



Berkhamsted and District Branch

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Special points of interest:

- Review of Branch Mini-Show
- AGM to be held on 8th January 2011
- Agenda for AGM and Committee Nomination form

Programme December 2010 to June 2011

11 Dec	Christmas Get-together
8 Jan	Annual General Meeting and members' slides
12 Feb	Rodney Sims 'Off the beaten track'
12 Mar	Frank Wolpert Plant Quiz
14 May	Chris Davies Southern Arizona
11 Jun	Paul Klaassen Dudleya and Copiapoa

We have had a very successful year, hosting the Zone 6 Show and holding our own Mini-Show in August.

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Editor's Comments

Welcome to the November 2010 Branch newsletter. We have seen significant changes in weather over the past few months. It was extremely hot and dry from May to the end of July, with little rain. Since the beginning of August it has been cloudy and often quite wet. Trying to decide when to water plants has become a bit of a lottery.

Looking back on the middle part of the year I remember many interesting talks, including Tony Mace on Opuntias, David Porters discourse on Euphorbias and Bill Morris leading us through his A-Z of our hobby.

This year we tried something new, a Branch Mini-Show in August, which Derek Tribble kindly judged. There were some high quality classes and we made Derek's job challenging. The after show discussion led by Derek was also useful and entertaining. My thanks to all who helped in setting up the show and for bringing your

plants to support the table show. I hope you enjoyed the meeting as much as Gill and I did.

Looking ahead we have our Christmas meeting in December followed by the AGM and members' slides in January. Rodney will be taking us Off the Beaten Track in February.

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 2011. 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



Review of Branch Mini-Show 2010



Many years ago the Branch held an annual show but over recent years this practice ceased. The decision was taken to try out a Branch Show, albeit on a limited scale, to test the viability of such an event.

The Show took place at our usual meeting location in Kings Langley but was held in the larger room, next to the kitchen. It took a while to set up but with everyone helping out everything was soon ready for the plants to be put on the show benches. It was good to see so many entries by members of the Branch as this helped to make it an interesting show and a challenge for our judge, Derek Tribble. My thanks to everyone who put plants in the Show.



We held a successful Branch Mini-Show. There were plenty of plants to be seen, with some good sized specimens on the show benches.

Thank you for your support on the day of the Show

Derek talked about the plants after the judging. He discussed why he rated certain plants and about the plants in general.

The awards at the Show went to: -

Trophy/Award	Exhibitor
Most points in Section A—Cacti	David Latham
Most points in Section B—Other Succulents	David and Gill Wilson
Most points in the Show	David and Gill Wilson

Due to the success of the show this year, we will be holding another Mini-Show on 8 July 2011.



Christmas Get-Together

The final meeting of the year will be the annual Christmas Get-Together where we celebrate the forthcoming festive season and enjoy a more relaxed and different type of meeting.

This year we hope to have a DVD of a model mountain railway in Cheddington and a digital presentation of Exbury Gardens. In addition, there will be a cactus and succulent plant related quiz.

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

February 2011 Meeting

In February our Chairman, Rodney Sims, will be transporting us to South Africa where he plans to go 'Off the Beaten Track'. Rodney has been to South Africa several times in recent years so this should prove to be another beguiling talk.

March 2011 Meeting

Once again we are going to be entertained with a Frank Wolpert plant quiz. Everyone enjoyed the last quiz that Frank put together so we can look forward to another mind bending challenge.

May 2011 Meeting

In May we welcome back Chris Davies when he will be talking about Southern Arizona. Chris previously talked to the Branch in May 2009 about Variations – Mammillaria (& Coryphantha) variability in habitat.



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 8th January 2011 at Lower Hall, Christ Church, The Nap, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire WD3 8ET at 3 pm.



AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of the Last A. G. M. (13 February 2010).
3. Matters Arising.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Secretary's Report.
6. Chairman's Remarks.
7. Programme 2011/2012.
8. Election of Officers.
9. Election of Committee.
10. Election of Auditors.
11. Any Other Business.

Nominations for Elections

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