

The Royal Horticultural Society The Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Group



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

May 5-10 Group Spring Tour, Cheshire and N. Wales
May 23-26 Chelsea Flower Show

May 24 Committee Meeting 2.00p.m. followed
by AGM at 4.00p.m.

Chairman's Notes

Members will be well aware by now that I am a strong advocate for a balance of companion plants with our rhododendron and camellia collections. Single genus plantings can be a terrible bore and as I am sure you are aware, they exist.

I have decided to set myself a short exercise for the purpose of these notes - to select my top ten woodland shrubs. I am allowed to make my own rules as follows: only one selection per genus with the exception of rhododendron, I can have one species and one hybrid here; my choices to cover the year and my selections should look good on more than one season if possible. Needless to say my plants must tolerate light shade and acid soil.

My first choice was easy, (they have not all been so by any means) for no garden should be without an Asiatic hamamelis and by far the finest is *Hamamelis x intermedia "Pallida"* which provides us with an outstanding display of spidery clear yellow flowers during the two dreary winter months of January and February. This shrub produces handsome deciduous foliage which is clear gold in autumn.

Number two I decided should be a camellia, which must present a problem for there are at least fifty old friends that I could choose from. I have decided upon *Camellia x williamsii "St. Ewe"*, a sharp perky hybrid that flowers hereabouts from February to April. The display of smallish rosy pink single flowers seems never ending and as a large evergreen it pleases me greatly.

So what of number three then? I am very keen on pieris so a pieris it has to be. I am sure everyone knows the hybrid *Pieris "Forest Flame"* which is produced by the thousand for the Garden Centre world, it is the young growth that attracts the garden centre customer. These however are usually young plants, too young to flower and when it is established in the garden it is also an excellent flowering shrub from February to April, with myriads of white bells covering the bush and which must be deadheaded, as with all pieris, after flowering. Now I have misled you somewhat for *Pieris "Forest Flame"* is not my choice, but *Pieris "Firecrest"* is. This selection is very close to "Forest Flame" but better. In fact I was very pleased to note in an assessment of the genus made in Holland recently that *P. "Firecrest"* was considered the better plant - I fully agree.

Now we come to the rhododendron species which has not been easy for there are very few species, or many hybrids, that equal the high standards of the shrubs that I am suggesting. Please don't all shout at me at once for I too am a great admirer and devotee of the species, we just have to accept that they do not belong to the hurley-burley of the Garden Centre. My choice for number four after a great deal of thought is *Rhododendron pseudochrysanthum*, probably the Exbury A.M. plant or the Wilson collection. I like the apple blossom flowers and I like its quiet but pretty foliage and as long as my specimen behaves well I shall not be disappointed. Of course our good friend *R. yakushimanum* was considered - but

My choice for the hybrid was easier, a good cultivar of the R "Loderi" group. I rate this group the fairest hybrids ever raised and I would remind you that the original Leonardslee clan are celebrating their centenary and still going strong. I envisage my plant to be 30 years old or so and taking on a mature appearance with its most attractive powerful branching habit and good foliage. I think I will name my choice which will be R "Loderi Pink Diamond" and I shall have great fun clambering through the branches dead heading the monster during the last week of May!

So to number six and as we are now in early summer my choice is *Cornus kousa* var. *chinensis* and it must be the Chinese plant which is far superior to the Japanese species, *C. kousa*. There are several named forms in the trade, "Bodnant", "Spinners", "John Slocum" and numerous others. The main value of this large shrub is the very broad bracts which appear in July and having passed through green to cream and on to white over many weeks, die a pleasant pink. Autumn colour is usually very good and if you are very fortunate a crop of attractive strawberry-like fruits is sometimes produced.

My choice for number seven is *Stewartia pseudocamellia* a large deciduous shrub which is truly a four star plant. It begins the season with superb "gooseberry green" spring foliage, camellia-like white flowers with a central boss of golden stamens are produced in July and the autumn colour is superb and frequently one of the most outstanding shrubs at this season. Lastly the winter bark effect is also outstanding.

A good strong evergreen is always useful in the landscape of the garden and my number eight choice, *Eucryphia x nymanensis "Nymansay"* is such a shrub. We

get twelve months of excellent evergreen foliage and six weeks or so of comparatively large single white flowers with a quite lovely arrangement of stamens, the flowers appearing in August.

