementation of the policies laid down by these committees. In addition to overseeing the administration of the Charity and its subsidiary companies, she gives guidance and advice to Officers and Trustees on governance issues. She is also Company Secretary to the limited companies.

The Society carries on some of its trading activities through two wholly owned subsidiary companies - AGS

Publications Limited and AGS Expeditions Limited. These effectively run the operation of special publications and tours on behalf of the Society. A third company, namely AGS Seed Distribution Limited, was closed at the end of last year and its activities transferred to the Charity. The management of the remaining companies is controlled by directors, namely the President, the Treasurer and the relevant officer for each company, together with the three Society Custodian Holding Trustees as Shareholders, and they are answerable to the Society's Main

### **Committee.**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Society is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

### **Objectives and activities**

The Society's objects are set out in Clause 1 of the Constitution, namely to:

- further knowledge of alpine plants
- encourage the cultivation of the plants
- gather and disseminate particulars of their cultivation and conditions under which they grow in nature and by
- means of a quarterly Bulletin and other special publications
- hold shows of alpine plants
- give advice on any matters concerning these plants
- arrange tours and visits; organise meetings
- promote the formations of local groups
- generally undertake any activities that shall be consistent with the purpose for which the Society is constituted.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Society should undertake. A number of educational garden exhibits were staged at public events, such as the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, Harrogate Spring Flower Show and Southport Flower Show. The charity has staged 25 alpine plant shows at venues around the country that are open to the public, some of which featured practical demonstrations. Workshops were organized on various topics such as 'Websites for Local Groups', and 'Managing Digital Plant Photographs'. These were mainly held at the Society headquarters in Pershore but some

demonstrations are also staged at Society Shows. The charity produced its quarterly journal and Newsletter. It has also further expanded the range of titles in its series of information leaflets. Under the auspices of its two limited companies the charity organized a number of plant related tours in addition to publishing new specialist alpine book publications, including one particularly aimed at the beginner. The Society's seed exchange scheme has continued to distribute seed to a large proportion of the membership, as well as making seed available to the general public. The bi-annual meeting with Show Secretaries took place in late November 2008 and was well attended.

The facility for members to join and renew their membership on-line, together with the facility to purchase specialist books has continued to be successful. It is intended to widen this facility in the forthcoming year to enable on-line ordering of seed. The Society's 'on-line flower show' initiative again showed an increase in

entries over the preceding year. The Society has embarked upon an extensive redesign of certain areas of its garden at Pershore. A series of travel awards and grants were awarded to further the study of alpine plants. Trophies were also presented to individuals in recognition of their contribution to the world of alpine plants. The Society continued with its programme for a phased replacement of Custodian (Holding) Trustees and a new Custodian Trustee was appointed at its AGM in 2008. During the year the charity has benefited from the work and advice of many volunteers, without whom the charity could not meet its charitable objectives. The value of the work is unquantifiable and as such no attempt has been made to provide for this work in the accounts. The Committee wishes to express their thanks to all the volunteers who have contributed to the success of the charity in the past twelve months. All of the society's activities are focused on promoting an interest in all aspects of alpine plants, their cultivation in rock gardens and plant conservation in natural habitats. There is unrestricted access to our services. In consequence the activities deliver a public benefit.

### **Achievements and performance**

The charity allocated additional funds to extend the length of its quarterly publication. This has enabled a wider selection of informative articles to be included,

together with a larger number of colour illustrations. In 2009 the charity was again awarded the RHS Holford Medal for its Gold Medal winning display in 2008 at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. It also received a 'Premier Award' for a garden exhibit at the Harrogate Spring Flower Show in 2009.

Recruitment of new members has risen slightly. The Society has continued to develop its website as a repository of information on alpine plants. The Society has continued to reduce some of its reserves in a planned way by making funds available for specific projects through application to its Development Fund.

