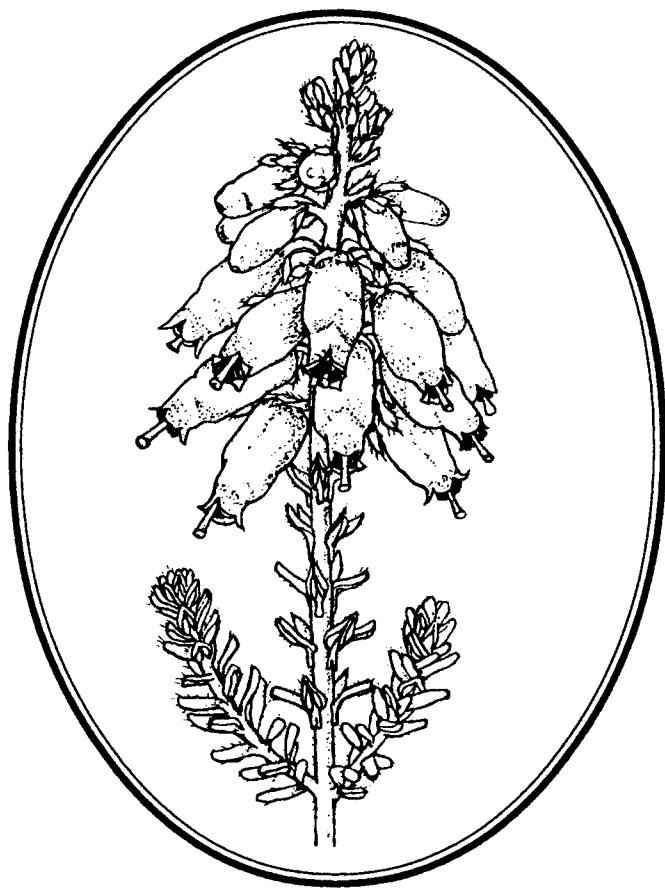


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DIARY OF EVENTS

2002

- July 7 North East Group Car Outing to Chipchase Castle Gardens
- July 13 Yorkshire Group Visit to Helmsley Walled Garden.
- July 27 East Midlands Group Talk 'Heathers in Focus' by Allen Hall
- August 30 -Sept. 2 ANNUAL GATHERING - AT NEWCASTLE
- Sept. 14 North East Group Annual Show
- Sept. 15 DEADLINE FOR THE AUTUMN BULLETIN
- Sept. 21 South East Group Visit to Knoll Gardens, near Wimborne.
- October 5 Home Counties Group Get-together at RHS Wisley.
- North East Group A.G.M.

2003

- March 22 South West Group Indoor meeting at Lytchett Matravers Village Hall.



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From the Illustrated London News – 30th January 1847: “The origin of the word ‘editor’ was long lost in the mists of obscurity. It has however, recently been ascertained that, owing to the continued series of perplexities and mental struggles endured by the unfortunate race in question, they have been, from the earliest times, in the habit of slapping their forehead with their hands. Hence the term ‘headhitter’, corrupted by degrees into editor”. And it wasn’t even April 1st

Annual Gathering of the Heather Society & 31st Annual Conference 30 August – 2 September, 2002

The George Washington Golf and Country Club, Tyne & Wear

Programme

Friday, 30 August

- 4.00pm Registration and tea.
- 6.15pm Bar open.
- 7.00pm Dinner.
- 8.30pm Conference opened by our Chairman, followed by a talk from *Heather Society* member, David Plumridge entitled “The Heathers of the North Pennines”. This talk will include heathers on wild, managed moorland and in gardens.
- 9.30pm Bar open.

Saturday, 31 August

- 8.00am Breakfast.
- 9.15am Leave by coach for Alnwick Castle, the home of the Duke of Northumberland and the location for many cinema and TV films, notably the recent “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone”.
- 10.00am Arrive Alnwick Castle and have coffee followed by a presentation from Ian August, the Project Director for the

Garden Project. The Alnwick Garden is described as a garden for the 21st century with an ever changing composition of sounds, sight, texture and smell. A guided tour of the garden will then follow the presentation.

12.30pm A picnic lunch will be provided by the hotel.

1.30pm Visit the castle described by the Victorians as the "Windsor of the North". The option of strolling around Alnwick town is also being considered.

4.30pm Leave Alnwick and return to the George Washington.

6.15pm Bar open.

7.00pm Dinner.

8.30pm AGM

9.00pm Open Forum: your chance to ask any questions on Heathers, and the Heather Society.

9.30pm Bar open.

Sunday, 1 September

8.00am Breakfast.

9.30am Leave by coach for the English Heritage managed Belsay Hall in Northumberland.

10.30am Arrive Belsay Hall and have coffee followed by a presentation from the Head Gardener, Mr. P Harrigan, on the 30 acres of landscaped garden surrounding the Hall. A guided tour of part of the garden will then follow. Some members may remember a visit to this garden when attending the Durham Conference.

12.30pm A picnic lunch will be provided by the hotel.

1.30pm Depart Belsay Hall for Rose Cottage, David and Rita Plumridge's garden at Castleside in County Durham travelling through beautiful moorland where the heather should be at its best.

3.00pm Arrive at Rose Cottage and walk around the garden enjoying a heather garden in a beautiful setting. Some members may remember a visit to this attractive garden when attending the Durham Conference.

5.00pm Leave Rose Cottage and return to the George Washington.

6.15pm Bar open.

7.00pm Dinner.

8.30pm Open Forum: another chance for everyone to join in and solve other members' problems.

9.30pm Conference closed by our Chairman.

9.35pm Bar open.

Monday, 2nd September

8.00am Breakfast.

9.30am Depart the George Washington Golf and Country Club.

The above programme may be subject to some minor amendment and the timing of the group photograph will be announced at the Conference.

