

THE HEATHER SOCIETY BULLETIN



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As I was saying when I was so rudely interrupted.....

chivvied along with the help of one of the more notable achievements of my formative years, a four-fingered whistle!

What will 1991 bring I wonder? We have already had a taste of winter with heavy snow and gales. As I sit in my snug office, with the (they would say 'very feeble') excuse that I have a deadline to meet on the Bulletin, I can see our two stalwarts Jane & Diana out in the nursery in their waterproofs -

battling against the elements; they are busy filling-in gaps in the beds, where plants have been sold, to help them withstand any bad weather we have to come.

On April 27th 1991, our Chairman celebrates his 80th birthday. I am sure you will all wish to join me in sending him our Very Best Wishes and our Sincere Thanks for all that he has done - and continues to do - for the Society. Congratulations also to our President, David McClintock, who was recently appointed Vice President for Great Britain by the International Dendrology Society.

21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BELSTEAD HOUSE, IPSWICH, SUFFOLK 6TH -9TH SEPTEMBER 1991

PROGRAMME

Friday 4pm - 6pm

Reception and Registration Evening
Welcome by the Chairman, followed by a 'get-together'; a time for new and old members to get acquainted and to look at a display of some of the very new cultivars, unusual species etc., with experts on hand to answer questions.

Saturday Morning

A talk on the 'Suffolk Sandlings Project' by Caroline FitzGerald. This is a talk about the protection of lowland

heath, its flora and fauna. Result of members' poll for the Top 20 favourite heathers. After coffee, a visit by coach to Denbeigh Heathers, a chance to see the behind the scenes administrative side of the Society and work on the International Register, as well as a chance to see some of the more unusual cultivars around the nursery. A picnic lunch will be provided.

Saturday Afternoon

A visit to Bressingham Gardens with a tour around Adrian Bloom's private

garden.

Saturday Evening

A talk on 'Flower Photography' by Michael Warren, a local member with an international reputation for superb botanical photography. There will be an emphasis on ericaceous plants. Result of the Photographic Competition.

Sunday Morning

A.G.M. Followed by a talk on 'Alkaline Soil - adapting it for ericaceous plants', by John Lewis, a consultant in horticulture.

Sunday Afternoon

Visit to the Suffolk Sandlings project, a chance to see the work of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust on the fast disappearing lowland heaths of Eastern England.

Sunday Evening

A fun competition with an ericaceous flavour. Monday Depart.

COSTS

Residents Friday pm to Monday am inclusive of two coach trips En suite £160.00 Shared facilities £150.00 Friday to Sunday lunch inclusive of

Saturday coach trip: En suite £151.00 Shared facilities £141.00 Non-residents Friday pm to Monday am inclusive of two coach trips £104.00 Friday evening including dinner £7.00 All Saturday including coach and dinner £50.00 All Sunday including coach and dinner £48.00

ADVANCE BOOKINGS

Advance bookings can now be sent with a £2.00 booking charge to: Hilary Seager, Rose Cottage, Upper Street, Baylham, Ipswich IP6 8JR, indicating the period and type of accommodation preferred and any special dietary requirements. The booking charge is to cover administrative costs incurred by the Organiser and is not a deposit on the Conference.

The final payment should be made by 31st July 1991. All cheques should be made payable to the 'Heather Society Conference'.

Details of local places of interest will be included in one of the mailings, for those who may be interested in staying in the area for a few days.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

In conjunction with the 1991 Conference, we shall be holding a photographic competition. To enter, you do not need to attend Conference, although we hope you will come to hear how experts photograph our favourite plants. There will be six classes as follows:

Best photographic print of a heather garden. Best photographic print of a heather plant. Best close-up photographic print of a heather (floret or part of, raceme or part of).

Best colour slide of a heather garden. Best colour slide of a heather plant. Best close-up colour slide of a heather (floret or part of, raceme or part of).

