



The Scottish Rock Garden Club

Late Bulb Day

Scone 2014



A bright sunny morning welcomed members to Scone for the SRGC Late Bulb Day, despite those of us from further south and west having had to drive through rain and mist. The show moved from Dundee to Scone last year as it is a more central location. For some reason numbers of members attending in recent the Dundee events were disappointing. However Scone attracted a goodly number of Geophytephiles [my new word for someone who likes plants with underground storage organs!] who were spoilt right away as Cathy and Margaret had tea and coffee ready.

Talking is always an important part of SRGC events and members always arrive in

plenty of time for any event. If you arrive on time you are accused of being late! I know; I am much accused of such behaviour. Anyway we all like to catch up with friends over a cup of tea and a biscuit. SEE BELOW

The main attraction as always at the Late Bulb is always the speaker. We have always had excellent lectures at SRGC events. This year Jim Almond gave two excellent 'bulby' talks.

The first '**Fritillarias from A to Z**' covered more species than I knew existed. I think he must have included every Frit that ever there was! A real tour de force.

In the afternoon Jim detailed his methods for '**Growing and Propagating Bulbs**'. He emphasised that the techniques worked for him and that if we were already successful with our methods, we should not change just because he told us something different! Jim says that his aim is to inspire rather than confuse and that novices and experienced growers should find something of interest in the talk. He did not disappoint and lived up to his aims. Jim is a master at growing, photographing and talking about bulbs. I enjoyed a talk he gave at this year's AGS Snowdrop Day in Stratford upon Avon. Also, you can check out his excellent web site.

Cyril Lafong with Jim Almond



Now that the number of members attending has increased we must try to increase the number of exhibits. Jean Wyllie brought more plants than anyone. Still, despite the small number of plants, those that were there provided a lot of interest. Organiser Barry had thoughtfully put the table for plants beside a big window so they got maximum light.

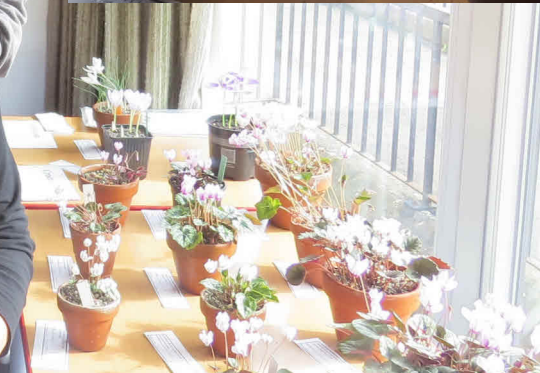


We had several different Cyclamen species to compare, especially in the *C. intaminatum*, *C. cilicium* *C. mirabile* complex. These are all small autumn flowering which resemble each other.

Jean fixes her labels

Small Cyclamen

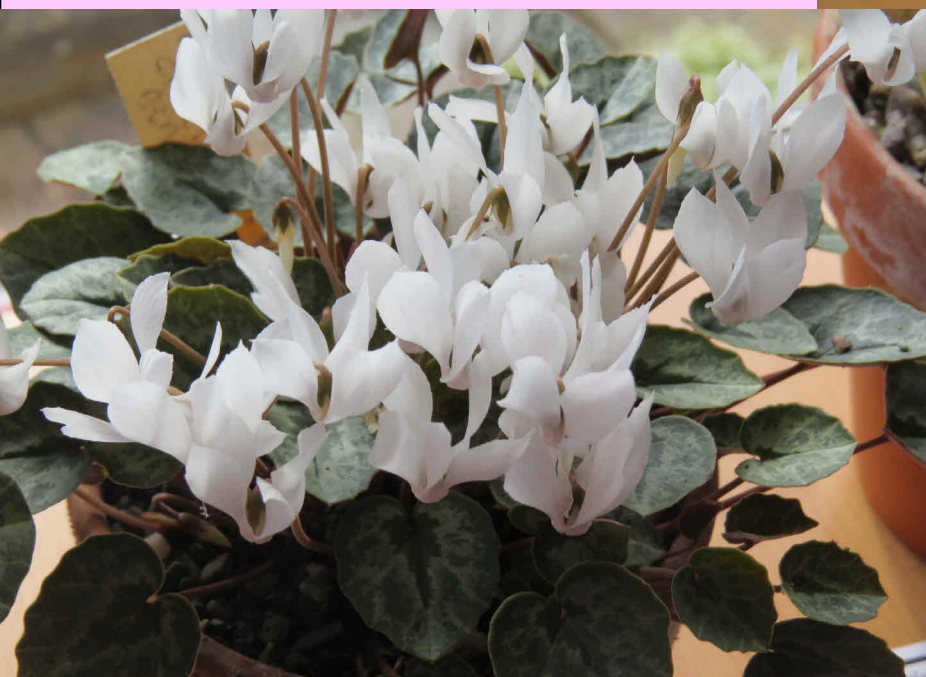
Anne Bush who grows lots of Cyclamen





Cyclamen cilicium from Margaret & Henry Taylor

Cyclamen intaminatum grown by Jean Wyllie



Cyclamen graecum with different leaves from Sandy Leven



