

How might we improve the group for you?

- 1) Be certain to keep the seed list alive - at least as was before the new restrictions
- 2) 'Swap shop' for surplus seedlings from the seed list! (On-line.)
- 3) On-line facility such as sourcing, inter-exchanging any manner of varieties. (Group site would merely be a 'noticeboard' facility for member contact.)
- 4) Seems as though some kind of member-accessible on-line noticeboard would cover most of this.

1. A branch covering West and Mid Wales would be welcome, if there were sufficient support, with periodic meetings and garden visits within the area.
2. We tend not to join Group Tours because of cost. Instead, we arrange our own visits to gardens when on holiday around the country and the ability to join up with other Groups when in their areas would be worthwhile.

1. Arrange LEGAL procurement of rare and endangered species and arrange distribution within the group - plants as well as seeds. It should be possible within the restrictions of CBD. It is up to us to make arrangements with the countries concerned.
2. SHOWS - Make it easier for exhibitors. For example, at Rosemoor, arrange overnight parking and a decent breakfast at 10-00am when staging finishes. Also invite exhibitors and present/past committee members to LUNCH with assorted judges and big-wigs. Last time I brought show plants it was a considerable effort (several days work, early start etc.) and yet after the presentation the Show emptied out and it had all the ambience of the 'Marie-Celeste'. It would be nice to meet other members. Too much 'them and us' creeping in.
3. Subscriptions: Why abandon standing orders. I like the convenience of my sub being paid automatically but I refuse to make out a direct debit for a company I know nothing about. I will decide later this year whether to carry on my membership or not.

- 1: Inspire members to donate seed from their gardens.
- 2: Ask members what seed they would like to see on the seed list.

A branch in my area

A group in the Peak District area

A one day conference for all membersM with an excellent speaket each year

a reliable source of informations

Absence of local branch makes publications v. important or no point in membership.

actually I'm impressed with what you do. I would stress that the RHS groups support each other as we have done through the negotiations with the RHS when they appeared less than interested in specialist groups. Fortunately plants do matter and special groups have an important international reach.

All right as it is

Allow members to pay on-line. It's a shame this option no longer available

appreciate the good communication that you have

As a USA member, I am interested in some of your tours. However, we need a good amount of advance lead time to be able get organized, schedule time off from work, air tickets, lodging reservations etc for a tour. Coming from overseas, we would also be interested in a longer tour event, say a week in Cornwall, rather than a three day tour event. Of course that may not work for your UK members, and we realize that.

The yearbook, seed exchange opportunity and bulletin are important to me as this is typically my only contact with the group. I also likely need to make better use of the web site. that is my fault, not the groups!

As a working gardener more practical workshops would be great, weekend visits would help.

As an North American the bullitens and yearbook are the primary reasons for a membership.

As an overseas member, better interaction with our Australian Group

As far as I know, as I am a foreign member, there is nothing that could be better for me personally. I love the Yearbooks.

As I live outside the UK there is little to be done

As overseas members it might be a good idea to follow what the International Magnolia Society does and organize visits to various countries especially in Asia where much remains undiscovered or new for e.g north Vietnam

As per my emphasis on answers above

As very much an amateur, I think that education is the main need.

Ask the RBG at Edinburgh for a list of descriptions of newly named taxa of rhododendron species discovered during the last ten years or so to publish in the year book.

Availability of plants (at low prices!)

Continuing local trips (Soth West)
Being a member abroad, I can have little or none interest in meetings and so. But information and PR are mportant. Therefore I have my own website www.rhodoland.nl in the languages Dutch, English and German. We are doing our best to promote the genus rhododendron and the practice of gardening with them!!
being able to contact members with similar interests in other pats of country. updated members list in booklet like one sent on joining. More emphasis on smaller gardens and smaller plants.
Being in the USA I feel like I am somewhat on the sidelines and all the fun is happening in the UK! I have gone on one of the group tours and I will definitely think about attending annual meetings in the future. I would enjoy seeing members gardens in the UK.
Better comuncations
Can't think of any right now.
Can't think of anything as I do not iive in the UK
Cheaper shorter UK tours
Consider attracting more scientific and research contributions.
Considering it is all voluntary, we feel the work and information available is very good value.
Continue as you are but with more emphasis on research and identification of the plants within the 3 genera
Difficult since I live a great distance from where the Branch usually holds it's day meetings and Annual meeting.
Distribution of members addresses and contact details - those members who have regional branches are able to physically share their knowledge and enthusiasm with co-members at local meetings and events, those of us who are isolated but frequently travel the country, would welcome the opportunity to meet with outlying members and share plants, anecdotes, knowledge etc which currently we are unable to. Concerns about infringing the Data Protection Act can be overcome by an article in the Bulletin requesting people to opt-out, if they do not wish their details circulated and stating that the list is solely for members use. Membership list are produced annually by the IDS and Professional Gardeners Guild , to name but two organisations.
doing great in communicating! I appreciate your excellent information and what is happening
Especially the seed exchange and the yearbook are the items most important to me. I am happy with the present performance of both.
establish a local branch
events outside the busy times
Fewer articles in the publications relating to tours and shows and more on the joys and problems of growing Camellias in the ordinary domestic garden in the UK and worldwide. For example :- 1) a table of where best to grow Camellias in the UK and why 2) a list of the best books on Camellias
For me you can't life just too busy!
Garden Visits on Saturdays, please - I appreciate most members are retired but some of us are not and cannot easily attend garden visits.
Good value tours.
Greater reference to the history of the subject matter
Group provides a very good service. A calendar of events at the beginning of the year may hep with planning.
Group tour to see plants in the wild - like Yunnan some years ago.
Happy as it is
Happy at present.
Have a new branch nearer to where I live. South West Branch meetings are usually held in Devon and Cornwall. It is 160 miles from my home to say, St Austell.
have to think about that. Am quite happy as things are.
Have.a branch in Australia
Having been in the trade-a little more emphasis on hybrids rather than species
Help re -establish an East Midlands group of the Rhododendron Magnolia &,Camellia Soc .
help to identify plants, give on site advise, advertise more what the society can offer the average person

I am a new member and it seems a very well run group.I just have general interest but hope in future to participate in tours.
I am happy
I am happy as it presently exists.
I am happy just to keep up with what's going on
I am satisfied with the way things are. Please note I am in New Zealand and a keen member.
I can offer no suggestions, but am very appreciative of the hard work done by everyone putting together the Yearbook and the Bulletins. Since I live in the USA, I am unable to participate in tours, meetings, etc. I do read your publications - every word of them, and enjoy them extremely.
I do not live in the UK so none of the local activities, meetings, tours, etc are of any use to me. Perhaps a reduced membership fee for members abroad would be a solution. Seed exchange and publications are useful to me, even abroad.
I enjoy the bulletins very interesting and full of information an extra couple of pages would be appreciated. However this would have a cost implication but perhaps an electronic version would overcome this
I find I can get what I want from the variety of group activities
I garden in the USA and am very happy with the information in the publications. You could not really improve the group form my standpoint.
I live too far away to participate but am very happy with the benefits I get, and I can always ask Pam Hayward for advice!
I think it is important that the society organize members participation in commercial treks of botanical interest see Pams mail.
I think no improvement necessary
i think the 'meet and greet' element in meetings needs to be enhanced. The natural reticence of the British could be set aside. The same problem existed in another UK group I was involved in for many years. Those with big gardens, experience, or technical expertise tended either to appear aloof or circulated among themselves. Eventually if one can find the time, and sometimes the money, one does make contact with the more approachable individuals.
I value the mix of amateurs like me with professionals from horticulture and culture. I like the insight into the genera beyond the level mass publications. One improvement would be meeting people who breed new rhododendrons, magnolias and camellias.
I was chairman for the whole of Scotland. But Scotland does not seem to exist except some members are members of the Scottish. Rhododendron society Tessa Knott
I would like to see a cuttings exchange I would like time to produce an active books for sale list on the website! Maybe someone else would do it!
I would like to see the website developed more similar to the vireya website of Chris Callard. I would also like to see a function within the website that connects other people who are growing the same plants which would allow a pollen sharing between them. I think this is especially important in the light that wild collected seeds may be unavailable.
If I were willing to drive further, I would take more advantage of branches East and west of me. It's my own fault and I just like reading what other people are doing.
I'm very satisfied
Include 'master classes' as part of the events programme. Eg Propagation and grafting Indentiification showing
Include more activities and participation for and focused at younger members (like the Young IDS).
include practical growing information in the Bulletin e.g., tips on how to get the best results from the seed list - particularly if the subject is difficult to germinate.
It is a fact that most members are retired and have the time to take an interest. A few are horticulturists managing the genera, some are establishing a garden or own an estate. So there isn't a very large audience. Improve the quality of talks. Something better than a ramble down memory lane. I like to learn something or have a passion confirmed. A talk that does neither leaves me feeling that an evening has been wasted and less likely to attend the next talk. One member gave an illustrated talk on a visit to Yunnan - fascinating - far more informative than a book It is probably very difficult and expensive to attract a quality speaker so I do not underestimate the problem.
It is doing a great job

