

LILY GROUP Newsletter

AUTUMN 2018



Lily Group AGM and Bulb Auction

Saturday 20 October
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Lily Trial at RHS Wisley
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The Lily Group Summer visit to Wales

report on pages 5/6

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Editorial

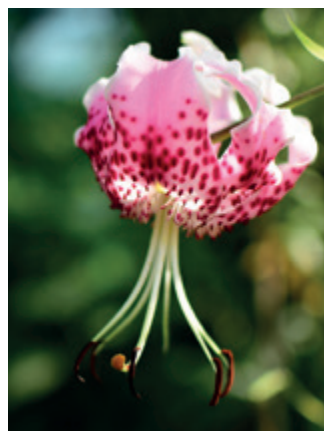
Pontus Wallstén

Well, this year has definitely been one of the strangest, weather wise, across Europe in many gardeners' memories. After a very cold, wet winter and spring for many of us, where plants were lagging two to three weeks behind schedule, a sudden abrupt heat wave then arrived during May.

As the weeks went by, it became clear that this heat wave was here to stay. Plants caught up quickly and by late May, plants that usually bloom in late June were in full bloom here, including *Lilium pardalinum*, *L. martagon*, *L. sbastense*, and *L. kelloggii*). I had never experienced a year when most of my *Lilium* collection had already finished blooming by early July! Throughout the summer, the heat wave continued, with very little rainfall, especially in the north of Switzerland.

In Sweden, lily growers reported flowers lasting just a few days. Driving through the Swedish countryside felt like crossing the African savannah, when I visited in July. Not a blade of green grass as far as the eye could see, with forest fires raging in the middle of the country.

The UK suffered similar heat and drought, but quite a few lilies in the lily trial at Wisley held up well despite the extreme weather. (See Richard Hyde's 'top 10 list' of performers on page 11). George Battle also reports a very difficult year for seed harvests as a result of the weather on page 9.



The passage of storm Hector in the UK in June didn't help, with many Lily Group members reporting considerable damage. After a challenging season here in Switzerland with notably, an unexplained sudden rotting of entire lily clumps here in mid-August (*Lilium pyrenaicum* and *L. pardalinum* var. *giganteum*), a few lilies stood out as the great performers of 2018: *L. canadense* var. *editorum* (see page 11), *L. speciosum* 'Fourth of July' (pictured above) and other *L. speciosum* types, *L. henryi*, *L. pseudotigrinum*, and *L. regale*. Hybrid wise, the new 'Frosty Wonder' was excellent, followed by 'Terrasol', 'African Queen'.

As I write, in mid-September, the heat wave has still not left Switzerland, the last few *Lilium speciosum* var. *rubrum* are blooming, while *L. primulinum* var. *burmanicum* have just opened, one month early!

Below, *Lilium* 'Anastasia'

Chairman's letter

Jamie Compton

There cannot be any argument that the weather this summer has been remarkable but what has it done for lilies?

I confess that we do not have an ideal soil for most lilies here in Wiltshire but clay does have the one advantage of retaining moisture especially if there is some shade.

When I visited the lily trial at Wisley (see Richard Hyde's report on page 10) in June and July some of the same oriental × trumpet hybrid lilies e.g. 'Anastasia' that we grow on our clay laden soil were half the height. The dry sandy soil into which the lilies had been planted retained a fair amount



We enjoyed our visit to the National Botanic Garden of Wales (full report on pages 5-6) in early June, which included a visit to Aberglasney where the enormous inflorescences of *Cardiocrinum giganteum* were truly spectacular. We now look forward to the AGM, bulb auction, lecture and visit to the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh, Scotland on Saturday 20 October. I hope many Lily Group members will be able to come? For more information, see page 15.

Our illustrious editor of *Lilies and Related Plants* Alan Mitchell has after many years of guiding, cajoling, illuminating and entertaining, decided to call it a day. We are therefore on the lookout for someone new to take on the challenge of editing this most important aspect of the RHS Lily Group. It is with deep gratitude that I write thanking Alan for all that he has done for us in the past. He has very kindly agreed to stay on to advise a new editor in the role until they have found their feet and will remain a key Committee Member for the future.



of water from their irrigation system through a good layer of pine-needle mulch applied in spring. The growth of the bulbs must therefore have been curtailed either by the size of the bulbs or by the sheer intensity of the sunlight bombarding them day in day out in their open field situation. Indeed it was remarkable how well so many seemed to fair under those exposed circumstances.

