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Vase awarded to H W Hyde & Son and
presented by HM The Queen to
Sarah Hyde



Mylnefield Lilies – National Collection
'Marie North'



Mylnefield Lilies– National Collection
'Rosemary North'



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Programme of events 2012-2013

Saturday 20th October 2012

**Lily Group AGM at 2pm followed by
Bulb Auction**

to be held in Lily Group Tent

**RHS Hyde Hall, Creepedge Lane,
Tettenden Common, Chelmsford
Essex CM3 8ET**

Admission Free to RHS Members

**NB Please notify Caroline Boisset for
free admission beforehand if you are
not an RHS Member – details on
page 5**

Saturday 20 April 2013

**Long Acre Plants, Charlton Musgrove,
Somerset BA9 8EX**

Snape Cottage Plantsman's Garden

www.snapecottagegarden.co.uk

Bourton , Gilligham SP8 5BZ

and 50 yards away:

ChiffChaffs, Chaffeymoor, Bourton

Nr Gillingham Dorset SP8 AY

Welcome to all those who have joined since the Spring Newsletter.

In this Diamond Jubilee Year the summer in the UK has been the wettest for 100 years and has severely affected many shows and events such as Tim Whiteley's Lily Festival at Evenley and presented a challenge to lily growers. One notable exception was the RHS Chelsea Show – the sun shone – and we were thrilled and delighted when the family firm of W H Hyde won the Diamond Jubilee Vase for the best stand in the Great Pavilion. Richard Hyde is a Lily Group Committee member and the Cup was presented to his sister Sarah by HM Queen Elizabeth.

As we move into autumn the Lily Group is facing a new challenge – nothing to do with the weather - but our relationship with the RHS which will undergo changes in the next few months to comply with new regulations. The issues are fully explained by Nuala Sterling in her letter which follows. Please read carefully – we do need the support of all our members and hope to see many of you at the AGM and Bulb Auction in October at Hyde Hall

Our Treasurer, Colin Pope, has recently set up a PayPal facility that makes it much easier to pay for subscriptions and seeds from our

annual Seed List. Please do look at the details on page 11.

Alan Mitchell would very much welcome articles for next year's *Lilies & Related Plants* – see page 10.

On a lighter note there is much to interest you in this Newsletter and I am very grateful to all the contributors for taking valuable time from lily growing to send in their articles.

This Newsletter will be available on our Website shortly where you can find details of all our activities including the Seed List and Pollen Exchange Project www.rhslilygroup.org

**Irene Hopton Scott
Editor**

Chairman's Letter September 2012

I rather like Arachnids, so too does my 4 year old grand-daughter, much to her mother's chagrin. Gazing at the intricacies of Aranea's web heavy with dew in the early morning sunshine I reflected how similar was the structure of the Lily Group. A worldwide extensive network held together by a love or

fascination with Lilies. In the centre of the web is the Lily Group Committee closely bound to its parent the RHS from which it was originally born as a standing committee in 1931. It grew so large in its first year that it metamorphosed to become one of 3 RHS Groups. The others being the Fruit Group (1945), the Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Group (initially in 1915 as the Rhododendron Society then Association until the post war period reforming as an RHS Group to which Magnolia and Camellia were added).

Yet we rarely meet members except at the October Bulb Auction and AGM, or whilst holding a stall at the occasional RHS show and even more rarely at a Conference. The competitive Lily Shows are a thing of the distant past in this country, though still to be admired abroad in New Zealand, Australia, USA, Germany, Holland.

The committee which has remained virtually unchanged for several years is conscious of the need to attract new and younger members. We all enjoy our tasks and would make new recruits welcome. We do not have a specific procedure for attracting future potential committee members so please read the invitation on page 4.

The process of sharing information and plant material is not just one way. Without the steady stream of Lily seed to and from the group we would scarcely have a point in existence. We are indebted to our donors of hundreds of seed packets of Liliaceae, Liliium species, hybrids and unusual non-liliaceae, especially the many which come from overseas. The importance of continuing to grow from seed was highlighted by Harris Howland as so many commercial plants are now grown by the meristem process.

One person who has developed individual links in our network over the years is Alan Hooker, single handedly by letter, email, telephone and personal visits ploughing that commitment into the fantastic seed list and its distribution. You cannot imagine the workload and winter-time he has spent advancing that operation. Alan-

our special thanks to you and admiration for your expertise.