it is o.k.
It is very good, we are very happy with what we have got
It will be good when the Charitable status situation is finalised because it feels that the whole focus of the Group Committee has been hijacked to deal with this. The plants that we are all interested in, and the reason that we joined in the first place, seem to have been side-lined
It will be good when the situation regarding the Charitable status of the Group is concluded, because it feels as if the Group is no longer focussed on the plants.
its ok as is
just carry on the good work
just joined. mix of activities seems fine
Just keep up the quality of the articles in the year book, I can't get to the events but I do love reading about what the different branches get up to and particularly the garden visits, for overseas members I think that's important. Someday I will visit some of the events or go on one of the tours, I would love that.
Keep up the good work. More articles on rhodo expeditions, seed collections, propagation
Keepom jogging our memories about rhodos in the wild!
Local groups are struggling. I would like to see one talk by an expert speaker in each region each year organised by the national group.
Make it more relevant to younger people/families in some way. People do not seem to be so inclined to join groups as they used to
Many people see specialist groups like us unapproachable, because it is believed you need huge amounts of knowledge in the first place. It is also nerve racking when you first attend meetings because of the knowledgeable people there. We need to be more welcoming towards beginners
Meetings in my area would be lovely
More activities in my area of herts.
More activities in my area/ within a reasonable distance
More activities nearer home.
More education - learning about the genera
More forward information - I'd love to come to more branch & national meetings/tours but I need to plan well ahead
more information available locally
More information on deciduous Azaleas and Camellia sasanqua.
More information on plants associate with rhododendrons
More Lectures.
More local events
more meetings in the south east
More membership involvement Produce name tags for members Established members being more pro. active when new members join. To encourage young horticulturists to join soc. and the committee.
More on magnolias
More organised, guided, garden visits
More outings around the SE Cornwall and SW Devon area
more places to buy rhodos members exchange
More published material.
More seed, and ability to buy plants. sorry you took that away
More visits to good private gardens
Need some younger members
No comment
No comment
No particular suggestions.
No suggestions

no suggestions
Not sure yet
Nothing in particular
Nothing to add
Occasional articles for members in the very coldest areas hardiness rating H5 and H6. Encourage more articles from members own gardens with much photograhic content and sometimes garden plan.
Only by knocking a few years off, I'm afraid
Plant swapping site.
possibly more lectures.
pressure me to attend meetings!!
propagation seminars. arrange a weekend micropropagation course. Propagation/hybridization tips. more emphasis on this,like the A.R.S.
Provision of a variety of speakers on the 3 genera - we have used all our local speakers but the expenses of speakers from distant parts limits the choice we are able to offer and we have used all those known to us locally. A list of people willing to give talks might reveal others we have not thought of using
Publish more information on scientific research about the genus, even reprinting papers, especially as this is usually not available from a single source (there are a multitude of outlets for professional papers in the USA, UK, Europe, China and Japan). For instance, the yearbook and bulletin have completely failed to even mention the 2010 Milne-Chamberlain paper on Hymenanthes Chloroplast DNA, yet alone detail its results. The same being true of virtually all the papers on new discoveries, genetic research - all of Ben Hall's work - new species descriptions, field study, what the botanic institutes such as RBGE are doing, etc, etc.
Put more effort into promoting and staging shows in all rcm regions. Attracting more of our membership to compete in shows. Consider offering incentives to Branch chairmen and organisers to organise shows. Pay prize monies at such shows along with several pieces of silverware. Invite gardening correspondents from local media and see that they receive due hospitality lunch etc.
Quite happy
Rather earlier notice of dates of visits and talks
Re establish Group in East Anglia
recognition of membership through nursery discounts, reduced garden entries,national show entry reductions,with enough of a discount to make membership worth the effort
Seed list... have great concerns over lack of wild collected... it is not clear how the Nagoya protocol will affect the issues of seed collection and species conservation in the future, I am very keen indeed to see how this progresses!!!! Thank you I enjoy the various emails letting me know what is going on particularly as I live up north and am unable to attend meetings/garden visits etc. (even if I can't attend it's nice t know what's happening) I would like to see more brief reports on visits/activities, pictures, gossip anything really via email.
Since I don't live in Britain I have little opportunity to benefit from tours och meetings.
Situated in Anglesey I have yet to attend a branch meeting but intend to do so!
Sorry, don't know.
Spread the branch meetings around (geographically) so that members at the extremeties of the area might have a more reasonable chance of attending
Stage more events and shows at leading gardens.
Start a S W Scotland Group again - we miss Tony Weston!
Talk more about rhododendron hybrids
Teach how to identify taxa
The South Eastern group is spread out and the venue for meeting is near one margin. A central site would help. Visits are always worthwhile. Joint group visits have been enjoyable.
This seems to be about as good as it gets!
To know more about members specific interests especially those in the same area. To know what is where in more detail and flowering times around the country.
Trips that I can attend under my own transport . I don't like coach journeys

<p>Unfortunately, I have very little free time due to work so I'm not able to participate in the Group's activities. As I haven't taken part I can't suggest anything. Sorry!</p>
<p>very good already.</p>
<p>Very happy with my membership.</p>
<p>Visits to private local gardens.</p>
<p>Website could be better, more photographs and more information. All in all, more inviting</p>
<p>What about a rhododendron camellia magnolia competition in WALES; National Botanic Garden. Or mid wales shropshire area, Hergest Croft..</p>
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<p>would love to see rare varieties from the micropropagation group widely available to members. would love to see a micro propagation course organised for the members would like to see the society and website ran along the lines of the A.R.S.</p>
<p>You already do sufficient so I have no further suggestions.</p>
<p>受注管理、在庫管理を合理的かつスピーディに処理されることを切に希望する。 A R S、R H Sのように品切れが発生すれば翌日にはその旨の連絡をし指示を要求してきます。 貴グループは「注文して辛抱強く2,3週間待つように、又アルファベット順にリストを出すならば最後まで捨て置かれる」と前提にしている 私は貴グループの規約を知らぬままオンラインで注文した。その後メンバー加入の案内が来たので60ポンドを払い3年契約した。改めてオンラインで注文。返答がないので不安になり再度手書きの注文書を添付ファイルとして5/3/2015送信。 3月末に添付ファイルが見当たらない再度送信しろと指示。3月31日に前回注文した26品目の注文書は廃棄したので、4品目を加えた30品目をオンライン形式の注文書に置き換えを要求。セキュリティ情報に少し不安があったが全てを記入して送信した。 そして9/4/2015その返事かと思いきや本日のアンケート調査。</p>

What would you suggest we do to attract new members?

"Advertise" at gardens with good collections e.g. NT properties.

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. our difficult to read english . it's the best language !

1: Posting videos of garden tours on the web.

2: Advertising 1 year free membership (perhaps without the Yearbook if too expensive).

A colourful and informative leaflet with a future copy of The Garden sent out to all members of the RHS.

A photocalender with a variety of beautiful pictures to show the richness in colour height ect. I would like to buy such a calender.

Advertise at places like Rosemoor or in the RHS handbook, I only knew from a contact at a lunch party!

Advertise in "The Garden"

Advertise in local trade magazines

Advertise in the Garden magazine

Advertise more - particularly in the USA.

Perhaps an article in the ARS Journal and the Azalean magazine, with sample pages from the Yearbook - a real gem !

Advertise the groups' existence by getting selected nurseries and garden centres to have leaflets on hand. How many of the 'public' who attend the shows know of our existence . Target some of the great gardens who grow the genera to publicise local groups.

Organise culture and information workshops or talks on growing from seed, hybridisation, cuttings and grafting.

Carry out a clip board survey of people who are interested enough to visit the shows.

Advertise through the RHS. Locally at garden meetings and give talks to garden club members. Through Plant Heritage as well.

Advertising

Advertising and giving more presentations on the three genera.

Advetising, PR and Tv

An advertising campaign at garden centres. I recently joined the Hertfordshire Wild Life Trust whilst visiting Ayletts, my local garden centre.

An article in the RHS magazine

An inclusive approach to the group/branch, inviting non members to join us in any of our activities, e.g. talks, branch show or tours. This can cause some resentment by members paying their dues and others coming on a freebie!

Articles in popular gardening mags, national newspapers.

As above

At meetings and outings be more welcoming and attentive to non members which will encourage them to join

Attendance at shows with plant displays as well as details of membership costs and benefits

Attract them to shows

Better (more, some) presence at major RHS shows .

Build on the AGM venues and plant sales. I've attended the AGM at Bowood House and it was a most enjoyable day.

Cheaper subscription for your professional gardeners

Conduct a proper segmentation, targeting & positioning exercise - I would be happy to advise, as a professional marketer with 40 years experience

Convince the public that there are plants and small trees that are suitable for modern gardens in our genera.

Coordinated events with other plant societies will draw like minded people. Also speakers from the group could be encouraged to promote membership. And the Web site is the most important tool.

