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At the risk of boring members to death with more about my furry caterpillars, I must tell you about the idea Peter Vickers (of the Heather Society's Technical Committee) has had. A new service to heather growers, which is guaranteed to put an end to the tedious job of pruning heathers.

The caterpillars will be bred in ideal conditions on our nursery (they certainly seem to think the conditions are ideal). On receipt of an order they will be sorted into males and females by a team of skilled caterpillar sexers - packed into specially designed, perforated cartons and dispatched to your door by overnight carrier. When the caterpillars arrive you need only unpack them and place them on the heather plants which need attention and - Hey-Presto - your pruning problems are over. This will be a unique service to heather growers, both amateur and professional, and we confidently expect great interest from all over Europe and beyond.

At the moment, stocks of the caterpillars are being built up and the cartons being tastefully printed with Peter's suggested name for this new product - MRS. EVERETT'S HEATHER PRUNING COMPENDIUM. So - don't miss out, look out for the big T.V. launch, which is planned for early April 1993.

23RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE St. Andrews Hall, University of Reading 10th - 13th September 1993

Friday 10th

4pm - 6pm Reception & Registration
7pm Dinner
8.30pm Conference opened by our
Chairman Talk on Garden
History of the University of
Reading by Dr. Stephen
Jury

1.30pm
5.00pm
7.00pm
8.30pm

picnic lunch will be provided
Visit to Wisley
Leave Wisley
Dinner
An illustrated talk on 'The
National Collections at
Windsor' by John Bond

Saturday 11th

From 7.30am Breakfast
9.15am 'My Job at Wisley' by Andy
Collins, followed by a video
of Wisley Gardens
10.15am Coffee
11.00am A visit by coach to the
University Grounds. A

Sunday 12th

From 7.30am Breakfast
9.15am Annual General Meeting
10.15am Coffee
10.30am New Cultivars - David Small
11.15am Open Discussion, Plant
Associations with Heathers,
Introduction - Arnold Stow

12.00 noon	Group Photograph
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Visit to Windsor
5.00pm	Leave Windsor
7.00pm	Dinner
8.30pm	Members' slide evening
9.15pm	Conference closed by our Chairman

Monday 13th

From 7.30am Breakfast

12.00 noon Latest time for departure

The cost of attending the 1993 Conference is expected to be no more than £130.00. Full details will be given in the Summer Bulletin. Please send a booking fee of £2 to Josey Stow, Widmour, Limmer Lane, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP12 4QR as soon as possible - this is to cover administrative costs and is not a deposit on the Conference fee. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Heather Society'.

INVITATIONS FROM BRITTANY & ESSEX

Mr. P Queffeleant, Lannog Keradraon, 29870 Landeda, Brittany, France has written to say that he would like to receive at home, members of the Society, to talk about heathers in general. Our Administrator, who sent me this information, tells me his letter is written in very good English - so don't be put off visiting Mr. Queffeleant because you think your French is not up to it. If anyone does go, please write and share your experiences with other members, through the Bulletin.

AND - from Mrs. Audrey Hill of 'Ilfracombe', 201 Halstead Road, Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, who wonders if her garden may be of interest to members.

She says:- Over the past five years I have allowed the public to view my garden, usually the first weekend in April, for a display of heathers and spring bulbs etc., in aid of charity. Also it is one of several gardens opened annually in early June for 'Save the Children'. The latter occasion is a quiet time for my heathers, as they are mostly of the winter variety, however the foliage provides a pleasing backdrop for groups of summer bedding plants. It is not an enormous garden but I have the advantage of looking over open countryside, which extends the garden.