Pat Huff who took over as his successor a year ago has the additional challenge of a full time demanding job and changing practicalities- slower broadband at home, e-mail filters at work, increased postage costs with varying parameters, not just weight but diameters for packaging and increasingly complex customs controls abroad. The introduction of PayPal has produced advantages in invoicing, payment and exchange facilities as detailed by Colin Pope and Rose Voelcker for Membership and Seed List costs. The workload involved in catering for large orders is unmanageable and may lead us to a restriction of orders, in line with other societies.

Alan Hooker kindly continued to prepare the list last year and George Battle has agreed to do that as a trial for the 2012/13 seed list.

The purchase of a full set of Lilies and Related Plants this year has prompted us to explore the possibility of converting them to digital form and placing on the web site.

Our geographical scatter and the cost of travel deters attendance at meetings with the exception of the Bulb Auction/AGM but Caroline Boisset has arranged an interesting programme for 2013 to attract more members to come. A more Regional approach has led us to schedule the Lily Bulb Auction and AGM at Hyde Hall RHS Garden in Essex this October. Whether that experiment in a marquee, which coincides with their Autumn meeting, will prove brave or exciting remains to be seen!

The centre of our spider-web and links to our parent RHS is about to undergo a fundamental change. In 2006 the new Charities Act identified or imposed certain strictures which had not been applied in the past. You may recall in 2007 our Chairman Pat Huff advising members of the difficulties facing us, where the status quo was not an option but those alternatives that were offered at that time were unwelcome to us. The replies from around the world to her enquiries, and indeed changes

within the RHS itself since then, have prompted a long process of discussion with the RHS.

The RHS acknowledges the great value there is in close involvement with the Plant Groups, and the groups themselves benefit hugely from their support. Against this background the issue has been to find a structure for the Groups that is compatible with the requirements set by the Charity Commission's oversight of the RHS as a registered Charity

To comply with the financial strictures of the Charity Commission it is evident that we have either to become subsumed into the RHS or emerge as a separate legal entity independent of the RHS. Your Committee have unanimously determined that the best option is to become a separate legal entity, yet maintaining the close links with and support of the RHS that we all value so much.

At the AGM on October 20th we shall be presenting the motion for a formal separation, an emergence as a Lily Group with its own constitution independent of the RHS, to be followed by a partnership contract with the RHS for co-operation and mutual support. Please do come and support your Committee on this important day.

All who visit the RHS Shows are accustomed to the splendid Lily demonstrations of Richard, Elizabeth and Sarah Hyde (HW Hyde & Son). We were all delighted when they were awarded the Queen's Jubilee Award for the best display in the Great Pavilion at Chelsea and offer our warmest congratulations.

Nuala Sterling
Chairman

LILY GROUP INVITATION

The Lily Group Committee wishes to invite members to consider standing for the Committee for the fun of ensuring the future of the Lily Group whose aims are:

To promote the encouragement and improvement of the science, art and practice of

horticulture in all its branches and extending the study and cultivation of Lilies and associated plants.

If you are enthusiastic about Lilies and interested (whether novice or expert) please let our Secretary Caroline Boisset know of your own particular area of interest or expertise.

Nuala Sterling
Chairman

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Full Details of the Programme of events for 2012-2013

Saturday 20 October 2012

Annual Bulb Auction and Lily Group AGM to be held at RHS Garden Hyde Hall, Creephedge Lane, Rettenden Common, Chelmsford, CM3 8ET

The bulb auction, this year, has been planned to coincide with the Grow Your Own Autumn Festival at RHS Garden Hyde Hall so there will be plenty to do throughout the day. The bulb auction will follow the AGM which will start at 2pm in the Lily Group tent. There will be refreshments (tea and coffee) available for our members in the tent and admission is free for members of the RHS.

Please note: If you are not a member and intend coming to the auction and AGM please telephone or email Caroline Boisset in advance so that your name can be given to the front gate for free entry

Tel No ++44 (0)1225 864808 or
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Saturday 20 April 2013

A visit on the Wiltshire/Dorset border near Wincanton to Long Acre Plants (Nigel Rowlands's nursery) - Snape Cottage - Chiffchaffs.

