

The Meconopsis Group Meeting October 28th 2017

The meeting was held in the Conference Room at RBGE with 51 members present.

Chairman's Update.

John Mitchell began the meeting by welcoming the members present. He continued with the very sad news that Evelyn Stevens, a founder member of The Meconopsis Group had passed away earlier this year.

Other members that had passed away were Professor Adam Curtis and David Walkinshaw.

He reported that George Watts had fallen off a ladder a few weeks previously, but was now out of hospital, but still poorly.

Better news followed.

He was delighted to announce that Bob Mitchell had received the MBE for his commitment to Horticulture and teaching, and that our youngest member Raphael, eight years old and present at the meeting, was successfully growing meconopsis. Both announcements received applause.

There were a few of the Groups book 'Meconopsis for Gardeners' still available at £38. This meeting was the last time to buy at this price. He would be taking any remaining books down to the AGS.

He reminded members to give their late seed donations to Sharon, who was collecting them for Ian Scott.

John also reminded members to make sure their subscriptions were up to date and to hand in name badges at the end of the meeting, and to keep their coffee cups for the whole day.

Since Sharon was giving up organising the display for The Meconopsis Group, which had had a marvellous run of gold medals while under her care at Gardening Scotland, he asked for volunteers to take over. He thanked her for her work.

Finally John said that after fifteen glorious years as Chairman of The Meconopsis Group and with the publication of The Group's book achieved, he intended to retire at the next AGM in March. The next Chairman would be Jim Jermyn.

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