

**EDINBURGH & LOTHIAN  
ROCK GARDEN GROUP**

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**Provisional Show Dates for 2020**

Dunblane Early Bulb	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb
Kendal	14 <sup>th</sup> March
Stirling Dunblane	21 <sup>th</sup> March
Hexham	28 <sup>th</sup> March
Edinburgh	4 <sup>th</sup> April
Perth	18 <sup>th</sup> April
Highland	25 <sup>th</sup> April
Glasgow	2 <sup>th</sup> May
Aberdeen	23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Summer Event	15 <sup>th</sup> August
Newcastle (Ponteland)	3 <sup>rd</sup> October
Discussion Weekend	9-11 <sup>th</sup> October

10<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**“St Andrews” Botanic Garden”**

**Sarah Carlton**

Sarah began her horticultural career in 2004, working as a gardener in her hometown of Brighton. In 2013 she graduated with a first class honors degree in Horticulture with Plantsmanship (BSc) RBGE. It was during her time at RBGE that she discovered a love for Alpine plants and went on to work for two years at Wisley. She is now delighted to be at St Andrews Botanic Garden.

15<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Joint lecture with Caley Society change of date**

**“Friar Park – The Matterhorn past and present.”**

**Giles Reynolds**

Giles Reynolds is the head gardener looking after Friar Park built in 1889. It was formerly owned by eccentric lawyer Sir Frank Crisp and purchased in January 1970 by musician George Harrison. The gardens and water

features were designed by Henry Ernest Milner for Crisp including a grotto garden and a sandstone replica of the Matterhorn reflecting Crisp's sense of humour. This is one of the best private Rock Gardens.

12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**“Travels on a student budget “**

**Connor Smith**

The young Chelsea flower show gold medallist Connor has had a successful career in multiple fields in numerous countries. Initially Connor started his career in a garden centre. Currently a final year student at RBGE, and volunteers in the Alpine Department in his spare time.

10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**“Members’ Evening”**

**“A year in my Garden”**

**Jeff Hill**

**“Travels to Gothenburg”**

**Scott Cook**

14<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Annual General Meeting**

**Photographic Competition**

Two classes:

1. Plant in wild or garden
2. Landscape

Entries can be submitted in digital, slide film or print formats to David Millward at [dmillward6@aol.com](mailto:dmillward6@aol.com)

(Wine and nibbles)

11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Change of time lecture starts at 3pm**

**“Fire & Ice - springtime in southern Chile”**

**David Millward**

This talk will show you some of the exciting alpines of the Andean volcanoes south of Santiago, including rosulate violas, oxalis and calceolarias and an incredible array of orchids. There are also insights into the 'primaeval' monkey puzzle forests and the rare temperate (Valdivian) rainforest with Embotrium and Crinodendron.

10<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**“Kyoto to Clackmannanshire – the creation and restoration of a Japanese Garden.”**

**Kate White**

**Joint lecture with Plant Heritage**

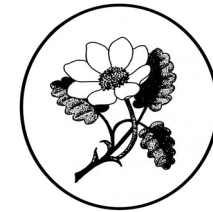
Kate White is Head Gardener at Cowden Japanese Garden. She completed the two year HND Horticulture with Plantsmanship at RBGE in 2009, with a sandwich year in Dunedin Botanic Garden, New Zealand. After a secondment to NTS to work in the Gardens & Designed Landscape team on plant records, she gained the post of Head Gardener at Cowden in October 2016.

14<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**“The Cally Garden”**

**Kevin Hughes TBC**

Kevin took ownership of Cally in 2018 and is working hard to get the gardens back in shape and ensure that the 4,000 plus plant collection is a delight for all to enjoy. Since arriving Kevin has brought his own stunning collection of plants to the garden.



**Edinburgh & Lothians Rock  
Garden Group**

**Affiliated to the Scottish Rock Garden Club**

**EVENING MEETING  
PROGRAMME**

**2019 – 2020**

**Meetings will be held in the  
Conference Room,  
The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh  
(Entrance from Inverleith Row)  
Entry charge for meeting is £2  
Doors open 7.00 for 7.30 pm  
Guests and visitors welcome**

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