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Once more I have the sad duty to report the death on October 2nd of one of our Founder Members: our first Editor, Mr.P.S.Patrick, affectionately known to many as "Pat". The 1975 Year Book will give the angle of Pat's influence on the heather world as seen by his successor Mr.Arnold Stow, while Pat's stepson, Mr.Tony Stratton is paying tribute to him by donating two colour pictures in it, from slides provided by Mr. "Jack" London. To both, we are most grateful.

Mr.Patrick's training began at Wisley and after working at Veitch's and for a time in Ditchling at Buffard's Nursery, he spent several happy years in Dorset with the old firm of Maxwell and Beale. The friendship between Douglas Maxwell and himself culminated in the writing of the book "The English Heather Garden". Mr. Patrick was left to finish the book himself after Maxwell's death, but with his usual self-effacement he gave in the foreword all the credit for it to Maxwell "whose knowledge of heathers was in comparably greater than mine".

After his years in Dorset, Mr. Patrick established his own nursery in Kent, but undoubtedly his great achievement was getting the contract as Landscape Architect for the layout of the New Town of Harlow, in Essex. I have seen a triumphant picture of him on the dais at the opening of the New Town, with the Queen standing by.

I am pleased to have been sent for my part of the 1975 Year Book many names of members who would welcome visitors, thus augmenting those "starred" in the past. Now only gardens open under the National Gardens Scheme will be starred, but a welcome will be extended to all who care to call after telephoning. Some have pointed out aspects which may make visits useful to others similarly placed: how one has coped on a Lincolnshire coast, and another with heavy Surrey clay.

Meanwhile, this Bulletin will take its place as the first publication issued after the change of the end of the financial year from March 31st to December 31st. by reaching you we hope in late January. Subscriptions, as those who will require to be sent reminder slips will see, should now be sent to me as Membership Secretary and <u>NOT</u> to the Treasurer to avoid the duplication of work that has recently occurred. But there is no change in payment by Bankers Orders which will still be his function. He urges that more members use the Bankers Orders to be found in the Year Book.

By getting the Bulletin to you early we shall be able to give you notice of the Winter Flowering Heath display and competition at the RHS hall, London, on February 18/19. Once more Mrs. Molly Boxall will delight us with her flower arrangements, using winter heaths as she did with cinereas last July.

At the final 1974 RHS show on November 19/20 it was pleasing to see once again an exhibit by Major General Turpin, with a vase of <u>Cal.v</u>. 'Hiemalis', a lone entry among the flowers of autumn shrubs. It was not the same as one I grow, which was first brought to my notice by Mr. A.W. Jones, then living in Taplow, under the name 'Johnson's Variety'. Soon afterwards I was sent a specimen, unnamed, by Col. Stitt at Drumcairn Nursery for my comment. To compare, I bought six plants from Tabramhill Gardens, in the old Pocket Guide unashamedly called 'Johnson's Variety'. I found them identical with Col. Stitt's. With all this background I wrote to Gen. Turpin who most kindly sent me pressed specimens of both. Not only are they complete by different, but he took the trouble to check with the RHS Colour Chart, and found 'Hiemalis' in Red Purple Group 72B and the other one in the same group, but 68C. So may we not be allowed to use the alternative name? 'Arthur Johnson' is well enough known as a fine x <u>darleyensis</u>: why should credit not be given to the name in the beautiful late-flowering <u>Calluna</u>? Speaking of the Pocket Guide, the Treasurer has bought a new supply but can send them out only in bulk (minimum 25 copies), Cash With Order. We cannot advertise the terms, but any Group Organiser, Convenor (the preferred name in Scotland I understand), lecturer etc. should send a stamped addressed envelope to Mr. Turner (address on the front page of your 1974 Year Book) for information. Single copies can be bought direct from the publishers, Tabramhill Gardens, now 20p. each.

CONFERENCE 1975

From the Events Committee:

A Conference is being planned at Moor Park College, Farnham, Surrey from September 12th to 14th 1975. The cost from Friday evening to Sunday tea-time will be £10 plus a booking fee of 20p.

Moor Park has considerable character and has its own grounds of some 60 acres in the upper reaches of the River Wey. There is accommodation for 40 residents in single and double bedrooms fitted with wash basins and central heating and a certain number of places for day members will also be available.

It must be pointed out that it will not be possible to stay over until Monday morning as another booking follows.

Applications should please be made to Mrs. Pamela Lee of Birches, Kingswood Firs, Grayshott, Hindhead, Surrey, GU26 6EX, specifying the type of accommodation required and enclosing 20p. booking fee. Early application will be appreciated to assist the Events Committee.