We are progressing at great speed through the seasons and number nine is my autumn choice. It has to be a Japanese maple and this has given me little trouble in making my choice in spite of the vast number of Japanese maples to choose from. *Acer palmatum* "Sango-kaku" is my choice. This is the "Coral Bark Maple" which is usually labelled incorrectly as "Senkaki". The autumn colour first shows in July and very gradually gets better and better and attains a final glorious show at the end of October. As the foliage falls the young growth takes on the superb coral bark effect which lasts all winter long, truly a first class plant.

My last choice flowers through October to December having provided twelve months of outstanding architectural pinnate evergreen foliage. You must have guessed, yes my choice is a Mahonia and with something of a struggle I have decided upon *Mahonia x media* "Charity". I have to tell you that *M. x media* "Lionel Fortescue" was the reason for my struggle.

So there we are, let me have your criticism of my choice and let me have your choice of the ten best woodland shrubs using the same criteria that I have used. If we get good replies we can put an article together for the next bulletin.

I trust that you will all have a good spring in your gardens and also enjoy the shows and other gardens that you visit.

John Bond

Editor's Notes

Firstly will everyone please note that Philip Evans our Hon. Year Book Editor has moved to Devon and has a new address -West Netherton, Drewsteignton, Devon EX6 6RB. Tel. & Fax 01647 281285

There are just one or two places left on the Spring Tour to Cheshire and North Wales, anyone who would like to join this tour should get in touch with Chris Walker, 81 Station Road, Shepley, Huddersfield, W. Yorkshire, HD8 8DS, tel. 01484 604922 as soon as possible please.

Many congratulations to our member Peter Howarth on his Queen Mother's Birthday Honours Award. Three awards are given, one for nursing, one for work with horses and one for horticulture. I gather no fewer than 21 names were put forward for the latter - and Peter was the one chosen. Well done indeed.

Lastly, sadly I have to report the death of John Fox, a former Chairman of the South East Branch, a great gardener and a great character by all accounts. At a time when it seemed it might well become defunct, he gave his time and energy to help keep our Group alive. An appreciation of his life by Brian Wright (shortened by the constraints of space) will be found in this Bulletin.

Autumn Weekend 27-29 October

This year - for the first time - we are delighted to be sharing our autumn get together with the International Camellia Society. A lot of our members also belong to this Society and it seemed sensible to join together, taking it

in turns to organise this event. This year it is our turn and we shall be going to Bradford-on-Avon to the same hotel we have used before, the Leigh Park Hotel, which has now been refurbished throughout. Same hotel but totally different gardens, Saturday being spent at Westonbirt arboretum which our Chairman suggests merits a whole day, probably breaking for lunch at the Hare and Hounds just a mile or so away. For those who feel a whole day at Westonbirt will be a bit too much, we are hoping to organise a visit to Abbey House near Malmesbury which should have lots of colour and those stalwarts of autumn, hydrangeas. On Sunday we have been invited to the garden of I.C.S. members Mr. and Mrs. Naish who will also provide a light lunch before we disperse.

Now that garden tours are so popular hotels tend to book up early and we need to know approximate numbers by June, so please if you are interested in joining this weekend will you get in touch with me, contact details below. You will not be committing yourself but it will help us to make sure we have sufficient rooms to accommodate everyone who may wish to come. A detailed programme will be sent in June to all who have registered their interest, at which time a deposit will be requested to secure a place. I do hope you will support this weekend, those of you who are not ICS members will have a chance to make new garden friends and I hope this combined tour will bring a new dimension to both groups.

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From the Editor of the Year Book

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

There was a good and varied number of entries for the last competition, and it will definitely be continued for the 2001 edition. There is a £25 prize for the winner, and the first three will all be printed. Last year two additional entries of particular interest were also printed, and this will also be a possibility in 2001.

Members, old and new, are encouraged to enter slides or prints they have taken of the three genera, but with a maximum of three entries per Member. As always these can be of plants in your own garden, or any other garden, private or public, or indeed in the wild.

The closing date is June 30 2000, but PLEASE note the Editor's change of address, set out immediately below.

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BRANCH NEWS

SOUTH EAST

15 April Our Spring Show is at Ardingly College. Staging 11.00 - 1.30. Open 2.30 - 4.00 with prize giving and tea. Sponsored by Phostrogen.