Could the major nurseries perhaps be asked to include a flyer describing the Group's activities with their invoices and other material.

cramming new housing into smaller plots means there is no room for this group of plants

difficult as less people are interested in plants now, but at the end of the day it is about making people feel welcome,

introducing them to the plants we cherish and enthusing them. These are such big groups of plants now and we need to help people understand them. So free membership for a year may help encourage more people to become interested for one example
Displays at all flower shows
Do you advertise the group to local garden clubs and societies .
Education and exhibitions
Encourage amateur artists/painters to capture the essence of species through a high impact annual painting competition that would educate the general public too.
Start up a school based activity to promote the beauty of various species and its local geography of origin
Encourage at shows. Leave leaflets at garden centres.
encourage members to bring interested non-members to group events, eg garden visits
flyer at garden centre/nurseries
For us overseas members, more interaction with us
Get featured on all media ,say GARDENERS WORLD.
get of your high horse and come down to their level of knowledge of the subject after twenty odd years i still can not get my head around latin names
Hard to say for me.
Have a much more dedicated presence in social media to encourage new members through online discussion, photo sharing and comment.
Have leaflets about the group available at the 'honeypot' venues (Caerhays / Bodnant / Exbury etc)
have members invite interested friends - it usually takes a friend or mentor to get persons interested
Have more events open to the public where current members can talk to potential new members about the plants that we enjoy
Have more shows so that people who are interested want to know more & participate. The difficulty is in attracting those not retired and choosing the right weekends, not Half Terms etc for meetings which those with children could attend
Have special days inviting gardeners to attend Promote soc. with other gardening groups. Give talks to other soc.
High presence at flower shows. Collaborations with gardens offering member discount
How about making an attractive leaflet for those nurseries where we have a presence such as Millais and Burncoose to include with orders for our particular plants.
I cannot answer in a meaningful way.
I do not know as it is helpful to have a largish garden to enjoy the genera
i dont know
I don't think I am in a position to advise on that, but for the future I think for overseas members a good website is important. The year book to me is worth the subscription I can't praise it highly enough.
I fear falling membership is due to younger people being more mobile and less prepared to invest in gardens, smaller gardens and being less interested in visiting gardens
I guess more advertising of the group
I have no suggestions other than to circulate other organisations such as the Lily Group, Orchid Society, and gardening groups. Lectures at similar club meeting and perhaps at Schools, NB Such lecture would need to be very polished and inspiring. Make sure there is a RCMG stand at Chelsea, Hampton Court etc.
I think more effort should be made to keep long standing members. Word of mouth from satisfied members will do the rest. Maybe offer a discount for anyone recruiting a new member.
I think promotion at shows is the best venue we have and we should ensure we are at all the major RHS events.
Identify important collections and interested parties to encourage membership
Improve the search engine rankings for each of the separate genera. the rhodo group only ranks well if all 3 genera are in the search term.
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Information at shows and contact with the horticultural visitors

Information stands at shows, horticultural events etc.
interact with other media, non plant related. news generation by publishing activities of members, gardens open/projects, nursery open days, new plants, legal issues. start with public relation. rhodos are not evil plants etc.
It might be interesting to bring to attention some good webslistes about gardening with rhododendrons and azaleas wherever we can. On exhibitions and gardening magazines etc. Wish you a lot of courage with it!! Best regards, Tijs Huisman Netherlands
It's a question for all groups of all interests: I don't know. Keep on doing what you do so well
Keep getting our genera and places to see them out there in publications, tv, radio, etc. All that negative publicity about ponticum over the past years has been hugely damaging. I travel a lot and find myself preaching endlessly the 'good word' about our fabulous rhodos with their enormous variety - and sometimes feel as though people don't believe me. In fact, it might be useful to put together a '5 points' that all members might remember to make when challenged about rhodos.
Keep going! No new ideas
keep promoting the genera - get the message across to a broader audience - do we have Facebook/Twitter ..
Keep working on publicising the message that rhodos are not public enemy #1, only one species. Too many years of negative publicity have done so much damage. Whenever I have the chance in conversation, I wax lyrical about our beautiful genera and its huge variety of size and form.
Kill the calumny that rhododendrons destroy the soil for all other plants and are indeed bad for gardens.
Leaflets advertising the Group in Nurseries and Garden Centres selling reasonable numbers of Rhododendrons, Magnolias and Camellias
Leaflets and attending more shows.
make it possible to join without RHS membership. Combination of the 2 subscriptions makes it expensive
Make sure copies of thr yearbook and bulletins available in foundation and public gardens and possibly in 1st class nurseries.
Make the organisation more widely known by perhaps regular slots in the gardening programmes on TV and articles in the gardening sections of the newspapers, magazines and on-line. Most people who take up camellias are keen gardeners already, so will frequent such sites.
Maybe organize Rhododendron Days and recruit at them. Or put out membership application forms at the big rhodo gardens, where maybe you could negotiate a special entry price for members
Maybe these days go on facebook
Mention on gardening problem will do no harm.
More advertising and Branch lectures
more advertising possibly through Garden RHS publication
more emphasis on dwarf rhodos which can be grown in modern gardens.
more garden visits
More organised visits would attract the more casual gardener and help deepen their interest. Need to get the Group into more press and media articles. Publish more "dummies" guides for those new to gardening, so often the level of assumed knowledge is such that people cannot get a hold on the meaning of what is being discussed.
more publicity about the existence of the Group and its functions in the Garden magazine if possible
More publicity and involvement of media for shows.
More publicity at Shows and through the RHS's publications; for instance, is the Yearbook stocked on the bookshelves of the shop at Wisley.
More publicity in garden magazines, a presence at vincent square shows, speakers at local horticultural societies
More publicity in the RHS Garden magazine
more regional meetings
More shows such as those at RHS Wisley will increase publicity.
More visits to good private gardens.
There is something wrong with our publicity. (e.g. poor attendance at excellent events). What do we do for publicity

outside the group.
morte publicity
No idea - it's partly an age related problem and partly small gardens and diminishing interest in plantsmanship
No opinion.
No quick answer
no suggestions
No suggestions
No suggestions. I feel you already have a broad enough base to attract new members. Joe Public is a fickle lot!
Not sure, is there anything way that the society could connect with the digital lives of younger people!
Nothing to add
Occasional articles in publications such as The Garden, Garden News, etc. would it be possible for TV coverage via Gardener's World, Beechgrove Garden. Basically more media coverage on the plants and how you can use them in a modern garden
Offer bargain rate life membership.
Offer places on visits for non members (if accompanied by a member perhaps)
One on one interactions between members and non-members, talks to garden groups and the like.
open days for the general public at specific gardens offering membership and plant raffle.
Free membership to children,through a school initiative /visits.
Perhaps an article about the group and its objectives in the RHS magazine
possibly develop links with other less specialist shows of other plants and have stands advertising the Group and possibly small exhibits in season.
Possibly more information on the basics of growing and caring for RC&M. The opportunity to buy the easy but good varieties.
posters/pamphlets at rhs and national trust sites
promote the website
promotion at shows
have student memberships
publications in garden journals
Publicise the plant groups and show how a group can give useful guidance. Public plantings give inspiration to gardeners. Unfortunately those with alkaline soils are virtually excluded reducing the number of potential members.
Publicity of activities. A presence at shows. Continue to improve image of rhododendron,especially on tv.
Publicity through the RHS is valuable also any other media.
put David on Telly !!
Re-create the propagation day that Mike instituted.
Rhododendrons suffer from a poor image because of ponticums, so it is partly education and better promotion
Same answer as in number 9.
School visits.and education eg at Hortic Colleges
Send us some marketing literature; we have a 'rack' that we control / stock up. We attract c. 25,000 visitors p.a. already - many may be interested in what you do. If you don't try it you won't know.
Links on webpages. 'Your brand' says you are group but 'group of what'. - the logo does not stand on its own - i.e. no reference to cams, mags or rhoddies.
show your face at more shows,don t assume all members old and new have the same level of enthusiasm for all plant groups,some of the dialogue i have had contact with could freeze out un knowledgable but keen members
shows, magazines, google listings
social media
Some of the above
Focus on 'getting started'
Some social events
Somehow advertise garden visits and have information available at RHS gardens and shows and in publications in other countries dealing with the genera concerned if this is done already