All photographs/slides will be returned if an s.a.e. is enclosed with your entry but in the case of slides, I would like to remind you that any donations to the Society's Slide Library would be greatly appreciated.

The results will be announced at the end of the talk by Michael Warren at the Conference. Prizes will take the

form of gift vouchers from 'Denbeigh Heathers'. £10.00 for first, £7.00 for second and £5.00 for third in each class. Send your entries to: David Small, Slide Librarian, Denbeigh, All Saints Road, Creeting St. Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP6 8PJ. FINAL DATE FOR RECEIVING YOUR ENTRIES - AUGUST 23rd 1991

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW

27th & 28th November 1990 -

Ornamental Plants from the Open.

Sadly, there were no entries from members of the Heather Society in this competition, in which there was a special Class for Heathers.

Results: Class 12. A Heath or Heather judged for foliage effect, one vase/bowl. One entry. 1st. Winkworth Arboretum. *Erica arborea* 'Alpina'

TOP 20

It is a few years now since members were asked for their Top 20 heathers of all time and I thought it might be interesting to see if some of the newer cultivars had made the top 20 or whether the old favourites were as popular as ever.

Please write in with your favourite top 20 heathers, judging them overall for foliage, flower, ease of growing etc. The more members that write in, the more representative the result will be. Send your list to: Hilary Seager, Rose Cottage, Upper Street, Baylham, Ipswich, IP6 8JR. The results will be announced at the 1991 Conference and published in the Autumn 1991 Bulletin with any comments from our 'experts'.

A HEATHER TALE FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE U.S.A.

"My Aunt Harriet planted the heather when she first occupied this property" said my friend Peg, in response to my query as to who, when and where the heather came from.

Now let us backtrack a bit in order to get the chronology and the ancestral tree properly in place. To begin with, Aunt Harriet was Harriet K. Osgood married to Munger and living in New Haven, Connecticut in the year 1913, at which time the house on Burpee Hill, New Hampshire was built. The Register of Deeds of Merrimack County, located in Concord, New Hampshire, shows September 1st 1914 as the date on which the grantors (the legal lingo on the deed) Nelson Sargent and his wife Hattie, signed the papers giving

the parcel of land to the grantee, Harriet K Munger. The description states that the land runs from one iron post to another iron post so many feet away on the highway on Burpee Hill, that being one of the prestigious addresses in town. It is not necessarily one with the most palatial of buildings, but a cluster of elite people who have enjoyed the beauty of the surroundings as well as the company of their neighbors. The Munger property stretches back from the road facing a breathtaking view of the mountains in the distance. The current tax records show that the size of the holding is 4.9 acres.

The driveway is a simple dirt one through tall grass giving the whole yard a natural shaggy appearance. The house

was occupied in the summer of 1914. The structure is a deep chocolate brown clapboard, similar to many of the old houses on Nantucket or Cape Cod in the early 1900's. A broad porch surrounds the house on two sides - everything tends to give a feeling of simplicity and relaxation. To the left of the steps going up to the porch is located the smaller of the two beds of heather, in size approximately four feet by six feet. The larger of the beds might be in the neighbourhood of nine by ten feet. In this writer's memory, both beds in the 1960's would have been roughly eight and twenty feet respectively. One distant relative saw the heather in 1920 and indicated to me how small it was at that time, and how much it had grown over the years, until the last five or six, when the size of the plot had diminished appreciably. People whose property abuts this land told me that the shrinkage from the terrible winter of 1988-89 had been considerable.

The fact that the trees had not been allowed to grow in the meadow made the heather stand out prominently. The close cropped grass afforded a spectacular setting for the hardy old *Calluna vulgaris* on a well-drained, gentle slope getting the full sun every day. No fertilizer, no winter covering, no special treatment were given to the heather. Some of the outer fringes of the *Calluna* have been mown down, but not drastically; the heather has come back and it has reseeded itself.