13 May Our garden visit will be to Riverhill House, the family home of our member Mrs. David Rogers. Mrs. Rogers will be our guide and she hopes for some expert identification of some of the rhododendrons! Meet at the entrance to the house at 2.30p.m. Riverhill is on the A225 about 2 miles south of Sevenoaks.

15 & 16 July Propagation Weekend

We are planning to repeat the annual two days of practical techniques this year. Mike Robinson has offered to host and lead the weekend at his home in the Ashdown Forest. We will be doing cuttings from all three of our genera, rhododendron seed sowing, and especially grafting of the less often seen rhododendrons. The exchange of material is one of the delights, as is the exchange of thoughts and ideas. We will also have material available from one or more of the bigger collections. It is a very friendly and informal event, which suits experts and absolute beginners alike. Do come; if you contact the South East branch chairman, John Hilliard, details will be mailed to you. Friends and relations are also welcome, as are members and friends from any of the other branches. Contact details for Mike Robinson, John Hilliard and myself are in the members list.

The event is somewhat conditional upon the safe arrival of suitable rootstocks, at present on order from Holland. Cost: £25 plus materials (rootstocks, etc.)

Everard Daniel

South West

The next garden visit will be on April 29 to Tremough and to Trebah, both near Falmouth (member Rachel Martin is Head Gardener at Trebah)

On May 6 we shall visit Colebrook House, (member Kenwyn Clapp) and Lukesland, (member Brian Howell) These two gardens are near Plympton, east of Plymouth.

The funds of the Branch are such that we have been able to donate £250 worth of plants to RHS Rosemoor

Alun Edwards

Wessex Branch

At our November meeting our speaker from Exbury was unable to come, so we showed a shortened version of the video of the making of Exbury Gardens, prior to our visit there this Spring. It was fascinating to see the origins of this great garden, and the vast scale on which it was created. Margaret Hall then gave us a most enjoyable talk, with some excellent slides, of her recent trip with the ARS, where she visited some remarkable private gardens in Vancouver and Niagara Falls in Ontario.

We are having our Annual Show on Sunday 4 June, at Ramster, and this will coincide with the official opening of the Hardy Hybrid Collection. All members of the Group are most welcome to come, and we hope they will bring with them any exhibit of interest, it doesn't have to be a rhododendron, that we can admire on our non-competitive table. Staging from 2.30. During the afternoon members will be able to visit the gardens, and Ant Wood to see the collection. Then at 4.30, after the judging by John Bond, we will have tea, during which Lady Adam Gordon has most kindly agreed to give an address to mark the establishment of this important collection.

The Hardy Hybrids have come through their first winter well, and many of the plants look nicely budded. An interesting selection of 30 companion plants, kindly selected by our Chairman has been added to the wood. These include *Hamamelis mollis* "Wisley Supreme", *Magnolia* "Yellow Bird" *Cornus kousa* "China Girl" *Acer palmatum* "Seiryu" and a lovely *Cercidiphyllum japonicum* *pendulum*. Members of the Group who would like to visit the collection before the official opening have free access

to Ramster Gardens which are open from 6 April to 9 July every day from 11.00am to 5.00pm. A full list of the hardy hybrids planted and the companion plants will be available.

Our Millennium Special trip to five French gardens from 19-21 May is nearly fully booked. We have room for 4 more people, if anyone from another branch is interested. Contact Miranda Gunn on 01428 6444222

On Friday 3 March, Ivor Stokes the Horticultural Director of the Botanic Garden of Wales, gave a highly informative talk on the history of the site at Middleton Hall, Carmarthenshire, and the vision of the garden as one built on the principles laid down at the Rio Earth Summit. He followed this by telling us about the garden at Clyne Castle, where he had worked previously, which he illustrated with slides of the rhododendrons in flower for which the garden has received many awards at RHS shows. Members present greatly enjoyed Ivor's talk and I am sure many of us will be beating a path to both Clyne and the National Botanic Garden of Wales.

Miranda Gunn

John Fox ~ An Appreciation

Those members of the Group who knew John will undoubtedly be sorry to hear that he died, aged 66 on 3 February this year.

John will be remembered as someone with an exuberant enthusiasm for plants and gardening which was consistently franked with a spontaneous sense of fun. He believed and held fast to the maxim, that if a job was worth doing it was worth doing well and this was in evidence during his years as South East Branch Chairman when he envisaged a workshop element to the Branch's activities and introduced the propagation weekends.