Sorry, don't know.
Subscribers should consider submitting articles to National Newspapers for insertion in Gardening sections
Suggestion: 'cross pollination' between the RCM and the Dutch Rhododendron Society by exchanging articles might produce more Dutch members. The Dutch RS is a chapter of the American RS and has its own Journal 'Rhodomania'.
Take a friend.
The above and a presence at gardens such as Bodnant etc and what about membership cards instead of the RHS card.
the average person probably feels it is too difficult to grow rhodo's, or they are too big for an average sized garden. Offer walks, talks in gardens that have a collection, large or small, posters, flyers, How to grow them in the ground raised planters, containers, how to change the pH of the soil etc
The RHS Competitions attract lots of members of the public. We need to have more of our existing members available at these events to talk about the plants and the Group. I take the photographs at these events, and as I am doing this, I find that lots of people want to ask questions about the plants etc. They could be a 'captive audience' if there were more volunteers from the Group willing to help
The RHS Competitions attract many members of the public. We need more Group members to be on hand throughout the show days to talk to the public, answer their questions and encourage them to join us. When I am taking my photos at the shows, I talk to everyone as I move along the Classes - but I cannot talk to them all!
The website needs a complete overhaul. It is visually inept and the content substandard. If the material you publish was more substantial that in itself would attract more members. You might for instance include full pdf downloads of all the previous yearbooks (as the Australian or Canadian societies have done). Frankly, who won what at a flower show or a yearly photographic competition are items that should be relegated to branch sections on the website not take space in the yearbook. The ARS is just as guilty of doing this is the journal, but at least that is published four times per year, whereas we only get one yearbook. You might also consider resizing that publication to A4.
There are organizations of similar interest in the USA such as the American Rhododendron Society, the Azalea Society of America, the Camellia Society and of course the Magnolia society International. All have journals and would likely run a free add for the Group in response for you running a free add in your yearbook for those groups. You may already do that type of exchange. How about some logo branding items, ball caps, vests or shirts with the group logo on those products. Selling those to our members will earn a little, but it will get your name out among a lot of gardeners and build visibility.
This is difficult. Here in Pennsylvania, we are on the verge of closing a chapter of the ARS owing to the lack of new membership despite a lot of effort.
This is very tough. Memberships of all plant societies are aging. Social media exposure.
This relates to the above however I think that somehow we must attract the 'small' gardener. Maybe a concerted attempt to promote our plant interests with good speakers to the many gardening and horticultural groups across the country would be a good idea. I know nurserymen who do this but we need gardeners who are amateurs and enthusiasts who can talk from the grassroots.
Thorough order management and inventory management
timings to consider family and working people. Canvass people in younger age bracket
Use Facebook and twitter and integrate them into the website. I don't think a group like this will ever attract young people. What it needs to do is get new middle aged people.
Very difficult, as I belong to a Vegetable Soc in Mansfield. We meet once a month and the meeting is free, but we find it very difficult to attract new members. The average age of the group is getting older. Would it be possible to have a small stands at the smaller agricultural / Horticultural shows. or something like that. Also give out information at garden openings relating to the related genus.
We have great collections in many gardens up and down the country but we don't push their beauty, their ease to grow them, on site Same applies to Magnolia's and Camellia's. Open days at well know garden centres, use the RHS Wisley more often. People have smaller gardens these days and when they see tall specimens they automatic think that is how high they will grow
Website improvement. Make rhododendrons hip and not old fashioned.
Widen the potential of the genera in the domestic garden
Wish I knew
With modern communications must include the internet
Word of mouth is hard to beat but perhaps occasional features in "The Garden" on our genera, with reference to the group would bring in new members.

How might we improve the web site for you?
1) Web-site currently very 'professional', and layout is quite reasonably impressive. All praise to current 'web-master'. But see Q. 9 re. member- accessible noticeboard.
2) News items at any level concerning the three genera are always of interest, although it is appreciated that this means that somebody has to volunteer to sit and enter them
1: Getting more pictures of Rh. species. 2: Link to members pictures of their plants and gardens.
As stated previously, it needs to be brought up to date and be much more interactive, with lots more information about the plants that we are interested in.
Being pro active in disseminating info. about site.
Better links to external websites etc. Detailed tour reports and show reports.
Didn't realise you had one! Awareness / promotion! I will look now though - I feel rather stupid.
Do not use it enough to comment
Don't know really
Don't know. I'll have to use it more to have an opinion.
Don't know
Excellent as it is.
for me... access to old seed list info, for ref/research, members photos of seed list raised Rh. species although the Nagoya thing may make this uncomfortable for resent contributors of wild collected. Think may be handy for new folk... garden plant database listings - what grows well where map pins maybe garden condition descriptions. image gallery images on thumbnail view so different hybrids can be viewed side by side click to access info+additional images species also viewable by subsection again side by side pic for comparison listing different characteristics to aid basic or more common species identification
Forums, discussion groups, plant swaps
get more species annotated and photographed. What about a section devoted to photos from the wild.
Good in the current Web site
Happy with site
Have a system where we can record the first flowering dates to give anyone wishing to travel some idea of what there is to see.
Have not got down to looking at it yet as was not fully aware of it
Haven't explored it to find out.
how to improve your identification, tips to help, where to find them, what gardens are open and where etc
I am happy with it's present content
I am pleased with the way it is now.
I am quite happy with the current web site
I don't have time to use the site as much as I would like.
I know that there have been some tweaks to the website over the last year, but it could be more inviting. Look at the Plant Heritage website.
I need to spend more time on it to answer this. But it seems very good. It would be nice to see what is in bloom and where.
I think that the website is already excellent and I have no suggestions
I was not aware of its existence!
I will have to send such comment later when I have used it more
I will look at it from now on!
Improve my local internet service so I can go on line in peak times!!

Improve the photo archive with higher quality image replacements a priority.
Information on propagation other than microprop
It is currently being done by items such as this and links to other similar-interest sites
It is excellent already
It is good, no improvement necessary
It is great but we have information overload in our world and I prefer the written word
It is pretty good. I would use it more frequently if I had time.
It is very useful as is.
It seems to work very well for me.
It's always interesting to read more about expeditions and cultivation conditions for the plants.
It's a good site.
Its actually very good compared with other sites I access for plant information.
its good
its good, much better than it was
its ok
It's probably fine, I just need to use it more.
I've already explained my views on this. I think the website is in its infancy and on the right track, it just needs money and time devoted to it.
just discovered it - looks pretty good - talking shop blog might be good.
let members have open days, so we can see more rhodo gardens
Like it as it is
links to further technical information..
Lots of links
Make it much more comprehensive and possibly have enhanced access for actual members through a sign in and password. To view more of the basic website you would need to become a member of the group.
Make me 40 years younger
Maybe short snippets from knowledgeable members on their favourite varieties and why they are their favourites.
More info on cultivation / growing requirements / members experience of various species or hybrids.
More information on rhodo cultivation. For example,"pot grown plants will need their roots spread". How do you do that.. I have lots of books but cultivation is 1% of each book.
more local news
More photos of cultivars.
More photos of gardens as well as blooms
More information about growing particular types e.g. retic camellias
More photos, information,availability of rarer plants,free plant raffle for members 3/4 times a year. A one day/weekend crash course organised for micro propagation...where practical...Duchy etc. More like the A.R.S. More hybridizing articles workshops. Virtually everybody hybridises or has tried it,in the american societies
More plant identification information
more plant images, more detailed plant descriptions
More plant information.
More reference photographs, particularly rarer and tender hybrids and species. Links to other groups (home and overseas) and botanic gardens
More technical reports . What about a monthly buy and sell of plants bit like Ebay.
more user friendly, face book group, more interactive, for example chat room! photo sharing,
N/A
n/a

no suggestions
No change
No comment
No comment
no idea
No particular suggestions.
No suggestion
No suggestions
No suggestions
No suggestions - I rarely use it.
No suggestions.
No view
No view really
Not in my expertise
Not sure
not sure!
Nothing more just keep it going
Possibly a section on Gardens looking good
provide links through other avenues, colleges, gardens etc
provide specific pages that list up to date links to key websites for complementary info (in an organised list) videos of speeded-up time sequences of annual bud, leaf and flower growth
prtomt news !
Quite happy thank you.
See 9
See previous answer, but basically put a bomb under it and start again.
seems fine. I need to get to use it more, but there is still a lot of written stuff about, which is easier to access when it flops onto the doormat
Set up chatting about our genera. I am not a member of any social media but I enjoy the rare opportunities I get to discuss our genera.
Simply never get round to looking at/for it.
social media
sorry - no knowledge of web sites to pass on
sorry no comment
Sorry to say that I have not visited the website much because even though retired my time is limited. I will try to make more of an effort.
Sorry, again don't know.
Sorry, am not very familiar with website content, possibly a feature in the bulletin would raise awareness.
Sorry, I don't use it often enough. It's an age thing!
The description of species part is so incomplete and also contains incorrect information, that is worthless. Normally this would be the "go to" resource for members like me. It would be easy to get an enthusiastic student to build this into something useful to a broad swathe of our membership
The plant exchange/surplus scheme needs to be updated. I often have surplus seedlings but have no way of growing them on - recently I have given up buying seed as i have no longer room for more of any size.
the site is too conservative.....fine for us.But it needs to be more hip,snappier to improve membership.
The web site has improved considerably in the last few years but it does not feature in a google search on rhododendron so perhaps pay extra for to google advertising. A free way for a higher profile would be for all memebers to go into the site frequently to get more hits
The web site is much improved
There so much choice now, social media reaches a wider audience although it shallow.if more member are need they

need to find new members by other means other than wesite
time to look at it!
Transfer some material from bulletins to web. More contributions from members.
very good as it is
Very happy with web site.
web site is static, more changes needed all communication about rhodos should be somewere on webside in chronological order. option for members to cotribute at any time. rhodos in snow pictures, biggest flower, oldest plant, most northerly plant, first flowering, etc
Websight is excellent. The addition of photos is helpful and it would be very useful to me to see that increased and developed.
What about discussion group forum or members own garden info .
You cannot really, just dislike wasting time on the computer
you have an excellent web site now

What was your main reason for joining the Group?