Nigel grows a spectacular array of shade plants including many Liliaceae and will be at the

nursery to discuss the plants and their cultivation – for an impression of the range of plants he offers for sale - visit the website on:

www.plantsforsjade.co.uk

www.longacreplants.co.uk

Snape Cottage and Chiffchaffs are two dramatically different gardens in the village of Bourton that both have good collections of plants and on each of my visits have looked spectacular. There are plants for sale at both gardens and a pub lunch between the nursery and gardens will give an opportunity to exchange ideas, catch up and get to know other fellow members. Visit the website on

www.snapecottagegarden.co.uk

Full details of the programme for the day will be published in the next newsletter.

Caroline Boisset

Lily Group Secretary

July 2013

We are planning a visit during July to Gill and Peter Regan's garden and Peter Shotter's establishment in Kent. Full details of the programme will be published in the next newsletter

Seed Distribution-Outline instructions 2012-13

The Seed List Manager is Pat Huff and the Seed List Compiler is George Battle

Seed Collection

Seed should be collected cleaned, dry, free of chaff and clearly labelled with printed names. It is also important to ensure that seeds are contained in completely sealed packets. **It would greatly help if a typed list could be sent with the consignment.**

They should be sent by post to arrive by 1ST December to:

Dr Pat Huff, Castle House, Leighton

Bromswold, HUNTINGDON,

Cambridgeshire, PE28 5AX

lilygroupseeds@gmail.com

Members who contribute seed will receive a copy of the seed-list two weeks ahead of other members and be rewarded with an allocation of free packets of seed.

Donors will receive one free packet of seed for every two species Liliaceae seed, and one free packet for every three of other seed donated to a maximum of 10 free packets. They may order up to 100 seed packets.

Non donors may order to a maximum of 30 seed packets.

The seed list will be available in digital form as a PDF file as well as the conventional printed version. It will contain full instructions for ordering and purchase of seed.

Seed orders will be accepted by e-mail but it is emphasised that every effort will be made to ensure those unable to use e-mail will not be put at any disadvantage.

Seed contributors may be sent a copy of the printed list but other members requiring a copy should either send a request together with a first-class stamp to:

George Battle, Oaklands, Gorst Hill, Rock, KIDDERMINSTER

Worcestershire, DY14 9YR

gbattle7@btinternet.com

Or: send an e-mail request for a digital version. Overseas members requesting a printed copy of the list have no need to pay postage.

We are particularly appreciative of the donations from overseas members for their generosity and wide variety, but in this wet year, one of our worst on record, we should stress our appreciation of any donation however small.

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A Puzzlement

Harris Howland asks:

Can anyone throw any light on *L. leichtlinii* var. *pseudotigrinum*? The books say this is synonymous with *L. leichtlinii* var. *maximowiczii* but as we know books suffer from plagiarism

so I think this problem has been on-going. Currently I am growing *L. leichtlinii*, *L. leichtlinii* var. *maximowiczii*, *L. leichtlinii* var. *tenuifolium*, *L. leichtlinii* var. *Iwashimizu* (unflowered as yet) and *L. leichtlinii* which I refer to as the commercial form because I believe it is the result of tissue culture and will not set seed because they all have the same parent. Now two or three years ago I acquired some bulbs of *L. leichtlinii* var. *pseudotigrinum* from Rare Plants, Dr. Paul Christian, of Wrexham. These look exactly like *L. lancifolium* complete with hairy stems and bulbils. So I am beginning to think this was a complete misnomer right from the beginning and why the name was perpetuated by Rare Plants I don't know.

Any thoughts anyone? If so please contact the Newsletter Editor.

From Lane Spence - Lily Group member in New Zealand writes: Does anyone grow a flowering *L. chalconicum* and have seed to spare. I would really be grateful as this is the one species that I would like to get. We have been very wet here and we had minor flooding to our house. It's early spring here and the lilies are just starting to move.
Email Contact: seaviews@paradise.net.nz

Umph! So we are not the only ones suffering from a surfeit of water!!!!

Madeleine Tinson's Report on her First Year of Mylnefield Lillies as a National Collection

As the tail-enders come into flower, seeing 'Marie North', named after Dr. C. North's wife, open out her tepals reminds me, as if I need reminding, why I fell under the spell of the Mylnefield Lilies as she has to be one of the finest North ladies.

The last to flower are in fact some of the first series: the Gods, 'Achilles,' 'Orestes' and 'Phoebus'. So as the flowering season draws to a close it gives me time to reflect on my first

year as a National Collection holder. I will draw a veil over the weather this summer and the difficulties it has caused to lily growers. Despite that it has been a very rewarding and eventful time for me.

