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BIG ideas for small plants!

Newsletter of the Alpine Garden Society



2011 8th International Rock Garden Conference - Nottingham

Enclosed with this distribution is a flyer giving full details about this event. The organisers have put together an exciting programme of speakers, combined with a selection of practical workshops. There will be a number of pre and post conference tours associated with the Conference, together with a one-day plant show. Allowing for inflation the cost is comparable with the cost of the last conference in 2001 and reflects the high quality of speakers from home and overseas. If you miss the event this time you will have to wait ten years for the next one - so book now to reserve your place.

New Printers & Mailing House for *The Alpine Gardener*

As a result of the delays experienced in posting out the last two issues of *The Alpine Gardener* we have taken the decision to move to a new print and mailing house. We apologise to our members, particularly overseas, who experienced a long delay in receiving their copies.

AGS Seed Exchange

- Congratulations on a wonderful success!

This year the Seed Exchange piloted on-line ordering and payment of seed orders. The system worked extremely well and we had many happy customers. Our thanks should go to Colin Dolding and all his team of helpers who make the system run so smoothly. We are also grateful to all the donors, it is their generous donations of seed that make the whole exercise possible.



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Staff Retirement

Susan Clements – our part-time Publications Sales Administrator based at Pershore, will be retiring from her post at the beginning of April. Many of you will have met Susan at shows or dealt with her regarding book orders. We are very sad to say goodbye to Susan who has been a very loyal and hard-working member of staff. Susan first worked in the garden at AGS Centre for a number of years before taking up her current role. Our very best wishes to Susan on her retirement.

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Noticeboard

VACANCIES FOR OFFICERS AND EDITOR

The Society is seeking to recruit a number of new Officers to take on specific tasks to help the Society with its work. These vacancies have arisen due to the retirement of the current post holders and are in line with the Society's phased programme of succession planning.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE ROLE OF SOCIETY EDITOR

The Society is seeking to appoint a new Editor for its highly acclaimed and prestigious international journal, *The Alpine Gardener*. The person we are seeking would ideally be an experienced Editor who has extensive horticultural/botanical knowledge, preferably combined with a particular interest in alpine plants. Experience in the management and production of a journal would also be extremely helpful. This position is offered on a self-employed contract basis – details of remuneration are available upon application.



APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR ASSISTANT TREASURER/TREASURER

The Society is seeking to appoint an Assistant Treasurer to work alongside the current Treasurer for one year. It is then expected that the appointed person would take up the role of Treasurer with effect from the AGM in 2011. Responsibilities of the Treasurer's post include overseeing the Society's financial affairs, advising its committee on the development of financial strategy and procedures, budget setting and the appropriate apportionment of resources. Detailed financial administration and accounts work is carried out by staff at AGS Centre. The role is non-spendiary.



APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR A DIRECTOR OF SHOWS

The Society is seeking a new Director of Shows to assume responsibility for the organisation of the Society's programme of national competitive Shows. There are currently 24 competitive shows at various venues around the UK. These events are operated in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the appropriate committees and sub-committees of the Society. Administrative support with certain tasks is available from AGS Centre. The role is non-spendiary.

If you are interested in any of the above positions and would like more information, please contact Christine McGregor, Society Director [Tel: 01386 55479 or e-mail ags@alpinegardensociety.net] in the first instance. The deadline for expressions of interest is: 30 June 2010

Noticeboard

AGS CENTRE OFFICE CLOSURE

EASTER 2010

The Office at the AGS Centre, Pershore will be closed from 5.00 pm on Thursday, 1 April and will reopen at 9.00 am on Wednesday, 7 April 2010 [NB The AGS Garden will be open on Easter Monday, 5 April for visitors to the Cotswold & Malvern Local Group Show held at Pershore.]

Harrogate Spring Flower Show - 24 April 2010

(Great Yorkshire Showground)

The Society's Show is on Saturday, 24 April 2010.