GROUP NEWS

(in order of receipt of them)

REPORT FROM THE WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH

Our Discussion Evening on Nov. 11th 1974 was such a success that it has been decided to give one whole evening each session to this kind of meeting when there is no set programme but members just get together to talk about gardens, plants and the Group its present and future. What a pity that only nine of the forty local members of the Heather Society turned up. A large number of excellent plants was produced for the Bring and Buy Sale. There were heathers, conifers and other dwarf shrubs.

Please make a note now of future dates as detailed in this Bulletin. We cannot afford to contact every member by post every time out of the local subscriptions of nine people. This Group prefers to pay its own way and not ask the main Society for funds.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Monday, January 20th 1975. 7.30 p.m.

Pictures and descriptions of some members' gardens 10-15 mins. each. Demonstration - Planting a Trough with dwarf heathers and conifers.

Monday, March 24th 1975. 7.30 p.m.

Illustrated talk - 'Wild Flowers of Renfrewshire' by Mr.Hector Galbraith. Propagation demonstration.

Election of new Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Evening meetings held in Room 705, Floor 7, Glasgow College of Technology, North Hanover Place, Glasgow C.4.

Summer outings to be arranged later.

All members of the Society are welcome at all events. Bring your friends.

NORFOLK BRANCH

Members of the Society as well as of the Branch itself will be thankful to hear that Mrs. B.G. London who was critically ill just at the time when a Display of Heathers had been planned for the Diss Horticultural Show on September 28th. is now very much better. Mr. London writes

"My wife is walking about quite well now: it seems almost a miracle how quickly she has recovered."

Without Mr. London's drive and personal persuasion no plans have been possible, beyond reminding all Branch members that their next meeting will be on <u>Thursday 20th</u> <u>March</u> at <u>Taverham Village Hall</u>, Sandy Lane, at the usual time of 7.30 p.m.

REPORT FROM THE MIDLANDS.

On Sunday 15th September 26 members and friends visited two splendid heather gardens; Little Froome, Fenny Drayton, the home of Mr and Mrs.G.J.Cookes and Butts Croft House, Corley, the home of Mr. and Mrs.H.G.Hutcherson. Both are large, well planned and fairly new gardens of outstanding interest. All the well known heathers and many more are to be found there and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

On Friday 29th November the Midland Group held another meeting in Friends Meeting House, Birmingham. 28 Members heard Mr.David Small, Secretary of the Society's Technical Committee, give a most interesting report on the Committee's progress, particularly on the rooting of cuttings which he illustrated with graphs and highly magnified photographic slides. There was a lively discussion and it was agreed to hold another meeting in February (see Diary of Events).

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Birmingham Friday,	In Friends Meeting House, (opp. Debenhams) Bull Street, Birmingham at 7.15 for 7.45.
February 21st	A Questions and Answers session on Heather Garden Design, small scale propagation and other topics will be followed by the projection of another of the Society's slide collections: if you can bring some of your own slides we should like to show them also. NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN SO PLEASE GET OUT YOUR DIARY NOW.
Sutton Coldfield and Little Hay. Saturday, April 12th.	An informal meeting from 2.30 p.m. onwards in the home and garden of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Street, 14 Barker Road, Sutton Coldfield B74 2NY (021-354 2138). In mid-afternoon we shall move on to visit Mr. and Mrs. Alan Dudley at The Spinney, Little Hay, nr. Lichfield.

AGAIN THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE; PLEASE MAKE A NOTE NOW.

WEALD AND THANET GROUP

It has been decided to extend the territory of the Group to cover the parts of Kent not previously included. To indicate this we shall in future call ourselves the Weald and Thanet Group. The next newsletter will be circulated to all Society members in the Thanet area to obtain an indication of support from that quarter.

The Weald Group met three times during the summer of 1974. The second occasion was made something of an experiment. An alfresco lunch was sandwiched between visits to two gardens in the morning and a third in the afternoon. The aim was to see some of the smaller gardens which the owners might consider do not qualify for an extended stay. It seemed that the idea was successful and it is offered for consideration by the convenors of other groups.

At this time we cannot give any details of events in 1975. However we can and do extend greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all members of the Society from East Sussex and Kent.

NORTHERN

Our Recording Team Heather Group is holding the Spring meeting on Saturday 22nd March in the Members' Room, Harlow Car, Harrogate, at 2.30 p.m. An illustrated talk will be given by Mr. Geoffrey Yates.

The Sheffield Heather Group Meeting: Thursday 6th March 1975 is booked at Friends' Meeting House, Hartshead at 7.30 p.m.

Zones 3, 4 and 5.

