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As I sit preparing our 'Summer' bulletin for the printer I wonder when is our summer going to begin? The recent rain and cold weather has been very unseasonal, but I hope this hasn't deterred members from joining in their group activities.

We are delighted to hear of the very successful first meeting of Heather Society members in Ireland - a report is in our Group News -and we do wish them every success for the future. The opportunity to meet like-minded heather enthusiasts is always stimulating and there is always something to learn about these charming and interesting plants. The local groups are also an ideal way of encouraging new members. If you have friends who have become interested in growing heathers then invite them to your group meetings - if you haven't a local group then why not contact other members in your area to see if there is interest in starting one?

Diane Jones

13th ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 9th-12th September 1983

FINAL DETAILS

Details of the Conference were published in the spring Bulletin. The full conference fee should now be sent to Mrs June Randall, Lyalls Cottage, Dunchideock, Nr. Exeter, Devon. EX6 7YD, not later than the 15th July, together with any special requests (relating to diet etc) and a S.A.E. for the full programme and itinerary. Cheques should be made payable to "Heather Society Conference."

For non-residents attending for one day only, without meals, the fee is £3, and for those attending the whole conference without meals or lodging the fee is £5. If day-visitors wish to have meals with other members of the Conference in the Hotel, will they please give details of their requirements to Mrs Randall on arrival and arrange payment direct with the Hotel before departure.

Members are requested to bring a thermos flask with them, which can be filled in the Hotel for the excursion to the Lizard, for which a picnic tea will be provided.

Two of our Cornish Nurserymen members, Mr I Dungey and Mr J. N Anderson have kindly agreed to provide a selection of heathers for sale during the Conference.

Members are invited to bring specimens of heathers which they consider to be of particular interest to other members. Special arrangements will be made for their display and to present them for discussion. Please ensure that they are properly labelled with the owner's name and with any interesting details.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1983

The Annual General Meeting of the Heather Society will be held during the Conference at the Falmouth Hotel, Falmouth, Cornwall on Sunday 11th September, at 9.00 a.m. The Agenda for the meeting is enclosed with this issue of the Bulletin.

14th ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 1984

The Annual Conference in 1984 will be held from Friday 7th to Monday 10th September at Cartrefle College, the North East Wales Institute of Higher Education, near Wrexham, Clwyd. The College is within easy reach of the National Trust Gardens at Bodnant and the Liverpool University Botanical Gardens at Ness. The National Trust property at Erddig, where a national reference collection of ivies is being established, is close by. Members attending the Conference will be able to combine this with a visit to the first International Floriade to be held in this country, at Liverpool, which will be open from April to October 1984. The Conference organisers will be Mr and Mrs Everett, Greenacres Nursery, Crossway Green, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs., DY13 9SH. Further details will be published in the Autumn Bulletin.

HORACE HALE (1884-1983)

Horace Hale, one of the founder members of The Heather Society (joining in March 1963) and our oldest member, died peacefully at his home in Haslemere on April 26th. Apart from a brief spell in hospital a little earlier, he had always enjoyed good health and worked in his hillside garden at Ashgarth into his 99th year - his birthday was only three months away.

Known affectionately as 'Papa' to his extensive family and many friends, he spent much of his life farming here and in Rhodesia and was past President of the British Friesian Cattle Society. Settling in Haslemere after the death of his wife, he soon became absorbed, at the age of 76, in converting the steep garden in front and behind the house into one of the first devoted almost entirely to heathers and dwarf conifers. Due to his careful planning and foundation work, the plants thrived and from the beginning (lest his wonderful memory should fail him) he kept a meticulous record of everything in the garden, an example which we would do well to follow. He was much involved with the hobbies the garden introduced: propagation, photography and wildlife, and his personal Christmas cards usually featured one of his own photographs.

'Papa' always welcomed Heather Society members, and Constance MacLeod never failed to visit him on his birthday. He enjoyed our Group Meetings, attending one at Hindhead as recently as May 1981. The Bulletin and the 1970 Year Book contain some of his recollections and four heather cultivars - *Calluna vulgaris* 'Ashgarth Amethyst', 'Ashgarth Amber', & 'Ashgarth Shell Pink' and *Erica cinerea* 'Ashgarth Garnet' were named by him. His advice to everyone on retirement was "Keep youth in your heart - and grow heathers".