- 1) Meet other enthusiasts, especially within the local area.
- 2) Access high quality plant material largely inaccessible within the normal horticultural trade.
- 3). Access gardens, etc. normally out of reach to the public at large.
- 4) Be involved in a lively local Group branch.

a member who was my neighbour suggested that I should

access to information and advice

Access to seeds and see photos

access to seeds

info on identification and cultivation

Access to the Seed List and to the annual publication.

Access to the seed list.

After 20 year overseas including 10 years in Hong Kong, we had several trips to the UK visiting beautiful gardens which inspired us. We bought a 105 acre dairy farm in New Zealand and wanted to plant woodland garden with Rhododendrons, we joined the Rhododendron group and the RHS for help.

An big interest in rhododendrons azaleas acers camellias etc.

An interest in rhododendrons

Aquired a garden with rhododendrons

as I had moved to a garden with acidic soild I wanted to find out more about these plants so I could buy and plant them.

As I said it must have been 18 years ago, time flies when tony Weston put me up as branch chairman for Scotland.

Branch events

Burning interest in rhododendrons and to some extent magnolias.

camellias

Camellias

Cereating national collections of species rhododendron, species magnolia and williamsii caamellias whilst head gardener at Wentworth Castle Gardens, South Yorkshire

Cornish garden owner

Excellent, well edited, articles..

expand my knowledge

Fanaticism

Fascinated by Rhododendrons

Finding out more info on Rhodos, magnolias and camellias

For information and research purposes for are own collections at Inverewe

For more info

From being a long time RHS member which my wife joined for the magazine and access to RHS Gardens on our visits to UK

Gaining access to experts and plants, also social element

gaining information about rhododendrons-camellias - and magnolias

gaining informations on rhododendron and magnolia.

Garden visits

Garden Visits& Yearbook & learning more about my chosen genera- Camellias

General interest

Going on Garden Visits. Meeting likeminded members.

Great interest n genera concerned

Have always been interested in rhododendrons from being a child in a part of Home Counties where both 'wild' and cultivated varieties were part of the environment. After 1975, when I acquired a medium sized garden at 650ft in Northumberland, I began to join a variety of groups.

Having worked at Waterersand Notcutts I had more than an interest in these groups of plants
Heavy interest in the genus rhododendron
Home is Exbury, so it's an important community and forum to be a part of.
honorary member thanks
Hoping to meet like minded enthusiasts.
I am a head gardener and it is vital to be a member.
I am in charge of a large park that has had recent and old varieites planted over the years. I would like to look after what we have and introduce more plants.
I am interested in all of the three genera, in particular, camellias, then rhododendrons and finally, magnolias
I am not sure how long I am a member but I joined to improve my knowledge of Magnolias and Rhododendron primarily .
I am not the member it is my grandmother who has been a member for decades
I am very interested in the three major plant groups this organization focuses on and grow many of each in a challenging climate. I have not yet used the seed exchange, but I have a seed import permit and look closely at your offerings for seed I may wish to try.
I did a big planting of rhododendrons 30 years ago and most of them are now flowering. I have a large collection of camellia a small collection of magnolia.
I grow a lot of rhododendrons
i have been involved with a park of some 200acres with heritage Rhodo's for some time and thought it would help me trying to identify them and how best to look after them. One or two people have helped to guide me which is excellent.
I have quite a large collection of Rhododendrons and Azaleas down here in Pembrokeshire established mainly from micro-propagated stock over the last 25 years. I started with great enthusiasm but no knowledge. Enthusiasm is undimmed and knowledge is painfully slow to improve. I joined the Group from a love of the plants and the desire to learn as much as I could. My membership has been most useful and rewarding.
I like to support groups doing good work in areas of interest to me.
I think that it's fantastic to get the opportunity to grow rhodos from wild collected seeds so the seed list was a major reason. I also enjoy to take part of all the knowledge about plants that the Group represents.
I wanted find out a lot more about this group of plants and how to grow them.
I wanted to know how to grow rhododendrons and magnolias. I have grown camellias for over 30 years successfully but there is more to know.
I wanted to learn more about Magnolias, and also Rhododendrons. I wanted to share visits with like minded people and people with a greater knowledge than mine.
I was invited to become a Hillers Volunteer by members of the Group and that to my Joining.
I was managing a large collection of rhododendrons and exhibiting plants in competitions
I was, and still am, a fanatic collector of R. species and the possibility the RCM gave me to obtain wild collected seed was the main reason to me.
I work for the RHS and am involved in publishing the Group Yearbooks.
I would like to access the information for Rhododendrons.
i'm a woody plant nerd
Info and access seeds
information
information
information
Information about rhododendron
Information about Rhododendron and Magnolia. Camellia is difficult in this climate.
Information for Rhododendrons
Initially information of rhododendron species and meeting like minded individuals
Inspired by Cornish gardens and desperate to obtain plants and knowledge of the genera
Interest post retirement in Rhododendrons

Interest beyond the mass media publications / TV. Long term garden visitor from the 1970s to date: Leonardslee, Exbury, Caerhays, Wisley, Kew, Saville Garden, Prof Waterhouse's garden in Sydney, etc.
Interest for the plant group Seed
Interest in and (increasingly :->) growing rhododendrons
Interest in Camellias
Interest in camellias and rhodos since broadened to include all three groups with the purchase of a large garden with acid soil.
interest in growing rhodies
Interest in growing rhododendrons
Interest in increasing my knowledge of rhododendrons
Interest in Magnolias
Interest in Magnolias
Interest in magnolias
Interest in Magnolias initially and membership has increased my interest in Rhodos and Camellias.
Interest in our three genera and access to gardens of interest
Interest in plants, particularly woody plants especially species Rhododendrons
Interest in rhododendrons
Interest in rhododendrons
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interest in rhododendrons
Interest in rhododendrons
Interest in rhododendrons
interest in Rhododendrons
Interest in Rhododendrons and finding out more about how to grow and care for them as well as trying to identify old plants
interest in rhodos
Interest in Rhodos
Interest in Rhodos, Magnolias and Camellias
Interest in the 3 genera and the seedlist
Interest in the genera
Interest in the Genera and persuaded by friends
Interest in the three Genera
Interest in these genera as a keen gardener.
Interest in these groups of plants
Interest in these taxa
Interest in three genera, opportunity to meet others with similar interests and visit gardens in other parts.
Interest. In rhododendrons
Interested in the plant groups, especially Camellias. Always feel I should be more involved in things.
Interested in the plants
interests of rhododendronsB
Interst in the three genera covered
Keep abreast of developments in terms of new introductions, pest and diseases, research, best practice, etc....
Knowlege
Lady Adam Gordon who alerted me to the beauty of our genera plus the beautiful plants growing in my own garden.
Lady Adam Gordon, of blessed memory.

laying out a garden
Learn about plants people and gardens involved with our three genera.
Learn about the genera and meet like minded people.
Learn how to propagate these plants
learn more about rhododendrons and their history in England and what great gardens you have to visit. I am going on a England garden trip with a group from an ARS Chapter in Canada from May 14-25 to visit gardens in Devon, Cornwall, Cotswolds, Oxford, and Chelsea flower show.
Learning about rhododendrons
Learning curve
Life-long interest in rhododendrons
like rhodos and magnolias
Liked to have an eye on what was happening
Love of Camellias and to follow the spring show
love of magnolias
Love of rhododendrons
Love of the Genera
love of the three genera. worked in a large rhododendron garden at time of joining
Magnolia interest
Magnolias
Magnolias Events Tours All to learn...
Meet other members. Chance to purchase rarer material.
More Information on plants
More information on rhododendrons
more information on rhodos
More information on rhodos and to meet fellow sufferers.
Moved to a garden suitable for these genera and surrounded by some of the great rhododendron gardens
My deep interest in species rhododendron
My increasing interest in rhododendrons and magnolias.
my interest as a professional horticulturalist
My interest in British garden/Rhododendron history. Collecting and reading the older Yearbooks. That how it started
My interest.in the main plant.groups plus rare trees shrubs etc
My love of the three genus
natural continuatio from RHS cttee
Neighbour is a member - he suggested I join as I was interested in Rhodos.
originally seeds
Personal introduction and have planted all three genera which give much pleasure
plants shows yearbook
Proopagation of Rhododendrons from seed.
Publication (yearbook)
Really interested in rhododendrons, camellias and magnolias, so wanted to associate myself with people with the same interests
Rhodo crazy
rhododendron
rhododendron information
Rhododendron species.