Special deal on ticket prices - AGS members can obtain a £2 reduction on advertised ticket prices on all 4 days of the Show and up to 2 tickets on the gate on production of one current membership card. For further details contact North of England Horticultural Society, 4a South Park Road, Harrogate HG1 5QU [Tel: 01423 561049/Fax 01423 536880 or e-mail info@flowershow.org.uk]

Malvern Spring Gardening Show

6 – 9 May 2010

The Society's Show is on Saturday, 8 May 2010

AGS Members will once again be eligible for concessionary ticket prices for the Malvern Show on Saturday, 8 May 2010. Please contact AGS Centre for details of price and allocation entitlement. The deadline for ticket requests will be 26 April 2010.

SALE OF SEED ENVELOPES

The AGS is selling seed envelopes as part of the Seed Distribution System.

The envelopes are of the glassine type (as used in the AGS distribution) and are available in two sizes at the following prices.

50 packets 73 x 41mm (2.8 x 1.6in) for £2.00 (self-seal)

50 packets 98 x 64mm (3.8 x 2.5in) for £2.50 (gummed)

They can be purchased from the AGS Centre, Avon Bank, Pershore Worcs, WR10 3JP

Postage is FREE to UK members.

Overseas members should contact AGS Centre regarding postage costs, which will depend on the quantity ordered.

Noticeboard



Items for the Newsletter and Copy Dates

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

Deadline for the June 2010 issue is 26 April 2010

AGS Annual Awards & Literary Awards

AGS Awards

- **Lyttel Trophy** for meritorious work with alpinism.
- **The Sir William & Lady Lawrence Award** for an outstanding contribution to work with alpinism from someone under the age of 35.
- **The Award of Honour** for sterling work on behalf of the AGS, not necessarily during the previous year, but over a period of time.
- **The Ferrier Charlton Award** for outstanding work for the Society in an administrative capacity.
- **The Kath Dryden Award** to recognise meritorious work on basic cultivation/new plant introduction within a single genus or group of alpine plants.
- **Local Group Awards**- these awards recognise outstanding service within a Local Group over a number of years, the impact of which is felt more widely than just the local area. (Nominations for this award must come from the Local Group concerned).
- **Website Award** - to recognise the best contribution to the Society's website during 2009.

AGS Literary Awards

The Alpine Gardener sets extremely high standards in horticultural journalism and photography, and every year the Society seeks to honour the very best of the contributions. We do this by appealing to the judgement of the most discriminating and informed critics - you, the readership. Members are invited to nominate *The Alpine Gardener* Volume 77 2009 contributors for the following awards:

1. **The Clarence Elliott Memorial Award** for the best article published in *The Alpine Gardener* in 2009 (Vol 77).
2. **The Lionel & Joyce Bacon Award** for the best practical alpine gardening article published in *The Alpine Gardener* in 2009 (Vol 77).

[All nominations **must** be submitted on the appropriate form (available from AGS Centre) and sent to Christine McGregor, Director, AGS Centre, Avon Bank, Pershore, WR10 3JP by 30 June 2010]

What's On

Alpine Garden Society Chiltern Group **Habitats of Mountain Plants** **A one day Conference in the Chilterns**

Saturday, 11 September 2010

Green Park, Stablebridge Road, Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire, HP22 5NE

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

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

Registration 9.30 to 10am

Setting the Scene-The Ecology John Good

Alpine Meadows Chris Grey-Wilson

High Mountain Places Harry Jans

High and Dry Deserts Jim Archibald

Nursery stalls present on the day

Aberconwy (North Wales) / Pottertons (Lincolnshire) /

Little Heath (Hertfordshire) / Long Acre (Somerset)

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

Booking Details from

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

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

Bristol One Day Conference **Change of Date to 9 October 2010**

Advance notice that the Bristol One-Day Conference will now be held on **9 October 2010** not the 2 October. Further information will be published in subsequent Newsletters.

Fritillaria Group Of The Alpine Garden Society

PLEASE NOTE - NEW DATE for the Autumn Meeting and AGM of the Fritillaria Group will be **Sunday, 26 September 2010** to be held in the Hillside Events Centre, RHS Garden, Wisley, Surrey. Speakers to be confirmed. Further information will be available in the Autumn issue of the Fritillaria Bulletin.