The natural look has always been observed and cherished by succeeding generations of Aunt Harriet's property. Aunt Harriet established 'Hymn Sings' on Burpee Hill at her home; relatives, friends and especially the young people

who were the summer help in the area could attend before they went to Crockett's Corner for ice cream. The foregoing statement has been interjected, as it is through my eldest daughter that the writer became aware of the three chatelaines of Aunt Harriet's domain; nature, education and music were important tenets of this interesting lady. Her great, great, grand-niece spent a year on the Inner Hebridean Island of Cana as the guest of Sir John Campbell and his wife, the owners of the Island, studying Gaelic and learning from Sir John numerous Scottish Ballads.

So where did Aunt Harriet get the heather she planted in the meadow? Her great-nephew called me from Virginia to tell me that he had discovered the answer to our question as to whether Aunt Harriet had brought the heather from the United Kingdom or if she had bought it in New Haven. "In going over the account that my great Aunt Harriet wrote about the house and land that she owned", he said, "I came across this notation that I believe will answer your question, as follows: I found three tiny plants on the upper pasture near the blueberry patch close to the Carlisle borders." We know that Aunt Harriet dug up the tiny plants and put them on the edge of her meadow, where they flourished and grew into a fabulous display and being of an inquisitive nature I had to find out what was meant by 'the Carlisle borders'. After several telephone calls I discovered that an acquaintance of mine, but a dear friend of my relatives, was born in Carlisle. Needless to say, this sleuth unravelled the mystery a step farther back in time and found the

heather where it had been growing on the Carlisle borders from at least as far back as 1908, when that house was built by a renowned architect from Washington. The area where my acquaintance remembered the heather growing as a child was meadow that had been pastureland for many years; it is now overgrown with trees and undergrowth - but - we found the heather.

If the writer is able in the future to find any earlier occurrence of our beloved shrub, I shall report it to THE HEATHER SOCIETY.

Many people are due my thanks for their kind consideration of my innumerable questions, in regard to the early origins of this dear shrub. I treasure their trust in me that I shall not disclose their names or the precise whereabouts, as their privacy is too precious to disturb.

Jane Thomas Tilson

CAPE HEATHS

In the Autumn 1990 Bulletin, I mentioned the visit to this country of a distinguished visitor from South Africa - Mr Dolf Schumann. Mr Schumann has compiled a book of 450 of his own photographs of Cape Heaths, which should be on sale in October for around £40.00. There is a prospectus available which he will be pleased to send to interested members if they write to: Mr A W S Schumann, 801 Twin Towers North, Beach Road, Sea Point, 8001, S. Africa. Please note that his house number is 801 and not 80 as was given in the previous Bulletin.



AWARDS AT THE GATESHEAD GARDEN FESTIVAL

Visitors to the Gateshead Garden Festival last summer may have seen the colourful Heather Garden provided by the British Heather Growers Association; 3000 mature heathers were the setting for various figures of Scottish History, displayed by Argyll & Bute District Council. Members may be interested to know that this display was awarded a Gold Medal. At the end of the Festival, the heathers were lifted by students of the College of Horticulture at Durham (who planned and planted the display) and have been replanted as a permanent feature in the grounds of the College; set among the heathers is a figure of St. Columba

and Coracle donated by Argyll & Bute. The new Heather Garden is open for the general public to see during times of access to the College.

Congratulations are also due to the North East Group of the Heather Society for the Silver Medal which they won (in conjunction with the Bee Association) for their 'Heather & Honey Show' at the Festival; much hard work went into it on the Society's behalf. An exhibit of 6 spikes of *E. ciliaris* 'Corfe Castle' displayed by member Vera Scott won the award for the Best Exhibit in the Show. (See the North East Group Report)

AN ELDERLY POMMY'S EXPERIENCE WITH ERICA AND CALLUNA IN AUSTRALIA

"With courage high and heart aglow"
- little did I know. I will not repeat the advice of George Bernard Shaw to those about to get married, but wish I had known more about conditions out here when I came. Maybe my experience will save time for anyone starting a heather garden out here in their retirement.

