



Berkhamsted and District Branch

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Special points of interest:

- Christmas meeting with David Minnion's films of steam trains
- AGM to be held on 9th January 2010
- Agenda for AGM and Nomination form on the last page

Programme

December 2009 to May 2010

12 Dec	Christmas Get-Together
9 Jan	AGM and Members'
13 Feb	Rodney Sims Knersvlakte
13 Mar	John Watmough Escobarías
8 May	Robin Alabaster Travels among Austral- asian Alpines

There will be no meeting in April 2010 due to the Society's General Meeting.

British Cactus and Succulent Society

Editor's Comments

Welcome to the November 2009 Branch newsletter, that is in a revised format. I hope you have had a successful year growing and looking after your plants. Once again we had a poor summer after a good start, only to be followed by a dry autumn and more recently, an Indian summer. At least the water butts never actually ran out but it was a close run thing at times. This year a lot of repotting has taken place, especially South African and other bulbs we grow. Gill has made a start on repotting the Haworthias and will undoubtedly continue her efforts next year.

Attendances at Branch meetings this year have held up well, averaging 9.87 per meeting (9.45 in 2008). The Society continues to consider it's structure for the future, although any clear proposals seem as far off now as they did when the exercise started.

Branch meetings have been well served by a variety of speakers covering a wide range of topics. We continue to meet at Kings Langley but have kept in touch with the developments at College Lake. At this juncture however, the Committee has decided to remain at Kings Langley in 2010.

Next year sees the Branch hosting the Zone 6 Show again, which we last did in 2002. Planning is well under way and I hope everyone will support us on the day by exhibiting their plants and/or

helping out with setting up and running the show. Once again we will be providing light lunches and refreshments throughout the day so any donations of cakes etc. will be greatly appreciated. All the profit we make from the refreshments goes to the Branch.

Yet another year is drawing rapidly to a close, Christmas is now six weeks away and the shortest day is only five weeks hence, yet it feels as though we have only just finished celebrating last Christmas.

I hope all your plants are safely and warmly tucked up in the greenhouse or wherever they are kept. Gill and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Christmas Get-Together again this year and at our meetings in 2010. Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish yourself and your family all the best for the festive season and a Happy New Year.

David

Hon. Secretary

Zone 6 Show 2010



We hosted a successful Convention in 2006 and a well received Open Day in 2008.

A good balance of Cacti and Other Succulents will be provided by the trade stands .

We are going to need:-

- Your help on the day
- Donations of food, e.g. cakes etc.
- Donations of Raffle prizes

This will be the last Zone event we will be hosting until 2014 so lets make sure we go out on a high note.

Saturday 22 May 2010

Chorleywood War Memorial Hall

Chorleywood

Hertfordshire WD3 5LN

The Branch will be hosting next year's Zone 6 Show and the Committee is busy planning for the event. Please make a note of the date in your diary.

The programme for the day will be as follows: -

- Hall Opens at 9AM.
- Exhibits to be staged between 9AM and 10.45AM.
- Judging from 11AM onwards.
- Open to public 11AM to 4.30PM
- Presentations to be made at 4PM.
- Removal of exhibits 4.30PM to 5.30PM.

Plant Sales by: -

- **Toobees (Bob Potter)**

The Committee will be extremely grateful for all possible help on the day. In addition, any raffle prizes and donations towards the catering for the event will be welcome, e.g. home-made cakes etc. This is an opportunity for the Branch to gain much needed funds and help to secure our long-term prosperity.

If you are able to help in any way please let the Secretary know as soon as possible as this will greatly help us in our planning.

Your support would be greatly appreciated and in so doing you will be helping the Branch to deliver a successful, enjoyable and entertaining event.

Christmas Get-Together

This year we have something different in the way of entertainment (toys for boys).

David Minnion will be entertaining us with films of trains.

As usual there will be Xmas cake and other nibbles available on the day..



Don't forget to bring along a glass to toast the festive season and your donated prize for the Grand Raffle.

**Wishing you a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Berkhamsted and District Branch of the British Cactus and Succulent Society will be held on Saturday 9th January 2010 at Lower Hall, Christ Church, The Nap, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, WD4 8ET, starting at 3 PM.

AGENDA



1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of the Last A. G. M. (10th January 2009).
3. Matters Arising.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Secretary's Report.
6. Chairman's Remarks.
7. Programme 2010/2011.
8. Election of Officers.
9. Election of Committee.
10. Election of Auditors.
11. Any Other Business.

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Nominations for Elections

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Signature</i>
.....	Chairman
.....	Vice-Chairman
.....	Treasurer
.....	Secretary
.....	Show Secretary
.....	Sales Manager
.....	Visitors' Host