Forthcoming events

■ FRITILLARIA GROUP: AUTUMN MEETING AND AGM

BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS, SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER 2018
WESTBOURNE ROAD, EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM B15 3TR

08:30 Set-up.

09:30 Arrival, Tea & Coffee

10:00 Fritillaria Group AGM

11:10 *Some Greek frits and other Hellenic stars*,
presented by John Richards

12:30 Lunch Break

13:30 *Lilies of Greece: Gems of the Pindus and Rhodope*,
presented by Duncan Coombs

14:45 *Greece: a paradise of fritillaries but what are they?*
presented by Bob Wallis and Martyn Rix

16:00 Raffle and close

Note: The meeting is open to the general public from 11:10



Fritillaria acmopetala

■ LILY GROUP TOUR TO THE USA: JUNE–JULY 2020

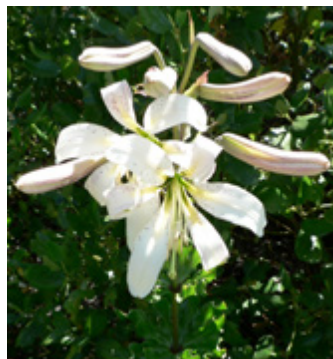
PROPOSED BY DUNCAN COOMBS

I would like to begin to organise a Lily Group tour to the USA to observe and study various *Lilium* species growing in the wild. The tour is tentatively being planned to run late June to early July 2020 and would potentially be lead by Barbara Small from NALS.

We plan to travel by car and stay in affordable accommodation, visiting parts of Nevada, California and Oregon, where we could potentially see 15 to 20 different species and subspecies in bloom.

Expressions of interest

Please could you let me know via email if you might like to consider joining the tour. This will allow me to gauge the level of interest, following which further details and likely tour costs will be announced.



Lilium washingtonianum growing on the edge of a coniferous forest in California, July 2007.

Lily Group summer visit to West Wales

Mel Herbert and Nuala Sterling



Ten members of the Lily Group, Andrew and Alison Allot, Mel Herbert, Bart and Janice Youll, Jamie Compton, Nuala and Graham Sterling, Tony and Thea Dixon, completed the excellent tour arranged by Duncan Coombs (who was himself in the Tien Shan).

Members met on 13 June at the main entrance to the National Botanic Gardens of Wales near Carmarthen and then moved on to a brief meeting and coffee before going on a tour of the gardens.

Our visit began with our helpful guide giving us a brief explanation of the history of the gardens. We then proceeded to the very impressive single span glasshouse, the largest in the world, which houses worldwide collections of plants from Mediterranean type climate zones.

A walk through the gardens was most enjoyable in the excellent Welsh weather and it was particularly interesting to see the double-walled garden with its very sheltered inner environment. As we approached the

tropical butterfly house there were collections of *Arisaema* and *Hedychium* to enjoy and a few hybrid lilies. Just in front of the butterfly house was a small group of *Lilium nepalense* growing in what appeared to be a hard and dry soil in full sun, not at all what one might expect. My plants grow in dappled shade in a moist leafy and well-drained raised bed. After viewing the Lepidoptera and their tropical paradise we walked back to the car park and then set off to find Aberglasney Gardens.

At Aberglasney we were given a warm welcome by the head gardener, Joseph Atkin, who gave us an excellent guided tour. His enthusiasm and knowledge of his plants and garden was a joy and most inspiring. Joseph was keen to show us the lilies growing in the

woodland garden where we saw species and hybrids growing in a semi-wild setting. These included *Lilium ciliatum* in flower and some very robust specimens of *Lilium* 'Kushi Maya' which, sadly, were not.

There were also many *Cardiocrinum giganteum* growing on the sloping sides of the small wooded valley. Despite the unusually dry weather many moisture loving plants were flourishing under the composted bark mulch which is used in large quantities in the gardens.

Lilium candidum was in bud in several places in the gardens but Joseph had much to say about the quality of commercial stocks and is keen to try to establish fresh plants from seed. I know from personal experience that the plant does not do well in our very wet Welsh climate and I am now trying seed grown plants in my well ventilated poly tunnel. It was interesting to see that lilies are amongst the plants being raised from seed in the garden's propagation area, including the north American *Lilium wigginsii*. If you are ever in west Wales, I would highly recommend both gardens, and I will certainly be visiting again in the future.