Please see the Website - www.fritillaria.org.uk for further information

What's On

FORTHCOMING AGS SHOWS - 2010

AGS Northumberland AGS/SRGC Show, 27 March 2010 – The Wentworth Leisure Centre, Hexham, NE46 3PN. Show Secretary Peter Maguire - 0191 2840385

AGS South West Show, 27 March 2010 – St Luke's Science & Sports College, Harts Lane, Exeter, EX1 3RD. Show Secretaries Bob & Di Dark – 01404 881213

AGS Cleveland Show, 3 April 2010 - Ian Ramsey C of E School, Green's Lane/Fairfield Road, Fairfield, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 5AJ. Show Secretary Norma Pagdin 01429 268416

AGS London Show, 6/7 April 2010 – RHS Lindley Hall, Vincent Square, London, SW1P 2PE. Show Secretary Jon Evans – 01252 724416

AGS North Midland Show, 10 April 2010 – Brookfield School, Chatsworth Road, Chesterfield, S40 3NS. Show Secretary John Savage – 01623 845123

AGS Ulster Show, 10 April 2010 – Greenmount Agricultural and Horticultural College, Muckamore, Co. Antrim, BT41 4PU. Show Secretary Pat Crossley - 028 2074 1288

AGS Midland Show, 17 April 2010 – Arden School, Station Road, Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands. B93 0PT. Show Secretary John Harrison - 0121 556 7937

AGS Dublin Show, 24 April 2010 – Cabinteely Community School, Cabinteely, Co. Dublin. Show Secretary Valerie Keegan - 012862616 (from England 00 3531 2862616)

AGS North of England Alpine Garden Society Show, 24 April 2010 – The Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate. Show Secretary Norma Pagdin - 01429 268416

AGS East Anglia Show, 1 May 2010 - Wymondham High School, Folly Road, Wymondham, South Norfolk NR18 0QT. Show Secretary John Foster - 01502 575298

AGS East Cheshire Show, 1 May 2010 – Morley Green Club, Mobberley Road, Morley Green, Wilmslow, SK9 5NT. Show Secretary Liz Maddock – 01625 537156

AGS Malvern Show, 8 May 2010 - Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire. Show Secretaries Susan & Richard Clements - 01386 750839

AGS Southport Show, 15 May 2010 – Stanley High School, Fleetwood Road, Southport PR9 9TF. Show Secretary Roger Beecham - 01704 211749

AGS Summer Show-South, 5 June 2010 – Queen Elizabeth School, Pamphill, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 4DT. Show Secretary Bill Squire – 01202 387107

AGS Summer Show-North, 19 June 2010 – Pudsey Civic Hall, Dawson's Corner, Pudsey, LS28 5TA. Show Secretary Eric Rainford – 01757 702646

MEMBERS WANTS

FOR SALE Virtually Brand new Digital Projector 2009. Viewsonic PJ358 Projector 10m VGA Price New £535, for sale at £505. Any members who are interested and want further details, please contact Mrs E Moorhouse on 01273 890201.

Local Group News

COTSWOLD & MALVERN GROUP SHOW – Monday 5 April 2010

The Cotswold & Malvern Annual Group Show will take place at Pershore College on Easter Monday from 12.00 to 4.00pm. Admission free to AGS Members, Non-members £1.50. AGS Garden open. Refreshments, Raffle and Plant Sales. Further details contact: Ron Beeston. Tel: 01905 453245.

KENT-EAST GROUP - Sunday 18 April 2010

The East Kent Group is organizing a GARDEN SAFARI on Sunday, 18 April 2010 from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm. There will be 11 Gardens Open and the cost is £3.50 which includes a ticket and map of all the Gardens. Full details of all the open gardens are to be found on the website: www.alpinegardensociety.net/groups/East-Kent or Tel: Tim Ingram – 01795 535919.

ESSEX LOCAL GROUP SHOW – 24 April 2010

The Group Show for 2010 is on Saturday the 24 April 2010 - Open to the public from 12 noon until 4.00 pm at The New Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth, Near Wickford, Essex. Plant sales, tombola and refreshments with both competitive and display plants - entry free. For further details contact the Show Secretary Mrs Diana Nice, 162 Parklands, Rochford, SS4 1SY, Tel: No. 01702 540443.