In a domestic sense, John was one of the great plant-hunters who covered the length and almost the breadth, of the country to find, enjoy and acquire if he could, the best forms, rarities and specimens he was hunting. When John wanted a particular plant or to visit a certain garden he would think nothing of rising uncommonly early, driving for a couple of hours or so, taking a huge sustaining breakfast, pressing on for another two or three hours, get or do what he wanted and then return home for a spot of late afternoon or early evening gardening.

John first started showing in 1976 and very quickly learnt what was needed to win, whereafter he won many first prizes. Before long he had won both the McLaren and Loder Cups for his plants, but most of all he won the respect and friendship of some famous and well-regarded names in gardening.

In the final analysis, I suppose John's legacy for me will be the shining example of how to grow "big" garden plants on a small garden basis.

Brian Wright

Errata

The sharp eyed amongst you will have seen in the last bulletin the caption below, with nothing under it. This paragraph should have been there, but somehow disappeared between my computer and that of our Printers, when the bulletin had to be altered at the very last moment. Our apologies to any members puzzled by this and of course to Chris Callard.

Vireya Website

Members of the Group who have access to the Internet may be interested to know about website devoted to Section Vireya Rhododendrons. Run by London member Chris Callard, the website looks at the history of Vireya culture since the first species were introduced 150 years ago, and also includes sections on the distribution of these plants in the wild: their classification, together with suggestions for their successful cultivation in a temperate climate. Illustrated with nearly 200 photographs of the most popular varieties, the website can be found at <http://website.lineone.net/~cjcallard>.

Chris Callard is currently working on a CD-ROM expanding on the information covered in the website which it is hoped will be available in the new year.

Vine Weevil

The Vine Weevil Advice Centre, launched in April of last year, is running a general awareness campaign with the aim of alerting all gardeners to this very damaging little pest. Anyone who would like more details is asked to get in touch with them at Denton House, 40-44 Wicklow Street, London WC1X 9HL. Tel. 020 7278 6886, Fax. 020 7278 5998, email: vineweevil@clear-group.co.uk and their website is www.vine.weevil.org.uk If you have found these grubs in a pot or lost a shrub in your garden which seems to have had all its roots eaten away, please do let them know.

Related to this we have had an offer from Carpenders Park Nursery, Little Oxhey Lane, Carpenders Park, nr. Watford Herts. WD1 5BA tel. 0200 8420 1959 who can supply a granular preparation "Provado" which it is claimed will control vine weevil and other soil borne pests on plants grown in containers. This is diluted and watered onto the compost in the pot. At present they have offered to supply this mail order to members, free of the normal charges for post and packing.

Random Thoughts from a Rhododendron breeder

In the latter half of the last century, Mr. Binder, then curator of Kew, crossed *R. griffithianum* with what he described as a poor specimen of *R. fortunei*, resulting in *R. "Kewense"*, registered in 1888 and still growing in the dell at Kew Gardens. Doubtless an effort to improve the hardiness of *R. griffithianum* this cross was not rated very highly, lacking an award when shown.

Nearly two decades later in 1907, Sir E. Loder registered a grex of *R. griffithianum x R. fortunei*, many of which we now know and revere under various names prefixed with the term Loderi.

Compared with *R. "Kewense"*, the Loderi hybrids are superior in both size of flower and colour. Obviously, flower size emanated from *R. griffithianum*, hardiness from *R. fortunei*, but from whence the colour, particularly of darker clones such as "Game Chick"?

For years I hunted in vain for that colour within the parent species, but *R. griffithianum* was invariably white, albeit occasionally with faint pink or green staining, while various *R. fortunei* clones showed at best only the faintest degree of floral warmth, that is, until I received seed collected from Lu Shan, a valley in western China where

it is said the only pure *R. fortunei* grow, most being contaminated by the closely related *R. decorum*. Imagine my delight when last year, I saw deeply coloured flower buds bedecking the first of my *R. fortunei* bushes grown from Lu Shan seed. As the trusses opened to reveal almost magenta coloured blooms, I realised that here lay the secret of Loderi success, for in his hybridisation work, Sir E. Loder always maintained that good results depended upon using only the best forms of parent plants. Salutary remarks for yesterday and today.