Advance Information for 2003 & 2004

The 2003 Annual Gathering of *The Heather Society* will take place at the Ramada Jarvis in Chester, 29 August – 1 September 2003, details at the 2002 AGM and in the Autumn *Bulletin*.

In 2000 the 1st International Heather Conference was held in Germany. It was proposed that *The Heather Society* hosted the 2nd International Conference in Scotland in 2004, possibly in the Perth area. It is hoped that many members and heather lovers from Europe, the USA and other countries will join UK members at this gathering. The intention is to hold the International Conference instead of the Annual Gathering in middle to late August or early September. So that plans can be made well ahead for this International Conference Phil Joyner would welcome correspondence from those members in the UK and abroad who think that they might attend. The correspondence should describe what would attract the member to the Conference, the preferred dates and any other comments.

The accommodation for this Conference is now fully booked but day visitors are welcome and the cost is as follows:

Friday evening	£24
Saturday	£47
Sunday	£47

The Friday evening cost includes afternoon tea and an evening dinner. The Saturday and Sunday costs include the visits, packed lunch and evening dinner. For day visitors attending all three days there will be a reduced combined cost of £115.

Accommodation, dining and lecture facilities have been arranged at the George Washington Golf and Country Club set in extensive grounds with two golf courses. The hotel has an indoor pool, a Jacuzzi, a garden and a putting course as well as the golf courses. The hotel is in the town of Washington in Tyne and Wear within easy reach of junction 65 of the A1(M) and the nearest station is Newcastle Central. The counties of Northumberland and Durham are near by and the area is full of attractions so why not have a holiday in the area around that weekend. Phone numbers can be provided for arranging bed and breakfast accommodation. Please note in the programme below that there are two Open Forum sessions one on each of the Saturday and Sunday evenings. Delegates may wish to prepare questions before the Open Forums and if so then Phil Joyner will be pleased to collect those questions during, or prior to, the gathering. This is the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones and there will be plenty of time to relax and discuss our favourite subject.

Full payment should now be made, and cheques should be made payable to *The Heather Society* and members are reminded that payment by VISA or MASTERCARD credit cards is acceptable. Payment should be sent ASAP to:

Phil Joyner, 84 Kinross Road, Rushington Manor, Totton, Southampton SO40 9BN.

Phil Joyner will be pleased to answer any queries relating to the 2002 Conference by telephone or e-mail (Tel: 023 8086 4336 evenings and weekends, E-mail: pjoyner@supanet.com).

From the Yearbook Editor Dr. E. Charles Nelson

Yearbooks 2002 and 2003

Yearbook 2002. The editor's sincere apologies are due to the authors of two articles published in this year's *Yearbook* for errors that were not noticed at proof stage and thus were not corrected before the issue was printed.

In Ted and Inge Oliver's paper, a line of text was omitted on p. 36, and the map showing the distribution of *Erica jugicola* has a large stray dot near the upper margin (left side) which should not be there. We have reprinted this page and the corrected version is enclosed with this *Bulletin*. You can carefully cut out the erroneous page and insert the new one.

In P. Medagli and Livio Ruggiero's account of the wild heathers of Apulia, the photographs on p. 45 are incorrectly named. Figure 3 is *Erica manipuliflora*, while Figure 4 is *Erica multiflora*.

Yearbook 2003

Next year, 2003, is the 40th anniversary of the founding of *The Heather Society*, and given that a yearbook has been issued each year (except 1968) since then, the next one is also the 40th yearbook. This is a remarkable achievement for a Society composed largely of true amateurs. As always, I am seeking interesting articles for *Yearbook 2003*, especially account of members' experiences with heather and gardens in which heathers are grown. Please contact me if you have any suggestions – and especially if you have an article ready to be published!

Recent Publications

One of the huge gaps left by the death of David McClintock will be in the section of each *Yearbook* devoted to recent publications. This is an aspect of the *Yearbook* that every member can assist with. Please, if you see an article in a newspaper or a magazine or a book in which heathers are mentioned and discussed, send the information to us. Remember that everyone does not read the same magazine or books, so do not assume we will already know.

Here is an excellent example of the kind of assistance members can give. I am very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. David Glue for sending me a copy of an account of the restoration of the heather-covered landscape of Linwood Warren in Lincolnshire published in *Lapwings*, the magazine of The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust – just the kind of item I would never see myself.

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Talks

'Heaths and Heathers' A.J. Stow 01494 449497

2002

14 August Aynho Gardening Club, Banbury
 15 October Cuddington Gardening Club, Nr. Aylesbury

2003

4 February Hurley Garden Club Nr. Maidenhead
 19 March Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks
 24 March Eastbury Horticultural Society, Middx.
 2 July Kidlington Gardening Society, Oxford

'From Crofter's Bed to Queen of Spain - the Story of Heather'. Daphne Everett 01885 482206

2002

9 November Hardy Plant Society, Worcester

20 YEARS ON David Plumridge

After working away from our home area of County Durham for several years, we managed, in 1982, to get back in to our native heath (almost literally!). We found a property on the outskirts our home village of Castleside just inside "An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty". Rita wasn't too keen - the house and gardens needed lots of attention - but the rest of the family twisted her arm as they as they could see the potential offered by the large garden and useful outhouses, not to mention the pleasant surroundings.

The living quarters of Rose Cottage looked out onto a large bare lawn, about 36 by 22 yards. This HAD to be made attractive. Bedding plants in the quantity required would be hard work and expensive if bought in. Perennials would have to be chosen carefully in such a cold, windy site. (At our altitude of around 800 ft. it is equivalent to living at sea level in the far north of Scotland!). Uncle Syd Courtney, a *Heather Society* member and keen heather grower pointed us in the right direction. We have never looked back! The aim was to have colourful, year-round interest, with tough low maintenance 'permanent' plants. This has clearly been achieved. Although display potential was paramount in the choice of heathers, we did achieve some botanical interest, ending up with over 100 cultivars, helped by the naturally acid soil. (*Calluna vulgaris* pops up wherever it can in this area and the grouse moors are just up the hill.)

