

North Cumbria Rock Garden Group – Meeting Programme and News

September 20, 2019

40th Anniversary Celebration at Roundthorn Country house Hotel, Penrith

11.00 am: Reception and coffee

11.30-12.30pm: Guest Speaker Ian Christie “Forty years on and still learning”

followed at 12.30pm by lunch

October 18, 2019 **Doris Fry Lecture**

“Growing and Maintaining Alpine Plants in a North-West Garden” by Brian Burrow, North Lancs. AGS

November 15, 2019

“Catalunya Re-visited”

A talk of travels and the alpine flowers encountered by Norma Pagdin and Joan Bradbury, Cleveland AGS

December 20, 2019

“Primulas” with Neil Huntley of Hartside Nursery, Alston.

There will also be a sale of Neil’s plants

January 17, 2020

AGM followed by a light-hearted written quiz in small groups and a Bring-and-Share supper.

February 21, 2020

“Greek Spring Bulbs” with Prof. John Richards of Hexham

March 20, 2020

“How I Learnt to Grow ...”

A Brains Trust on Alpine Plants with club members David Mark, Barry Parkin and Susan Main

April 17, 2020

“Growing Meconopsis” with Helen Knowles of Tinnisburn Nursery, Dumfries

Show dates:

Kendal March 14

NCRGG March 21 judge: Lionel Clarkson

Hexham March 28

Meetings are held in the Evergreen Hall, Bluebell Lane, Penrith CA11 7LU, starting at 7.30pm.

Refreshments are provided and there is a small club show of plants. There are also usually some plants for sale and a raffle to offset club expenses.

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Club News

- Slightly belatedly we celebrate our 40th anniversary with a lunch on September 20, 2019. At the lunch guest members will be honoured; Neil Huntley for his generous support of the club over many years is to be made an Honorary member, Margaret Barr’s long service is to be recognised by making her a Life Member and Tony Mitchell becomes the Club’s President.
- In March 2019 we provided a Club stand at the Home and Garden Exhibition at the Rheged Centre near Penrith. A large amount of interest in learning about alpines was generated at the time but many of those who expressed an interest in joining the group have yet to materialise!
- Club outings have started again with a visit to Harlow Carr Gardens in North Yorkshire in May and we intend to expand these in 2020.