SOMERSET GROUP

The Somerset Group has a new venue - 84 Mountway Road, Bishops Hull, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 5DS.

Group Changes and Amendments

Chesterfield & District: Hon. Sec: Mr M Harris, 2 Loundsley Court, Ashgate Heights, Chesterfield, S43 7PW. Tel: 01246 568479

Denmark: The contact for the Danish Group is Lis Nielsen, The Alpine Garden Society Denmark, Parkvej 168, DK-6710 Esbjerg. Email: lisbent@esenet.dk

TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE SOCIETY'S CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS FOR 2008-2009

I. General

The Consolidated Accounts include the combined income and expenditure accounts of the parent Society (the Alpine Garden Society) and its two subsidiary companies (AGS Expeditions Ltd and AGS Publications Ltd). The full version of the Consolidated Accounts is that approved by Main Committee and submitted to the Charity Commission in fulfilment of the Society's statutory obligations. Summarised versions of the Statement of Financial Activities and the Consolidated Balance Sheet are more widely available (for example, in the Society's Newsletter and on its website). However, for those who are interested, the full version of the accounts can be obtained on written application to the Society's Director.

Comments herein relate to items in the Consolidated Accounts (and the accompanying Notes to the Accounts) where they show significant variations compared with the previous year, or other noteworthy features to which particular attention is drawn. Otherwise, most items of income and expenditure have been generally in line with expectations. Small differences may be found between the comparative figures for 2007/2008 in these accounts and those previously published; these may be due to late submission of information or the re-classification of sums by category.

The Society is grateful to its independent auditors, Kendall Wadley LLP, for preparation of the accounts and advice.

2. Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2009

2.1 Incoming Resources

Within the overall total of incoming resources (£474,258) the income arising from subscriptions (£146,500) is similar to last year's (£145,494). While this signifies a halt to the reduction in memberships that the Society has recently experienced, it is sanguine to reflect that in 2003/2004 subscription income was £184,422. The Society would clearly benefit from the recruitment of new members, which should be a continuing priority for everyone.

Individuals who have generously contributed legacies, donations and gifts (£24,513) make a valued contribution to the Society and are thanked sincerely for them. Members are requested to consider how they might assist in bringing more funds to the Society through these routes.

There was no sponsorship for major exhibits this year (compared with £23,000 in 2007/2008).

Trading income from the subsidiary companies showed an increase from £170,609 in 2007/2008 to £184,902 this year. The Directors of AGS Expeditions Ltd and AGS Publications Ltd are to be congratulated for enabling these companies to covenant back to the parent Society a total of £17,107.

Investment income was £81,462, compared to £75,040 in 2007/2008.

Overall, the Society's incoming resources of £474,258 were slightly higher than those in 2007/2008 (£460,685)

2.2 Resources Expended

The cost of generating funds in 2008/2009 was slightly more (at £536,507) than in 2007/2008 (£503,610). Employment costs rose from £97,958 last year to £104,251 in this, an increase of 6.4%. The amount expended on the Bulletin was up by 13.8% (£109,274 compared to £96,041), largely on account of the intentional allocation of additional funds to increase the number of pages as a further benefit for members. As a corollary, however, advertising revenue from the Bulletin rose by nearly £5,000. Show Department costs were up (£11,267 compared to £3,911), partly because one of the biennial meetings of Show Secretaries was held.

As there were fewer major exhibits in 2008/2009, the costs associated with these were down compared with the previous year (£16,812 from £31,517).

There was an increase in expenditure by the subsidiary companies (£167,796 compared with £151,814 in 2007/2008).

2.3 Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources for the Year

A deficit of £62,249 has been recorded as against last year's deficit of £42,925. Although this can be managed in the short term within the Society's overall financial situation, the current trend of increasing deficits year-on-year is not sustainable in the longer term and steps need to be taken to reverse the trend in the best interests of the Society's future well-being.

2.4 Other Recognised Gains and Losses

The Society's investments have shown a further nominal paper loss of £189,403 over the 2008/2009 year.