Melvyn Herbert



Checking in at the Gatehouse of the National Botanic Garden of Wales, we were diverted to the Principality House Conference Centre where Jamie introduced the Group to our guide for the historical background. We stood on the Middleton Hall foundations looking over the view of Llyn Mawr Water Park with its intricate system of lakes, dams and streams, seeing the famous Paxton's Tower on the opposite hills.

At Aberglasney, the creativity of Joseph Atkin, Garden Director, was very inspiring, his enthusiasm and plant knowledge proved endless, as he guided us through the very varied garden of the impressive medieval-house, set in the sloping Tywi Valley.

We were enchanted by the wonderful collection of martagons and cardiocrinums planted and self-sown on the woodland hillside above the house.

Climbing up to where the spring rises we admired the widespread *Primula bulleyana*, *P. pulverulenta* and *P. aurantiaca*, clashing colours with *Iris* × *robusta* 'Gerald Darby', *Iris ensata* and the balance with the shuttlecock ferns, *Ligularia*, *Thalictrum*, *Astrantia* and hostas.

In contrast was the controlled wildness of the Stream and Woodland Garden, before we saw the pig units now transformed into potting shed and glass-house, and the cow sheds now a training facility.

This garden supported by the Aberglasney Restoration Trust is very special, thanks to its enthusiastic director Joseph Atkin, his assistant and the numerous students and volunteers. Over tea and Welsh cakes in the friendly café Mel, Graham and I said farewell to members on a memorable day.

Nuala Sterling

Evenley Wood Garden update

Nicola Taylor, who is now in charge of Evenley Wood, comments on the recent progress at the 60-acre woodland garden set up from scratch by her late father, Tim Whiteley, past Lily Group member and Chairman.

Many things have been happening over the past year here at Evenley Wood. We now have a new head gardener, Tom Clarke, who started in April 2018. The lily collections have been expanded, with a focus on establishing big clumps of some of the easier to grow lilies, to help give a bigger impact for visitors (something Tim had in mind for the future). The café has also been upgraded, which means hot food can now be served to visitors.

Pathways have been cleared and old diseased trees have either been felled (or will be) for safety reasons, and to allow more light into some of the darker areas. The wood remains open to the public.

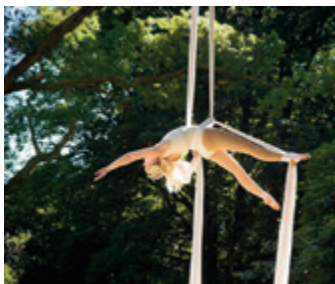
More emphasis has been placed on creating activities for children, notably at Halloween and Easter, with great success. Sue Russell-Wilks, who is in charge of the lilies, has done a marvellous job keeping the lily beetles away and the lilies looking good, despite the warm dry summer.

However rhododendrons, azaleas and



magnolias have suffered greatly, as have *Lilium superbum* and *Lilium pardalinum*, which both dislike dry hot conditions. A *Lily, Rose and Arts Festival* is planned for 2019, on a larger scale than the 2018 event, with more talks and events.

Further details to follow in the spring 2019 Lily Group Newsletter. Information on visiting Evenley Wood Garden can be found online at: www.evenleywoodgarden.co.uk.



Below left, Norgart Martschinke amongst lily friends, receiving the 1995 Lyttel Plate in July 2018.

Bottom, the E. H. Wilson Medal, awarded by NALS in 1998 to Bill Doreen.

Lyttel Plate Presentation, July 2018

Nuala Sterling



Norgart Martschinke was awarded the Lyttel Cup in 1995 for her outstanding lily growing and hybridising achievements and her friendship towards the Lily Group, welcoming members from around the world to her small garden in Sulingen in Germany,

exchanging propagating material for her extensive hybridising of Martagons, North American Lilies and Asiatic hybrids. By chance a formal presentation was never made and the silver plate which would have accompanied the cup appeared in 2017 in the safe of the late Michael Upward whose wife Primrose returned it to the Lily Group.

With the help of Axel Hintze from Magdeburg this plate was finally presented to Norgart during the awards presentation of the European Lily Group meeting in Dorsten, Germany, on 6–8 July. Surrounded by lily friends, Axel introduced the RHS Lily Group, the Lily Register, the Lyttel Cup accompanied by photos of the Cup, Harris Howland's appreciation and the photograph of her with Bill Baker. Their photographs of the show and Norgart with her plate show a very enjoyable reunion.