Rita's "bible" was Geoffrey Yate's booklet, "Heather Gardening". I say Rita's, because she was 100% responsible for the design and choice of plants. Engineers don't seem to have the necessary artistic nous! Her original plan worked well with only enlargements to some of the beds being necessary, plus a juggling of a few heathers whose heights became out of kilter. Conifers were included in the traditional style; little realising that heather and conifer

gardens were already considered old hat by the cognoscente! 20 years on we're very glad we followed Uncle Syd's advice as the garden has met our expectations of year round delight, whatever the pundits think!

20 years ago we were lucky to have keen semi-professional heather growers, Mr. and Mrs. Shipp not too far away in Hexham. They had an excellent choice of varieties and at very reasonable prices. Without them we would not have been able to stock our beds so quickly. (We were so keen that we could be seen preparing the beds by floodlight!)

Hexham is sheltered in the Tyne valley and we found that we did not share the Shipp's success with some of the *Calluna* foliage beauties. We were especially sad not to have 'Mrs Pat' survive. A large planting of 'Beoley Gold' was the most successful and striking, lasting many years until needing replacement. Fortunately, 'Valerie Griffiths' came along and is proving to be a great substitute. Her free and easy rooting ability means her progeny have found their way to other vacant spaces and friends' gardens in the hope it might encourage them down the heather route.

Callunas tend to flower late and with small spikes in our location. This is puzzling when *Calluna vulgaris* on the nearby moors obviously thrives! 'Bud bloomers' don't do well, but our best *Calluna* is possibly the shortish 'Radnor', which always gives a good show. If the *Callunas* aren't fantastic, the late cool spring means the *Erica carnea* varieties have a long flowering period, and, along with the *Erica x darleyensis* are as hardy as old boots. It was amusing to hear Roy Lancaster say on 'Gardeners' Question Time' recently that Golden Laurels are 'as hardy as old boots'. Not here! The leaves crinkle and turn black unless planted in a sheltered spot.

Our harsh climate helps us appreciate the problems encountered by our North American friends. *Erica cinerea* give us wonderful summer colour, but we have had damage due to freezing winds on two occasions. Fortunately the damage has been selective, being worse where the wind has tunneled through gaps. Sadly, the local forecasts cater for the relatively balmy Newcastle area so we tend not to get a warning about such winds in the hills. A covering of 'fleece' at the appropriate time would no doubt do the trick.

The vacant spaces mentioned previously have been created by the recent removal of many of our beloved conifers from the beds. After nearly 20 years even the allegedly 'dwarf' ones cease to be so and the 'slow growing' overcome the passage of time. We were reluctant to prune and lose their attractive texture. Some we did, and they looked just too formal. For example, *Thuja* 'Rheingold' loses all its character. We found it hard to root out those old friends who had served us so well, but it was becoming more of a conifer garden with heathers. It is now much more open with the heathers in the more distant beds being visible again from the living room window. Incidentally, we liked our new heather garden so much we soon had this window enlarged to a picture window so we could see the garden without having to get up from the settee!

The spaces left from the conifer removal have given us the opportunity to try some varieties new to us. *Daboecia* 'White Blum', *Erica cinerea* 'Celebration' and *Callunas* 'Strawberry Delight' and 'Velvet Fascination' have been

particularly welcome. Fingers crossed, the dreaded 'Heather Replant Disease' has not yet surfaced where like has been replaced with like. Last summer's warm yet damp weather has helped the gaps to fill in quickly.

Over the years the lawn has probably needed ten times the attention of the heather beds, but we do prefer grass over bark chip paths and the like, especially as in our climate it does tend to stay nice and green all the year round. In the occasional drought year Kielder Reservoir has so much capacity that we are advised not to all water the gardens at the same time as it reduces the pressure! Aren't we lucky - and no water meter? The ravages of moles over the years, and more recently badgers has meant the lawn is no bowling green, but it doesn't look too bad from that picture window!

Rita mainly prunes the heathers in early spring, so as to maintain the pretty bronze *cinerea* bells for as long as possible. Some intermingling of varieties is permitted - it can look rather pretty and informal. We also like to see *carneas* and *Daboecias* scrambling through the conifers on the garden perimeter. Also in springtime we usually give a very light sprinkling of Growmore. We have intended to do this selectively to see if it does make any difference, but so far not got round to it!

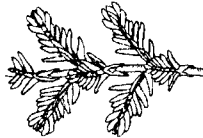
Of the original plantings, about two thirds remain, so economical gardening it has been! It has been pleasing to note that Rita's design has been appreciated not only in the heather world, but by Channel 4's 'Garden Club' deciding to include her garden in the programme in 1992. It is featured on *The Heather Society* web site, in the Diane Jones book *Conifers and Heathers* and even in the American Rock Spray Heather Nursery Catalogue. It has been a particular delight to share our garden with heather lovers from all over the world. One highlight was David McClintock finding an unusual *Daboecia* and observing him grab handfuls of cuttings! Membership of *The Heather Society* has been the agent for making many new friends in this country and in particular the USA. It has really enhanced our visits in this country and abroad, enabling visits to gardens and nurseries otherwise out of bounds.

Yes, we are totally hooked on heathers. Can't understand why they are not universally popular - if only we could persuade Alan Titchmarsh to make a heather garden! We hope to report back in another 20 years to let you know how they are doing 40 years on!

David McClintock's Book Collection

David McClintock's collection of heather books, which was bequeathed to the RHS, is available to be viewed by members of the Society by appointment. This Collection contains almost every book written on heathers.

Anyone wishing to make an appointment to view the Collection should contact Diana Miller at the RHS Herbarium, Wisley. (dianam@rhs.org.uk).



Northwest Flower & Garden Show – Seattle USA - February 6-10 2002.

Karla Lortz

This diary, emailed almost daily from American heather grower Karla Lortz, graphically illustrates the amount of work which is put into setting up a stand at a prestigious show.