2.5 Fund Balances at 31 August 2009

The decrease over last year amounts to £251,652 (10.19%). While this is disappointing, as it was also last year, the main factor has been the effect of the turmoil in the stockmarket on the value of the Society's investments.

3. Financial Strategy

The Society's assets and reserves mean that it is currently in an essentially sound situation. However, to be so dependent on the intrinsic value of investments and the income from them means there is an element of uncertainty over the long term. It is also apparent that, as costs have risen and membership subscription income has fallen over recent years, current members are being subsidised out of income from a variety of sources primarily intended for charitable purposes. This is untenable and the inevitable consequence is that, in my view, subscriptions will have to be increased with effect from the beginning of 2011. Although membership numbers appear to have stabilised, the highest priority must still be to increase the number of members of the Society, followed by the search for greater levels of income from other sources and the containment of costs without detriment to the value of membership.

Colin Smith, Hon. Treasurer
November 2009

Apologies – This Report was omitted from the previous Newsletter, please refer to the December issue for your set of Summarised Accounts to which this refers.

Help with Book Sales at Shows – Person Wanted

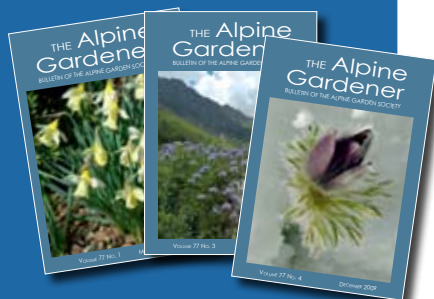
We are looking for someone who would be willing to travel to a selection of AGS shows, particularly those in the North, to help with book sales. You would be required to transport books to the shows and deal with sales on the day. The Society is able to pay a mileage allowance. **If you are interested, please contact Christine McGregor, Society Director [Tel:01386 554790 or e-mail ags@alpinegardensociety.net].**

SPECIAL OFFER of ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY BULLETINS

**10 Bulletins (pre 2007 issues) for £16.00 (post free)
One Special Offer per member.**

We have a large number of back issues available. The choice of issues we send you is ours, but if you have any copies already please state which they are.

Please send your written request to: AGS Centre, Avon Bank, Pershore, WR10 3JP. Cheques to be made payable to “**Alpine Garden Society**” or a card number with expiry date MM/YY and 3 digit security code. If Switch Card please add the issue number or start date.



Order from book List



Swiss Plant Life by Ewald Weber

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



Mountain Flora & Trees of The Caucasus

by Shamil Shetekauri & Martin Jacoby

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



New Trees by John Grimshaw & Ross Bayton

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



Flowers of Greece (set of 2 with DVD)

Volume 1 contains 2000 species, with 1700 colour photos

Volume 2 contains 2200 species with 1800 colour photos

The DVD rom includes more that 13000 photos.



The New Low-Maintenance Garden by Valerie Easton

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



The Pruning of Trees, Shrubs and Conifers

by George E Brown

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

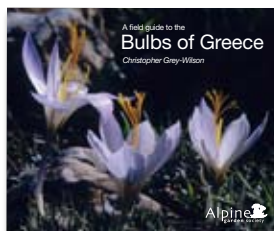


Best Hardy Shrubs (The Gossler Guide to the)

by Roger, Eric & Marjory Gossler

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

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A field guide to the Bulbs Of Greece by Christopher Grey-Wilson

Christopher Grey-Wilson has been the Editor of The Alpine Gardener – our Society's journal, since 1990. He is also a freelance horticultural writer and photographer. Previously he was a Principal Scientific Officer at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Editor of Curtis' Botanical Magazine. He is the author of several well-known authoritative publications, including *The Genus Cyclamen*, *The Illustrated*

Flora of Britain and Northern Europe, *The Alpine Flowers of Britain and Northern Europe*, *A Manual of Alpine and Rock Garden Plants*, *Poppies*, *Mediterranean Wild Flowers*, *The Alpine Garden* and *The Rock Garden Plant Primer*. He serves on a number of committees of the Royal Horticultural Society who presented him with a Gold Veitch Memorial Award and also the much-coveted Victoria Medal of Honour (VMH) for his services to horticulture.

