

**THE BRITISH  
CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY**

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CAMBRIDGE & DISTRICT BRANCH  
Inaugurated in 1947



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SUCCULENT SOCIETY**

Let's Grow Together

**PROGRAMME AND  
SHOW CLASSES 2025**

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All meetings at 7 pm for 7:30 pm start at the Great Shelford Memorial Hall,  
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford, Cambridge CB22 5LZ

**ENTRY FEE £3.00**

(First meeting free to new members)

**TEA/COFFEE & BISCUITS £1.00**

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**SUMMER CACTUS SHOW  
11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025**

**AUTUMN SUCCULENT SHOW  
8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

**For 2025 printed Cambridge Branch programmes will be available along with downloadable information from the website [www.cambridge.bcsc.org.uk](http://www.cambridge.bcsc.org.uk)**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

We welcome members of the public at any of our meetings.

Monthly Raffle, £1.00 per strip

Any Prizes always welcome and gratefully accepted.

Plants etc. for sale.

Refreshments available.

MEETING 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH

# Paul Hoxey

## Some Recent Adventures in Peru.

### Table Show Classes

#### Open

1. Peperomia Group
2. Pelargonium Group
3. Echevaria Subgroup
4. Othonna Group
5. Echinocactus Group
6. Eriosyce Group
7. Cactus in flower
8. Succulent in flower

#### Junior / Novice

9. One Cactus
10. One Succulent

MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**Derek Tribble  
Huntington  
Symposium 2018.  
(including a visit to Steven Hammer)**

**Table Show Classes**

**Open**

1. Haworthia Group
2. Dorstenia Group
3. Astrophytum Group
4. Agave Group
5. Rebutia Group
6. Turbinicarpus Group
7. Stenocactus Group
8. Cactus in flower
9. Succulent in flower

**Junior / Novice**

10. One Cactus
11. One Succulent

MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> May

# Ian Woolnough

## A Trip to Argentina.

### Table Show Classes

#### Open

1. Argyroderma Subgroup
2. Matucana Group
3. Rhipsalis Group
4. Sempervivum Subgroup
5. Cleistocactus Subgroup
6. Aloe Group
7. Kedrostris Group
8. 3 Cacti in flower
9. Succulent in flower

#### Junior / Novice

10. One Cactus
11. One Succulent

MEETING 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE

# SUMMER CACTUS SHOW

SCHEDULES FOR SUMMER  
CACTUS SHOW TO BE  
AVAILABLE AT A LATER DATE

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MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> JULY

# GERRY BLACOE

## FLORA & FAUNA OF NEW ZEALAND. PART 1.

### Table Show Classes

#### Open

1. Echinocereus Group
2. Echinopsis Group
3. Mammillaria Group max. 120 mm
4. Ceropegia Group
5. Melocactus Group
6. Anacampseros Group
7. Euphorbia Group
8. Cactus in flower
9. Succulent in flower

#### Junior / Novice

10. One Cactus
11. One Succulent



MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

# Alan Brown

## Namibia. Etosha National Park & Lithops.

### Table Show Classes

#### Open

1. Didierea Group
2. Adenia Group
3. Thelocactus Group
4. Pachypodium Group
5. Coryphantha Group
6. Crassula Subgroup
7. Mammillaria Group
8. Cactus in flower
9. Succulent in flower

#### Junior / Novice

10. One Cactus
11. One Succulent

MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

# JULIAN COOKE

## Chile. Part 1.

### Table Show Classes

#### Open

1. Gymnocalycium Group
2. 3 Cacti max 90mm pots
3. Parodia Group
4. Cheiridopsis Subgroup
5. Stapelia Group
6. Lithops Subgroup
7. Pediocactus Group
8. Cactus in flower
9. Succulent in flower

#### Junior / Novice

10. One Cactus
11. One Succulent

**MEETING 8th OCTOBER**

# **AUTUMN SUCCULENT PLANT SHOW**

**SCHEDULES FOR AUTUMN  
SUCCULENT SHOW TO BE  
AVAILABLE AT A LATER DATE**

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MEETING 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