19 January 2002: Oh, we are going to Seattle in a few weeks to a big garden show and are installing a 500 sq. ft. heather display garden. I will be gone 10 days building it and displaying it. We also have a booth to sell plants. It is a very wild time. It has been a year in the planning and making. I have created special cement art that I have been pouring and painting the past 6 months. The designs are all Native American and quite striking. I have plants all over friends and neighbour's yards, fields and greenhouses. David Wilson in Canada is supplying many as well. I have forced open *Cassiope* and *E. oatesii* 'Winter Fire' for the show. Looks like all the *E. australis* and *E. x veitchii* 'Pink Joy' are opening now as well. They have been sitting in my solar dining room. Now I am slowing them down in the unheated packing house and trying not to let them freeze. I have sped up the bloom on several *carneas* as well. There are so many details to cover in a show this size. I am trying not to go insane with stress! Well, it is what makes life exciting though. We are getting lots of help from friends and family. Wish me luck - I need it!!!

21 January: Well, they are judging it like the Chelsea Flower Show now. The Seattle show is the third largest flower show in the country behind Philadelphia and Boston. So, failure is NOT an option!

The deer have grazed the flowers off of about 200 show gallons of *Erica carnea* now. I found about 250 red foliage *Callunas* eaten yesterday. We have discovered that they eat any plant in a pot in January that is fertilized. They go for flowers first. They do not eat the older plants that are not fertilized in the ground. I have chicken wire over the plants that have to stay out to colour up. The *carneas* and *E. x darleyensis* are now in the covered houses. This is a pattern that has been repeated the past three years now with them. This is the worst damage we have had though by far. They have gone into one of the covered houses which we left the ends open, and have eaten back about 150 gallons of tree heaths. I am going to have to invest in a fence. It was not much of a problem for several years. This is frightening!

22 January: I spent the day driving practically to the mountains to a rock quarry to pick out rocks for the display garden. This company delivers them right to the garden and then takes them back at the end of the show. They loan them to the garden creators. So, we stood in the quarry full of thousands of rocks and had to pick out just three. It was trying to snow and very cold so we made fast decisions. I managed to finish the eight- page flyer and delivered it to the printer - 20,000 of them to be handed out at the show! Thankfully, the 75 mile trip to the printer was on the way to the rock quarry.

Next, a newspaper reporter is supposed to follow me around for part of a day to interview me for the show this week. If only I had time to clean my house! I have 20 pieces of concrete art 3' x 18" to paint yet. They take 4 coats of different paint. My main worker who is supposed to do this is out taking care of her elderly mother who

fell over at the weekend. My two nursery workers moved to Nebraska and forgot to tell me they were quitting. So, I am running the nursery, packing and shipping and trying to get ready for this show alone. Ken Hutchins is supposed to come to work all next week and the 10 days setting up and working the show. He will save the day.

I am trying not to panic!

25 January: The reporter came and stayed for almost 2 hours. I managed to have a house that was presentable! The photographer has to come out by Sunday. They were all busy taking pictures of the Olympic Torch, which came through the Seattle area yesterday.

I am making progress on the otter block painting. I will be ready for the last of them to paint tomorrow. We are being hit by a Pineapple Express today (warm but VERY wet). It will rain 2-4" here today. That is life near the rain forest. No solar gain to colour up the *Callunas* but no cold weather to worry about either.

The mail gal delivered my garden show badges, worker passes and expensive Preview Party tickets to someone I know 5 miles away here on the Island. Fortunately, she is a friend and saw it was from the Garden Show and ran it over to me today. Over half of this Island has part time residents. It could have been a real disaster in the wrong mailbox. Off to painting.

27 January: I went to Canada and back yesterday a day early to get the plants for the show, as they were predicting snow and a nasty cold front up there for today. I had to call a neighbour to hook up the trailer as my husband was at work, and I have never done it by myself. The show set up begins a week from today, so I could not afford to have an extended cold spell keep me from going up to Canada. The Wilson's can get a lot more severe weather than we do. Such beautiful plants they gave me!

I managed to have a flat tire on the horse trailer on the way back with a full load. Nothing enough money can't cure! I went through lots of snow showers. Fortunately, I didn't end up like a car I saw which had flipped over on the slippery roads. Considering I don't know how to drive in the snow at all, much less with a rig that is over 30 ft. long all together, I did okay. It ended up being a 14 hour trip. Normally, it is about 11. I have not driven with the horse trailer for over 9 months, so it was a tense trip! Oh well, it was an adventure!

Now, we are hoping the predictions of 20 degrees F are off the mark. I will have to heat the houses for the show if it gets that cold. I don't want to risk freezing any flowers. They are predicting snow the next two days as well. We are supposed to pull and label plants here next week. Will be hard to do if buried in snow! Fortunately, I live on an Island and the weather is always milder than the mainland.

28 January: It snowed 2 inches here yesterday and today. Good thing I went to Canada a day early! Now I can't find the plants to tag them.

We unloaded the 4,000 or so plants in a neighbour's greenhouse. It doesn't have the end buttoned up, so I am praying it doesn't get as cold as they are predicting over the next few days. Hopefully, the water will keep it warmer. They are saying it might get to 20 degrees F tomorrow night. That might be enough to damage the flowers in the greenhouses. They might be alright though. I am going to heat my packing house where the Cape Heaths are. I have forced them this far, so I refuse to lose them in one cold night.

I finished painting the cement pieces tonight. I put on two coats of paint and

the Plastidip final coat tonight. Now I am painting the white labels black. I am painting semi gloss black and then spray-painting the last coat to give an even surface. THEN I have to wrap the darned things individually in plastic wrap as the black scratches off very easily. That was a step I was not counting on.