1. It is the deeper rooting species that do the best and are easiest to establish, such as *Erica vagans*, *E. erigena* and *E. x darleyensis*.
2. Nursery nomenclature cannot always be relied on and the number of cultivars available is small. Oh for an *E. erigena* 'Brightness' instead of the dull variety on sale out here.
3. Watering is a MUST; particularly at first, so a drip watering system would be a useful idea from the very beginning.
4. In a land where *Phytophthora cinnamomi* is endemic with Eucalypts, it is also a problem with heathers, particularly with *E. carnea*; *E. erigena* seems less susceptible.
5. Unfortunately, some heaths, such as *E. lusitanica* and the South Africa *E. baccans* have become plant 'rabbits' out here, as they seed everywhere. *E. baueri* from South Africa seems safe so far.
6. *Callunas* seem susceptible to dryness, but can do well.
7. *Daboecia* is slow but promising, as is the *Erica* hybrid 'Dawn'. 8. *E. manipuliflora* seems promising and flourishes from cuttings sent out from England.

9. Peat is expensive out here, but is essential. The coarse pine bark mulch which is commonly sold, should be avoided for the growing of heaths.

10. Had I known a lot of this when I first started my new garden here in 1982 and 1983, it would have been a great help and now that I am largely incapacitated and have to rely on others, the gaps would not be so frustrating.

I notice that Heather Society membership in Australia seems to be declining, so maybe this information will be of help to another newcomer. Also I was frustrated by unexpected building delays for two years; the one who pays the piper does not call the tune out here, what ever may be promised at the start.

Anne Parris 'Down Under'

The title given to this article was Mrs Parris's own, I would never have described such a lovely lady as an 'Elderly Pommy'.

Ed.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Mr Andrew Collins has been welcomed on to the Council of the Heather Society. Andrew is in charge of the new Heather Collection at Wisley and will be a most valuable addition to Council. The Collection, which is housed at Howards Field, is now open to visitors and judging by the slides John Battye showed us at the 1990 conference, it is well worth a visit. (Before you go, see South & South West Group News for July)

PROBLEM CORNER

I wonder if any fellow members have found reversion on 'Kinlochruel'? My comparatively young plants have quite a few pink shoots this year and I am hoping to take cuttings. If they are successful can we look forward to a bigger, stronger 'County Wicklow'? I have been growing the latter for some years but they lack the size and vigorous growth of 'Kinlochruel'; your response may be interesting.

- Finally, a big Thank You, as ever, for all the Society's Officers work and, of course, for the Bulletin itself.

L F Tunnicliffe Zone 4

GROUP NEWS

NORTH EAST

We had a very congenial evening on October 29th when we held our Annual General Meeting. 29 members attended and our Chairman, Roy Nichols, after welcoming new members and also Beryl & David Mayne from Kirkbymoorside, gave a brief résumé of the year's events. The Officers namely, Roy Nichols - Chairman, Dorothy Warner - Secretary and Geoff Warner - Treasurer, were re-elected and the Committee is now Syd Courtney, Bill Crow, David and Rita Plumridge, David and Mary Roberts, Jim Roberts (no relation) and Bobby Thompson. Bill Crow and Jim Roberts are new to our Committee and take over from Doug and Joan Lister, who have been great stalwarts and have always been ready and willing to help whenever the occasion arose. Many thanks to you both and a welcome to

the 'new boys'.

The remainder of the evening was a sort of party to celebrate the Heather Society's success at the Gateshead Garden Festival. Our own personal trophies were now presented as this had not been possible at the Festival. The Trophy for the Maximum Points in the Show went to David and Mary Roberts and the Trophy for Maximum Points in Classes 13-16 went to Dorothy Warner. The Trophy for the Best Exhibit in Show went to Vera Scott and Vera was also presented with the coveted Miners Lamp from the Festival as, unfortunately, she had not been at Gateshead when the presentation had been made. After the presentations, three members showed their slides - taken during the six months of the Festival - with the 'Heather & Honey Show' predominating. The evening was rounded off with tea and biscuits kindly provided by Mary and David.