### **Financial review**

During the year the charity had consolidated incoming resources totalling £474,258 (2008 £460,685), of which £146,500 (2008 £145,494) was from membership subscriptions. Total consolidated resources expended for the year were £536,507 (2008 £503,610), giving net outgoing resources of £62,249 (2008 £42,925). Losses on investment assets during the year of £189,403 resulted in a net decline in total funds of £251,652, leaving total reserves at £2,217,627. It is the policy of the Society that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use (ie general funds) should be maintained at a level equivalent to between six and twelve month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Society's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The committee have power, from time to time, after taking advice from a Member of the London Stock Exchange, to direct the holding trustees concerned to invest the funds of the Society or any part thereof in any way which, in its absolute discretion, thinks fit, in all respects as if it were a sole Beneficial Owner of such funds notwithstanding that such investments may not be investments authorised by law for the investment of funds, and the committee shall have power, from time to time, to direct the holding trustees to vary or transpose such investments. The holding trustees may also enter into arrangements for the provision of investment management services

by stockbrokers, merchant banks and/or suitably qualified investments managers (which may include power for such managers to make specific investment decisions under general policy guidelines laid down from time to time by the committee) to vary or change such arrangements and to pay reasonable charges for such services out of the Society's income. The investments held by the AGS have continued to perform well during the past year. Investments are UK Government Fixed Interest Bonds, UK Unit Trusts and shares in subsidiary companies. The market value of the investments has decreased in the year by £189,403, and is included in unrealised gains.

### **Plans for the future**

The charity intends to continue with its regular activities in pursuit of its Objectives such as organizing shows, tours, travel awards and grants, educational exhibits (especially at major national and regional shows), workshops, seed exchange scheme and publication of its quarterly journal 'The Alpine Gardener'. In addition the charity intends to continue to expand its repository of information on alpine plants by adding to its series of Information Leaflets. More new books on alpine plants are to be published by AGS Publications Ltd. Plans are in hand to expand on-line ordering on its website in relation to the seed exchange scheme, as well as undertaking a redesign of the entire website. The Society is also to produce a second DVD containing back issues of its quarterly journal covering the period 1943 to 1953 and this will be made freely available to members. The Society is pursuing its plans to host further conferences on alpine plants. The first is due to take place in September 2009 on a theme of woodland plants. A second, much larger international conference on alpine plants is being planned for 2011. Further redevelopment work will continue in the garden at Pershore. A meeting with representatives from the Society's local groups is scheduled for November 2009.

On behalf of the board of trustees

Mrs V Lee

Trustee

# THE ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY

## Annual Report & Accounts

**Vice-Presidents:** C D BRICKELL CBE VMH, MRS M F RANDALL, D F MOWLE, CAPT P J ERSKINE, CBE, RN, VMH, C C NORTON, G S PHILLIPS, DR C B C BOYCE, MRS V LEE, H McBRIDE, B E WARDLEY, R J A LEEDS, D K HASELGROVE, E M UPWARD, B RUSS.

### OFFICERS 2009/2010

**Director of the Society:** MRS C J MCGREGOR

**President:** MRS V LEE

**Treasurer:** PROF C J SMITH CBE

**Director of Publications:** PROF J E G GOOD OBE

**Director of Shows:** J J MCGREGOR,

**Director of Seed Distribution:** C DOLDING

**Director of Tours:** M LINDOP

**Slide Library Manager:** P G SHEASBY

**Advertisement Manager:** MRS J SLIMM

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**Assistant Editor:** R G ROLFE

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**Holding Trustees:** CAPT P J ERSKINE CBE, RN, VMH, R J A LEEDS, DR L JOYCE.

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**To retire in 2010:** A FURNESS, J HUMPHRIES, R NORMAN, MRS S RICE, D RILEY.

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**To retire in 2012:** MRS C SEYMOUR, T TEAL.

