

Hon. Sec.'s Notes

The Group now contains 46 members. Provided members kindly continue to support our yearly auction of spare crocus corms, we need no further subscriptions apart from the 25p. paid on joining the Group. The B.I.S. Species Group crocus lecture will take place in the spring and will be given by Brian Mathew, and we hope Miss Brighton will also give a short talk on how the study of their chromosome numbers can help in the identification of crocuses. This will be followed by the Crocus Auction so please put aside any you can spare for it.

I have recently spent some of the Group's cash balance (currently £25.64) on boxes of chocolates as a way of saying "Thankyou" to those who have entertained the Group and hope this meets with your approval.

If any members coming to one of our crocus visits have any interesting crocuses in flower, please bring the pot or the flowers if you can spare them so the rest of us can see what they look like.

Primrose Warburg
South Hayes,
Yarnells Hill,
Oxford.

4th August, 1978.

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Saturday, September 23rd at 2.30 p.m.

We are invited to visit the garden of Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Buglass of Green End, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, to see their collection of crocuses and other alpine plants. It may be possible to visit another garden in that area afterwards.

Saturday, September 30th at 11.0 a.m.

Meet at the entrance to the Chelsea Physic Garden, 66 Royal Hospital Road, London S.W.3 4HS. The Curator, Mr. Allen Paterson, will be there to greet us. The gardens are not particularly noted for crocuses, but we have been asked to identify any we see. There is, however, a fascinating collection of herbs, medicinal plants etc. and this is an opportunity to see a garden not normally open to the public. Somewhere under cover will be provided in which to eat sandwiches and in the afternoon we are invited to see the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard, 38 The Ridgeway, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex. They emphasise that their's is a very small garden, but have kindly offered to provide a cup of tea for anyone who comes along.

Sunday, September 17th

You are invited to see the crocuses in the garden of your Hon. Sec. at Oxford (see address above). Come between 11 and 11.30 a.m. when coffee will be provided. Bring a packed lunch - I will produce some home-made soup to go with it and let's hope for once it will be a fine day. In the afternoon we may visit the garden and alpine nursery of Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker-Jervis, Marten's Hall Farm, Longworth, which is 15 minutes drive in the Swindon direction. They have a marvellous collection of colchicums as well as many crocuses.

Saturday, October 7th

Meet at the entrance to the R.H.S. Gardens, Wisley at 11.0 a.m. Brian Mathew will take us round the alpine house etc. and show us whatever happens to be in flower. Lunch can be obtained at Wisley, or bring your own. In the afternoon Brian will lead us back to his house at 90 Foley Road, Claygate, Esher, Surrey and show us his own autumn crocuses.

Sunday, February 25th, 1979

You are invited to come and see your Hon. Secretary's crocuses (address above). Arrive between 11 and 11.30 a.m. when coffee will be provided. Bring a packed lunch and I will provide some home-made soup. It is sure to snow, but do come if it isn't too deep, because even if the crocuses don't open I have many snowdrops, hellebores, etc. After lunch we may visit Miss C. Christie-Miller, Lime Close, Drayton, Abingdon, about 15 minutes drive down the Abingdon By-pass. She has a marvellously-grown collection of alpines, most of which are in frames and an alpine house and so spared the effects of the weather.

Saturday, March 17th

We may visit Miss J. Robinson, The Chequers, Box Ford, Suffolk, who says if we come at 12 noon and bring a packed lunch she will have some hot soup ready to thaw us out. The previous time we tried to visit her the snow was so deep hardly anyone turned up. This time we have made it later in the year and if that means all the crocuses are over, there are a lot of very interesting species and hybrid daffodils to be seen.