Following the success of our Annual Outing to Harlow Carr last year, the members at the A.G.M. decided that we should go to Askham Bryan near York on Saturday, June 8th 1991. This is an Agricultural and Horticultural College with fine gardens as well as many other interests and we do urge members to support this outing by bringing as many friends as possible. Another date for your diaries is Sunday, May 12th 1991, when the Heather Society will have a stand at the Open Day at Houghall. Both these events will be circulated with full details nearer the time. Dorothy Warner

P.S. Since writing this report, sadly, I have to tell you that Bobby Thompson, our long-standing friend and Committee member, has died. Bobby had been in

poor health for several months and he will be greatly missed - not only by us in the Heather Society - but in many fields in the Horticultural World. Bobby was a well known rose breeder both in this country and abroad and perhaps the last roses he bred were introduced at the Gateshead Garden Festival; the 'Prince Bishops' rose and 'The Garden Festival' rose. He was a man who was gifted in all aspects of gardening, including vegetables and because of this was a much sought-after Judge.

We in the North East Group of the Heather Society will greatly miss his sound advice on the Committee and our thoughts are with his wife and family.

D.W.

MIDLANDS

On November 24th the Group had its annual Social Evening at Winterbourne when, as usual, members took much trouble to provide a delicious supper. This was followed by slides of the 1990 Conference in Hampshire and reminders of the beautiful Dorothy Clive Gardens and Bridgemere Garden World, which the group visited in May; the slides were put together and presented by Maurice Everett and John Dearn. On a dull November evening it was very pleasant to look back at Summer activities, with a glass of wine and pleasant company.

Our arrangements for the coming year are at this moment somewhat 'fluid' and will be finalised at our March meeting, when we are holding our Winter Heather Competitions. Proposed activities for 1991 include a visit to Wolseley Park Gardens in Staffordshire in late May or June and a Summer Heather Competition in

August, also, the feasibility is to be discussed of having a Heather Society Stand at the Birmingham Show again, now that it has been resurrected.

If there are any Midlands members who do not receive a copy of the Group's Newsletter (usually sent out in January) and would like to be included on the mailing list - please let me know (telephone 0885 482206). At the moment it only goes out to active members of the Group due to the high cost of postage, but we are always pleased to welcome newcomers.

Daphne Everett

SOUTHERN

In the autumn Bulletin I described some outings planned for the Southern Group in 1991. Those arrangements have now been consolidated and new ones made for the second half of the year. As always, Heather Society members from any group are welcome to join in these events and a special invitation goes to our friends in the South West Group, who frequently attend our meetings. Some of the events in 1991 might prove both interesting and convenient to members living in LONDON. I have sketches giving more detailed directions on how to get to the various venues - please let me have a stamped addressed envelope if you would like copies - my address is: 18 Albury Avenue, Cheam, Sutton, Surrey, SM2 7JT. Although not essential, it would help with arrangements if those intending to join in an outing could let me know in advance. This becomes particularly important for the event in May, when Mr & Mrs Hancock are offering us tea and will need to know how many to cater for.

March 17th - Visit to the Royal

Botanical Gardens, Kew: The Curator of Kew Gardens, Mr J B E Simmons, has kindly agreed that a member of his staff will guide our tour of the Heather Garden and the Temperate House; we are offered this facility free of charge, though the normal entrance fee of £3 per head will be payable. Our President, Mr David McClintock, is also hoping to be present - in which happy event he will lead our tour - which should also take in the rock garden and alpine house as mentioned in the last Bulletin.