Flexi-bound 180 x 215mm – 224pages (approx.), Illustrated throughout with colour photographs.

RRP £26.00 plus post and packaging.

We are able to offer it to Members at a pre-publication price of UK £20.00

Overseas £24.00 (post and packing free)

A comprehensive guide to the bulbous plants of Greece, including all the islands. Simple descriptions and identifications keys to aid the reader. Profusely illustrated with numerous colour

photographs. Buttercups, corydalis, crocuses, cyclamen, fritillaries, lilies, scillas, snowdrops, tulips, numerous terrestrial orchids and many other groups included.

ORDER FORM FOR NEW BOOK OFFER

Please supply the following :

..... copy/copies of **Bulbs Of Greece UK @ £20.00**

..... copy/copies of **Bulbs Of Greece Overseas @ £24.00**

Please find enclosed my cheque for £ made payable to AGS Publications Ltd for the above Special Offer. Payment can also be made by credit card. The address to which your credit card statement is despatched must be stated in the right hand panel below.

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***Please note that no orders will be accepted at the pre-publication price after 31 May 2010.**

	NEW BOOKS	Members Price
729	The Rock Garden Plant Primer by Christopher Grey-Wilson	£18.00
740	Gymnocalycium in habitat & Culture by Graham Charles	£48.00
741	Gardening with Shape, Line and Texture by Linden Hawthorne	£31.50
732	New Trees (Recent Introductions to Cultivation) by John Grimshaw & Ross Bayton postage for this book is £8 UK or £14 Overseas	£89.00
743	Meadows by Design by John Greenlee	£22.50
	SALE BOOKS & SPECIAL OFFERS	
018	Corydalis - A Gardener's Guide by M Liden & H Zetterlund	SALE PRICE £4.95
549	Hardy Perennials - The Cultivation of by Richard Bird	SALE PRICE £11.25
013	Primulas of Europe & America by G.F.Smith, B.Burrow & D.B.Lowe	SALE PRICE £4.95
552a	Supplement of Seed Germination by Norman C. Deno	POST FREE £7.20
552	Seed Germination Theory & Practice Second Ed.	POST FREE £25.00
020	The Woodland Garden - A Guide to Shade loving Plants by Jack Elliott	SALE PRICE £5.95
266	Tulips (Species & Hybrids for the Gardeners) by Richard Wilford	£18.95
	TITLES PUBLISHED BY THE SOCIETY:	
032	Alpine Gardening for Beginners by John Good	£7.20
024	Alpines in Pots (New Edition) by Kath Dryden	POST FREE £3.95
031	Mountain Flower Walks – The Greek Mainland by John Richards	£18.50
019	Androsace - The Genus by G.F.Smith & D.B. Lowe	£17.95
025	Consolidated Index 1930 – 2005 (included with this book is a free CD version)	£10.95
026	Crevice Gardening by Zdenek Zvolanek	£5.95
027	Bulbous Plants of Turkey and Iran by Peter Sheasby	£29.65
028	Alpine Plants Ecology for Gardeners by John E G Good & David Millward	£22.50
08	Dionysia – The Genus by Christopher Grey-Wilson	£7.95
011	Saxifrages by Winton Harding – New and re-written edition with colour	£4.95
021	Silver Saxifrages by Beryl Bland	£11.95
022	The Smaller Daphnes – Summary of Conference Proceedings 'Daphne 2000'	£3.95
268	Cyclamen by Christopher Grey-Wilson	POST FREE £4.95