The photographer from the newspaper (*Tacoma News Tribune*) came out today and took pictures. I had not combed my hair nor even brushed my teeth when he showed up. I was also dressed in a red coat with white splattered all over it. He wanted me in the pictures. WHAT??? I had to rush in the house and try to look presentable for a picture. I hate being in pictures! Fortunately, the hundreds of blooming plants made for some good shots. Thank goodness they were inside and not covered in snow. The article comes out next Saturday, Feb. 1st.

Hard to believe in one week I will be on my second day of building the garden.

Well, off to painting tags. I was a bit sad to finish the otter blocks. They were a pleasure to paint. The artwork is so striking on those. The tags are so very boring to paint. 50 down, 150 more to go.

I am wondering if Ken will make it here tomorrow with the snow and ice on the roads. If he doesn't, it will be a struggle to get the plants all tagged. I can do it if I have to myself - right???

2 February: It is after midnight and I am almost done for the day. What a long one it has seemed. Ken Hutchins and I pulled, tagged and moved lots of plants today. Thought things were going well, but at 3 in the afternoon, we discovered that 10 totem poles out of the 16 had a problem. I had painted Plastidip on them to protect them and to give them a nice shine. I figured two coats would protect them better. WELL, not so. Over the past month, the coating shrunk and pulled as it cured. So, the totem poles had no detail as they look shrink wrapped! We pulled the plastic coat off and then repainted teal, black and finally Plastidip again - ONE coat this time. A few I had only done in one coat and they were fine. An expensive lesson learned. More is NOT better! The sale plants are pulled; tomorrow we load the big display plants. Mike and a crew go to Seattle in the morning and set the perimeter and receive 50 yards of sawdust. The show will also bring in the rocks we picked out at the quarry. Also, the gate will be delivered and the concrete snag with the ravens.

Two newspaper articles about me come out tomorrow. One in the *Olympian* and the other the *Tacoma News Tribune*. The *Oly* newspaper reporter called several times this morning to check the facts. The phone was hard to get away from. Janice Leinwebber from Highland Heather drove up from Oregon this morning to bring us some plants.

We ran out of plastic for the light pieces with three left to pour a few days ago. The last plastic came from New York, and we didn't have the time to get more. So, we found some in Walla Walla, Washington. It came in today - thank goodness as the light pieces get installed tomorrow. So, we finished those just this evening about 7 PM. That was too close!!

Pouring plastic is fascinating. You mix two liquids together and then pour it into the mould. You can take it out of the mould in 45 min. but it isn't hard for another 45 min. We put an arbor leg together in the living room with the totem poles, light pieces and actual lights in it. It was pretty cool if I do say so myself!

I can guarantee we have an original idea. Here is hoping the Plastidip hardens well overnight so the totem poles are finished. Okay, no more problems!!!

3 February: We loaded a few thousand plants today to go in the garden. I do so regret potting the ones with 1/2 sand for the show. They are VERY heavy! I am just bushed.

We brought in the ornamental grasses we are borrowing from Sundquist Nursery. Beautiful plants. One plant is a mahonia that is over 8' tall. We also had some very tall grasses at 6'. It will add lots of height we didn't have. I am grateful to have them.

I hear the first round of setting up is going well. They got the perimeter in and sawdust in. I go in tomorrow with the plants.

Last email most likely, unless I sneak one in late at night upon returning from the show. The commute is 2 hours each way, but we do it to reload the plants for the booth. We must have 7 or 8,000 plants ready to sell at least. Ken and I were working on tagging the last ones which were some *Cassiope* as we realized we had forced some in the last show a few year's back and had none to sell then. Everyone wanted to buy them. So, we have it covered this time. I have forced some large pots of it. No one can get any, so might as well sell them. We have over 2,000 'Firefly' ready to go as it is in the display and always very popular.

7 February: Hello! I am just now feeling human again! We got home Tuesday morning at 2 AM. We sold somewhere around 7,000 plants. So, it was very successful. I am also getting a lot of mail order from the show now as well. The garden came together very well. I went home every other night to fetch plants by flashlight. We averaged 1-3 hours of sleep those nights. The other nights we stayed in Seattle to recuperate. Mike brought in a load on those days. So, we had about 50-75 flats [trays] coming in everyday to sell. It was pretty wild. I went to the sale with 2 cash registers and came home with 4! One malfunctioned, bought a new one, left the ribbon at home, couldn't get a ribbon in Seattle, had to buy ANOTHER one for just the ribbon. So, I can return one at least! Seems like a ridiculous way to buy a ribbon, doesn't it? The taxi ride alone to fetch the cash register was \$34!

One night, I went down a one way street in downtown Seattle the wrong way. Fortunately, the light was red for the oncoming traffic, and I made a turn off the road before it turned red. That city is a maze of one way streets. These are the things I do when I am a bit too tired.

The take down of the garden took 8 hours. It was a very gruelling show all in all. I had moments of fun, but it was just plainly exhausting. The 12^{1/2} hours the show is open combined with a 4 hour commute was not much fun. The last night of the show, I was driving home at about midnight and couldn't make it. My husband's cousin was with me and had to finish the trip. She barely made it too. Once past a certain point, there are no hotels for about 45 miles. A deer almost hit us and woke us up for awhile with fear.

Some days, I didn't get lunch until 4 in the afternoon. One night at the end of the day at 9:30 PM, I was so tired from my one hour of sleep that I could only put my head on the counter and groan. I got dizzy if I moved too fast and my eye started twitching! Ken Hutchins and I were laughing about how dizzy we got if we moved too fast. Poor Ken, I tortured him terribly. He did say he lost some weight he had wanted to get rid of! I did see some classmates I grew up with and hadn't seen in years. I also got to see some relatives I hadn't seen in quite awhile. That was very nice.

Now I am trying to catch up. I am buried in orders and will spend tomorrow pulling plants to ship. I still have about 500 gallons to get put away in the nursery

where they belong. Wonder when I will have the time to do that. Wish me luck!

