

Hon Secretary's Notes

The group is financially healthy and has increased to 51 paid-up members. There is still no need for a subscription, but please continue to support our crocus auctions which is what keeps us going.

Primrose Warburg
South Hayes
Yarnells Hill
Oxford

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Program 1980/81

For the benefit of those living further north:-

Sunday 1 March 1981 Mr Ray Cobb and Mr Roland Bagnall will show us their crocuses. Meet at 11 am at Mr Cobb's house:

188 Bramcote Lane
Wollaton
Nottingham.

Bring a packed lunch to eat there, then Mr Bagnall will lead us to his house, 50 miles away in the afternoon. He lives at:

1 Newlands
Naseby
Northants.

There may well be another garden to visit in the Nottingham area - details from Mr Cobb on the day.

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The Crocus lecture will again be given by Brian Mathew at the March meeting of the BIS Species Group at the RHS Hall. Details later when the date is fixed. There will be an auction of members' spare crocus corms after the lecture in aid of the Crocus Group funds, so please set aside any you can spare as you come across them.

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If anyone has any ideas for autumn or spring crocus visits please let your secretary know. We can go on visiting the same collections year after year but it would be refreshing to have a change now and again!

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News of the Crocus book by Brian Mathew is that 'completion' of the text is in April. It will be published by Batsford, with about 90 colour paintings by Gay, Maw, Mary Grierson etc and will be as complete as possible. Obviously one never finishes work on a group like this since new information is constantly arriving. The book will be expensive - at a guess not less than £40!

FOOTNOTE: Plans for the autumn visit fell through, but members are very welcome to gather on 12th October at 11am to see the autumn Crocus at South Hayes, Yarnell's Hill, Oxford (Please bring sandwiches).