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

	BULBOUS PLANTS:	
234	Arisaema - The Genus - by Guy & Liliane Gusman	£45.00
239	Agapanthus - A Revision of the Genus by Wim Snoeijer	£26.99
599	Autumn Bulbs by Rod Leeds	£11.99
243	Bulbs in Containers by Rod Leeds	£18.00
027	Bulbous Plants of Turkey and Iran by Peter Sheasby	£29.65
280	Buried Treasures by Janis Ruksans	£27.00
281	Growing Orchids in Your Garden by Robert G M Friend	£20.25
608	Pocket Guide to Bulbs by John E Bryan	£13.50
274	Orchids of Britain & Ireland (A Field & Site Guide) by Anne & Simon Harrap	£27.00
597	Orchids of the British Isles by Michael Foley & Sidney Clarke	£40.50
363	The Genus Pleione (second Edition) by Phillip Cribb & Ian Butterfield	£29.25
232	Snowdrops - A Monograph of Cultivated Galanthus by Mat Bishop, Aaron Davis, & John Grimshaw (updated version)	£40.50
	SPECIFIC GENERA:	
694	Bleeding Hearts, Corydalis & their Relatives by Mark C Tebbitt, Magnus Liden & Henrik Zetterlund	£22.50
651	Bromeliads for the Contemporary Garden by Andrew Steens	£20.25
653	Calochortus Mariposa Lilies & their relatives by Mary E Gerritsen & Ron Parsons	£18.00
289	Camellias (The Gardener's Encyclopaedia) by Jennifer Trehane	£31.50
620	Ceanothus by David Fross & Dieter Wilken	£27.00
584	Clematis - An Illustrated Encyclopedia of - by Mary Toomey & Everett Leeds	£40.50
643	Clematis (Pocket Guide to) by Mary Toomey	£13.50
290	Clematis in Small Spaces by Raymond J Evison	£18.00
652	Conifers for Gardens (An illustrated Encyclopedia) by Richard L Bitner	£36.00
727	Cotoneasters by Jeanette Fryer & Bertil Hylmo	£27.00
714	Gardening with Conifers by Adrian Bloom	£22.50
669	Daylily (A Guide for Gardeners) by John P Peat & Ted L Petit	£20.25
277	Dwarf Campanulas by Graham Nicholls	£22.50
263	Daphnes (A Practical Guide for Gardeners) by Robin White	£22.50
259	Dogwoods (The Genus Cornus) by Paul Cappiello & Don Shadow	£22.50
374	Epimedium - The Genus by William T Stearn	£31.50
670	Ferns (Gardening with) by Martin Rickard	£11.69
339	Growing Fritillaries - The Gardener's Guide - by Kevin Pratt & Michael Jefferson-Brown	£11.69
257	Hardy Bamboos (Taming the Dragon) by) Paul Whittaker	£22.50
601	Hardy Geraniums - Gardening with - by Birgitte Husted Bendtsen	£17.99
699	Hardy Heathers (Gardening with) by Martin Rickard	£27.00
630	Hebes by Lowrie Metcalf	£27.00
271	Hellebores (A Comprehensive Guide) by C Colston Burrell & Judith Knott Tyler	£22.50

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

596	Hellebores - The Gardener's Guide - by Graham Rice & Elizabeth Strangman	£11.69
248	Heucheras & Heucherellas (Coral Bells & Foamy Bells) by Dan Heims & Grahame Ware	£18.00
634	Hollies for Gardeners by Christopher Bailes	£22.50
288	Hostas (Timber Press Pocket Guide to) by Diana Grenfell & Michael Shadrack	£13.50
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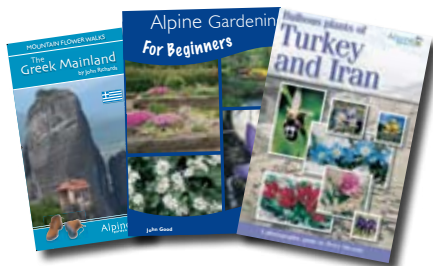
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EVEREST'S ALPINES, TIBET

LIMITED
PLACES
REMAINING

10 July - 6 August (28 DAYS)

Leaders: Margaret & David Thorne

Cost: circa £3,500

This Tour extends the scope of AGS's botanical investigations in Tibet, as our visit will be slightly later than in 2005 and includes some new areas of exploration. Its highlight will once again be the Everest Kangshung Face Trek, a circular route at the foot of Makalu and Everest. Our time spent camping will be fully supported by a trekking crew and yaks carrying our luggage. We cross the Shao La into the Karma Valley, a richly forested area described by George Mallory as 'one of the most beautiful valleys in the world' and return to the Kharta Valley over the Tour's highest pass, the Langma La (5347 masl).