'AN LANGE SCHNEEBEDECKTEN STELLEN DES FELDBERG-GEBIETES OFT WEISSBLÜHEND'

In the Spring 1992 Bulletin, David McClintock quoted a passage, from a German publication, which he then translated as 'Where the snow lies longest on the Feldberg, often with white flowers' He then asked if anyone has heard the idea before or could guess if, or why it might be true. Donald Mackay, President of the North American Heather Society and Acting Editor of their Newsletter 'Heather News' proposes to put the question to North American members who, he says, should be in a far better position than UK members to answer it and in the meantime has responded with some thoughts of his own - which he has entitled:

SNOW WHITE & WHITE DWARFS

In Scotland I've never seen any hint of such an association, such as white heather being found higher on the mountain side than purple, but white heather occurs very rarely in the wild. I've never found it, in spite of looking for years on moor and mountain, especially where dwarf forms might be expected, since there have been several finds of white heathers dwarfed by exposure to the elements - but they have eluded me. I've read that white heather is common on certain Hebridean islands, suggesting that geographical isolation tends to preserve a genetic aberration, but the Hebrides are rarely snow covered.

What I have seen many times here in the American North-East, especially in Vermont where snow covers my heathers until April in some years, is that the purple varieties of *E. carnea* are often bleached white or a pale pink as they emerge from the snow. The picture, so beloved by garden catalogues, of purple 'Scotch heather' blooms, peeping above the snow is achieved (in my experience) only when a late dusting of snow covers plants already in full bloom. Flowers that emerge from old snow, or are found under mats of sodden leaves in early spring, are usually an unattractive greenish-white, though rarely a pleasing bicour pink-white effect is found.

But this refers only to *E. carnea*, not to *Calluna*. All I can say is I've never seen an effect of snow cover on wild *Calluna*, which in my garden in Vermont, is always the usual pink-purple in summer, in spite of three feet of snow

cover over four to five months of winter. The obvious snow cover effect I see, is in years of poor snow when the centre of the clumps above the snow get badly frost-bitten from exposure to near zero temperatures. In that unhappy case I get no flowers of any colour. I don't doubt that the observation made in Feldberg is correct and that heathers found in snow-covered areas happen to be white. But, that doesn't mean that snow cover in winter necessarily caused white blooms in summer, or even that dependable annual snow cover tends to favour the survival of white blooming forms, which is a slightly more likely explanation if we think snow would help vegetative growth instead of seedling germination, or that the normal pollination vectors are inoperative in snowfield areas.

All I can say is, I haven't seen any effect in my garden. Flower colour doesn't seem to affect winter survival, though foliage colour might, as I think yellow-foliaged plants are at a constitutional disadvantage. My white heathers are all cultivars, but genetically they should be the same as the wild white heathers first collected and named. Thus, garden observations could be valid.

Donald MacKay

YEAR BOOKS

Mr. Harold Street of Chipping Camden, a member of Council for many years and now retired from the Society, has decided to offer his old Year Books for sale to members, with the stipulation that the money raised should go to Oxfam. The Year Books run from 1965 to 1988; missing are 1966, 1979, 1980 & 1981. If

anyone would like one or more, would they please telephone the Editor of this Bulletin with their offer.

SCRAPBOWL

Titbits of News from Members

On the 8th September, on our way to the Conference, we visited the North Yorkshire Moors. The *Calluna* had faded, and we were told it had been at its best about three weeks earlier. On the 11th September we noted that the *Calluna* on Tayside was further advanced than on the Yorkshire moors. On the 22nd September we found ourselves on Exmoor, where most of the *Calluna* had faded recently but a few plants were still in bloom.

This progressive fading from north to south is consistent with the often stated fact that *Calluna* comes into bloom much earlier towards the northern end of its range than in the southern parts. However, at the Cherrybank Gardens on the 13th September, many *Calluna* cultivars were either in full bloom or still to reach that state. Why should this be so, when many of those cultivars originated in Britain, Holland or Germany and not southern Spain or Morocco?

A.W.J.

FLOWERS OF SULPHUR IN THE HEATHER GARDEN

I moved to my present bungalow on retirement in 1975 and took over a back and front garden of well limed yellow

clay. After a couple of hours working on the soil my skin would begin to crack due to the effect of the lime. For the first four years I grew roses, carnations, chrysanthemums, clematis and dahlias, since cut flowers were my main objective as we liked to give visitors a good bunch of flowers to take away. I tried to grow heathers using sequestrene and chelated iron but they did not survive and when I was given a rhododendron the challenge to make it grow became a major factor; I began experimenting with green sulphur, which I kept for dusting dahlia tubers before storing them for the winter. The sulphur was surprisingly effective and within a few months the rhododendron was producing new growth.