All the Norths have put on growth and almost all have put on a show of flowers and my stock has increased. I managed to add to the collection with the purchase of 'Iona' from The Lily Garden owned by Judith Freeman in Vancouver. I also bought many of the children of 'Ariadne' (as I refer to them) from Judith who uses it as a parent plant to develop many lovely new varieties. The North American Lily Society are devoted growers of North Hybrids and I have made contact with a few of them. , We plan to meet up on a trip out to family in Canada this October.

I have not given up on the four cultivars that are still missing from the collection – 'Adonis', 'Eureka' 'Invergowrie' and 'Pandora' -maybe they are out there somewhere!

Dr Peter Waister has handed Dr North's development notes on to me which he saved from being 'binned' along with much of the correspondence regarding the distribution of the lilies to interested parties. The Lily Group purchased hundreds of bulbs and then went on to select those that were later registered as the 'North Ladies'.

I was given a contact number for the owners of Dr North's former home in Knapp. I was told they had rented it out and that nothing had been done to the garden. I thought this would be great as there just might be a hidden treasure. Big disappointment! After fighting my way through the jungle I came home thinking how very sad it was that the garden had been reduced to such a state.

But on a brighter note, I was telephoned by a young man who told me he was to marry Hannah North and asked me if I had any lilies they could have for the big day. I decided to take along a few flowering pots and set up a display in the Church Hall where the reception was being held. I then discovered they have a

fourteen month old daughter called Rosie who is Dr North's great grand daughter. For some time I have been thinking of registering a numbered cultivar that Dr Peter Waister gave me. I found it mentioned in the North correspondence dated 1983 as 'performing well, vigorous, of healthy appearance'. It has dark red flowers with waxy tepals and is a *lankongense* hybrid with the appearance of an Asiatic. All it needed was a name. So you know what's coming next!! So this cultivar will be named '**Rosie North**' - to the delight of her parents and, I hope, the approval of Dr. North.

On the 28th August 2012 an application for the registration of '**Rosie North** 1 (a/b-c)', was registered on the International Lily Register database, and will be published in the 4th Lily Supplement due out this Autumn. I am particularly pleased with the Registrar, Duncan Donald's addition to the description. This seedling was first distributed from the Scottish Horticultural Research Institute at Invergowrie numbered as 546/1, but has apparently never been formally named before. Its epithet continues the tradition of naming Dr North's hybrids after female members of his family, and alludes to his great grand-daughter Rosie (née Lindsay).

All that remains to be done is to compile a report and inventory of the collection to submit to the Plant Heritage Committee. Set to and turn out all the lilies from their pots, clean, divide, then re-pot with fresh compost.. Then I can sit back and look forward to next season's floral display.

Madeleine Tinson

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Please do contact Madeleine if you can help in her quest for '**Adonis**', '**Eureka**' '**Invergowrie**' and '**Pandora**'.

LILY PROBLEMS

Harris Howland

There are several problems associated with cultivating lilies other than the fact that some of them are difficult to grow. These range from our dreaded enemy the lily beetle, botrytis, virus, vine weevil and this year's slugs and snails. I will deal with the latter first as I hope this will not be such an on going problem. We all realise that it is the wet conditions this year that has seen the explosion of these beasts. There is little one can do short of putting down slug and snail pellets which many are loath to do because of the impact on friendly wildlife. I have not seen so many thrushes this year and the hedgehog population appears to be in serious decline. However there is one glimmer of sunshine on the horizon. I have read in the newspapers that in some areas of the country they are experiencing a significant increase in the frog population because of the wet conditions. Ours locally have been in decline helped by grass-snakes.

Now to get back to our regular problems like the lily beetle. This is where the poor weather conditions have been to our advantage as it has partly suppressed the normal explosion during the warmer months. They have still been about but not in the numbers normally expected. As I have mentioned before I use the aerosol Provado, which whilst expensive is effective as they don't see it coming not like the hand or finger and thumb. I did try another method this year again using Provado, but not the aerosol. Provado Ultimate Bug Killer concentrate is available in 400ml plastic bottles but again not cheap. I used this diluted in water in a watering can with a fine rose and watered around the lilies on emergence or just before. Now this method has had some success. It significantly reduced the incidence of lily beetle on my main lily bed. This could be because of the conditions this year but I am hoping this is knocking them out before emergence and getting into the plants before they have a meal.

