

CROCUS GROUP BULLETIN Spring 1994

Saturday 19 February 1994

We are invited to visit the garden of Joy & Geoff Bishop. Several greenhouses if the weather is unpleasant and a great many interesting bulbs are sure to be in flower.

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LIGHTWATER, Surrey GU18 5XZ
TEL: 02764 72500

Arrive at 11 am and bring some sandwiches to eat after we have seen the garden.

Sunday 27 February 1994

We have been invited to visit the garden of Mr & Mrs R Leeds, well known for their successes in AGS shows, and a winner of a Crocus Group silver spoon. Arrive at 11 am and bring sandwiches to eat under cover after seeing round the garden. Map attached.

Please remember to telephone if you intend to visit these gardens. If you have any interesting crocuses out yourself please bring them for the rest of us to see.

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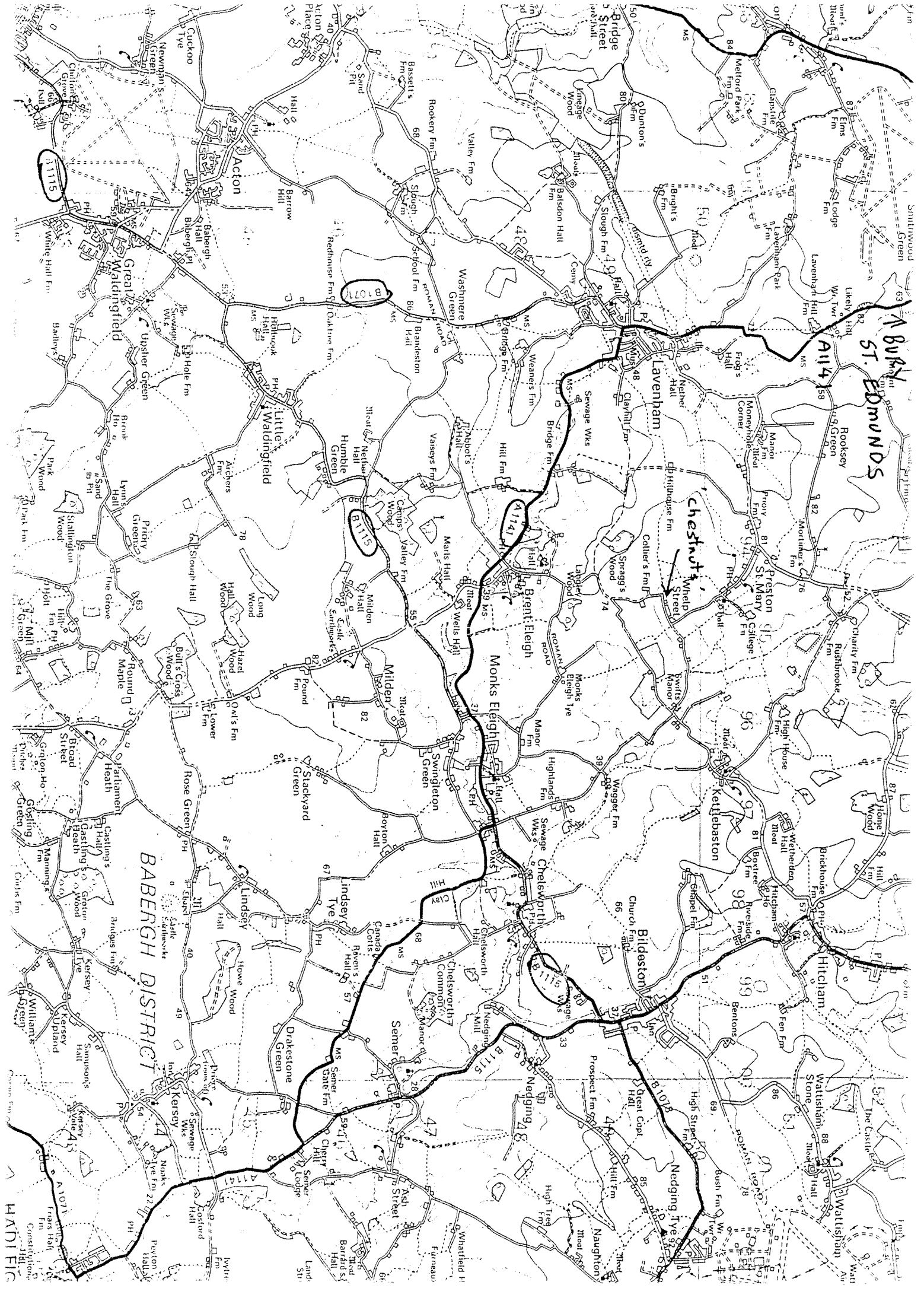
Annual Crocus Group Lecture

On Tuesday 12 April 1994 at ^{4:30} 4 pm in the RHS New Hall. This will again be given by David Stephens who did not have time to finish last year and was unanimously requested to give us the other half this year. The title was "Crocuses of Turkey" illustrated by superb slides.

This will be followed by our annual auction of members' spare crocuses. Please come to bring and buy. This was the only time a room was available for us and ~~we have to be out by 6pm.~~

My thanks to all who have sent me £5, but there are still many who have not done so and no more bulletins will be sent to them. The paperwork involved has been very time consuming and I hope I have got it right. If you do not agree please let me know.

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A search for *Crocus chrysanthus-biflorus* cultivars

For the past few years we have been collecting *Crocus chrysanthus-biflorus* cultivars in order to establish the names and identities of the cultivars in cultivation.

So far, we have managed to obtain about 40 named/confirmed cultivars. At times, it has been difficult to establish the identities of the plants we have obtained, and sometimes we have changed our opinion more than once regarding the "correct" name for a plant.

From various lists and old literature we can see that we still lack a number of cultivars. We would be very glad if the Crocus Group could help us with the ones which we do not have.

Below is a list with the names of cultivars, which we have not succeeded in obtaining, but they are, most likely, still to be found. We might be too optimistic but it is worth a try to see if anyone knows of their whereabouts.

We would be glad to receive information on these cultivars, or on other unusual ones, and it would be even better to obtain a few corms.

Please send your information to:

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Crocus biflorus - chrysanthus cultivars wanted

Cultivars which no doubt exist:

Scotch Crocus
E. A. Bowles
Harlequin
Jeannine
Mariette
Moonlight
Snow White
Susie
White Beauty

Older cultivars which may be lost:

Lemmon Queen
Blue Butterfly
Jester
Yellow Hammer
Blue Beauty
Bumble-bee
Golden Pheasant
White Egret

Cultivars which might be found:

Siskin
Curlew
Celeste
Grey Lady
Bullfinch
Canary Bird
Sultan

SEED EXCHANGE 1994

This is the third year of our seed exchange. The first two years have been very successful, with many rarities being exchanged. This is the simplest exchange possible, the rules being extremely straightforward:-

1. Donors, send seed to me before July 31, 1994. Donors will automatically be sent a seedlist.
2. Non-donors wanting a seedlist should send me a SAE before July 31, 1994.
3. Overseas members, donors or not need not stamp the addressed envelope.

Could I urge all members to participate to make our exchange even better than previous years. Growing Crocus from seed is both easy and successful, and the last two lists have offered amongst many other rare species, four species that cannot be obtained and have never been listed commercially or on other seedlists.

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