Naturally, we have a week of hard frosts coming out of the show. So, all the blooming heaths had to be buttoned up in houses as they were tender from being inside for so long. I didn't want the flowers to brown up. We live in the rainiest climate imaginable, and we had to water as Mother Nature decided to be dry for several days. Just figures!

We didn't lose many plants to getting too dry as we watered the display garden carefully during the show. We had many people tell us that ours was in their top favourite garden as it was so colourful and had such a variety of plants that they learned something. I really appreciated those comments. Our garden was for horticulture and many others were for landscapers. There is room for both.

My first trip to my own hometown after the show was interesting. Shelton is a small town of 7,000. I had four people stop me and tell me they saw me in the paper(s). Several others stared at me strangely, and it was creepy actually! I think they recognized me, but didn't say anything.

I am very happy to be out of the noisy, congested streets and bad air of Seattle and back to the quiet, beautiful Island I came from! I sold about 800 *Calluna vulgaris* 'Sesam' at the show and about 1,000 'Firefly'. They were in the display garden, and we changed them out on Saturday as they faded terribly. Sales had started to lag, and when we put in new pots, sale zoomed up again. There is a lesson learned. I also sold all the *Cassiope* I brought as I had some forced ones in the garden. They zoomed in on 'Firefly', 'Sesam', *Cassiope* lycopodioides, 'Golden Starlet', 'December Red', 'Red Carpet', Erica x oatseii 'Winter Fire' (sold several even though we warned they weren't hardy), 'George Hunt' and 'Spring Cream'. Those were the ones they noticed the most. Placing them at the front of the garden made a difference as well. I had some heated debates with the gifted artists placing plants in the garden to place some of those at the front of the garden. I had a different objective than just making the colour perfect. The rationale was that if I had lots of stock, I wanted it at the front of the garden if at all possible. I propagated lots of 'Sesam', *Cassiope*, 'Red Haze' and 'Firefly' in large numbers for just that purpose. I knew they would zero in on those. I am learning what they are attracted to. They ran right over to the booth and bought them. So, as hard as building a garden is, it is well worth it in immediate sales.

I learned some things from the artists as well, and they had to put up with me. It was a blend of colour placement that sells. The pathway of frosted tumbled white glass looked like ice. It was very cool. The teal tiles on the glass was perfect. The bronze otter coffee piece did sell for \$8,500. That was exciting for the artist. The table was much admired by all.

[Some of the features of the stand that I had found slightly puzzling were made plainer in an article by Ella May Wulff in Heather News, the Newsletter of the North American Heather Society. She explained that Karla's stand "paid homage to the rich artistic tradition of Northwest coastal native people" (ah yes – the totem poles and otters!) and that it was a collaboration between the nursery and three Puget Sound artists. The stand caused a tremendous amount of interest among visitors to the show and has since brought Karla some good orders. The stand can be viewed at www.northamericanheathersociety.org Ed.]

New Heathland at Lavington Common
From the Regional Newsletter of *The National Trust*
Sent in by Pamela Lee

The National Trust has accepted a gift of 35 hectares of pine plantation adjacent to the land it owns at Lavington Common, near Graffham in West Sussex, with the understanding that it is once again restored to heathland.

The plantation was bought in the summer of 2000 by a small private trust fund of the late Mr. E G Robus, a scientist with a love of the natural world. The fond trustees felt it would be a fitting memorial to Mr. Robus and handed it to the Trust last summer with the expectation that it will be restored by a phased programme of harvesting, fencing, scrub control and grazing.

Trust staff have been liaising with their new neighbours and East Lavington Parish Council regarding the restoration proposals. Matt Harley, the Trust's Property Manager for the West Sussex Downs, said: 'Local people who remember the site as heathland prior to it being planted with pine in 1958 are pleased that the area is to be cared for by the Trust and are happy with our plans for restoration. It will double the size of the heathland we currently own at Lavington Common and in terms of nature conservation, this is a case of the sum of the whole being greater than its parts.' He added: 'Heathland is sometimes described as the lost landscape of West Sussex because so much has disappeared during the last hundred years. Any opportunity to rejoin the remaining fragments should be seized upon.'

Detailed plans for the restoration will be produced once the Trust has completed full biological and archaeological surveys of the area.

"It Ain't Necessarily So " - Wrong again it seems !
Ron Clevely

In last year's *Yearbook* (2001:44), I provided a note on the lyrics of the folk song 'Widecombe Fair' to accompany the article by Tim Argles that mentioned the *Daboecia* cultivars he had named after its characters. My background research was not sufficiently thorough for an article in the *Devon Associations' Journal* (Richards, 2000) had commented on the authenticity of that song. Apparently, Baring-Gould's assiduous collecting of traditional Devon folk songs is now thought to be based on false assumptions and merely part of a late nineteenth century fashion to collect these. The author argued (p. 187) that 'there are versions of the song all over Britain', that the lists of characters named vary in different parts of the country and that the name of the particular Fair is grafted to suit. The fact that the first horse fair at Widecombe was not held until 1850 is given as further proof. In conclusion after many years investigating traditional folk songs, he concluded that the idea of a rural regional origin is simply not true, but that any distinctive aspect in the song, or such music reflects a past enthusiasm, talent, or interest of some local individual or family.

Richards, Sam (2000) 'Devon Music in Time and Place'. *Rep. Trans. Devon Assoc. Advmt. Sci.*, **132**:181-192.

John Bond LVO VMH

Dr. Charles Nelson has brought to my notice that no tribute has been paid in either the *Bulletin* or the *Yearbook* to one of Society's Honorary Members, John Bond, who died on 11 February last year.

As a young man John Bond worked for several well-known nurseries and gardens, including Leonardslee & Bodnant Gardens, Hilliers Nursery and The Savill and Valley Gardens. He was eventually appointed 'Keeper of the Gardens at Windsor Great Park', a post he held for twenty seven years; he also served on many RHS Committees. Many members will remember an extremely wet afternoon some years ago, when John cheerfully led a dripping Conference group around the heather garden in Valley Gardens.

