

Wisley's Alpine Log

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At the end of last month we said farewell to Chris Allan (above) who had worked in the Alpine Department for over 8 years. He has moved to a post in a private garden. We wish him and his family good fortune in his new position. His place is to be filled by Chloe Wells (below) who has already been in the department for nearly a year as our special options trainee. Chloe is passionate about alpinism and keen to learn more so we gladly welcome her into the team.



In the previous log I showed a single flower of *Gentiana farreri* 'Silken Star' Group on the crevice garden, but since then more flowers have opened and I should show the whole thing to do this fabulous plant justice:



Also on the crevice garden now is a single flower of *Clematis columbiana* var *tenuiloba* 'Ylva':



Many visitors are surprised to see a *Clematis* so short in stature! Not far away is *Casilleja integra*:



And so far we have managed to keep the slugs & snails off of the *Campanula zoysii*:



Opposite the crevice garden in a small raised bed is another much larger *Campanula*, *C. versicolor* which produces an abundance of flowers that fall over the path:



Inside the Display House yet another campanula – one of my favourites – is also in bloom. This is *Campanula fragilis*:



Other plants to pick out in the house right now are firstly one of the larger Eriogonums, this one being *E. allenii* 'Little Rascal'



Secondly is this lovely blue *Allium sikkimense*:



There is also another *Castilleja* in here, one I have not flowered before. This is *Castilleja glandulifera*:



Finally from the Display House is the summer flowering *Gentiana paradoxa*:



Back outside, a recent planting into the crevice garden is the well known and loved *Crepis incana*. We shall have to remind everyone, once it is out of flower, that this is not a weed to be removed!



Just outside the Display House, this tower of Sempervivums made by Anita has been looking great. The large one at the top is Sempervivum 'Othello':



The flowers on this when they open are also very large compared to most Sempervivums:



Finally just one picture from out on the rock garden is this *Roscoea* 'Red Gurkha':