Horace Hale was a wise philosopher who, many years ago, was inspired to write a little book of counsel for his grandchildren which showed how much he felt the presence of God in his daily life. The Memorial Service held on May 6th at Tandridge, his original home parish, was attended by many old friends, amongst them the local Mayor and the English branches of the family, including some of his numerous great-grandchildren. Our Society was represented by Mrs. MacLeod and myself and by the beautiful flowers which included a heather wreath and a special arrangement adorning the coffin comprising long sprays of *E. arborea*, *E. erigena* etc from Papa's own garden.

Pamela Lee.

R.H.S. Show, 8th/9th February 1983 Competitive Classes for Ornamental Plants from the Open

Owing to the restrictions on space imposed by the repairs to the New Hall, it has been necessary to limit, for 1983, entries to only one exhibitor per class. This restriction inevitably had its effect on the number of entries in the Heather Classes. Owing to the comparatively mild winter, the exhibits were of a high standard. Results:-

- Class 5. A HEATH OR HEATHER, IN BLOOM, one plant. 5 entries.
- 1st Mrs. T.N. Forbes. *E. carnea* 'Myretoun Ruby'
 - 2nd Maj. Gen. & Mrs P.G. Turpin. *E. carnea* 'Myretoun Ruby'
 - 3rd Mr. B.G. London. *E. carnea* 'Eileen Porter'

- Class 6. A HEATH OR HEATHER, IN BLOOM, one vase/bowl. 7 entries.
- 1st Maj. Gen. & Mrs P.G. Turpin. *E x darleyensis* 'Arthur Johnson'
 - 2nd National Trust, Nymans. *E. lusitanica*
 - 3rd National Trust, Sheffield Park. *E. lusitanica*

Class 7. A HEATH OR HEATHER SHOWN FOR FOLIAGE EFFECT, one plant. 4 entries.

- 1st Mr D. McClintock. *E. vagans* 'Valerie Proudley'
- 2nd Maj. Gen. & Mrs. P.G. Turpin. *Calluna vulgaris* 'Ariadne'

The Chairman and Mrs Turpin staged a Heather Society exhibit, which consisted of thirteen different flowering and foliage cultivars in containers and vases, and a heather flower arrangement. A letter was received from the Secretary of Floral Committee "B" expressing their appreciation and thanks for a very attractive exhibit.

The next R.H.S. Heather Competition will be held at the Show on 9/10 August 1983. The Society's thanks go to those who helped at the Heather Society Stand during the two days of the show.

T.V. Programme "Geoffrey Smith's World of Flowers."

Members may have seen Part 1 of this series of programmes, which has been shown on B.B.C.2 on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. between January and March. Part II of the series will be appearing during the first three months of 1984 and will include "Hardy Heathers" as one of the subjects. As soon as the information is received members will be informed of the date and time of the programme on Heathers. The producer is Mr Brian Davies, who has already visited a number of members' gardens. He also plans to include heathers in the wild in the programme.

CULTIVAR ENQUIRY SERVICE

There are now well over 1000 cultivars recorded on the computer data base used for the above service. Some we do not have suppliers for but for the vast majority we can tell you where to obtain that elusive cultivar.

All you need to do is send me a large stamped-addressed envelope (A5 preferably), the name(s) of the cultivar(s) in which you are interested and your Zone number.

To: Denbeigh, All Saints Road, Creeping St. Mary, Ipswich, IP6 8PJ.

David Small

SLIDE LIBRARY

Remember the slide library is only as good as YOU make it, so when you are taking slides, remember to take an extra one and donate it to the Society. We are in great need of slides of named cultivars, particularly winter flowering heathers.

In order that the slides are reasonably consistent, when you take a slide of a named cultivar, try to fill the picture with one mature plant and avoid photographing labels; after all we want photographs of heathers rather than labels!

David Small

GROUP NEWS

IRELAND

The first meeting of heather Society members in Ireland was held in Belfast on Saturday March 19th 1983. An invited audience of members and keen gardeners interested in heathers came from a radius of over 60 miles to hear Dr. Charles Nelson, National Botanic Gardens, Dublin; and Mr David Small from Suffolk; both of whom are well known to heather enthusiasts in Great Britain and Ireland as well as much further afield.