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

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

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

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

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

For further information on this tour please contact AGS Centre.

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SOUTH AFRICA- THE EASTERN CAPE

14 DAYS IN JANUARY 2011

Leaders: Cameron & Rhoda McMaster

Cost: expected to be in the region of £1500 (excluding international flights)

We are delighted to offer a repeat of the very successful tour that we ran in 2009.

South Africa is justifiably famous for the spring flowers of the Cape and Namaqualand. But it has many other botanically interesting areas waiting to be explored and this tour gives the opportunity to see the flora of the summer rainfall regions in the East of the country.

Cameron and Rhoda McMaster have led a number of botanical tours to the Eastern Cape. Cameron also wrote the article on this region that appeared in the September 2006 South African Special Edition of the Alpine Gardener.

This tour will coincide with the peak flowering time in mid-January. The exact dates have yet to be fixed, but the tour is likely to commence in Port Elizabeth on or about 10th January.

The maximum size of the group will be 10 people. This will allow the party to visit many special destinations well off the usual tourist routes, staying mostly on farms and in small villages so as to be right in the countryside. Each day hikes or 4X4 excursions to areas that would not normally be accessible to ordinary tourists form part of the itinerary. Visits to San Rock Shelters and rock art sites as well as game viewing in private reserves form important additions to the botanical experience.

There are a number of major vegetation types in the East Cape from Valley Thicket and Karroo/Namib vegetation to Alpine grassland and Sub-Tropical coastal flora. The tours comprise a round trip of 14 days, starting and ending Port Elizabeth. During this time all the vegetation types are sampled and clients are shown all the specialties in the Eastern Cape, including many rare endemics. Succulents, Geophytes including the Clivias and Cycads are some of the more interesting flora to be seen and guided hikes through Alpine flora, Afromontane forest and Subtropical coastal bush are highlights.

The East Cape not only has spectacular flowers but a wide variety of habitats and magnificent scenery.

At this stage, please send expressions of interest to Jill Larner at the AGS Centre.



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Tulips of Tien Shan

10th – 23rd April 2010

Cost £2470 (Ground Only Cost £1970)

Korgalzhyn Steppe Extension

23rd – 27th April Cost £1095

Leaders: Kurt Vickery and Vladimir Kolbintsev

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



If you are interested in joining any of the joint tours and would like further information and a detailed itinerary please contact Greentours – T: 01298 83563 or E: enquiries@greentours.co.uk



Autumn in Yunnan

16th – 30th September 2010

Cost £3195 (Ground Only Cost £2565)

Leaders: Chris Gardner and Başak Gardner

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



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Bulbs of Jordan

8th – 17th January 2011

Cost £1980 (Ground Only Cost £1580)

Leaders: Chris Gardner and Başak Gardner

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



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AGS WORKSHOPS 2010

Title: DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY OF PLANTS

Tutor: Jim Almond

Date: Sunday, 4 July 2010

Venue: AGS Centre, Pershore

Due to popular demand we are offering a repeat of this highly informative workshop. The day will endeavour to cover many aspects designed to improve your digital photography skills. There is flexibility to suit specific needs. The day will start at 9.30am with coffee, finishing at 4.00 pm. Topics covered will include - digital cameras and digital photographs, composition, camera settings, image manipulation, how to use your pictures and practical photographic sessions in the AGS Garden. If you would like a particular topic to be covered or a question answered, please contact Jill Larner at AGS Centre.



There is absolutely no obligation but delegates are encouraged to bring along their camera for the practical sessions (if they own one). Please don't worry if you haven't taken the digital plunge yet – you will learn a great deal and the day will convince you – you should!

Title: ASPECTS OF PROPAGATION

Tutor: Jim Almond

Date: Sunday, 4 July 2010

Venue: AGS Centre, Pershore

In this workshop Jim will discuss various aspects of growing bulbs. This workshop is timed to provide useful advice before you start to buy bulbs for planting in the autumn.

There will be a selection of plants for sale at both Workshops. The cost for each Workshop will be £28 for members and £35 for non-members. The price includes lunch and refreshments.

**If you would like further information or to register for a place on either (or both) workshops, please contact:
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