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# Alpine Garden Society



## Summarised statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 August 2009

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2009 £	Total 2008 £
<b><u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u></b>				
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>				
Voluntary income				
Subscriptions	146,500	-	146,500	145,494
Other voluntary income	24,513	-	24,513	6,700
Activities for generating funds				
Advertising income - Bulletins	13,775	-	13,775	8,843
Sponsors for major exhibits	-	-	-	23,000
Seed distributions	13,171	-	13,171	15,655
Other activities for generating funds income	9,935	-	9,935	15,344
Trading income from subsidiary companies	184,902	-	184,902	170,609
<b>Investment income</b>	<b>77,891</b>	<b>3,571</b>	<b>81,462</b>	<b>75,040</b>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>470,687</b>	<b>3,571</b>	<b>474,258</b>	<b>460,685</b>
<b><u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u></b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Cost of generating funds				
Staff costs	104,251	-	104,251	97,958
Bulletins	109,274	-	109,274	96,041
Costs of major exhibits	16,812	-	16,812	31,517
Seed distribution costs	12,942	-	12,942	10,387
Other direct costs	65,604	3,167	68,771	59,492
Other support costs	50,590	-	50,590	51,215
Expenditure of subsidiary companies	167,796	-	167,796	151,814
<b>Governance costs</b>	<b>6,023</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>6,071</b>	<b>5,186</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>533,292</b>	<b>3,215</b>	<b>536,507</b>	<b>503,610</b>
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources</b>	<b>(62,605)</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>(62,249)</b>	<b>(42,925)</b>
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>				
Gains on investments	(189,403)	-	(189,403)	(223,324)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(252,008)</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>(251,652)</b>	<b>(266,249)</b>
Funds balances at 1 September 2008	2,326,446	142,833	2,469,279	2,735,528
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2009</b>	<b>2,074,438</b>	<b>143,189</b>	<b>2,217,627</b>	<b>2,469,279</b>

# Alpine Garden Society



## Summarised statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 August 2009

	2009		2008	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Tangible assets	263,355		266,360	
Investments	1,780,208		1,969,611	
	<u>2,043,563</u>		<u>2,235,971</u>	
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Stocks	64,873		60,706	
Debtors	34,278		26,670	
Cash at bank and in hand	120,314		196,357	
	<u>219,465</u>		<u>283,733</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>(45,401)</u>		<u>(50,425)</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>174,064</u>		<u>233,308</u>
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>		<u><u>2,217,627</u></u>		<u><u>2,469,279</u></u>
<b>Income Funds</b>				
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>				
E F Hendry Bequest Fund	143,189		142,833	
		<u>143,189</u>		<u>142,833</u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>				
Designated Funds	1,436,529		1,424,253	
Other charitable funds				
General Funds	3,817		106,259	
Revaluation Reserve	634,092		795,934	
	<u>2,074,438</u>		<u>2,326,446</u>	
		<u><u>2,217,627</u></u>		<u><u>2,469,279</u></u>

The summarised accounts contained in this report are extracted from the financial statements prepared by the Society and given an unqualified audit opinion by Kendall Wadley LLP, the Society's external auditors.

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 auditors' report on those financial statements should be consulted. Copies can be obtained from:

A G S Centre  
Avon Bank  
Pershore  
Worcestershire  
WR10 3JP

### Statement of external auditors

The summarised accounts contained within the report are consistent with the full financial statements produced by the Society for the year ended 31 August 2009 and on which we have given an unqualified opinion dated 24 October 2009.

**J. T. Marston FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**for and behalf of Kendall Wadley LLP**

## Order from book List



### **Swiss Plant Life** by Ewald Weber

This richly illustrated and readily comprehensible book gives an overview on the diversity of Switzerland's plant life in words and pictures.



### **Mountain Flora & Trees of The Caucasus** by Shamil Shetekauri & Martin Jacoby

This field guide is to encourage visits to the mountains of Caucasia to look at their unique and spectacular assemblage of flowering plants.



### **New Trees** by John Grimshaw & Ross Bayton

This book documents the discovery of over 800 new introductions, supported by beautiful original photographs and line drawings.



### **Flowers of Greece (set of 2 with DVD)**

Volume 1 contains 2000 species, with 1700 colour photos  
Volume 2 contains 2200 species with 1800 colour photos  
The DVD rom includes more that 13000 photos.



### **The New Low-Maintenance Garden** by Valerie Easton

This book doesn't just tell you how to garden in a whole new way – it shows you, through profiles and beautiful photographs low maintenance techniques.