John Bond was a great gardener and plantsman, with an encyclopaedic knowledge of plants. For his service to heathers he was made an honorary member of *The Heather Society* in January 1971.

Group News

North East

Our first gathering of the year was on May 11th when we had our Annual Outing to Drumlanrig Castle. 51 of us headed off to Dumfries on the coach and we enjoyed a wonderful day out with wall-to-wall sunshine all day!

Drumlanrig Castle is the ancestral home of the Duke of Buccleugh and has some magnificent paintings, including Holbein and Leonardo da Vinci, and some beautiful furniture. The gardens are extensive, and as well as two Parterre gardens, there is an Arboretum with a tulip tree and many walks through woodland areas.

Our next meeting is a Car Outing to Belsay Hall Gardens on **Sunday, June 9th**, meeting in the Car Park at 2.30pm.

The second Car Outing will be to Chipchase Castle Gardens on **Sunday, July 7th** and we will meet in Bellingham at noon for lunch in the Fountain Cottage Tea Room, next to the Council Offices. Please let me know by Wednesday July 3rd at the latest if you are coming for lunch, so that I can make the necessary booking. After lunch we will go down to Chipchase Castle gardens.

September 14th is our Annual Show which, as usual, will be held in the Memorial Hall, Ponteland. Staging will be from 9.00 - 11.00 am when judging commences. The Show will be open to the public from 1.00 - 4.30 p.m. after which all exhibits must be removed. There will be changes to the Schedule this year but these will be made clear when they are sent out nearer the time.

The date for the **A.G.M. is Friday, November 1st** in St. Matthew's Church Hall, Ponteland, and after the business we will have our usual Faith Supper and slide show.

Have a lovely summer.

Dorothy M. Warner.

Yorkshire

The Yorkshire Heather Group held a very interesting spring meeting at Harlow Carr on Saturday, 9th March. Our speaker was Geoffrey Yates, former heather nurseryman from Windermere who had driven over the common land to Harrogate in a mixture of rain and snow. He spoke about the fact that there is very little wild heather in the Lake District. He told us the derivation of several cultivars which were

developed by Hayes Nursery and others e.g. *Calluna vulgaris* 'Hayesensis'. We pondered on the gardens of the English Lakeland Horticultural Society at Holehird, discussed Don Richards magnificent garden and learned of other heather gardens both past and present in Cumbria.

Our next meeting will be a talk at Harlow Carr by President, David Small on "Heaths and Hybrids" to include some of the work done by Ian Small in France and Kathy Kron at the University of Carolina on DNA in heathers. This will take place on **Saturday, 8th June at 2.30 pm**. Then on **Saturday, 13th July** we are visiting Helmsley Walled Garden. The visit starts with a guided tour by the head gardener and will be completed with afternoon tea in the cafe.

The Yorkshire Group are at present encouraging *The Heather Society's* Technical Committee to organise a trial of Alternatives to Peat and intend to have a talk from a local speaker on Saturday, 14th September at Harlow Carr, on what compost is available etc.

Jean Julian

East Midlands

A meeting of the East Midlands Group is planned for **Saturday July 27th 2002** in the new Chapter House, Church of St. Mary in Charnwood, Nanpantan, Nanpantan Road, Loughborough. The event will take the form of an illustrated talk by myself called "Heather in Focus" in which I propose to describe close-up photography of heathers. Close-ups aid the identification of heather species and illustration of the characteristics of some species using close-up slides will be a sub-plot of the talk. We plan a 2 p.m. start.

St. Mary's Church was once the estate church of Nanpantan Hall and is set in woodland. It is about 150 yards west of the Priory Inn, which, besides being a local landmark, serves an adequate lunch - though service is rather slow.

To get to St. Mary's from the M1 motorway, leave at junction 23 and take the A512 towards Loughborough. Turn right at the first traffic lights into Snells Nook Lane. Go to the cross road (The Priory Inn is on the corner). Turn right into Nanpantan Road. St. Mary's is 150 yards on the left. There is adequate parking.

From Loughborough town, take the Loughborough ring road, Epinal Way, and turn from it into Forest Road. The signs point to Nanpantan. After a mile, Forest Road becomes Nanpantan Road and a further mile leads to the traffic lights at the Snells Nook Lane cross roads with the Priory Inn on the right. Go straight over the cross roads and St. Mary's is 150 yards farther along on the left.

Joan and I cordially invite participants to have tea with us afterwards at our home which is a mile away from the main venue. A sketch map of the route is available - please send a s.a.e. for a copy, my address is on the last page of the *Bulletin*. However I intend writing to members of the Group with a further invitation and sketch so there is no need for them to write. In the details I will indicate some alternative local venues for lunch.

All members of the Society are welcome. If at all possible, please let me know beforehand if you are coming so that adequate arrangements can be made for tea.

Allen Hall

Home Counties

Our first meeting of this year took place on Saturday 2nd March with a visit to Society member Mary Bowerman's heathland garden at Champs Hill, Coldwaltham, Nr. Pulborough, West Sussex. Her wonderful gardens cover many acres of wooded undulating countryside with excellent views of the South Downs and the River Arun in the distance. The weather was very kind to us with blue sky and warm sunshine. It was a good turnout of members - our party numbered 23 and some had come a long way. It was good to see Allen and Joan Hall (the Society's East Midlands organiser and wife) from Loughborough - Allen had been the Southern Group's most able organiser for many years prior to his move north. Also in the party were Phil and Lin Joyner (South West organiser and wife), David and Anne Small (President and Administrator) and Arnold and Josie Stow (Chairman and wife). It was good to meet up with them again and, judging by the chatter over lunch in The Swan at Fittleworth, everyone seemed to be in fine mood and looking forward to the afternoon.