Dr Nelson was instrumental in getting Mr Small over to Ireland under the auspices of the Irish Garden Plant Society, and the Royal Horticultural Society of Ireland who had very well attended meetings in Dublin and Enniskillen on March 14th and 15th. Then our two experts went off to the bogs and hills of Connemara for three days. As the weather was variable some folk might have been sorry for them plodding through wet bogs, but I did not waste any sympathy as it was obvious they both loved every minute of it, and candidly I was quite envious! Even after an exhausting week of lectures; walking long distances; and hour after hour of car driving, both of them arrived at the Belfast meeting full of enthusiasm and not showing any signs of "wear and tear".

As Dr Nelson is a world wide authority on heathers indigenous to Ireland his talk was mainly about these whilst Mr Small's talk ranged from heathers in Gt Britain; from Spain; the Cape heathers from S. Africa; bloom and colour the year round; planting in large and small gardens; how NOT to plan your heather bed; etc. During question time a number of interesting queries were raised by the enthusiastic audience who had sat spell-bound for two hours. As one said "They were so interested in the talks and slides that no one could have heard the proverbial pin drop".

Mr David McLaughlin proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers and to Dr Miller who provided the projector and operated it. This was seconded by Mr Coulson from Bangor. Thanks were also due to Mrs McLaughlin for the lovely arrangement of *E.x darleyensis* 'Arthur Johnson'.

Afternoon tea followed and this was welcome as many people had come so far. During tea everyone was able to move around and find those to whom they wished to speak as we all wore labels with our names on.

We are fortunate to have had the opportunity to hear two such excellent speakers, and we are deeply grateful to both of them for all the time and trouble they expended in making the meeting such a success. It was David Small's first visit to Northern Ireland and his welcome here is assured for all time. Distance here is our biggest problem as it is over 400 miles from our most Northerly member to the furthest in the South West. The only solution is to enrol many more members so that we can arrange local groups.

This is a beautiful country with good roads in the North, little traffic in comparison with Gt Britain, and well worth a visit.

Mrs E.B. Calvert

MIDLANDS

We had a very good attendance for our meeting at "Winterbourne" on the 4th March, 29 members being present.

The specimen plants brought by our three volunteers, David Radley, David Webster and Leighton Jones, as "Heathers of my Choice" created a great deal of interest, as it gave members an opportunity to see the live plant material rather than seeing slides. We are grateful to these three speakers for the trouble they took in providing their fellow members with such an enjoyable evening.

Future Programme. Saturday 18th June. Arrangements are now being made for our Annual Social Event to be held at the home of Margaret and Harold Street at Chipping Campden. There will be a buffet meal at 5.30 p.m. on the lines of those held on previous occasions.

Saturday 20th August. By invitation of Ray and Olwen Warner, we will visit Barncroft Nursery and garden in the morning and after our picnic lunch, we are invited to visit Harold and Phyliss Bailey at Withington, to see their extensive garden.

Friday 18th November, 7.30 p.m. at Winterbourne. A talk by Leighton Jones entitled "Heather Garden Design".

Further details on these events are available on request, and will members please note that our new address is 18 Belwell Drive, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B74 4AH. Tel 021 308 2079.

Gwen & Alan Dudley

SOUTHERN

Thirty-nine members attended the first meeting of the year on March 20th including nine newcomers. When Mr & Mrs Hugh Nicholson generously extended an invitation to the Group for a buffet lunch at their home, little did we imagine there would be such an overwhelming but gratifying response. The garden at 'Farm Cottage' Dorking, where the roses have disappeared in favour of heathers, looked impeccable, and the clearly labelled collection included a number of unusual cultivars from Holland and Germany. Our very sincere thanks go to Mrs Nicholson for preparing an interesting German style buffet, contributing so much to the success of the visit. After lunch our departure and journey to Horsham was hampered by heavy rain. The Phoenix Room was not easy to find but it proved to be an attractive rendezvous well suited to our numbers. Maj. Gen. Turpin kindly showed a selection of the slides he has taken over the past year and included views of the well-sited and impressive hotel at Falmouth where our Conference will be held this year.

Our visit on May 29th to Windsor Great Park will be reported in the Autumn Bulletin.

The next meeting will be on July 17th when Mr John Hall, Managing Director of Windlesham Court Nursery will take the Group on a guided tour of the wholesale heather nurseries, situated on the A 30, from 2.30 p.m. If members would like to enjoy a whole day's outing on that day, please bring a picnic lunch and meet at Staple Hill car park on Chobham Ridges (O.S. Sheet 186: Grid Ref. 974648) from 11 a.m. onwards. This point offers views of an area well known for its wild heather where some of our named cultivars have originated. There is no need to notify me, but do make a note in your diaries!