I wrote to Chempak, since I found sulphur to be unobtainable in bulk, and was able to purchase several 1 Kg. bags of flowers of sulphur. I used this several times just before a spell of rain and dusted the surface with a handful to the square yard, and the pH came down from 7.5 to 6.5 almost immediately. Within 12 months I was able to grow *callunas* and *cinereas* and from that time I have acquired over 170 different cultivars.

Where the garden is shaded on the north side I am growing several rhododendrons and azaleas and half a dozen camellias with lithospermum and gentians etc. I do however manage to keep the roses, some pinks and carnations, tulips and daffodils, so I can still produce a few cut flowers.

Now that the soil is slightly acid almost anything seems to grow and all the heathers are reproducing from seed. The books imply that the seedlings are likely to be of little value but I have found that

a good percentage are quite desirable plants, which transplant easily and will often grow in neighbours' gardens to convince them that they too could grow heathers. My garden is not large enough to 'open', nor would I care to attempt such an exercise but visitors are always welcome when the weather is reasonable.

John Stott, 8 Links Road,
Kennington, Oxford, OX1 5RX

Also - in answer to David McClintock's request for information about heathers which grow true from seed:- Mr. Stott adds that he has seedlings in his garden from *E. erigena* 'Irish Dusk' and Cv. 'Anthony Davis' which look very similar to their parent plants and some from *E. cinerea* 'Golden Drop' with yellow and coppery-red foliage. To have heather seedlings germinating in soil which Mr. Stott describes as originally 'well limed yellow clay', is quite an achievement. Ed.

LONGEST INFLORESCENCES?

In the Heather Competition on 18th February 1992, the Bullivants from Stourhead were most deservedly awarded a first prize for a fine vase of *Erica x darleyensis* 'Arthur Johnson', with towering racemes - quite the longest I have seen; one of these attained 14 inches and is now in the Society's herbarium.

Two other heathers however can beat that. *Calluna vulgaris* 'Elsie Purnell' is known for its long racemes, one I collected at Sparkes' Nursery in 1967 is no less than 16 inches long. *Erica manipuliflora* ssp *anthurea* 'Heaven Scent' had one just as long at Wisley in 1990 (the proof is in the herbarium, with its

accompanying photograph).

Erica erigena 'Brian Proudley was 14 inches long with Daphne Everett and 13 inches at Otters Court in 1978. This is particularly pertinent because some authorities aver that this species has shorter inflorescences than *E. carnea*, but the longest *E. carnea* I have is from 'Dommesmoen', at what is surely an exceptional length of 8 inches.

Next in order of length among those I have looked into are - *E. vagans* 'Grandiflora' at 12.5 inches, from a nursery at Hazerwoude in Holland, which was sent to me by Harry van de Laar in 1969 (his 3157), and 'White Spire' - 12 inches in my garden in 1992. There was also an extraordinary specimen from Majorca at the Kew herbarium, of *E. multiflora* - 12 inches; *E. ciliaris* 'Fada das Serras' in my garden in 1991 - 9.75 inches; *E. cinerea* 'C G Best' - 7.75 inches at Bad Zwischenahn in 1983 and *Daboecia cantabrica* just behind at 7.5 inches - by my back path in 1991.

Members may like to match these or add others; I have not specially searched in other herbaria.

D. McClintock

1st F.C.C.

The 18th March 1993 is the 120th anniversary of the award of the F.C.C. to *Calluna vulgaris* 'Cuprea' the first heather, by many years, to get any award. I wonder if it is the same clone that we now give this name to?