We should assemble at the MAIN ENTRANCE at 1.45pm. This will allow time for the party to group and go to the Temperate House where we are to meet our guide. This entrance is adjacent to Kew Green, just south of Kew Bridge; there is a car park near the entrance. Trains from Waterloo and Clapham Junction stop at nearby Kew Bridge SR station and London Underground trains, on one route of the District Line via Earls Court, stop at Kew Gardens station. Members using this route should note that the latter station is nearer to the Victoria Gate entrance - don't get mixed up.

May 12th - Isabella Plantation, Richmond Park, etc. - As I indicated in the Autumn Bulletin, the Isabella Plantation is very special in the Spring. It is a mature woodland with soaring trees underplanted with rhododendrons and azaleas; there are also bluebell glades and murmuring springs. One cannot guarantee the weather of course but in a normal season our visit should be ideally timed for a glorious display of flowers. The Heather Garden in the Plantation is worth seeing, though, in my opinion it is past its best; May is not a good month for heathers anyway.

Joan and Peter Hancock have kindly invited us to tea at their home following the visit; their home is only a couple of miles from Richmond Park, their address: 'Beauchamp', Coombe Hill Road, Kingston on Thames, Surrey, KT2 7DU.

We should assemble in the car park opposite the Isabella Plantation at 1.45pm for a 2pm start; if the weather is good my wife Joan and I will be in the car park with our picnic at 12.30 and members are invited to do the same. I estimate that we shall be ready to move off to 'Beauchamp' around 4.15pm.

The Isabella Plantation is about midway between the Kingston and Robin Hood entrances to Richmond Park and is well signposted. My researches have not revealed any obvious methods of getting to Richmond Park by train; I guess that London buses would offer the most satisfactory means, perhaps linked to trains at Kingston SR station.

Dates for your diaries: July 14th - Visit to the new Heather Collection at Wisley - (Joint Meeting with South Western Group). October 6th - Indoor Meeting, Wisley. Full details of these meetings will be published in the Summer Bulletin, in the meantime I look forward to seeing many of you during the year. Incidentally, Joan and I plan to wear our Heather Society badges on the visits so that you can recognise us more easily.

Allen Hall

SOUTH WEST

As I write this Group News we are once again in one of our mild, wet and windy winters although there was a little snow in this area just before Christmas. Once again some of my

heather plants are exhibiting stress from the previous dry summers so let us hope for a little more water this coming year. Below are details of the first four meetings this year.

Saturday 9th March: We have kindly been invited to the Nursery/Garden of Bert and Diane Jones at West Camel in Somerset. Bert and Diane specialise in Winter/Spring flowering heathers and this will be an ideal opportunity to see their display beds. Members are welcome to arrive anytime between 11.00am and 2.00pm and those arriving early should bring picnic lunches. Otters' Court Heathers is in Back Street (the turning by the village shop) in the middle of the village, which is about half a mile south of the A303 trunk road east of Yeovilton.

Saturday 6th April: Members should meet at Lytchett Matravers Village Hall at 2.00pm. Allen Hall, the organiser for the Southern Group, will be showing members some of his collection of heather slides, in particular some of his excellent close-up photography. We will also have our annual two class Table Show:-

Class 1 A vase or bowl of heathers in bloom. Class 2 A vase or bowl of heathers shown for foliage effect.

Prizes will be awarded and the Burfitt Bowl, currently held by Joyce Allen, will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most points. Lytchett Matravers is situated 6 miles from Poole and 1 mile west of the Poole/Blandford Road. The Village Hall is on the west side of the High Street just north of the Rose & Crown Inn. Ample parking is available and there will be a charge to cover expenses.

Saturday 22nd June: a visit is

planned to the Naked Cross Nurseries (formerly Maxwell and Beale) and members should assemble at 2.00pm. Peter French and family have kindly offered to show us around the Nursery as a whole. We will see the propagating area as well as the stock plants and sales area and perhaps get some information on Peter's idea of a display bed 'reference collection'. The Naked Cross Nurseries are situated just to the west of Corfe Mullen on the Corfe Mullen/Lytchett Minster Road, 1 mile east of the Poole/Blandford Road.