### **The Pruning of Trees, Shrubs and Conifers** by George E Brown

This paperback reprint of a classic work will continue to be trusted and respected as the essential pruning reference for years to come.



### **Best Hardy Shrubs (The Gossler Guide to the)** by Roger, Eric & Marjory Gossler

This guide to more than 400 of the most beautiful, versatile and grow able shrubs includes tried and tested favourites.

	<b>NEW BOOKS</b>	<b>Members Price</b>
729	The Rock Garden Plant Primer by Christopher Grey-Wilson	<b>£18.00</b>
730	Swiss Plant Life by Ewald Weber	<b>£20.00</b>
731	Mountain Flowers & Trees of Caucasia by Shamil Shetekauri & Martin Jacoby.	<b>£27.00</b>
732	New Trees (Recent Introductions to Cultivation) by John Grimshaw & Ross Bayton <b>postage for this book is £8 UK or £14 Overseas</b>	<b>£89.00</b>
733	Flowers of Greece (set of 2 with DVD) by T Lafranchis & G Sfikas	<b>£98.00</b>
734	The Low Maintenance Garden by Jacqueline M Koch	<b>£28.00</b>
735	The Pruning of Trees, Shrubs & Conifers (Second Edition) by George E Brown	<b>£13.50</b>
736	Best Hardy Shrubs (The Gossler Guide to the) by Roger, Eric & Marjory Gossler	<b>£22.50</b>
737	Picos de Europa (car tours & walks) by Teresa Farino	<b>£11.70</b>
738	10 Circular Walks around the Picos de Europa	<b>£8.99</b>
033	Portraits of Alpine Plants by Robert Rolfe	<b>£22.50</b>
	<b>SALE BOOKS &amp; SPECIAL OFFERS</b>	
018	Corydalis - A Gardener's Guide by M Liden & H Zetterlund	<b>SALE PRICE £4.95</b>
549	Hardy Perennials - The Cultivation of by Richard Bird	<b>SALE PRICE £11.25</b>
005	Handbook of Rock Gardening by John Good	<b>SALE PRICE £2.50</b>
013	Primulas of Europe & America by G.F.Smith, B.Burrow & D.B.Lowe	<b>SALE PRICE £4.95</b>
552a	Supplement of Seed Germination by Norman C. Deno	<b>SALE PRICE £7.20</b>
552	Seed Germination Theory & Practice Second Ed.	<b>POST FREE £25.00</b>
020	The Woodland Garden - A Guide to Shade loving Plants by Jack Elliott	<b>SALE PRICE £5.95</b>
266	Tulips (Species & Hybrids for the Gardeners) by Richard Wilford	<b>POST FREE £18.95</b>
	<b>TITLES PUBLISHED BY THE SOCIETY:</b>	
032	Alpine Gardening for Beginners by John Good	<b>£7.20</b>
024	Alpines in Pots (New Edition) by Kath Dryden	<b>POST FREE £3.95</b>
031	Mountain Flower Walks – The Greek Mainland by John Richards	<b>£18.50</b>
019	Androsace - The Genus by G.F.Smith & D.B. Lowe	<b>£17.95</b>
025	Consolidated Index 1930 – 2005 (included with this book is a free CD version)	<b>£10.95</b>
026	Crevice Gardening by Zdenek Zvolanek	<b>£5.95</b>
027	Bulbous Plants of Turkey and Iran by Peter Sheasby	<b>£29.65</b>
028	Alpine Plants Ecology for Gardeners by John E G Good & David Millward	<b>£22.50</b>
08	Dionysia – The Genus by Christopher Grey-Wilson	<b>£7.95</b>
011	Saxifrages by Winton Harding – New and re-written edition with colour	<b>£4.95</b>
021	Silver Saxifrages by Beryl Bland	<b>£11.95</b>
022	The Smaller Daphnes – Summary of Conference Proceedings 'Daphne 2000'	<b>£3.95</b>
268	Cyclamen by Christopher Grey-Wilson	<b>POST FREE £4.95</b>