# JAMES TUCKER

## A YEAR IN KEW

### **Table Show Classes**

#### **Open**

1. Espostoa Subgroup
2. Copiapo Group
3. Faucaria Subgroup
4. Conophytum Subgroup
5. Sedum Subgroup
6. Lophophora Group
7. Adromischus Subgroup
8. Cactus in flower
9. Succulent in flower

#### **Junior / Novice**

10. One Cactus
11. One Succulent

MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

# CHRISTMAS MEMBERS' EVENING & AGM

## **Table Show Classes**

### **Open**

1. Nananthus Subgroup
2. Opuntia Group
3. Pachycereus Subgroup
4. Aeonium Subgroup
5. Ariocarpus Group
6. Gasteria Group
7. Sanseveria Group
8. Cactus in flower
9. Succulent in flower

### **Junior / Novice**

10. One Cactus
11. One Succulent

# **A.G.M. AGENDA**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**YOU WILL RECEIVE NO OTHER**  
**WRITTEN NOTIFICATION**

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. MINUTES OF LAST A.G.M.
4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
5. HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT
6. HON. TREASURER'S REPORT
7. HON. PLANT SALES OFFICER'S REPORT
8. HON. SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT
9. REPORTS FROM ANCILLARY ORGANISERS
10. PRESENTATION OF CUPS AND CERTIFICATES
11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2026

**At previous A.G.M.'s, light refreshments have been provided by members. It is hoped that those of you who will be attending will once again be kind enough to bring along a few biscuits, sausage rolls, or light snacks.**

**As all B.C.S.S. branches must be financially self-supporting, members are encouraged to support the raffle by purchasing tickets and supplying prizes.**

## COMPETITION RULES

### Please read carefully

1. Entries must have been owned by Competitors for at least 8 weeks and comply with the BCSS Policy on habitat plants 2024. (See notice displayed at all Shows/Meetings).
2. *Two entries* allowed in each class.
3. All judging in accordance with the Handbook of Shows 11<sup>th</sup> Edition 2021
4. *Novices*. Members who have scored not more than 50 points, or who have not won the Novice's / Junior's Trophy, in any previous season.
5. *Novices* and *Juniors* are eligible to enter in all open classes.
6. *Judging*. In absence of outside judges, classes will be judged by non-competing members, basing their decision on the BCSS points system.
7. Entry fee per exhibit is 10p

Class	Points			
	1st	2nd	3rd	H.C.
All other meetings	5	3	2	1

**Please contact the Show secretary for further  
information on the Table Show**

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

(Branch Members Only)

**The MRS E.M McKAY CUP**

**Major Trophy**

Awarded for the highest aggregate number of points  
scored in the open classes.

**Minor Trophy**

Awarded for the highest aggregate number of points  
among members who have never scored 100 points  
in any previous year in open classes.

**THE LADY DRURY TROPHY**

Awarded for the highest number of points combined  
Flowering classes in the open section.

**THE MARGARET TAYLOR TROPHY**

Awarded to the Minor trophy competitor with the  
highest number of points in combined Flowering  
classes in the open section.

**NOVICE OR JUNIOR TROPHY**



Awarded to the Novice or Junior with the highest number of points in the Novice or Junior classes.

**Handicaps for MRS E.M. McKAY CUP and  
NOVICE OR JUNIOR TROPHY**

Members who have scored 50 or more points in their previous year of showing, a handicap of 50% of 50% of the actual points scored.

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**OTHER AWARDS**

**B.C.S.S. Award of Merit**

Awarded for the highest number of points in the classes for

(i) Cacti

(ii) Other Succulents

In the event of a tie, the highest number of firsts gain the award. In any other matter arising from the schedule, the decision of the Committee shall be final.

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**ADVISORY AND NAMING SERVICE**

Branch Officers and Committee will be pleased to assist members, and any ideas, suggestions or constructive criticisms regarding our activities will be welcome.