D. McClintock

A PROFILE OF COUNCIL MEMBER AND ORGANISER OF THE 1993 CONFERENCE

ARNOLD STOW

I was born on 8th April 1933 in Chiswick, West London, the son of a butcher. I was christened Jack Arnold Stow and immediately called Arnold (for no apparent reason). My childhood was spent in Greenford, Middlesex with my sister Gillian. I was educated at Walpole Grammar School, Northfields, prior to National Service with the RAF in Germany. My business career was spent in Sales Administration, before becoming a Shipping Manager with Wiggins Teape in 1969 and joining Burlington Ocean Express (a freight forwarding company) as a Field Sales Manager in 1977.

I have been interested in horticulture for as long as I can remember and before owning my own garden I spent a lot of spare time as a jobbing gardener, partly because I enjoyed it and partly for financial reasons; 2/6d an hour was very useful in those days. I joined the Heather Society in 1966, following an advertisement in the Daily Telegraph, which prompted a visit to John Lett's garden 'Foxhollow'. From that time I was hooked and to this day that garden is still vivid in memory. Others have equalled the design and planting, but none have bettered it. Having attended the first Conference at Grantley Hall in 1971, I was asked at the next one, at Westham House in Warwickshire, if I would join the Committee (as it was then called). It was not long before I was roped in to be assistant to the Year Book Editor,

P S Patrick. I can only assume that as I had written the report on the Grantley Hall Conference, it was considered that I had some degree of writing skill and therefore could help Pat. Unfortunately I only had the opportunity of meeting Pat once before he died in 1973, and I was thrown in very much at the deep end. I have recorded in the past my thanks to Constance McLeod (the first Hon. Sec.) and David McClintock, for all their help at the time and I make no apology for repeating it here.

I enjoyed being Year Book Editor, but on taking up my present employment, which involves a lot of travelling, it was obvious that I could not continue and Bert Jones took over after the publication of the 1978 Year Book. By this time the structure of the Society had changed, a Council of members had been formed, plus various Committees. Apart from having the good fortune to remain on the Council, I opted to become a member of the Publications Committee.

Looking back on the past 26 years with the Society, I would like to recall a few highlights: One event that does stand out is the day Jack London, almost a founder member of the Society, brought Fred Chapple (the Society's first President) to visit our garden. When autographing my copy of his book 'The Heather Garden' he gently chided me because it wasn't the latest edition.

Another occasion that springs to mind

GROUP NEWS

NORTH EAST GROUP

We held our AGM on October 29th and, as approved by members, the Officers and Committee were all returned. Roy Nichols, our Chairman, gave an appraisal of the year and thanked those members who had supported the events. After the business part of the meeting was over we spent a delightful time looking at the slides of Cherrybank Garden, which Norrie Robertson had sent down from Perth and we saw slides that our members had taken of the Garden during their stay at the Conference. The evening finished with a Faith Supper, which was a new innovation and one which will certainly be repeated (I hope), because there are some very good cooks among our members! Now the New Year is here it gives us the opportunity to fill those pristine pages in our diaries with 'forward engagements' and the first will be our annual participation at Houghall on Saturday May 15th and Sunday May 16th 1993, during their Open Weekend. Help will be most welcome in manning our stand, so please don't be shy in offering your services.

On Saturday June 5th our Annual Outing will be to Threave Gardens in Dumfriesshire. These gardens belong to the Scottish National Trust and are well worth a visit, especially when the rhododendrons and azaleas are at their best. The format for the day will be: Coach, picnic lunch, garden visit, tea and the return trip home.

As many of you will have noticed in previous Bulletins, our friends in the South organise car-outings to places of interest, or to fellow members gardens during the summer months. Our Committee thought this to be a good idea and so the following car-outings have been arranged.

Sunday July 11th Car-outing to Raby Castle and Gardens, Co. Durham. Meet in the Car Park with a picnic lunch at 12 noon. Wednesday August 18th Car-outing to Bill Crow's, our fellow member's nursery, at Scots Gap. Meet at 7.30pm.