William Frederick Doreen

an appreciation by Nuala Sterling

On 15 July 2018, Bill Doreen, who lived in Levin, New Zealand, died at the age of 90. Together with his wife Carol, Bill created the outstanding Lilies International Company, famed for its breeding programme of Orientals such as 'Casa Blanca' (originally named 'Snowdrift').

Studying at Massey Agricultural College under botanist Dr John Yeates, he developed a passion for Oriental lilies, and in the 1950s began his hybridisation and commercial production, which, with his development of upward-facing Orientals helped to make lilies

far more popular with florists worldwide. In 1997, the New Zealand Flower Federation declared him Horticulturist of the Year.

I had mentioned my forthcoming visit to New Zealand in the Lily Group Newsletter, and as luck would have it, in 2008, I was staying about 45 km north-east of Levin. Less than a week into my stay a phone call from Bill Doreen began



Below, Carol and Bill Doreen at their home in Levin, New Zealand in February 2014.

Lily Group Seed List George Battle

What a summer it's been across northern Europe! From the UK to southern Spain, two months of incessant spring downpours were followed by two months of intense heat.

I've had the same story from members in the Nordic countries, the Netherlands, Belgium and France. The western states of Canada and the U.S. are experiencing their own extremes.

All of this is likely to presage a difficult year for us in harvesting seed for next year's list. So, a very special effort will be needed if we are to have a strong Seed List in 2019.

**PLEASE POST/MAIL YOUR SEEDS
BY 30 NOVEMBER 2018 TO:**

Pat Huff
Seed List Distribution Manager

Target dates for sending the 2019 Seed List

24 January 2019 (email to all seed donors)

11 February 2019 (email to all non-donors)

Photo library update

I have had some very appreciative feedback regarding the Photo Library, illustrating many of your seed donations. I'd like to build on this and would love as many photos as seed donors can provide though, of course, I will retain those sent last year with the owners' permission. Small digital photo files are best, say around 900 pixels per side. Please email these, together with a list of the seeds you are sending to Pat.

a 10-year friendship with this wonderful couple, through their kindness, sharing of knowledge and introduction to New Zealand's Lily Societies and Botanical Gardens.

Carol had set up a wonderful computer programme with magnificent photos of the many lilies they had bred and a collation of species from the northern hemisphere, which they later presented at the Lily Group meeting at Wisley in July 2009 in his presentation *Lilies and New Zealand*. His book *Lily species throughout the world* (limited edition 2009) is a photographic index of all known species.

Bill's widespread worldwide lily born friendships are a reflection of his temp-



erament, skills and kindness. One of his proudest achievements was receiving the E. H. Wilson Medal, awarded by NALS in 1998.



The Lily Trial, RHS Wisley

Richard Hyde

In March 2018, 220 *Lilium* hybrids and 19 *Lilium* species, subspecies and wild varieties, were planted in the trial fields at RHS Wisley in Surrey.

The aim of the trial, being conducted over a three-year period, is to assess their general garden worthiness and ease of growth. Some may be awarded an AGM (Award of Garden Merit), while others will either have their AGM's maintained, or removed.

No voles are present in the trial fields, only

moles, which only eat worms. Lily beetles were generally not a problem, as these were removed by hand picking.

There was a mix-up regarding the martagons, so sadly these were not planted until January 2018. The *Lilium martagon* trial may be set up at The Savill Garden, where the shady conditions are more favourable to them. Ot's and LO's in general did well, dwarf asiatics didn't perform well, with flowers lasting poorly in the heat.

Some of the best performing species lilies of 2018...



Lilium speciosum 'Uchida'

Regarding the species lilies, *Lilium speciosum* 'Uchida' (pictured left) did very well and looked promising, but sadly someone cut off the buds before they opened. *L. superbum* suffered due to heat and sun (prefers shade and moisture), *Lilium regale* and *Lilium pumilum* did well. *Lilium monadelphum* did poorly due to late planting of the bulbs in April.

