

DUNBLANE EARLY BULB DISPLAY

22nd February 2025, 10 am to 4 pm

Organised by the BULB GROUP

VICTORIA HALL, STIRLING ROAD, DUNBLANE, PERTSHIRE FK15 9EX

Opposite the railway station. Parking is limited outside the hall. The closest is on the main road, in Station Square & on Mill Row. Best for disabled parking is the lower car park at TESCO, with access to the hall via lifts and bridge at the railway station. Charges may apply.

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ENTRIES:

To be staged on the day, 9–10 am

Growing bulbs for all seasons

Our speaker is **John Grimshaw**, gardener, professional botanist and writer who has travelled widely in search of plants. His career in horticulture includes experience of the Netherlands seed industry, as gardens manager at Colesbourne Park in Gloucestershire, as Director of the Yorkshire Arboretum and most recently, Editor-in-Chief of Curtis's Botanical Magazine. Plants are his passion and he has grown a huge variety in his gardens.

11 am *'Small and early'*

John talks about growing and using the smaller early flowering bulbs in a normal garden setting. He'll cover snowdrops, crocuses, smaller daffodils and a host of other small plants that can make the garden come to life in the first few months of the year.

12 noon – 12.15 pm **Special General Meeting of the Scottish Rock Garden Club**

2.00 pm *'Late and large'*

In this talk we'll hear about summer-flowering bulbs that can add a touch of drama to the garden. Again, these will be easily-grown plants, Eucomis to Lilium, Galtonia to Roscoea, ending with the colchicums in early autumn.

RHS ALPINE & ROCK GARDEN EXPERT GROUP will meet at 12.30 pm

Plants for consideration must be registered by 11 am

Display

Members are invited to bring as many pans of dwarf bulbs and early flowering alpine plants as possible.

Space will be available for cut flowers of plants which members do not want to disturb in the garden. Please bring your own vases for cut flowers.

Plants will be grouped according to genera during staging between 9 and 10 am.

The rule of one pan per class per exhibitor will be waived. No points will be awarded.

Members may also stage small displays comprising several exhibits to show variation in species etc.

Every contribution increases the value of the display for others.

Plant sales

Contributions are invited to the 50:50 plant sale and raffle, which will be held to cover expenses.

Members are asked to help with the teas and plant stall as this day is organised by the Bulb Group rather than a local group.