The autumn meeting will be later this year in the hope of seeing acers and azalea foliage at their best at a garden east of Horsham. The date will be Sunday October 16th and after the garden visit we will proceed to the Phoenix Room, Horsham, where Maj. Gen. Turpin has offered to take us "Round the World in Eighty Slides". If you would like to take part in this outing, please send a SAE for details to me at Birches, Kingswood Firs, Grayshott, Hindhead, Surrey. They will be sent to you in September.

Pamela Lee.

SOUTH WEST

On Saturday 9th April we had a "full house" at Lytchett Matravers Village Hall to hear Mr Fred Nutbeam talk on 'Famous Gardens'. Mr Fred Nutbeam is a retired Head Gardener of Buckingham Palace where he spent 25 years. We were shown many slides of the Buckingham Palace garden, and also slides of Balmoral and several other gardens open to the public. Mr Nutbeam's narration, often amusing, complemented the slides and he described many of the plantings he had created and supervised over his years at the Palace. My thanks to Mr Nutbeam for an entertaining afternoon. My thanks also go to Joyce Burfitt, Val Crumpler, and Mrs Joyner Snr. & Jnr. who made the afternoon complete with the welcome refreshments.

I would like to remind members of the garden visits to Totton on Saturday July 9th, the details of which were given in the Spring Bulletin. Also I would like the offer of a member's garden to visit next year, so please let me know if you can help.

ON SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER at 2.0 p.m. we shall be visiting West Kington Nurseries, Pound Hill, West Kington, Nr. Chippenham, Wilts. This is the nursery of Mrs Barbara Ellis who has kindly offered to show us round. Mrs Ellis grows heaths and heathers and so I am sure we will have an interesting afternoon.

If members require further details of any of the visits then please send me two SAE. I shall look forward to meeting members at any of the above meetings.

Phil Joyner.

SCRAP BOWL - Titbits of news from members

Heathers in the North East. I have a cold windy garden overlooking the Tyne valley. It is about 500 feet above sea level and although it slopes slightly towards the south and gets plenty of sun, it is rarely without wind. - We are 20 miles from the coast. As I write to you in the last week of March it is exactly two months after your editorial was written for the Spring Bulletin and spring is only just beginning here. The winter heathers are not yet in full bloom, 'Springwood White' has been out for about 3 weeks but 'King George', 'Springwood Pink' and *E. x darleyensis* cultivars have just begun to be covered with flower this week. 'Furzey' is nowhere near bloom. In spite of the cold, I have been making another heather bed during the last 2 weeks, also an Alpine lawn with 16 species of Thyme and other creeping plants.

Elizabeth Holder, Zone 3.

What's black and white and trod all over? My solution to path construction in raised beds is newspapers and mulch. I dig paths 6 inches below the level of adjacent beds and lay overlapping layers of newspapers (2 whole papers, not 2 sheets). These I cover with a shallow layer of pine bark or hardwood mulch. The paths remain weed-free, dry (rain soaks through quickly) and not slippery during frosty weather. Another newspaper layer will resurface them next year.

Pamela Harper, Seaford, Virginia.

(Members will remember Mrs Harper as a keen heather enthusiast in this country before she departed for the U.S.A. Ed.)

Late flowering Callunas. I was pleased to see that Mr Kingsford raised the question of which cultivars of *Calluna vulgaris* were the latest to remain in flower. I agree that 'Finale' is one of the latest. Later still is 'Jan', which has been still in flower here as late as 20th February. I am hoping to contribute an article on late-flowering Callunas for the 1984 Year Book. After note: Astonishingly 'Jan' has just come into flower again on the 23rd May.

Pat Turpin, Zone 11.

House for Sale With mature heather garden, 4 bedrooms, and 2 bathrooms. Please telephone Haslemere 2166.

Heathers in Australia. You will be interested to know that we continue with a stimulating and at times hilarious correspondence with Anne Parris. She tells us that she has recently installed a lamb in lieu of a lawnmower for her newly grassed areas and I only wish I could think of something as imaginative as an aid to watering the garden. Lengthy and severe drought conditions have resulted in a total ban on the use of hoses and there is little pleasure in spending an hour or so per day carrying buckets and watercans, apart from its being a wasteful and inefficient method. Unfortunately enthusiasm overcame caution at this time last year and we now have between four and five hundred rooted cuttings of many varieties of *Erica* and *Calluna vulgaris* in all stages of growth. Most of them should be planted out in permanent sites by now but this would add an intolerable burden to the watering problem.