Rhododendrons
rhododendrons
Rhododendrons seed
Rhodos
Seed list
Seed exchange
Seed exchange , journals
seed list
Seed list garden visits
Seed list and finding more about the plants
seeds
Seeking information on the three genera
Simply a passion for Rhododendrons which is still as powerful as ever after 47 years in the group
Source of up to date and detailed information on rhododendrons.
The genera
the Group is the prime source of directives
The information and pictures given in the yearbook.
The seed list and the Yearbook.
The seedlist
The visits were suggested as unusual and rather privileged and so it has proved, though I would have attended more had I been able to avoid diary clashes!
The year Book
The Yearbook !!!
The yearbook, bullitins, information on British gadens with Rhododendrons, Camellias and Magnolias, Seed list (with many wild collected seeds), website and supporting horticulture of Rhododendrons, Camellias en Magnolias.
To be informed on the three plants
To consistently get the yearbook
To gain more knowledge about the plants and learn of future trends etc.
To get a greater understanding of the three genera, and meet like minded people
To get more information about rhododendrons
To get more information on Rhododendrons and possibility to get wild collected seed. I'm a member of 7 other Rhododendron societies.
To get seed so that I could start a collection in South Africa
To glean more knowledge esp. of deciduous azaleas.
to help with the conservation of species rhododendrens
to identify and find out more about the Rhododendrons growing in my garden so I could develop the planting further
To increase my knowledge and to meet other enthusiasts.
To join the seed exchange.
to learn about our three genera .
to learn about Rhododendrons
To learn more about our plants and to start showing them.
To learn more about rhododendrons
To learn more about Rhodos, but have now become very interested in Camelia and Magnolias.

To learn more about the cultivation of the plants and general interest in the genera
to learn more about the genera
to learn more about the plants
To learn more about the plants of interest to me.
To meet fellow enthusiasts
To meet like-minded people.
To meet up with other people with a keen interest in rhododendrons, camellias and magnolias
to obtain information and keep up to date as far as possible.
To share common interest in retirement and meet plant enthusiasts.
To support rhododendron growing
To support the effort and keep up to date with plant hunting and general info
To take Part in a Tour
Wanted to learn more about the genera
We have been members of RHS from the 1970's and it was a logical step to join this group as well as the Lily Group as we are interested in these plants and grow many of them
We left Hong Kong in 1992 to settle in NZ, on our 105 acre farm. I was inspired to plant an Arboretum and a Quercetum of 1000 Oak trees as well as 100's of Rhododendrons and 10,000's of Bluebells and Daffodils, using gardens I had visited in the UK for inspiration such as Exbury and Leonardslea. I joined the RHS and the Rhododendron group, voraciously acquired and read every serious book on the subject of raising Rhododendrons, including obtaining a complete set of the RHS Yearbooks from 1946.
We run a Rhododendron Camellia group at The Ferny Creek Horticultural Society in the Dandenong Ranges close to Melbourne in Australia.
We settled in NZ during 1992 into our 105 acre dairy farm after 10 years in Hong Kong. During our time in HK we made several visits to the UK when we visited many wonderful English Gardens, such as Exbury and Leonardslea which gave us inspiration. We set aside about 12 acres which we planted about 1,000 Oak trees as well as other trees. We were keen to plant Rhododendrons and needed as much help as possible, which is why we joined.
Yearbook and seed list

**Has the Group satisfied your main reason for joining?
If not, please tell us why**

Absolutely

basically yes but i never have as much info as i would like

Broadly yes, the year book is worth the subscription alone

By and large, yes although fings ain't wot they used to be although very old people always say this.

Definitely.

Even if two months pass, it is not met. I wrote it in the item of 9.10

Fewer branch events due to poor turn out.

Fully, I appreciate the seed exchange organisation very much and a considerable amount of plants in my garden come from this source

Generally yes

generally yes.

Hard to commit to events when still working - this year should be better

hard to give any comment, being a member abroad

Has been very useful

Have not been a member long enough.

Hopefully, now I am retired, I will be able to engage more. Work had prevented that very largely.

I am very satisfied, and look forward to continuing my membership for many years.

I don't use the website for reference ,nearly as much as the american version.

Was hoping to attend a micro propagation course.

I find it very stimulating!

I have been very satisfied.

I think so

I would say it has

it did but not now

it has

It has been a great help. We thouroughly enjoy all meetings and events that we can attend. Undoubtedly we would attend more if there were more but again this means more voluntary effort by organisers!

it's O.K.

I've found it a bit difficult to grasp the concept of the many Rhodo species and sub species despite reading everything

Meetings too far away

More help required

mostly

Mostly but distance makes it difficult to take part in all activities especially outside the branch

my main use of the group is through materials and the website as there is no group in my area.

needs to be more about plants.enthus

No, the quality of published material has fallen in standard. Remember, in the past knowledgeable experts contributed cutting edge articles to the yearbook about the latest finds, classification, etc. Such submissions in the main are now absent, though the ARS journal is equally poor in this regard. Yet there is a wealth of new information available that has simply not been picked up (see previous answer indicating scientific papers etc).

Not enough going on, probably because of lack of interest

not fully.

I feel the future of our group is based entirely on the attracting more young members.

Oh yes! I went on loads of tours in my younger days and made lots of great friends.

I love the publications

Only partly, but the bulletins are good and the year book wonderful.

I did not find attending a talk on a cold dark evening something I looked forward to.

Partially / probably - 70% satisfied. Worth being in.
Probably being overseas not being able to go to events and have interaction with UK enthusiasts
Quietly satisfied
Satisfied
Seedlist, articles primarily on exploring in the wild
Since we moved from Reading there is little in the Park Park area
some times to technical
Some, I still haven't been able to get some expert advice in identifying plants
sometimes above my level of interest. Small garden
Somewhat depleted because of lack of local group but little can be done in East Anglia to reverse this.
so-so
Surprisingly friendlier than local groups of plant heritage and (devon) garden trust, but am not able to get to the shows so rely on visits. Being so seasonal and spread out geographically has meant nodding acquaintances only.
The group has satisfied million needs other than that there are no meetings any where near my area
To a considerable extent, yes
Used to be much more active but now live in calcareous Dorset with a pocket-handkerchief garden and am a distance from meetings. When I was with Wessex Branch, it was my chief social outlet.
Very much so
Very much.
wild collected seed!!!!!!
Yes

yes
Yes - I had the privilege of going on one of your garden tours in the past and visited memorable gardens - including Minterne and was graciously welcomed by the owner. It was a pleasure to tour gardens with knowledgeable and friendly group members
Yes - I look forward to the bulletin
Yes - I particularly enjoy the Branch meetings and the RHS Competitions
yes - it helps me to learn
yes !!!
Yes -and more
yes but I have many interests
yes I have learnt from joining
Yes it has
Yes it has
Yes it has
Yes it has, I have been on a number of trips
Yes it mainly forfills my motivation for joining, and i feel it is good value, and I enjoy the benefits of membership, however being in full time work with a young family it is often difficult to commit to to many visits etc.
yes just a bit sporadic as i am to busy in may and june to participate
yes on the whole
Yes usually. As I still have school age children I do not get to most Visits of Gardens
Yes very much so
Yes very much so
yes it's always beating itself up over not doing enough - but lots of good stuff does get done
Yes!
YES!
Yes!
Yes, but a long way to attend Branch meetings
yes, but I need to engage more!!
Yes, definitely.
Yes, definitely. I have become very active, with exhibiting , local branch etc.
Yes, definitely. I have made many friends since joining
Yes, for RCM info, but it has not satisfied my need for a gardening community.
Yes, Have been on many good garden visits with the South West Branch.
Yes, it has.
Yes, it is a great platform and vehicle for the publishing serious works on Magnolia.
Yes, there are some very knowledgeable members and I try to learn from them
yes, there is a lot of information available

Yes, though if new regulations prevent you distributing wild collected seed, the seed exchange will cease to be of interest to me.
Yes, through the bulletins and year books
Yes, very happy
Yes, very much so
Yes, very much.
Yes, we are happy with group
Yes.
Yes. Although dissapointed that wild collected seed will no longer be available
Yes. Wish you could find a way to offer wild collected seed again. (Do like the Scots.)
Yew

What would you say are the main Strengths of the Group, what do you like?

1) Accessible.
2) Professional. In membership (always lots of 'head gardener' types about.)
3) great lead into contact with people of similar interest and who have or have dealt with similar problems. Frequently pick up very good tips at all levels on plant culture.
4) Friendly and informal at all levels
5) The seed list
6) Plant sales generally fabulous. Keep them simple and sensibly priced. Such a variety of plants!

1) the helpfulness of everyone I have contacted by mail and e-mail
2) the quality of the printing - Bulletin & Yearbook
3) the reputation of the RCM Group

1. Helpfulness.
2. Opportunity to see the huge range of plants at shows.
3. Friendship.

a lot of knowledge and usually very nice people
but not exchanged often enough.

A major strength is that this is not a monoculture group. A garden is more than a collection of one genera.

Access to top experts and publication quality

AGM list of rhodos, seed exchange

All the publications

Annual yearbook is an excellent publication.

As an overseas member the RCM Yearbook is a major attraction

Being very professional in our delivery.
The annual Year Book and Bulletins.

Branch garden visits
Branch competitions
Branch social exchange

Branch meetings . Year book. Garden visits

Brings experts together for the better of RCM

Bulletin and useful articles

Bulletin, seed list

Bulletins and year books

Bulletins hints tips/
The yearbooks/ plant info

Company of like minded people.

Comprehensive activity

Currently, the Yearbook and the West Country annual show which should be repeated across the country although some Branches are too weak to put on such an event.

Depth of information

disseminating information and encouraging further interest in the genus rhododendron, and information for the best gardens to tour

Everyone has the same interest and it's always interesting to meet and hear other experiences.

Everything that currently happens!!

excellence

Excellent publications

Excellent trips with like minded people

Excellent Year Book. Seed list.