On Sunday 8th June (when daylight will be more convenient for long distance travellers) the 20th meeting of the Northern Area Members will be held at Harlow Car Gardens, Harrogate.

For the guidance of the many new members who have now joined us, the programme followed is, to view the extensive gardens in the morning and, after picnic lunch, gather at 2.30 p.m. in the Members' Room. Support for the Heather Trials project will be discussed and progress reported.

I.P. Ardron.

A SOLUTION TO A PROBLEM

It was a problem bed, roughly circular around an apple tree. Nothing seemed to thrive there. I tried narcissus bulbs but the dying foliage was a depressing sight in summer. Next I planted a mixture of species Crocus, Anemone blanda, and Fritillary meleagris, and as I th ought the ground would be bare in summer, levelled the bed and sowed gass seed. This looked marvellous in the spring with the flowers blooming above the fresh green grass, but again, waiting for the bulb foliage to die down, the grass grew on and when eventually cut, showed a brown scar.

Last year I had a surplus of young heather plants and, seeking a planting site, decided to try them out in my problem bed.

I removed the grass and re-cut the edges leaving the bulbs in situ; gave the bed a good mulch of peat and planted the heathers.

The first year's results have been encouraging. The bulbs grew up and provided a spring display against the background of the heathers and the dying foliage did not seem half so apparent as in previous years, those heathers which bloomed giving a later display of colour.

To fill some of the gaps I used a "blue" grass grown from seed called Koeleria glauca which is suitable for ground cover and under trees. This can easily be removed when the heathers spread.

The heathers planted were a mixed bag, mainly to see which would survive. Despite the vagaries of the 1974 weather. I have lost none but those which have not liked the situation and are due for removal are E. tetralix 'Darleyensis', E. Mackaiana Plena and E. x Watsonii 'Rachel'. The rest, although not all of them have yet bloomed are looking quite healthy and growing well.

They are Calluna v. 'Tib'; 'H.E.Beale', 'Alba Plena' and 'John F. Letts'. Erica carnea 'Foxhollow Fairy', and 'March Seedling'. Erica cinerea 'Old Rose' and 'Velvet Night' and finally E.x. darleyensis 'Arthur Johnson'.

Those which have proved unsuitable will be replaced by different cultivars as far as my stock will allow, and the experiment can then be carried on for another year.

J.G.Bridgland, Fareham, Hants.

MR. GEOFFREY SMITH

We were sorry to learn that Geoffrey Smith had resigned from his post as Superintendent of the Northern Horticultural Society's garden at Harlow Car. After 20 years of service with great distinction, he now moves to pastures new and we join a host of gardeners who wish him well in his new venture.

His activities have encompassed the whole field of his craft and he excelled in the art of creating landscape out of an undistinguished area of land, introducing rocks and water with great skill. Then he embellished the scene by using his wide knowledge of plants, trees and shrubs; particularly, he favoured Rhododendrons and Heathers. Amidst all this activity he always found time to answer the enquiries posed by garden lovers and he has gained the high regard of so many friends who have the privilege of knowing him.

His worth has been recognized by many awards, culminating last year in the Royal Horticultural Society's bestowing upon him its highest honour to a professional gardener -The Associate of Honour.

In 1966. the collection of Heathers at Harlow Car was already displaying about 80 varieties when Mr. Smith be c a me a member of our Society and, in cooperation with Mr Sigston Thompson and his Committee a partnership was established with the Heather Society to create an outstanding Heather Garden at Harlow Car. It has been a happy partnership and we are grateful to the N.H.S. for its share in the undertaking which is now becoming a feature and about to be enriched from the addition of outstanding plants which are proving their quality in the Trials Area.

J.P.A.

MR. H,C. PREW: A TRIBUTE

I never met Mr. Prew, but from conversation with various people who knew him well, I am convinced he was an extremely capable and charming personality.

Assuming the task of Slide Librarian after one so competent is not an easy task. I have been greatly impressed by the meticulous care he exercised in cataloguing and arranging this unique set of Heather Slides.

His neat small handwriting giving all relevant data is an example to all would-be chroniclers. He was also a photographer of no mean ability; his close-ups of various tiny heather bells are remarkably clear and informative.

We have six splendid boxes in the Library at present and awaiting cataloguing and framing are many slides of various types, most of them from this same excellent source.

He was a truly dedicated man. The Heather Society has been lucky to have had his willing and capable co-operation in the formation of our Library. His like does not often appear but when it does, gives enormous encouragement to those who follow.

Phyllis Lee, Slide Librarian. Sheffield.

'Winter Beauty' and 'King George'

May I put in a plea to the powers that be who are responsible for naming - or renaming heathers, to keep these two lovely E. carneas separate?

