

The Meconopsis Group

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Notice of 7th AGM

Dear Member

Programme for the meeting on 6th March 2010 in the Conference Room

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh 10.00 – 15.30

Meeting Chairman: John Mitchell

10.00 - 10.30	Arrival - Complimentary Teas and Coffees	
10.30 - 11.00	7 th AGM	
11.00 - 12.15	'The taxonomy of the large blue poppies - trials and tribulations'	Dr Chris Grey-Wilson
12.15 - 13.00	Bring your own picnic Lunch - Complimentary Teas and Coffees	
13.00 - 14.00	'New findings on <i>Meconopsis</i> from Nepal'	Paul Egan
14.00 - 15.00	'A miscellany of old and new - getting intimate with the smaller <i>Meconopses</i> '	Dr Chris Grey-Wilson
15.00 - 15.30	'Members' Questions..... and answers'	Ian Christie

Agenda for 7th AGM to be held on 6th March 2010

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th February 2009
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Seed Exchange Manager's Report
8. Web-site Manager's Report
9. Appointment of Office-bearers and Management Committee
10. Appointment of Trials and Assessment Subcommittee
11. Appointment of Auditor
12. Membership Subscription Rates 2011
13. Any Other Business

Arrangements for the Meeting

Venue Conference Room, Royal Botanic Garden, 20 Inverleith Row, Edinburgh, EH3 5 Tel.0131 552 7171

Get directions on website www.rbge.org.uk

Minutes Minutes of the 6th AGM were distributed to members in the May mailing. If you wish a copy please contact me.

Meeting Charge There will be a nominal charge of £1 to attend this meeting, but this will include a lucky numbered ticket.

50:50 Plant Sale Please bring plants for a 50:50 plant sale (2 labels per pot, one for your name and the price, the other for the plant name). This is an important part of our day as the sale of plants will help to

distribute the plants more widely among members and will boost our funds. Both *Meconopsis* and other plants are welcome.

Picnic lunch Please bring your own lunch to the meeting. Tea and coffee will be provided at 10.00am and at lunchtime.

Guests will be made very welcome.

Note for New Members If you are unsure of the arrangements please contact me.

Gardening Scotland 2010 Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th June

Gardening Scotland is Scotland's national celebration of gardening and outdoor living. The show will take place on Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th June 2010 at the Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, near Edinburgh.

The Meconopsis Group will have a stand as last year. We need to have 'staff' for all three days so if you can help man the stand please get in touch with Geoff Hill on 0131 440 1668 or email geoff.hill@eggconnect.net

Summer meeting Saturday May 8th 2010 with Toshio Yoshida

A special meeting is being organised at the Conference Room at the RBGE from 10.00 -14.00. Toshio Yoshida, a renowned field botanist and photographer from Japan, will give two talks on the mountain plants of the Sino-Himalayas. There will also be a tour of the new *Meconopsis* beds in the Garden.

Further details will be available at the meeting on March 6th and will be posted on the website. There will be a meeting fee.

Autumn meeting Saturday November 14th 2010

The date has been confirmed for 14th November 2010. Further details of the program will be available in September.

Website

The website has been updated with new information. View it at www.meconopsis.org

Membership 2010 Renewal

Thanks for your good wishes and the snowstorm of subscriptions received over the festive period and into January. I hope you have received your receipt and Membership Card (with photo of *M. 'Lingholm'* taken at Roger Nelson's garden) and your current Username and Password for the Website. Just a reminder.....Membership subscriptions for 2010 should be paid by February 28th

Attendance/ Apologies Slip for the meeting

It would be helpful if you could complete and return the enclosed/attached attendance/apologies slip to me.

Reports

I enclose reports from the meeting on October 31st 2009 with this newsletter

- 'Seed Germination and Viability' by Geoff Hill
 - 'Destination Nepal: the land, plants and fieldwork at the crossroads of the Himalaya' by Dr. Mark Watson
- and
- Attendance/apologies slip for the meeting on March 6th 2010

Best wishes for 2010

Norma McDowall (Secretary)