Much of our exchanges with Anne Parris have to do with our experiences of what appears to be *Phytophthora cinnamomi*. The portents are somewhat ominous as this disease appears to be the cause of widespread deaths amongst the native eucalypts. I have recently been recommended to try Terrazole, an Olin Agric. Chemicals product, and we can but hope that this will prove to be of some use. It does seem however that very careful control of the soil water table is important and of course very difficult!

My wife joins me in wishing the Society another successful year.

A.T.A. McIntosh-Smith, NSW, Australia.

(Has any member up to date news of Anne Parris at Drouin which is apparently in the region of the recent bush fires? Ed.)

The St. Kilda Collection of *Calluna vulgaris*. I have read with interest the discussion in the bulletins over the past year about early and late flowering Callunas. Four years ago while I was on holiday in the North of Scotland I bought a yearling plant of *Calluna vulgaris* 'St Kilda' from the National Trust Centre at Killiecrankie. This plant is usually showing colour by the second or

third week in May and in flower by the second week in June - it has a single white flower. I have read in Geoffrey Yates's Pocket Guide to Heather Gardening that this plant is from the "St Kilda Collection" and that seven cultivars have been named. Could you please give me any information about the "St Kilda Collection"?

B.K. Lancaster, Zone 4.

Most of the salient facts on the St. Kilda Collection are given in Yates's Pocket Guide to Heather Gardening 1978, 4th Edn. However, I will try to fill in what I can on the subject.

R.J. Brien of Pitcairngreen Heather Farm, Perth, visited St. Kilda for a period of about a fortnight in early June 1966, and again for a similar period in July 1968. On his first visit he collected material from 16 plants on the hill of Conachair on the Island of Hirta. Twelve of these later turned out to be white and the remainder pink. On his second visit he collected cuttings from a further 71 plants from Oiseval the twin peak of Conachair. Of these 58 proved to be white and 13 pink. Since all these plants were collected when not in bloom the preponderance of whites is very remarkable.

The first reference to the St. Kilda plants in print that I can find is due to Mrs C.I. MacLeod in the Heather Society Bulletin, Summer 1971. Writing of the Royal Highland Show, which that year took place at Ingliston, near Edinburgh, she says "We had, besides the fine Sheriffston Garden Plants, some which could never have been on display before, collected on St. Kilda by Mr R.J. BrienAll those he collected, 17 pink and 70 white had the same characteristic prostrate habit, with long curving sprays, evolved during centuries of wind-swept, salt-sprayed conditions. We were shown three, St. Kilda Nos. 17, 56 and 70. No 56, a small white one in full flower easily beating 'Caerketton White' as regards earliness".

The next reference is Yates's Pocket Guide to Heather Gardening, 1973 3rd Edn. Here it is stated "Lt. Col. Stitt of Drumcairn, Blairgowrie, Perthshire, is offering a collection of these, being ten distinct white and one pink, all with collectors numbers, Mr Brien tells me that he intends to introduce one as 'Boneray' (sic.), a white flowered form flowering in June, a golden foliage one to be called 'Hirta', and a brown foliage one to be called 'Soay' next year." At present I do not know which Nos Lt. Col. Stitt was offering at that time.

R.J. Brien gave an account of his visits to St. Kilda in the 1974 Year Book. In that article he only mentions his hope to use the names 'Soay' and 'Hirta' for the only two foliage plants he collected. It seems that some of the plants were being given names by 1973.

In the 1976 Year Book the names of seven of the St. Kilda plants are given as 'Alex Warwick' (K60), 'Boneray' (K70), 'Hirta' (K43), 'Minty' (K12), 'Mullach Mor' (K55), 'Oiseval' (M52), and 'Soay' (K42). These are the seven cultivars described by Yates in the Pocket Guide to Heather Gardening 1978, 4th Edn. The names 'Minty', 'Mullach Mor' and 'Oiseval' also appear, without reference to their origin, in a list of unrecorded cultivars in Heather Trials 1971-1975.

David McClintock, in The Garden 1980, states that in 1979 K16 was named 'Emerald Jock' since it had the merit of staying fresh grass green through the severe winter of 1978/9. This name and number are also given in the Year Book 1981. David McClintock's 1980 article also contains a coloured photograph of *Calluna vulgaris* 'Hirta'.