**Members' prices shown reflect a minimum 10% discount on the Recommended Retail Price.**

	<b>BULBOUS PLANTS:</b>	
234	Arisaema - The Genus - by Guy & Liliane Gusman	<b>£45.00</b>
239	Agapanthus - A Revision of the Genus by Wim Snoeijer	<b>£26.99</b>
599	Autumn Bulbs by Rod Leeds	<b>£11.99</b>
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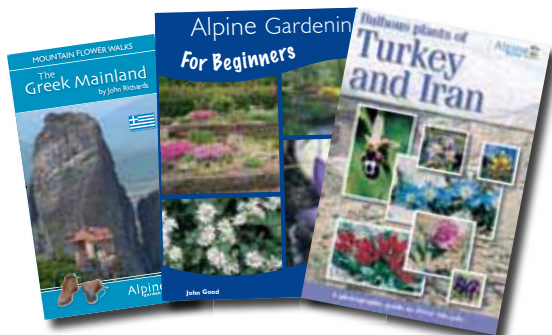
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## SPRING BULBS OF PARNASSOS AND THE PELOPONNESE

**31 March - 14 April 2010 (15 days)****Leaders: Margaret & David Thorne****Cost: circa £1,200**

Springtime in Greece brings a kaleidoscope of glorious flowers. Fields full of poppies, anemones, mayweeds, spurges, crown daisies, corn marigolds and many more species, create a colourful roadside spectacle.

Our botanical exploration will start in the south of the Peloponnese, on the Mani Peninsula, a scenically beautiful area where *Tulipa goulimyii*, *Fritillaria davisii* and *Teucrium brevifolium* are local endemics.

Here we will also find *Cyclamen peloponnesiacum* on woodland edges, both *Cerinth major* and *C. retorta* and a fascinating range of orchids. Among the most showy of these are *Orchis papilionacea*, *O. pauciflora* and *Ophrys speculum*, but good displays are likely of *O. tenthredinifera*, *O. spruneri*, *O. bombyliflora* and the local endemic, *O. argolica*. Some spikes of *Himantoglossum robertianum*, the Giant Orchid, will still be at their best and there will be plenty of opportunity to identify several species of *Serapias*.

On the Malea peninsula, we will visit the impressive rock of Monemvasia and its well documented floral treasures including *Campanula andrewsii*, *Onosma frutescens* and *Procopiana cretica*. A nearby area of acid soils is characterised by *Arbutus unedo*, *Erica arborea* and *Lavandula stoechas*, with *Dactylorhiza romana* and *Romulea bulbocodium*. A roadside terrace has vivid red *Papaver apulum* with black and white throat markings and clumps of *Ophrys lutea* and *O. iricolor*. Further north, we will find red *Tulipa undulatifolia*, orange *T. orphanidea*, good populations of *Fritillaria graeca* ssp *guicciardii* with distinctive bicoloured flowers, *Cyclamen peloponnesiacum* ssp *vividum* and *Anemone blanda* in blue and white forms.



During the latter part of the Tour, we visit Mounts Chelmos and Parnassos, and the surrounding areas for *Crocus sieberi* ssp *sublimis*, *C. olivieri*, *Iris attica*, *Daphne jasminea*, *Leontice leontopetalum*, *Ophrys cornuta* and other local specialities.

There will be visits to Ancient Sites including Mystras, Delphi and perhaps Epidavros, Mycenae and Sounion. Flights will be from London to Athens and accommodation in comfortable hotels. Transport is by small coach enabling us all to travel together and in comfort, while having access to narrow roads in areas of interest.



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**10 July - 6 August (28 DAYS)**

**Leaders: Margaret & David Thorne**

**Cost: circa £3,500**

**T**his Tour extends the scope of AGS's botanical investigations in Tibet, as our visit will be slightly later than in 2005 and includes some new areas of exploration. Its highlight will once again be the Everest Kangshung Face Trek, a circular route at the foot of Makalu and Everest. Our time spent camping will be fully supported by a trekking crew and yaks



carrying our luggage. We cross the Shao La into the Karma Valley, a richly forested area described by George Mallory as 'one of the most beautiful valleys in the world' and return to the Kharta Valley over the Tour's highest pass, the Langma La (5347 masl).