The weather must have had some effect on another of our other enemies botrytis; but because of the windy conditions this again has not been so prevalent. I have only had to spray

once with Rovral which I use against botrytis in the greenhouse in enclosed conditions, on *L. duchartrei* which known to be a bit prone. But this soon cleared-up the problem. As I have mentioned before whilst I use Rovral other lily growers use multiple preparations so that the fungus does not become immune to the fungicide.

The next on our list of problems is virus. This is probably the most serious problem because the only solution is to destroy/burn affected plants. So the name of the game is prevention not cure. The most common way that virus is transmitted is by the greenfly/aphid. Some plants such as tulips are deliberately infected with virus to create striking effects, whilst some plants including some lilies are virus tolerant. This means they carry the virus but show no ill effect. The lily that immediately comes to mind is *L. lancifolium* (syn. *L. tigrinum*).

Last in this long line of horror stories is the Vine Weevil, these are most prevalent in inclosed conditions like the greenhouse or conservatory. I started to experience problems in my greenhouse in 2011 and then again this year when I had to take some drastic action. They would come out at night and make lacework of the lily leaves similar to lily beetle and then hide under pots during the day. They make a horrible crunch when you squash them. I looked at various methods of control to see what best suited the circumstances. The first I looked at involved drenching the compost, which would have not been too good for the lilies. So I went on-line and ordered nematodes specifically to eradicate vine weevil. It is early days yet but the indications look promising. To be on the safe side I expect I will have to give a further application in spring 2013. Nematodes are microscopic worms that attack the soil - born grubs of several pests. The nematode that attacks the vine weevil grub is *Steinernema kraussei*. They are available by mail order and arrive in a plastic packet which requires refrigeration until required. They are then added to water and applied to the compost. There are full instructions, dilution and application rates.

There is an excellent article in the August 2012 issue of the RHS Garden magazine.

Editor's Note:

Harris has been lucky this year – other members have reported to me that they have had huge problems with botrytis. Please note Rovral is not easily available to the individual lily grower and is only available in large quantities which is expensive.

Conservation of the old Asiatic Lily

Hybrids

Pontus Wallsten

'Connecticut Yankee', 'Connecticut Lemonglow', 'Thunderbolt', 'Enchantment', 'Connecticut King'. These names may only ring a bell amongst the older generation of lily lovers and Lily Group members, who were around in the 1950s and 60s. The golden age of the breeding programme started by the firm Stone & Payne in Connecticut who bred the world famous "Connecticut series" of lilies, later used at Oregon bulb farms in Oregon in the USA by Jan De Graaf and later also by Edward Austin MacRae in the 1960s to breed further Asiatic hybrids.

Over a few decades these 2 firms produced, in my opinion, some of the most stunning and most beautiful Asiatic lily hybrids ever made, with their delicate flowers in a unique star shape, or half reflexed Turkscape shape, shapes which are rarely found in today's modern hybrids. The colours were also often very pure, deep oranges as with 'Connecticut Yankee' (1959) or deep gold with a faint orange centre in 'Connecticut King' (1967), or a lovely deep vermilion red, almost purple, in 'Cinnabar' (1950).

These lilies, just as with some dahlia, canna, and tulip hybrids, got forgotten by the 1990s, and as is often the case with hybrids, they eventually went out of fashion, or, as Richard Hyde told me, large stocks of 'Enchantment' got infected by virus and had to be destroyed, and were replaced by more vigorous tolerant lilies. I decided back in 2010 to begin a conservation programme of these old Asiatic hybrids before

these were all gone,. They are especially close to my heart as the first lily I ever grew at the age of 13 was in fact 'Connecticut King', and it was that lily which really got me interested in this wonderful genus!

However the project was not easy. As previously mentioned, these lilies are no longer widely grown and even less commercially produced. When I did discover a few bulbs, it was never in large quantities. I now multiply these bulbs in my small rare bulb nursery, Pontus Wallstén Plants, which I started in 2009, I was lucky in that one of my Canadian customers was able to help me locate a few bulbs of 'Connecticut Yankee' and 'Connecticut King' in a local Canadian nursery. She sent me these bulbs during 2010 and 2011, and they have multiplied slowly but steadily since then. Some additional bulbs have come in from the Lily Group bulb auction as well.

I can understand, however, why these lilies are no longer widely produced. They are, compared to other hybrids available nowadays, not always easy to grow, multiply more slowly, and are sometimes more sensitive to dryness or rot. But growing them in humus rich soil with shading of the stem roots and head in sun or half shade seems to work well for most of them.