We very much hope that the above two events will induce members, who can't travel on a coach or are not available on Saturdays, to participate. We also hope that those members living in Co. Durham will join us at Raby Castle.

is the 80th birthday lunch of the Society's first Chairman, Sir John Charrington, at Wisley on World Cup day in 1966. My wife Josey and teenage daughter Jane, made a stealthy departure during the ceremony, in order to see the end of the match. Now, twenty six years later, that teenager has since married and we now have two grand-daughters, Sarah and Clare; Sarah herself is almost a teenager.

A task I volunteered for was the production of the second 1000 Colour Charts in succession to Peter Vickers, who had looked after the initial batch. Each chart had 16 colours and each colour had to be posted on individually. It doesn't take a degree in mathematics to calculate that it was a very labour intensive, time consuming exercise.

On the hobby side - apart from heathers - I am also interested in grasses and hardy geraniums (cranesbills), which is a blessing as I have always had to cope with alkaline soil. Since 1944 I have been a keen follower of Queens Park Rangers, which must say something for my staying power! It is easy to be a supporter of a large successful football club and quite another to support a team from the nether regions of soccer's hierarchy.

I look forward with some trepidation to organising the 1993 Conference in Reading. Having enjoyed the fruits of the labour of others at previous Conferences I knew my time would come sometime. If it isn't a success it will not be for want of trying.

Full details of all these events will be circulated nearer the time.

Dorothy M Warner

MIDLANDS

It is with great regret I have to report that the Midlands Group held its final meeting on Saturday 7th November. Maurice and I now live 40 miles from Birmingham (where our meetings are held) and as I had been Organizer of the Midlands Group for the last 9 years, I felt it was time to hand over to someone else but sadly, no-one felt that they could take the job on. So - after supper and some slides of the 1992 Conference we brought the meeting to a close for the very last time. However, we all agreed that, having been friends for so many years, we could not just go our separate ways and lose touch with each other - so we plan to have a Midlands Group get-together one Saturday afternoon next summer and maybe make it an annual event. The date and venue will be announced in the next Bulletin.

Two members who were present that evening were Bernard and Evelyn Skett, who have done much for the Group over the years. Bernard had been ill for some time, so we were especially pleased that they were able to come to the meeting and to see him looking better. It therefore came as a great shock to hear, only a few days later, that Bernard had died. We send Evelyn our sincerest sympathy.

Daphne Everett

SOUTHERN

The group met on Saturday 19th September 1992, in the lecture room at the RHS Garden Wisley, nineteen members were present. It was pleasant to have the company of Major General Turpin and Mrs Turpin and some new members; we were also glad to have some of our friends from the South West Group. We had an excellent lecture from Phil Joyner which was well illustrated with slides; he described the natural habitat of our native British species and went on to show some of the best varieties in garden settings. He also showed slides of South Africa and some excellent close-up photographs of some of the South African ericas which he has grown in his own glasshouse.

Phil was pressed into service again to judge heathers in our competition. Mrs Jennifer Turrell took the awards for the best vase of heathers in flower, single variety and the best

vase of heathers chosen for foliage. Jennifer thus won awards in two Competitions in 1992. Mrs Josie Stow won the award for the best flower arrangement, which was also judged to be the best overall display; she therefore became the first holder of the Southern Group Challenge Bowl and is entitled to hold it until September 1993. I am happy to say that Major General Turpin has graciously consented to his name being associated with this Challenge Bowl - which will henceforth be called 'THE TURPIN TROPHY'.

A party of fifteen visited Sheffield Park on the first day of November. This lovely Park was planted for Autumn colour which reaches its peak, in normal seasons, at the end of October (the Park closes for the winter in early November). Our visit was well timed and the trees were looking wonderful - both in the Park and in the countryside around it. Regrettably, the weather was dull with, a touch of drizzle; this muted the display but not our spirits and we had much to talk about. Sheffield Park does contain a little heather and in particular there is some *Erica lusitanica* growing in a sheltered spot by the edge of one of the lakes - one bush was carrying some flower. I have noticed these stands in previous years and the plants are well established. I wonder if some of the plants have naturalised themselves there?