Thus, at present, of Mr. Brien's 87 St. Kilda plants, eight have been dowered with cultivar names, but an unknown number of the others are in the trade. These should, strictly speaking, be accompanied by their collection numbers, but I know that, often, they are not. It is thus necessary to consider how we should refer to these un-named plants. In most cases, and certainly in all modern ones, heather cultivar names refer to a single distinct clone. David McClintock (1980) writes of the St. Kilda plants "all proved different, all were good". Thus this distinctness of the original plants renders the current trade practice of using the portmanteau cultivar name 'St. Milda White' unacceptable. The same applies to Mr. Brien's (1974) assertion that they are "properly known as 'St. Kilda Heathers'", but here there is an even stronger case for objection since it covers both white and pink flowered forms. I obtained one of the latter from Bob Brien in September 1980. To the best of my knowledge no one has described them as a botanical variety or form under either of the apposite epithets *kildaensis* or *brienii* and I know of no justification for so doing. By now it is impossible to sort out the identity of all the un-named material in circulation and it is probably best to refer to these plants simply as St. Kilda heathers, without the capital letter and single quotation marks that signify a cultivar name.

BOOK REVIEWS

In Search of Heathland. Lee Chadwick. Dobson Books, Furham. £8.95 hardbound.

For members whose heathery interests go beyond collecting cultivars, these 217 pages should be worth seeing. The author from her home on the heath east of Leiston in Suffolk has studied the area in detail for many years. So here is much on what lives among the vegetation dominated by heathers. A single bush of mature *Calluna* can be a habitat by itself, and 33 species of insect are known to feed on it. The references to *Erica ciliaris* and its hybrid are slightly awry – the final part of the book deals with other heathy areas, but otherwise this book is to be commended.

An Irish Florilegium. Plates by Wendy Walsh, introduction by Ruth Ross, notes on the plates by Charles Nelson. Thames and Hudson. £60.

The water-colour plates in this handsome production depict Irish native plants and those connected with the Island or its countrymen. Nos 14, 15 and 16 are pertinent to this Society, although I hope members will enjoy the other 45 just as much. These are of *Erica mackaiana*, *Erica ciliaris* and *Daboecia cantabrica*. The first shows both the Connemara and the Co Donegal forms, the flower colour somewhat pallid; the next is charming, the third remarkably successful. But the colour of 'Praegerae' hardly differs from that of the normal plant, and the white one is a misery, when mostly it is so very fine. Our member Dr Nelson's text, facing each plate, is useful and informative. If you haven't £60 handy or a rich aunt, do at least try to have a look at it – there is a copy in the Lindley Library.

David McClintock

DIARY OF EVENTS

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| June 18th | Midlands Group – Annual Social Event.
See Group News. |
| July 9th | South West Group – Garden visits to Totton,
Southampton. See Groups News (Spring) |
| July 17th | Southern Group – Visit to Windlesham Court Nursery Ltd.
See Group News. |
| Aug. 9th | COUNCIL MEETING, RHS Halls, Westminster. |
| Aug. 9/10th | RHS Summer Flower Show, & Heather Competitions, RHS
Hall, Westminster |
| Aug. 10/11th | Mrs. A.H. Bowerman's garden open to the public 11 a.m. – 7
p.m., Nat. Gdns. Scheme. Champs Hill
Coldwaltham, Sussex. |
| Aug. 20th | Midlands Group – Visit to Barncroft Nursery.
See Group News. |
| Aug. 21/28th | Trip to Western Ireland – See Autumn Bulletin '82 for
details. |
| Sept. 3rd | South West Group – Visit to West Kingston Nurseries - See
Group News. |
| Sept. 9/12th | ANNUAL CONFERENCE, The Falmouth Hotel,
Falmouth, Cornwall. |
| Sept. 11th | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, The Falmouth Hotel,
Falmouth, Cornwall. |
| Sept. 17th | CLOSING DATE for material for the Autumn
Bulletin. |
| Oct. 16th | Southern Group – Garden visit and talk with slides.
See Group News. |
| Oct. 31st | CLOSING DATE for material for the 1984 Year Book. |
| Nov. 18th | Midlands Group – Talk at Winterbourne.
See Group News. |
| Nov. 29th | COUNCIL MEETING, RHS Halls, Westminster. |
| Nov. 29/30th | RHS Show & Ornamental Plant Competition, including a
Class for Heathers. |