Expert knowledge

Expertise available

Expression of passing on know how

FANTASTIC MEMBERS
fantastic shows, excellent publications information
Finding knowledgeable people on the visits who will share knowledge. Fantastic year book.
Focus!
For a non UK resident the Year Book an Bulletin rank highly as do contacts made.
Friendliness
Friendliness of everyone I have met, inc invite to coffee when I joined Spring flower show at Rosemoor
friendly and competitive
good like minded people
Good yearbooks (I have a full set from 1946)
Great Bulletin, good information for members, help when needed
hard to give any comment, being a member abroad
Have not been a member long enough.
High level of interest that everybody has in plantsman ship and travel. Informal and friendly.
High quality publications, seed list and being able to keep in touch with developments in the 3 genera
I have met some nice people and been able to visit some lovely gardens.
I like the thoroughness, the aura of a stable organisation, the valuable year book, the well performing seed exchange.
I live in west Cumbria so do not attend branch meetings or go on tours, garden visits, etc. The bulletins and yearbook are the only tangible interaction with the group I have and their quality is unfortunately deteriorating.
I think you provide a very good all round performance and members can take as much or as little as required. Oh and value for money!!! - tremendous.
In helping me in ways I have asked, especially Pam Hayward
info resource on cultivation of rh
information
Information about new plants and their value for garden use, getting a small library of my favorite plants.
information on the varios genus and showing what different gardens do
Information, tours, events
Is comprised of many knowledgeable people.
it' o.k.
It publishes an outstanding annual "book" of (mostly) top drawer material on these three genera - in some ways better and more illustrative than one finds in peer-review journals.
its ability to promote magnolia ,rhodos and camellias
Its ability to provide close contact to active members through its local branches
Its friendliness, its willingness to pass on knowledge to beginners
Its members and its publications
Its members!
Its rhododendron focus which is needed as it is the only official representation for this genus. Its championing of magnolias. It should focus on these 2 as the ICS is so strong on camellias.
Keeping the issues in the forefront
Keeping up with news from the three sectionsand particularly new hybrids
Knowledge
Knowledge about rhododendrons and outstanding gardens to visit.
Knowledge, skills and experiance that can be passed onto younger gardeners before we lose them
Level of knowledge The year book which is brilliant

Like hearing what's mgoing on in the UK with regard to rhododendrons. I'm in the USA.
Listening to and mixing with professionals interested in the genera
local group for exchange of ideas
local groups/social aspect publications forthcoming Centenary activities
Love the year book and bullitons as well as perusing the seed list
Many members are well-known experts whom one can meet easily. Year Book and Bulletin are outstanding. Seedlist is excellent.
meeting like minds,lectures,shows and plant sales
Meeting people who are also fascinated and knowledgeable about rhododendrons - and camellias - and magnolias
Meeting people with lots of knowledge and experience in growing our three genera
Members with amazing knowledge - willing to share
nice to talk to fellow gardeners who are knowlegeable about the plants you are interested in. Many most enjoyable garden visits to places I never would have seen without the Group
nice to think concerns re conservation both species and garden history are being raised with relevant bodies
No comment
No suggestion
not familiar enough with all your work to express a view
Not sure.
Nothing to add
Our local events
PAM HAYWOOD!!!!
Pam is great
plants
Publications
Publications
Publications are extraordinarily good. Pam does a fantastic job keeping everyone in touch.
publications are good
Publications Engagement of Members
Publications Help when asked Office bearers
reading about other people's collections in ordinary gardens, all the photos published, the full latin names and notes about the difference between the species
representation from growers
Research and information
See above
See the answer to question 15
seed list
Seed list Yes R book Bulletin
Seed list, bulitins, and year book
seed list, photo's of rare species
Seed list. Information Enthusiasm aim of group
Seedlist
Seeds and publications. Being a resident of the US, I cannot readily participate in activities. Maybe when I retire....

sense of continuity and depth of knowledge
shared knowledge
shared knowledge of the genera in a friendly fashion
South West garden visits and access to plants
specialism
Specialist interest and variety of members
the bulletins, year books and meetings/visits.
The clear focus on RC&M.
The collection that long-term, a seed collected in ARS lasts for
The dedication to growing these genera to perfection and the passing on this knowledge.
The depth of articles in the yearbook
The energy of the Secretary
The excellent yearbook and promotion of shows.
The excellent Yearbook and the magnificent contribution made by Pam Hayward in holding the thing together and keeping us all informed. Without her input I think the Group would be much diminished.
The Experts - knowledge and willingness to educate the rest of us
The feeling of belonging to a like minded group of people all interested in the same thing. The Year book which is superb.
The focus on the three genera
The good seed list and the interesting yearbook
The information and enthusiasm
The Journal Shows Branch meetings Meeting new members with common interest
The main strengths are its individuals, their knowledge and their talents. I think the publications are also excellent. In the past the seed list has been a great draw for me, but I have now stopped growing trees and shrubs to concentrate on species Paeonies.
the meetings; the collected wisdom and knowledge of the members, shared freely
The network of like minds and access to experts
The news letter and bulletin, plus the web site is a source of information that we would not have.
The people. The visits, education.
The publications
The published information is superb. The only event I have attended was a seed planting course at Millais nursery and that was excellent.
The quality of the publications and high standard of organisation of the Group. There are first-rate people working hard for the Group
The seed list, and the publications
The seed list.
The shows, the meetings and plant sales and the talks.
The tours; the publications.
The visits and the talks and the year book
The wealth of knowledge and the willingness of members to share it. The quality of the publications and of the website. The certainty that someone, somewhere in the Group, will have the answers!
The year book
The Year Book has to be one of the main strengths, as this is sent to the global membership, and is the reason that many members join. The RHS Competitions are also an important strength and an opportunity for Group members to congregate and show off their plants
The Yearbook

The Yearbook (!) and lots of regional activities for members.
The Yearbook and meeting like minded members
The Yearbook is over and above everything, the main strength of the Group, very informative but also very inclusive for our membership. The standard of the Yearbook improves from year to year - long may it continue to do so
The yearbook is the best thing about it since I am not in an area that has a branch.
The Yearbook!
The yearbook, I have managed to obtain a complete set from 1946 and also the bulletins. I note during the 1940's and 50's the group had the support of members such as Lord Rothschild, Lord Aberconway and others of the great and good in the Horticultural world.
The Yearbook; e-mail updates from Pam Hayward.
To see gardens not open to the public
Tours
Tours and visits
Tours, events, bulletin, yearbook
very good coverage of plant breeding and garden news.
Very good news bulletin nicely produced
Very helpful if ever requesting help with anything practical or theoretical. Some great articles in Bulletins and of course in the wonderful Yearbook.
Very knowledgeable members
Very social and hugely supportive of its members, especially at flower shows
Visits to gardens and nurseries
Well organised and hosted visits
Year book and seed list
Year book, bulletins, contact with fellow members
Yearbook, information on British Gardens with Rhododendrons, Camellias and Magnolias. Seedlist with many wild collected seeds, particularly Rhododendrons.
yearbook, local meetings, competitions, meeting other enthusiasts
Yearbook, some tours if not too pricy which they tend to be.
Yearbook's extra info about Camellias & Magnolias; Occasional garden visits that I manage; Branch meeting lectures when they happen. Friendliness usually of the Members Shows which the Group committee are very welcoming about We are very lucky that the Committee put in a lot of hard work!

What would you say are the main Weaknesses of the Group, what don't you like?

1. The remoteness (not geographic) of some members of the main committee. Some seem to use it as a stepping stone to membership of the RHS Woody Plant Committee.
2. I dislike the under representation of women in these two committees.
3. Women should be made more welcome at the top level.

ability to buy plants

After many years of negative publicity surrounding the genus rhododendron perhaps it is high time to rekindle nationwide interest in this wonderful and amazing group of shrubs. Perhaps we have to create interest anew amongst garden lovers throughout the nation with many positive new articles coming fast and furious and thereby meeting criticism of the genus head on.

Ageing membership

An aging group myself included

As a branch not based at or near an RHS garden (NW Branch) we tend to exist in isolation from events at RHS gardens organised by the other branches - we are largely independent of the main group. It would be nice to have some input from the group so that we are not "in the sea of life ensiled", to quote Matthew Arnold!

as a newcomer not knowing who is who

As above.

As stated above - inability to interact on a one-to-one level with other members.

As with all similar Groups and Societies, most of the work and organisation is done by just a very few people, which is not a healthy situation. There needs to be a drive to get more volunteers to help out, not least in working on attracting new members to join the Group

assume everyone has acres of garden, or at least that is how it appears

Because the weak point is the first year, I do not understand it. To more Frank whom formality is high in

Being bullied by the RHS

Being perceived as being SNOOTY and ALOOF

Average age of members is far too high

Branches should get together more

Can appear too highbrow to newbies. Need to engage with those just discovering the plants.

Can be cliquey - those who go on tours and those who don't

Cannot think of any

Cannot think of any

Cannot think of any.

Can't see any, perhaps that they are not attracting more members. Should have a facebook page too so people can ask questions or post photos on a daily basis.