1993 PROGRAMME

Saturday March 27th - Wisley. On Saturday March 27th we have an indoor meeting in the lecture room at RHS Wisley. The Group will convene at 1.45pm outside the main entrance for a 2pm start. This will allow members to visit the garden first if they wish - a tour of the garden is not included in the formal arrangements. RHS Wisley is on the west side of the A3 London to Guildford road, about a mile south of the M25, junction 10. A full description of the programme appeared in the Autumn Bulletin, but briefly it is as follows: Mr. David Small, Chairman of the Heather Society, will present a lecture 'Exploring in Europe'. This is an excellent opportunity to meet our new Chairman. There will be a heather competition in which we can show off our winter heathers in the following classes: I.) best flower arrangement in which heathers predominate; II.) best vase of heathers in flower, single variety; III.) best vase of flowers shown for foliage. There will be a modest prize for each class and the Turpin Trophy will be awarded to the person

with the best overall display; the bowl to be held for one year from September 1993. There will be tea afterwards.

Sunday 18th April - Chelwood Vachery. By special request, a return visit to Chelwood Vachery, Nutley, Uckfield, East Sussex - meet in the car park at 1.45pm for a 2pm start. The Vachery is situated on the west side of the A22 road between Wych Cross and Nutley. Mr. John Ashwood is again hoping to lead the tour and we are likely to see the new heather plantings. For descriptions of the garden please see the Southern Group contribution to the Autumn Bulletin 1992.

Wednesday 23rd June - behind the scenes at Kew. A tour of the alpine and herbaceous section of the Kew Royal Botanical Gardens has been arranged. We meet outside the Main Entrance, which is in Kew Green, at 12.45pm prompt. There is free parking around Kew Green and a large overspill car park just beyond. I anticipate little trouble parking mid-week in June. Good public transport connections exist using London Underground to Kew Gardens station of British Rail to Kew Bridge station. Normal entrance fees for the garden are payable at the gate. We move from the gate to the Alpine House where we are due to meet Mr. Mike Sinnott, Assistant Curator, Herbaceous section, at 1pm sharp. Mr. Sinnott has kindly agreed to lead the tour which will last for about 2 hours. Among other things we shall see the nurseries and the plants grown for conservation rather than display. No doubt some members will wish to go early, perhaps to see the heather garden or the South African heathers in the Temperate House. Joan and I propose to linger at the main entrance for 5 or 10 minutes from 10am and we shall be happy to link up with other members then. We contemplate an early lunch in the cafeteria. Sketch maps are available for the visits, please send a stamped addressed envelope to - Allen Hall, 18 Albury Avenue, Cheam, Sutton, Surrey, SM2 7JT. All good wishes,

Allen Hall

For other Southern Group meetings in 1993, see the Diary of Events. Full details will be in the Summer Bulletin.

SOUTH WEST GROUP

Once again we start a new season of local group meetings and look forward to gathering together on our favourite subject. After a period of frosts over Christmas and the New Year we are back to rain and wind preventing serious outside work. Consequently my garden is looking a little untidy with leaves still to be cleared from among the heathers. A couple of bright weekends should see the back of the clearing up and then it will be time for the pruning of the summer flowering heathers again. However - enough of working in the garden - so please find below the meetings planned for this season.

Saturday 3rd April Members should meet at Lytchett Matravers Village Hall at 2.00pm. John Bridgland, who gave us a talk many years ago, will be returning to talk once again on heathers. John has many years of heather growing behind him as well as interests in other plants, fuchsias, to mention just one. After John's talk there will be refreshments and the judging of the annual two class Table Show. The classes are as follows: Class 1 A vase or bowl of heathers in bloom. Class 2 A vase or bowl of heathers shown for foliage effect. Members may enter more than one entry in each class but when the points are totalled for the award of the Burfitt Bowl, only the highest place entry will count. Prizes will be awarded for the first three placings in each class. The Burfitt Bowl, currently held by Jennifer Turrell, will be awarded to the member with the most points. Lytchett Matravers is situated 6 miles from Poole and 1 mile west of the Poole-Blandford road. The village hall is on the west side of the High Street, just north of the Rose and Crown Inn. Ample parking is available and there will be a charge to cover expenses.