Mary Bowerman was waiting for us in the visitors' car park as we arrived at 2.00 p.m. and had maps of her gardens for those who wanted to explore on their own. Mary stayed with us for what was a delightful tour of the gardens, before we had a marvellous tea on the terrace of her bungalow with its magnificent views. Mary's gardener, Sid, who has lovingly tended the gardens for many years, then showed us his heather propagation and sales area - needless to say heathers were purchased! Sid's parting words were "you have seen the splendid winter heathers (which included *Erica carnea*, *E x darleyensis* and some excellent large tree heathers in bloom) now please come again and see the summer show".

Once again thank you Mary and husband David, Sid and the helpers who made such a lovely tea. We would certainly like to see you again in the summer another year.

For our second meeting of 2002 we once again had a lovely warm sunny day for our visit to the Savill and Valley Gardens, Windsor, on Sunday 19th May.

I was extremely disappointed that few members attended this meeting (perhaps three meetings a year is too many and I shall bear this in mind next year) as only eight of us assembled for the morning guided tour of the Savill Garden which was led by the very knowledgeable Jack Berryman of the "Friends of the Savill Garden". Jack's tour of this magnificent garden lasted for almost 2 hours during which he pointed out many interesting features and rarities which would have gone unnoticed if we had been on our own. After lunch we strolled to the Valley Gardens to view the heather garden and the National Collection of dwarf conifers. I must say that the heather garden was looking very good with many new plantings. Unfortunately the new Head Gardener for this area was away at a conference in Scotland but prior to our visit I contacted him re The Society and how we could liaise with him as required - he was very receptive to establishing a link with us, especially for obtaining new heather varieties in quantity. He sent me an excerpt from a new book on the Valley Gardens, which gives an insight into the past and future of the heather garden.

This had been a most interesting day, the gardens looked splendid, but the most memorable thing was the breathtaking colour from the large planting of rhododendrons and azaleas in both gardens. It had certainly been the right time to visit.

Our final meeting this year will be on **Saturday 5th October** - our usual end of season get-together at RHS Wisley, meeting at 11.00 a.m. outside the shop for a walk in the gardens before lunch, followed by a talk in the Garden Hall at the new Hillside Events Centre (details in the next newsletter).

Derek Millis

South West

On Saturday 23rd March, South West Group members met at the Lytchett Matravers Village Hall in Dorset, for a presentation with Table Show. I was pleased to have many of our regular members present giving a total of 20 persons including the speaker and myself. The speaker for the afternoon was John Plowman a member from the Yeovil area of Somerset. John gave a twin projector presentation in two parts and the presentations were accompanied by soothing music and the second part was narrated. The first part was essentially flower photography and the second part was on heather cultivation with reference to the particular conditions John has to garden in. John has to be congratulated on an excellent presentation with the slides seamlessly fading into each other and the slide changes being timed to perfection. After John's presentation the members enjoyed the social part of the afternoon taking refreshment and chatting on our favourite topic. The Table Show was then judged and the results were as follows:

Class 1 - A vase or bowl of Heathers in bloom

1st Jennifer Turrell Joint 2nd Joan Breeze & Maureen Clark

Class 2 - A vase or bowl of Heathers shown for foliage effect

1st Anne Pringle 2nd Jennifer Turrell 3rd Maureen Clark

Jennifer Turrell was the winner of the Burfitt Bowl for the most points overall but prizes were presented to the members placed in the competition. My thanks goes to my wife Lin and the several of the members for their work in the kitchen. Thanks are also due to Val Davis and Diane Jones for judging the Table Show and once again to John for his superb presentation.

The second meeting of the year was held on Saturday, 11th May and was a return to the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and Arboretum near Romsey in Hampshire. This is the first time that we have visited the Gardens in the spring so Rhododendrons and Azaleas were the great floral attraction and they didn't disappoint us. On a warm sunny afternoon a small (14) party of members gathered for 2.00 pm and were shown around the garden by Fran, the assistant Head Gardener and she very enthusiastically showed us those plants, shrubs and trees which were of particular interest on the day and at that time of year there was no shortage of interest. As on previous occasions we ended the tour in the Heather Garden and although flower was in short supply we were able to see that the plants had been neatly pruned and were now putting on the new seasons growth. The afternoon was rounded off with a welcome cup of tea in Jermyns House, the administrative centre of the Gardens. My thanks to the Hillier Gardens and to Fran for her helpful guidance.

For the future

Saturday 21st September - A visit has been arranged to Knoll Gardens, Hampreston near Wimborne in Dorset and it will take the form of a guided tour starting at 2.00 pm. The garden has a wide collection of trees, shrubs, perennials and grasses as well as some heathers. There is also a Mediterranean Gravel Garden and various water features comprising of streams, waterfalls and pools. For the plant buyers amongst you there is a specialist nursery adjacent to the garden. Entry is £3.00 with an additional cost for afternoon tea. To find the garden take the B3073 Hampreston road from the Canford Bottom Roundabout on the A31 about 1½ miles to the east of Wimborne. About a mile after the roundabout turn left and the garden is about ½ mile along that road. The garden is adequately signposted.

Saturday 22nd March 2003 - Annual indoor meeting at 2.00 p.m. at the Lytchett Matravers Village Hall. A talk will be arranged, more details in the Autumn Bulletin.

If you intend to come to a meeting I would be grateful if you could let me know about 10 days beforehand (Tel: 023 80864336 or E-mail: pjoyner@supanet.com). If you require further information, either send me a S.a.e. or contact me as described above. I would like to emphasise that the meetings are open not only to local group members but to all *Heather Society* members and their friends. Once again I am grateful to those people who make the visits possible and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Phil Joyner

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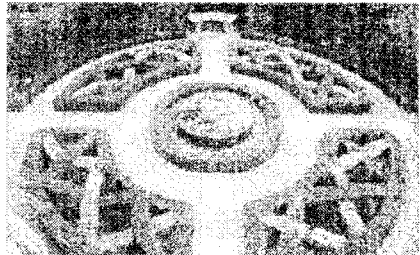
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