To acclimatise before the trek, we will botanise in the hills around Lhasa and eastwards to the Mi La (5050 masl) near Rutok - for *Corydalis milarepa* and many other exquisite plants. We will also visit the magnificent Potala Palace, the Dalai Lama's childhood home, and the Jokhang, Tibetan Buddhism's most sacred monastery. Our journey along the Friendship Highway between Lhasa and Kharta will include several stops to botanise at passes over 5000 masl and the return drive to Kathmandu will present opportunities to experience a wide range of other new landscapes and habitats.

We expect to see many of the 800 species found in 2005 including *Meconopsis tibetica* and 2 others new to science, and perhaps some later flowering additions.

There will be a good selection of scree plants: Saussurea, Soroseris, Cremanthodium, Eriophyton and Corydalis as well as cushion of Androsace, Arenaria, Chionocharis, Saxifraga and Waldheimia. Other well represented Genera are Gentiana, Leontopodium, Meconopsis, Rhodiola, Rhododendron, Pedicularis, Potentilla and Primula.

The Tour will be limited to 20 members including leaders and should only be contemplated by the adventurous and fit, as it involves some long walking days and camping at nearly 5000 masl.

The cost of the Tour includes all flights, land transportation by coach and 4 wheel drive vehicles, sightseeing fees, the trek, accommodation, and food apart from lunches and dinners in Kathmandu. Although we know of no reason why access to Tibet should be a problem in 2010, a substitute Everest Trek in Nepal will be offered should the unexpected occur.



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# Narcissi of Iberia & Morocco

## 25th February – 10th March 2010

Cost £2195 (Ground Only Cost £1995)

Leaders: Ian Bennallick, Paul Green and Stefano Doglio

A tour designed to see the majority of Iberian and Northern Moroccan Narcissi that bloom in early spring. We start in mid Portugal where drifts of *Narcissus asturiensis* and *Crocus carpetanus* colour the mountains. There's golden *Narcissus gaditanus* as well as *Narcissus calcicola*, *Narcissus obesus* and fine stands of elegant *Narcissus triandrus*. Moving south into Andalusia we'll encounter *Narcissus assoanus* and endemic *Narcissus cuatrecasii*. *Narcissus minor* is plentiful in Spanish Fir forests and in the Sierra de Alcaparain is ghostly *Narcissus cantabricus*. *Narcissus bulbocodium*, *Narcissus cordubensis* and *Narcissus jonquilla* adorn meadows dotted with cork oaks. We'll cross the Straits of Gibraltar to the Parc Nacional de Talassemthane in the Rif Mountains of Northern Morocco. Based in picturesque Chefchaouen we'll explore these verdant mountains, home to huge-flowered *Paeonia coriacea* and drifts of confusing *Romuleas*. The albidus subspecies of *Narcissus romeiuxii* is common and we'll look for golden *Narcissus rupicola* and rare *Narcissus albimarginatus*. Throughout the tour we'll see plenty of other fine flowers including *Dipcadis*, *Raffenaldias*, *Iris planifolia*, Two-leaved *Gennaria* and many other orchids, *Fritillaria lusitanica*, fabulous *Linarias* and the bizarre flowers of *Arisarum simmorhinum*.



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# Tulips of Tien Shan

10th – 23rd April 2010

Cost £2470 (Ground Only Cost £1970)