The top 10 best performing lily hybrids of 2018

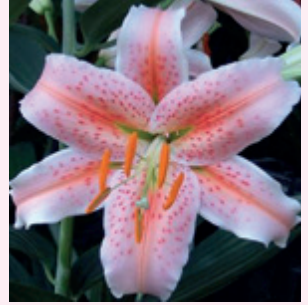
'Anastasia' -- 'Bandiera' -- 'Conca d'Or' -- 'Corsage' -- 'LeVern Freimann'
'Red Eyes' -- 'Red Velvet' -- 'Salmon Star' -- 'Scheherazade' -- 'Yellow Bruise'



'Anastasia'



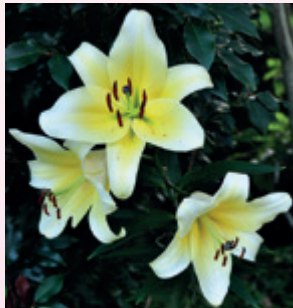
'Red Velvet'



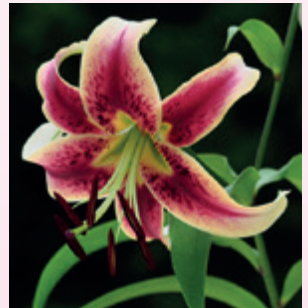
'Salmon Star'



'LeVern Freimann'



'Conca d'Or'



'Scheherazade'



What were your top 10 performers during this difficult 2018 lily season?

Please send in your top 10 list of species or hybrids – or both, via email, to the editor: Pontus Wallstén in a MS Word document format entitled *Lily list*, followed by your name and region/country before mid-January 2019. We will publish the results in the Spring 2019 Newsletter.

Lilium canadense var. *editorum*, one of the best performers of the species in the editor's nursery in Switzerland this season.

Members' archives

Keith Baldie SWITZERLAND

Lilium dauricum 'Rebunense'

This winter I received bulbs of *Lilium dauricum* 'Rebunense'. They were already growing when they arrived from Japan on 23 January, so I potted them up and placed them in my cool cellar (8–12 °C) to try and slow their growth. This seemed to have little effect, and the first flower appeared on 7 April. Of the three bulbs, two produced flowers, but they had no pistil, so I collected pollen with the intention of keeping it in the freezer until next year.

Later on, I decided to use some of the 'Rebunense' pollen on my *L. sachalinense* flowers—normally I wouldn't make 'unnatural' crosses of species, but Rebun and Sakhalin islands are less than 100 km apart and I convinced myself that a pollinating insect could be blown that far. The pollination was successful: a fat seed pod produced about 100 seeds that look viable.



Melvyn Herbert UK

Lilium matangense

Lilium matangense is a little-known Chinese species from Sichuan, growing at 3,250 m, which I feel privileged to have added to my collection from seed collected by Bjørnar Olsen in 2015, from a single (tiny) location where it is extremely threatened from grazing, development, reforestation, road works and unscrupulous collecting.

The seed was sown in spring 2016 in my usual compost: four parts ericaceous compost to one part coarse grit, a small amount of perlite, in 14 cm clay pots and watered from below. After allowing the pots to drain, they were placed in plastic freezer bags and sealed and kept in a shady part of my conservatory with a minimum temperature of 10 °C. The first seedlings appeared after about four weeks. Germination was in excess of 80%, and the pots were moved to a well-ventilated poly tunnel in late May. The seedlings grew slowly through the summer but numbers gradually dwindled and when seed was offered again in the autumn of 2016 I ordered some more.

In the spring of 2017 the first batch of seedlings appeared, but in still smaller numbers and the second lot of seeds germinated well. By the autumn only a handful of the first batch remained.

You can imagine my relief when two emerged in March this year and my amazement when one appeared to have a bud! This plant developed quickly, still in its 14 cm pot, and the bud opened on 24 May.



Over the next few days the beautiful green throat faded and became marked with brown speckling and although I did not pollinate it, it was clear the flower had 'set' and a pod was beginning to swell! As the plant was so young I removed the pod and then carefully planted both individuals in a raised bed in the poly tunnel. Both seem to have survived the transplanting and continue to look healthy up to the time of writing, early September, about 20 or so of the later batch have been planted out in a raised bed in the garden where other species such as *L. oxypetalum* and *L. lijiangense* have lived happily for more than 10 years.

Lilium matangense is a charming little plant with unusually coloured flowers which are produced early in the lily year. I will be watching carefully, and hopefully, for its reappearance next spring.