In 1817, *R. maximum x R. viscosum* was registered as *R. "Hybridum"*, now almost certainly extinct. At that time, few rhododendron species were available to the hybridiser - in fact, there were more magnolias than rhododendrons introduced into the UK. Consequently, the floral beauty might not have proved show-stopping in quality, but was this azaleodendron scented? Perhaps someone could repeat the cross and possibly answer that question.

Not that a repeat of this crossing would necessarily mirror qualities of the original and thus should bear an additional name, prefixed by the title 'Hybridum', similar to the strict nomenclature of the word "Loderi" following the term 'Kewense', the first registered cross of the species involved.

Sadly, this procedure is not always followed and today we have *R. "Fragrantissimum"* from many quarters, but judging from the differences in foliage, the clone offered may not be that originally registered, receiving an FCC when shown in 1868. A cross of *R. edgeworthii* and *R. formosum*, the former is relatively standard in characteristics, while the latter is a variable species, a factor contributing to variations in the hybrid offspring.

In fact, this cross was made earlier in Germany and named *R. "Sesterianum"*, also receiving an FCC. Is this the *R. "Fragrantissimum"* that is around today? If so, it should precede *R. "Fragrantissimum"* in nomenclatural terms.

My own last crossing was that of *R. selense x R. "Fabia"*, which resulted in an immense variety of seedlings, with no fewer than six distinct clones being registered.

Obviously, any repeat of this cross would not duplicate the first result and should be qualified accordingly.

If we do not abide by the rules of nomenclature in hybridisation, we could end up by not knowing what we are talking about!

Geoff Taylor

Yaku Island and the Siting of Camellias

This letter beautifully written in an italic script, was sent to Philip Evans, our Hon. Year Book Editor, by one of our members - I wish I could reproduce it in full but space forbids.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I write concerning two matters which (years' ago) were but a mild niggle, however the ageing process has possibly begun to exaggerate reality and I feel that I am at the age when I am allowed just a little murmur.

Firstly *Rhododendron yakushimanum* - the caption (Fig16) in the Year Book states that *R. yakushimanum* is found on Yakushima Island. This is not strictly correct as its "home" is Yaku Island or Yaku Shima - shima being Japanese for island. Just about every expert I have read

makes this mistake and particularly as part of the RHS and with our association with Japan we should set a good example and be correct.

Secondly the siting of camellias in the garden. For many years we have been told that camellias should not be exposed to the early morning sun. My experience over 40 years of gardening and running a nursery, both here in Cumbria and Lancashire is that it matters not a jot whether the plants face North, South, East or West all blooms were affected simultaneously or not at all.

It is my plea therefore, that this theory alone should not be allowed to restrict the planting of camellias.

Colin Mawson.

Book Review

Magnolias: A Gardener's Guide. ISBN

Q-88192-446-6 £25

This eagerly awaited book by Jim Gardiner will be published later this year, and to allow me to tell you about it in this bulletin, Timber Press have very kindly sent me a galley proof.

Those of us who have his earlier book "*Magnolias: Their Care and Cultivation*" will wonder whether they need to upgrade to the new publication and although many paragraphs will still have a familiar ring about them, there is more, a lot more in the new offering. Newly discovered species, and the more successful newly created hybrids are described, and where older names have been reclassified, this has been done To my shame I have just found out my *M. hypoleuca* is now once again *M. obovata*, since 1996 in fact. Should we have a list of these changes in our Year Book as they occur perhaps?

Best of all, the excellent photographs are now distributed on the relevant pages throughout the book, instead of being concentrated together in the middle, so much better than the constant flipping back and forth necessary before.

There are some fine line drawings, some to illustrate technical details, and some for pure pleasure.

A list of "Recommended Species and Varieties" is more detailed and easier to read than before, and "Where to See" and "Where to Buy" have been revised. Also the Index has been divided into one of Magnolia Names and a General Index listing people, places, common names and other plants mentioned in the book.

Altogether this new book should be high on the wish list of every magnolia gardener.

Eileen Wheeler

Launch of West of England Gardens Society

This new society will offer a quarterly newsletter, discounts at gardens and specialist nurseries. Gardens and specialist nursery annual publication, weekend and day courses at renowned gardens, specialist lectures, garden visits conducted by owners and head gardeners, and visits to and lectures at specialist nurseries. Their first newsletter appeared this March, and includes articles by Robin Whalley and Lady Anne Cowdray.