Korgalzhyn Steppe Extension

23rd – 27th April Cost £1095

Leaders: Kurt Vickery and Vladimir Kolbintsev

A truly remarkable display of colourful tulips carpet Southern Kazakhstan in Spring. Chief among them are the magnificent goblets of Greig's Tulip which come in an unforgettable pageant of reds, oranges and yellows. *Tulipa kaufmanniana* adorns the lower slopes of the Mountains of Heaven, while swathes of multi-coloured *Tulipas ostrowskiana* and *kolpakowskiana* shine in the crystal clear air of these Central Asian Mountains. Rarities such as *Tulipa borszczowii*, *Tulipa buhseana*, *Tulipa binutans* and lovely *Tulipa zenaidae* are among sixteen species of Tulip on this tour. Fritillary-like *Korolkovia severzovii* and *Rhinopetalum stenanthemum*, with their strangely-coloured bells, mix with bright yellow *Anemones* and a wide variety of colourful *Corydalis* species. By patches of snow are the white stars of *Crocus alatavicus* and along with half a dozen species of *Iris* is the many-hued *Iridodictyum kolpakovskianum*. Bird migration will be in full swing. Flocks of up to a thousand Demoiselle Cranes will be a fantastic sight. Sometimes we encounter Isabelline Brown Bears and more certainly we'll see Siberian Ibex and the globally endangered Arkhar. An extension takes us to the famed Korgalzhyn steppes where *Tulipa schrenkii*'s predominantly yellow blooms are mixed with rose-red, pink and white forms that stretch to the horizon in an unforgettable pastiche.



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# Autumn in Yunnan

## 16th – 30th September 2010

Cost £3195 (Ground Only Cost £2565)

Leaders: Chris Gardner and Başak Gardner

Yunnan has many stunning autumn flowers, in particular its unparalleled Gentians. Amid the fast-colouring autumnal hues of the Zhongdian Plateau are marvellous displays of *Gentiana sino-ornata* and stripe-tubed *veitchiorum* smothering acres of marshes and dry slopes respectively. By the alpine Tianchi Lake grows *Gentiana arethusae* and on the high turf of the Baima Shan are great spreads of pale blue *Gentiana hexaphylla* and perhaps the dazzling deep blue *Gentiana emergens*. However, not all is blue as we will seek out the remarkable climbing gentian-relative *Crawfurdia campanulacea* with pink and white striped bells in the seldom visited Zibenshan and further towards the Burmese border is another species *Crawfurdia angustata* which grows alongside elegant *Aconitum nagarum*. Indeed Monkshoods are a prominent genus at this season with species such as stout *Aconitum forrestii*, the dwarf alpine *pulchellum*, climbing *delavayi* and near black *brevicalcaratum*. The autumn picture is completed with *Cyananthus*, *Delphinium* and members of the bizarre genus *Saussurea* such as *leucoma*, *medusa* and *heiracioides* on the high wild screes of the Baima Shan.



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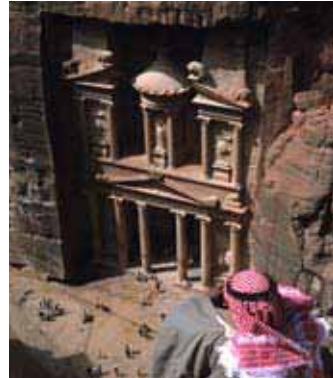
# Bulbs of Jordan

## 8th – 17th January 2011

Cost **£1980 (Ground Only Cost £1580)**

Leaders: Chris Gardner and Başak Gardner

Forming the eastern margin of the deep rift that descends to over a thousand feet below sea level on the shores of the Dead Sea are the mountains of Western Jordan, an area with a rich and distinctive flora set amid stunning landscapes. Surrounding the hilltop villages are terraces which in the cool of the desert winter host abundant bulbous species, most notably Crocuses. We'll see elegant *Crocus aleppicus*, lots of *Crocus hyemalis* and *Crocus cancellatus*, newly described *Crocus naqabensis* and the lovely *Crocus moabiticus*. Colchicums are varied too and include *Colchicum ritchii*, *Colchicum heirosolymitana* and *Colchicum brachyphyllum*. We'll visit a number of Jordan's archaeological sites, most of them excellent areas for flowers, and in particular magnificent Petra, one of the world's most superlative historical sites. The beautiful sandstone mountains surrounding Petra are peppered with Biarums and the simply stunning purple-etched white blooms of the rare juno *Iris edomensis*. Delicate *Bellevia desertorum* blooms with *Androcymbium palaestinum* and we'll look for *Iris postii* and near Salt, the rare and beautiful *Iris vartanii*.



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