Dates for your diaries: Friday July 5th - Sunday July 7th - Southampton Balloon & Flower Festival. Sunday 14th July - Visit to new Heather Collection at Wisley (joint meeting with Southern Group) There will be full details of these meetings in the Summer Bulletin.

Finally - Would members please remember that if they require further details of the 1991 visits they should send me 2 SAE's. I look forward to a successful programme of visits.

Phil Joyner

NEW MEMBERS IN 1990

Zone 1 Mr G M Cruickshank, 79, Cleuch Drive, Alva, Clackmannanshire, FK12 5NY
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Miss A M Durie, 6 Bank Road, East Linton, East Lothian, EH40 3AH
Mr P McGregor, 12 Elgin Gardens, Stamperland, Clarkston, Glasgow, G76 8NS
Mr M Sprott, 21 Carrick Drive, Coatbridge, Lanarkshire, ML5 1JZ
Zone 2 Mr P Glass, 58 Tirkane Road, Maghera, Co. Londonderry, N.I. BT46 5AG
Mr J G Smith, 3 Hillcrest, Antrim, N.I. BT41 1LA

Zone 3 Mr J M Assenti, 38 Norwich Gardens, Willington, Crook, County Durham, DL15 0PY
Mr & Mrs H Brookes, 173 Runnymede Road, Ponteland, Newcastle on

Tyne, NE20 9HR Mr & Mrs R Elder, 87 Dunsgreen, Ponteland, Newcastle on Tyne, NE20 9EJ Mr & Mrs DP Stephenson, 55 St. George Estate, Harraton, Washington, NE38 9AO Misses J & E Trimble, 63 Woodside, Ponteland, Newcastle on Tyne, NE209JB Mr S J Tweddle, 63 Ingram Drive, Cowpen Farm Estate, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 5EE

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Zone 6 Mrs J M Cooper, Gutter Farm, Bishops Lane, Burbage, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6UP Mr D A Glue, Morcar House, Holton-le-Moor, Lincoln, LN7 6AG Mr & Mrs C W Haskins, 22 Thoresby Avenue, Edwinstowe, Mansfield, Notts. NG21 9ND Dr PB Hebblethwaite, 23 Gables Lea, Sutton Bonington, Loughbrough, Leics. LE12 5NW New Street Nursery, 41 New Street, Blaby, Leics. LE3 3GT Mr & Mrs M Swain, 5 North Street, Holmgate, Nr. Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S45 9PJ Mr & Mrs DA Wright, 53 Brooke Street, Tibshelf, Derbyshire, DE5 5PW

Zone 7 Mr F Henshall, Cranham, Alcester Road, Inkberrow, Worcs. WR7 4HN Mr &

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Zone 10 Mrs P S Hargrave, 40 Rodney Road, Wanstead, London. E11 Mr J Wadsworth, 11 Cleeve Crescent, West Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 6LL Judy & Elizabeth Nurseries, 70-80 Port Road, New Duston, Northampton. Mr I McGowan, 23 East Road, Bishops Stortford, Herts. CM23 2LH Mr J Read, 270 Dunstable Road, Studham, Dunstable, Beds. LU6 2QJ

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DIARY OF EVENTS 1991

- March 8th** Midland Group, Heather Competitions.
- March 9th** South West Group, Otters Court Nursery.
- March 16th** Scottish Group, visit to Cherry Bank Gardens.
- March 17th** Southern Group, visit to Kew.
- April 6th** South West Group, Heather Competitions.
- May 12th** Southern Group, visit to Isabella Plantation.
- May 12th** North East Group, Open Day, Houghall.
- May 15th** CLOSING DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUMMER BULLETIN.
- May/June** Midlands Group, visit to Wolseley Park Gardens.
- June 8th** North East Group, visit to Askham Bryan.
- June 22nd** South West Group, Naked Cross Nursery.
- July 14th** Joint Southern/South West visit to Wisley.