I know there is great confusion between them, so much so that a large nursery at Hereford offers the two as the same plant and even the late Mr. Fred Chapple admits in his book that they are so much alike that they need only one name.

I have a kind friend who is a talented botanist, and she, working mainly from picked sprays finds it difficult if not impossible to tell the difference between 'Winter Beauty', 'King George' and 'Praecox Rubra'.

I, as a mere amateur gardener, distinguish them by their habit of growth. 'King George', with me anyhow, makes a beautiful symmetrical mound like an old-fashioned straw bee-skep, absolutely covered in mauve flowers from early December for two months, then going brown. 'Winter Beauty' is sprawly and open, being a more untidy grower.

This difference is emphasised by a light fall of snow. 'King George' looks quite wonderful with his solid mound of mauve crowned with white. Poor 'Winter Beauty' is so open in growth that she collapses and lies prostrate under the lightest fall, to recover quite quickly when the weight is removed. She also with me comes out in early December most years as does 'Praecox Rubra' but whereas 'Winter Beauty' lasts on almost into March before turning brown, 'Praecox Rubra' is over very quickly, usually looking horrid by the New Year.

I have a bank outside my kitchen window and side by side a plant of each, 'Winter Beauty' and 'King George', backed by 'Arthur Johnson' and others, with a yellow jasmine falling down over the bank. So, when washing up I can observe closely the different habits of growth and these plants never cease to delight me all winter long when I am occupied with this dreary chore. At present I have snowdrops and crocus species among the carneas with daffodils behind to follow on, but I dread the day when the bul bs will give up the unequal struggle'.

(Mrs) K. M. Lovegrove, Llanishen, Gwent.

HEATHER AND CHRISTMAS

Four shopping days to Christmas, so they were saying. Blissfully immune from those last minute struggles, thanks to kind friends and relatives, I dwell upon the delights that have come to me over the years because of heather, and what our members make of it at this time of remembrance.

I refer of course to the cards and calendars that our clever-fingered members have sent me

The first I ever had came from Mrs. Elizabeth Newton of the USA, now alas no longer a member. But her memory lingers.

Is there something in the slower tempo of life in the South West that brings the next three to mind? Have they more time to give to the delicate art of preserving what with such care they have grown or gathered, dried and mounted with so much artistry?

Second in my "photographic album" is Miss Joyce Burfitt's calendar and gift-tab of several years ago; still on my dining-room wall (Keep out of direct sun, it says) is my last year's gift from Mrs. Anne Parris, and just two days ago came an exquisite card, modestly inscribed "From a South West member", though I was delighted to find that it was from Mrs. Delma Prance. Nor has the great treasure of Southern African ericas, more commonly known as "Cape Heaths" failed to find its place in my Hall of Fame, for some years ago Ted Oliver of the Botanical Research Department, Stellenbosch, sent me his beautifully mounted dried flowers in a most original setting on canvas. Next, comes one from Jack London, this morning, and I declare it could be <u>E.cinerea</u> 'P.S.Patrick'.

I carefully mentioned above my "photographic album", because I have left almost till last what I must quote in full:

"Not only Heathers but other things "Bright and Beautiful" grow in a corner of the garden that I leave Nature to adorn. I hope you will like this picture because it was rather a test of 'physical fitness' to photograph. To get this snap, I placed the camera on the ground and then had to lie flat among the fallen leaves to get it focussed, but I think you will agree that the result has charm."

What was the subject? A group of <u>Amanita muscaria</u>, that brilliant scarlet toadstool spotted with white, set among grasses, heather and fallen leaves, with a three-pronged lichen-covered portion of some shrub.

And who took it? None other than our ninety-year-old Mr. Horace Hale of Haslemere. A most beautiful example of his skill, as is Don Richards' picture of his Eskdale garden.

Even now, I haven't finished. There has just arrived from Tavistock and Surg.Capt. Anthony a card, which with his charming sense of fun I'm sure he means me to share with you and our Chairman and his brother:-

"Bowerman's Nose. Dartmoor in Autumn". A glorious pile of weathered rock, and do I see heather all around it? I think I do.

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NEW MEMBERS, August 31 - December 10

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Kirkcudbrightshire

" Mr.T. Seggie, Lauriston, Lochearnhead, Perthshire.

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And now at the very end, comes a South African letter with the most gorgeous stamp on it: <u>Erica blenna</u>, that fine orange and green species. Just meant as a Christmas bell!

T hank you, all of you who remembered me, whether you used your skill as I have described above, or just wanted to "Put me on your list."

C I MacLeod,

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