For membership information contact, The Membership Secretary, West of England Gardens Society, 5, Brunswick Street, Bath, BA1 6PQ

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Wednesday, 24 May 2000 at 4.30p.m. in Room 311, RHS New Halls

Voting for the Committee is by Postal Ballot, and we ask you please, to complete the form below.

Chairman, John D Bond, LVO, VMH, has served for three years, and is willing to continue. From now on he needs to be confirmed in post each year.

The Officers are all willing to continue, and need to be confirmed in post, should you so decide.

Committee Members Dr. Robbie H. L. Jack and Miss Cicely E Perring are due to retire, having served their latest three-year term, and are both willing to serve again. A nomination has also been received from Mr. Peter Howarth. Notes on the horticultural experience of these three candidates are given below. There are TWO vacancies on the Committee; please vote for TWO of the three candidates.

The Committee will be sad to lose Mr. Tony Weston, who has been Hon. Membership Secretary for six years, and was Bulletin Editor for three years before that. He announced he would retire at AGM 2000 which left good time for a replacement to be found, and he will continue to organise the Seed List and Sales with help from Mr. Bruce Archibald. Mrs. Miranda Gunn, Chairman of Wessex Branch, will take up the post of Hon. Membership Secretary after the AGM.

The Committee hopes you will come to the AGM and looks forward to seeing you there.

Josephine Warren

Dr. R. H. L Jack, Edgemoor Lanark, Scotland

Dr. Jack has been a member and active participant in the Group's activities for many years and a member of the Executive Committee since 1986.

Living in a cold and somewhat exposed part of the country he grows a selection of the hardier species and hybrids and others under glass. Some of the former contributed in the past to one of our Group exhibits at Vincent Square. He has been a successful exhibitor there and is a Rhododendron judge. The striking cover illustration on our 1995 year book was a Vincent Square exhibit of his *R. citriniflorum* var. *horaeum*.

He was much involved in encouraging the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh to stage with our sponsorship, their Vireya display and its associated lecture at Vincent Square in March 1998. This superb exhibit won a well merited Gold Medal and was illustrated and written up in our 1999 year book.

More recently he was the initiator and organizer of the Group's Rhododendron Species Identification Weekend this spring at the RBG in Edinburgh.

He is a member of the RHS Rhododendron and Camellia Committee.

Mr. Peter Howarth

Peter Howarth has spent all his life as a professional horticulturist, he spent 5 years at Wisley, then until 1970 was horticultural adviser and national marketing adviser in ADAS.

Since then in the family garden centre and commercial nursery specialising in pieris, dwarf rhododendrons, camellias, azaleas and meconopsis.

For the past 3 years has appeared regularly on live T.V. with Granada, and recordings with BBC's "How Does Your Garden Grow?". Received Queen Mother's Birthday Honours Award in November 1999. Throughout, ericaceous plants have been his prime interest.

Miss Cecily Perring

Now a retired Solicitor, I cannot recall a time when I have not been passionate about gardening. It was the major family interest. Early on I decided rhododendrons, camellias and azaleas were my delight later adding magnolias. Having a woodland garden with acid soil, there was no problem. What I planted in those early days is now mature and beautiful.

I joined the RHS and the International Camellia Society in its second year; I served my time as a Director and Vice-President; as a member of the committee of the Rhododendron Camellia and Magnolia Group of the RHS for whose journal I have written up the camellia competitions for several years; a member of the Institute of Horticulture when it was formed; the Rose Society and the Hardy Plant Society.

I propagate camellias from cuttings and grow from seed rhododendrons and camellias as well as attempt at grafting. I am President of my local Horticultural Society in Pett, East Sussex.

THE RHODODENDRON, CAMELLIA & MAGNOLIA GROUP OF THE RHS **VOTING FORM ~ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 24 MAY, 2000**



Please register your vote by putting a tick in the appropriate box.

Please vote for the **Chairman**, the **Officers**, and for **2 Committee Members**

R.H.S. Membership number

Chairman



Mr. John Bond LVO, VMH

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Mrs. Josephine Warren



Hon. Membership Secretary

Mrs. Miranda Gunn



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Mr. Philip D. Evans



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Mr. Peter Howarth



Dr. Robbie H. L. Jack



Miss Cicely E. Perring

Please send this form, when completed to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. Warren, Netherton, Buckland Monachorum, Yelverton, Devon PL20 7NL, to arrive with her by **MONDAY 22 MAY** that is 48 hours before the Annual General Meeting, making due allowance for postal delivery.