I now have 'Connecticut Yankee' and 'Connecticut King' in production and am expecting some 'Nutmegger' (1957) from Canada in the autumn, as well as some 'Connecticut Beauty' (1975). I also grow 'Orange Triumph' (1933) as well as 'Nova Cento' (1986). I am still searching for 'Enchantment' (1941) and 'Cinnabar' (1950) as well as the trumpet 'Thunderbolt' (1954). As 'Enchantment' was grown in the millions up until at least the 1990s, I keep telling myself that there must be some bulbs left somewhere....but where?

This autumn I am hoping to bring to the Lily Group bulb auction a few bulbs of 'Connecticut Yankee,' as distributing these bulbs to as many lily lovers as possible is also an excellent conservation method. Thus making sure they are grown and multiplied in as many

gardens as possible should also ensure a greater rate of long term survival for these beauties!

Pontus Wallstén

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Please contact Pontus if you can help in his quest for 'Enchantment', 'Cinnebar' and 'Thunderbolt'.

Lilies and Related Plants

Alan Mitchell
Editor: Lilies and Related Plants

Although the next issue of Lilies and Related Plants will not be published until next year a few people have already contacted me with their ideas for articles. One person, from Tasmania, contacted me to offer to write an article about *L. wardii*. When I indicated that I also grow this splendidly scented lily and proposed we might write a joint article, describing our experiences of growing *wardii* in gardens which are thousands of miles apart, agreement was quickly reached.

However, I will need many more articles, so if any of the Lily Group members reading this item wish to make a contribution – about growing lilies in a deluge perhaps given the spring and summer we have had – then please contact me at: massmitch@tiscali.co.uk or by telephone at + 44 (0) 1592 759255.

Visit to Heale House

A small group of members and their partners met at Heale House in Wiltshire on Saturday 21 April, a day of mostly sunshine during one of the many rainy periods we have experienced this year in England. After a restorative cup of coffee we went for a very pleasant walk through the gardens which are set against the backdrop of a beautiful late seventeenth century house with the river Avon running through the grounds giving it both formal and delightfully bucolic atmospheres. Snowdrops and aconites that carpet the garden in spring had given way

to naturalised muscari and daffodils. We admired the vegetable garden with its apple tunnels and well tended box-edged beds. This was an ideal opportunity for members to talk and get to know one another, particularly over lunch which followed.

In the afternoon purchases were made in the plant centre run by plantsman extraordinaire Kevin Hughes. Kevin offers a range of bulbous, herbaceous, climbing plants as well as shrubs and small trees. Everything he sells is a good garden plant and he prides himself in offering strong well grown plants, most of which he has raised himself from seed, cuttings or by division. Among the treasures we saw were sanguinarias, erythroniums, trilliums (which he assured me do grow on chalk), *Hepatica transylvanica*, rogersias, arisaemas, baptisias, *Pteris wallichiana* and *Tetrapanax papyrifera* 'Steroidal Giant' (which Kevin tells me is not as invasive as 'Rex'). Kevin also has an impressive collection of magnolias, wisterias, lilacs, philadelphus and when I visited again, mentioned particularly *Robinia x ambigua* as a good small tree.

Caroline Boisset
Lily Group Secretary

Evenley Lily Festival

The rain came down steadily all morning and sadly your editor arrived too late to join Tim Whiteley's conducted tour. She scurried around trying in vain to catch up with the group – passing 'Garden Society' and various *martagons* blooming bravely in the rain. Also huge stands of *I. superbum* buds. Outside the tent Sarah Hyde pointed to the tubs containing Tim's new *martagon* 'Evenley Jane' while the rain continued to come down.....

Important Notice

Payments to the Lily Group

We should like you to consider the following issues relating to **subscription** and **seed order** payments to the Group.

1. For UK members, **cheques** drawn on a UK bank are perfectly acceptable but if you are making cheque payment for seeds, please use the '**Limit cheque**' method with the words *Not to exceed* .. clearly written on the cheque and with the value field blank left blank.
2. For members holding a UK bank account, please consider setting up a **standing order mandate** for annual subscription payments if you have not already done so.
3. Your subscription status is shown on the address label of your envelope. If it shows **2012/...-.../..** it signifies that your present subscription ends on 31-Dec-12 and is soon due for renewal. Note that if it shows **SO 2012/...-.../..** then a standing order arrangement is already in place.
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Rosie North– new cultivar



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