Keith Baldie SWITZERLAND

Lilium pomponium

Green Mile Nursery is the only supplier in Europe that I have found for *L. pomponium*, so I didn't hesitate when bulbs were available at the end of 2017. I ordered three and they arrived in November – one larger bulb went into a pot on its own, and two smaller

bulbs went into a second pot. The pots were buried in my raised bed and protected from the worst of the winter rain/snow by a polythene tent, but they were exposed to the unusually cold temperatures (-15 °C overnight).

The emerging shoot is a mass of leaves, with characteristic white edges, that appears then does nothing for at least a month. It then shoots up and the flower buds appear from the centre of the rosette. It is then another month before the flowers open—but they are certainly worth the wait.

Only the larger bulb produced flowers (4), and attempts at pollination were unsuccessful. The two smaller bulbs, which never really thrived, withered and disappeared without a trace! I have two possible theories for the losses: 1. the unusually cold winter meant that they never managed to establish themselves (many lilies and other bulbs put up some growth this spring, but then withered and died); 2. they got too wet (despite the drainage material I put underneath their pot). The larger bulb still has reasonably healthy-looking leaves (three months after flowering), so I have high hopes for it next year.



Lily Group membership 2019

Irene Hopton-Scott

Just a quick reminder that the annual membership subscription of £15, runs from 1 January to 31 December. This means all subscriptions (renewable on 1 January 2019) enable you to take part in The Lily Group activities and the 2019 Seed List.

Your subscription is renewed automatically if you have chosen to pay by Standing Order through your Bank. Please check that you are paying the correct amount of £15. However, if you have chosen to pay via PayPal you will receive an invoice by email on or around 1 January 2019 inviting you to renew your subscription.

Please pay promptly if you wish to

receive our 2019 Seed List from George Battle. Those who have elected to pay by cheque will receive a reminder letter from me at the beginning of 2019. Please note our Membership Form is available to download from our website at www.rhslilygroup.org

A form is enclosed for members who have elected to receive this Newsletter by post. Please contact me if you have any queries or questions about your membership status.

Many thanks to you all for continuing to support the work of The Lily Group.

Irene Hopton-Scott,
Membership Secretary

Lilies and Related Plants

EDITOR REQUIRED

The RHS Lily Group is looking for a new person (or persons) to manage and edit our landmark biennial publication *Lilies and Related Plants*.

Applicants for this important role will be required to manage a busy work load which broadly includes:

- identifying, sourcing and editing articles
- communicating with a range of our international contributors via email
- receiving and sending digital image files via FTP (i.e. WeTransfer)
- having a good working knowledge of digital publishing and word processing technologies (i.e. MS Word)
- a basic understanding of the print process



Ideally, the applicant would be reasonably well-connected with other lily enthusiasts, and be prepared to actively seek out suitable articles for each issue.

An honorarium of a few hundred pounds would be available to assist the new Editor.

To apply for this role/for more information please contact our Secretary, Tony Dixon.

RHS Lily Group

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2018 Lily Group AGM and Bulb Auction

Saturday 20 October 2018

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Scotland EH3 5LR

The AGM & Lily Bulb Auction will take place in the David Douglas Room on the West side of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. There is no charge for entry to the garden.

The David Douglas Room can be accessed from the west side of the Garden, via the John Hope Gateway building on Arboretum Place. The post code for Sat Nav is EH3 5LR.

PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION Chairman Dr James Compton will start the meeting with the AGM at 10am followed by the presentation of the Lyttel Cup 2017 to Alan Mitchell.

COFFEE at 11am

LECTURE Leonie Paterson, archivist at the botanic garden, will be giving a talk on the experiences of George Forrest, Scottish naturalist and plant hunter in Yunnan, China, in the early twentieth century. Steve McNamara will show us slides of plants which were collected at that time and grown on at Branklyn National Trust Garden in Perth.

LUNCH A sandwich and fruit lunch (£8.50+VAT) has been booked for 12.30. If you expect to come for lunch, please let me know as we have to book numbers in advance.

LILY GROUP BULB AUCTION

David Douglas Room. We complete the day with a walk around the botanic garden.

An urgent appeal for spare lily bulbs...

Please do get in touch with Nuala if you have any spare bulbs for the auction.

**Please contact Nuala Sterling
for more details.**

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Lilium 'Scheherazade' one of the best performing lily hybrids this season at the RHS Lily Group Lily Trial at Wisley, Surrey, UK.