Saturday 8th May Members should gather at Broadlands, the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Smith, in Hazelbury Bryan in Dorset, at 2.00pm. The garden is 2 acres, set in the countryside nestling below the North Dorset Downs and is advertised in the 'Yellow Book', as well as being in an article in a Gardeners' World magazine last year. The garden boasts many spring flowering bulbs and shrubs and also contains some heathers. From Blandford, the garden is reached by travelling to Sturminster Newton along the A357 then, just after passing alongside the bridge at Sturminster Newton,

turning left on to the Hazelbury Bryan road. Hazelbury Bryan is another 4 miles along this road. The garden is on the left hand side of the hill, just past the village hall. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have kindly offered to provide tea and biscuits during the afternoon and this will be included in the admission charge of 1.50p per person.

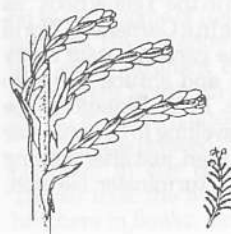
Saturday 26th June Members should gather at 2.00pm in the car park of the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and Arboretum in Hampshire; some members will remember the September visit to the Gardens during the 1990 Conference. The Garden is famous for its vast collection of plants, some of which are very rare. RHS members should bring their membership card which will allow them free entry, otherwise admission is currently £2 per person (Senior citizens £1.50p). Refreshment is available in the tea rooms of Jermyns House in the gardens. The gardens are situated in Jermyn's Lane between Ampfield and Braishfield, about three miles north-east of Romsey, and is well signposted from major routes.

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July These are the provisional dates for the Southampton Balloon and Flower Festival on Southampton Common. It is hoped that the local group will have the usual stand in the Horticultural Marquees and I am looking for volunteers to man the stand. Let us hope for better weather for this event this year.

Saturday August 21st at 2pm A joint visit with the Southern Group is planned, to Heatherwood Nurseries, near Wimborne in Dorset. Full details will be announced in the Summer Bulletin.

Additional details of all the above meetings can be obtained from me by sending 2 SAE's. Circulars are normally sent out at the end of February and the end of May. May I take this opportunity to wish all members a good heather growing year for 1993 and I hope to see many of you at meetings.

Phil Joyner



Calluna vulgaris
'County Wicklow'

Brita Johansson

NEW MEMBERS IN 1992

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Zone 3

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Zone 4

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MISS M ASTLE, Plum Tree Cottage, Brigsteer, Cumbria, LA8 8AN

MRS M CHAPMAN, 3 Thornbarrow Close, Thornbarrow Road, Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 2EW

Zone 5

MR E H RAW, 7 Woodside Lane, Fixby, Huddersfield, Yorks., HD2 2HA
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Zone 6

MR E LEONARDI, 7 Eagle Close, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 3DY

Zone 7

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Calluna vulgaris
'Clare Carpet'

Brita Johansson

- March 27** Southern Group -
Lecture & Heather
Competition.
- April 3** South West Group -
Lecture & Heather
Competition.
- April 18** Southern Group -
Return Visit to
Chelwood Vachery.
- May 8** South West Group -
Garden visit to
'Broadlands'
- May 15/16** North West Group -
Houghall College Open
Weekend.
- May 15** CLOSING DATE FOR
CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE BULLETIN
- June 5** North West Group -
Visit to Threave
Gardens.
- June 23** Southern Group - Visit
behind the Scenes at
Kew.
- June 26** South West Group -
Visit to Hilliers
Garden.
- July 3&4** South West Group -
Southampton Balloon
& Flower Festival.
- July 11** North East Group -
Visit to Raby Castle.
- July 11** Southern Group - Visit
to Great Comp.
- August 10** Heather Competitions -
RHS Vincent Square.
- August 10** Heather Society
Council Meeting.
- August 18** North East Group, Visit
to Bill Crow's Nursery.
- August 21** South West & Southern
Group joint visit.
- Sept. 26** Southern Group, Visit
to Merrist Wood
College.