Can't think of a thing!

degree of exclusivity perceived perhaps unfairly, but the genera involved are also associated with large estates

ditto

Don't really understand the politics of the last few years

elderly members

Elitism, South England centric

For me personal communication. Not really a fault of the group as being overseas limits that. maybe we could pay a smaller subscription as we miss out on a lot of activity

Garden visits always, I think, during the week. Unfortunately, the garden tours are not possible for me at the moment.

hard to give any comment, being a member abroad

Haven't any complaints!!

I am not an expert in this field, but may be, with an eye to the long term future, there should be more connection between the RHS-RCM, the ARS with the the Danish and Dutch chapters, and the German R. Verein,. Why is it, I asked myself, that The Danish and Dutch joined the ARS instead of the very much more nearby RHS-RCM.

I am quite happy with the current method of operation of the Group

I am worried the group will founder through lack of support. Unfortunately there are no members such as Lord Rothschild or Lord Aberconway to support and help the group.
I do not know because I am not close enough to it
I don't like the distance to travel to meetings, but this can't be helped. No weaknesses that I can think of
I don't pay much attention to Shows but understand that they are important for several.
I don't read the articles on trips abroad although I appreciate the importance of seeing plants growing in the wild.
I expected to find a lot more information within the group than I did.
I HAVE BEEN TOLD IT IS AN ELITIST ORGANISATION.I DON'T THINK SO BUT SOME PEOPLE DO.
I know of none.
I like it as it is
I think that many, like me, have become involved with commercial hybrids rather than species and find much of the work of the Group, though incredibly worthwhile, a little above them and 'out of their league'. That is not to decry it in any way but perhaps a slightly greater involvement with garden establishment, day to day management and the whole range of concerns and opportunities would be welcomed.
I wish I took a more active part but my time is elsewhere
Inactivity of most members
information.....propagation courses.
It appears to be built around local groups and if you are not part of those groups then you can feel a little excluded. The growth of the internet has certainly helped to change this.
It appears to revolve around the south of the UK
Have now joined Scottish rhodo group
It is still too elitist in my opinion and detached from the majority of ordinary middle or lower income gardeners
It is to far away to get involved often!
its good
Lack of area branches
Lack of local interaction, focus on the South
Lack of meetings in my area
large areas of the country with no branch or representation
Little reference to Scotland and issues facing northern gardener's
low membership
Many members appear real experts and there is little acknowledgement that others may just be beginners and rather daunted by others' expertise!
Maybe needs to modernise a little in certain digital areas.
Meetings too distant for a non-driver
more meetings please
most activities too far away for people like myself who cannot travel far
Mostly consists of old people . I am 72
Never thought about it
No branch in my area. All meetings held too far away for me to attend.
No local group in sw scotland
No opinion
No particular weakness except why is the Wessex branch in the South East .
No perceived weakness.
No problem.
No real issues
No real weaknesses but I feel that the year book has lost focus slightly in recent years. It might help if members had to pay for it rather than receiving it for free.
No weaknesses for me

none
none
None so far as I am aware.
None that I can see.
None, for me...
None.
None.
not a great number of younger people seem to be involved
Not aware of any
not enough descriptions of plants
Not enough emphasis on plant identification
not enough members
not enough opportunity to share knowledge!
not enough young blood. it has appeared to be an old gentlemen club in the past although this is changing.
Not enough young members combined with the battle against rhododendrons and magnolias no longer being popular garden plants, although there is still some potential for camellias if only the collector's instinct could be revived. But this may not be possible in today's world. I am surrounded by homeowners with medium to large gardens - all neat and tidy and many landscaped yet with scant knowledge about plants, particularly the kind our members grow.
Not many opportunities to meet up
not passing on of skills, to slow in keeping up with new released plants(magnolias), distributing of plants from projects like the duchy to limited to those who know. information about plants to thin in regard floweringtime, size, hardyness etc
Not really a weakness but it is sometimes difficult to attend events when they are so far away.
Not so active overseas!
Not sure what it's main purpose is.
Not willing to change
Nothing
Nothing comes to mind
Nothing much happens in the Summer!
Nothing occurs to comment on.
Nothing really
Nothing really but it is very southern based!
Nothing really, it does its best within the vagaries of human nature.
Nothing really. But the reports from plants shows in the yearbook are of very little interest to me who live abroad.
Noty enough encouragement to get others to join, not involved with others, possibly because of not enough members to do the extra.
o
On the whole members are welcoming and I hope new members will be encouraged widely. The considerable knowledge of some of the members can be intimidating to new and inexperienced gardeners. An occasional article on the basics of a genus would be useful. I asked some members what lepidote meant and I found that almost all had no clear idea.
One weakness, shared with other groups of this nature, is the difficulty of keeping the membership up to strength over time. There is a positive need to recruit new members which can be overlooked while the stalwarts are still around.
P.R..... maintaining the interest of the members.
Perhaps being bullied by the RHS and being made to change in order to fit in to their requirements.
Pity we're so spread out.
Possibly not appealing to enough gardeners and unfortunately with smaller gardens these days this will not improve

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Pricy tours make them exclusive clubs.
Problems with submitting by email the fillable seed order form.
putting its self about plus there is a sniff of snobbery in being a member
Recent decision to remove electronic payment option
relatively small size
Rhodo competitions still quite a distance from me in mid wales. And no local group
SAdly, I live across the pond and am not able to attend meetings.
see answer to 16
Self serving to a few ageing elite - need to understand how to broaden to the next generation of R, C & M lovers
show results seem a bit unnecessary
Show results, too much about cultivars, contests - that sort of "vanilla" aspect of gardening.
Sorry, don't know.
That there are no wild collected seeds at the moment
The absence of a marketing strategy which incorporates an understanding of the non-member and where they are coming from. A more open and welcoming style is needed, perhaps one more allied to the American approach.
The Committee appears to be somewhat aloof, though the new Chairman is making inroads into this. There seem to be Committee members who appear to have no function, or have I missed something.
The fact that group tours are via coach .
The first year I joined, the president droned on and on in the bulletins about how depressing it was to work with the RHS. I'm sorry but as an officer in several national plant societies in the US, I understand that is the responsibility of the leadership, but the members are not interested in that type of reporting focus. Yes it is necessary work, but the members are not interested in that. they join for the plants. It's all about the plants. I think that is the key to retaining and building membership.
The garden visits. I have been on one. To Sandling Park some years after I first joined. The tour was a 40 minute race round, after which it was back to a good ole chinwag with tea and biscuits. I could have spent all day looking at the rhododendrons, so was very disappointed with the whirlwind approach that everyone else seemed to think was ace. I have never been on another group outing and now arrange private visits myself.
The main weakness I believe is the advance average age of its membership and its apparent difficulty in interesting younger ie below 50 members
The RHS affiliation issues have taken up far too much of publication space and committee time through no fault of the Group. (Always a problem with large organisations such as RHS with complex structures)
The weakness is the inability to increase membership - I don't have an answer.
There is nothing i dislike
This is not a weakness but I would like to see seeds struck off the seed list as they become no longer available
To many visits during the week, endless on constitution and legal matters,
To much focus on hybrids
too much waffle
Too remote from membership. Too much emphasis on plants growing in very large gardens.
Vak=valuable information on the different genera
We keep ourselves to ourselves to long, need to open up more to the average gardener
Why such poor attendance at events. Almost seems like apathy.
Would be nice to have group in Wales
would like a little more information for those of us who are new to the genera
yet to find any

How did you first hear about the Group?
1980's onwards
1990's
a flier at longstock nursery
A member
a patient's husband.
A small advert in the Liverpool Daily Post announcing the inaugural meeting.
A visitor from the UK to our garden told me about the group and I looked it up.
Advertisement in the ARS Journal
After joining American Rhododendron Society in mid 60's enquired of RHS of similar group, being already an RHS member.
An inquiry booklet, a yearbook, three information of the list of seeds are provided by joining the group
ancient history!
Another Rhodoholic.
As a member of the Northern Horticultural Society
As an overseas member of the RHS
As an RHS member I had heard of the group.
At a second hand bookshop I purchased a 1963 yearbook, this book helped me to join the group.
at work (cornish garden)
Attended a Rosemoor spring show. Fabulous. Can it continue.
Been around so long I think that I preceded Groups
Brochure at Boconocc show.
By belonging to the RHS
By chance. Doing plant search on the internet.
can't remember any more
cannot remember
cannot remember possibly on the RHS website
can't recall
CAN'T REMEMBER
can't remember but I think via email or RHS
Can't remember!
Can't remember!
Cant remember.
Colleague with a passion for Rhododendrons
Don't remember
Don't remember it's been so long.
Don't remember - probably some RHS circulation from Rosemoor
during my study time research on Rhododendron (1974-1975)
Family contacts
Family membership
Fellow professionals - w-o-m.
forgotten
Forgotten
freind
Friend

friends
friends
from a friend
From a member at lunch.
From an enthusiastic member
From an existing member
from being a member of RHS- I have also visited Chelsea flower show 5x
From fellow enthusiasts - a lifetime ago.
From members of the group
From my sister, Pam
from other members
From other members of Lakeland RCM Society, of which I am a member
From RHS
From someone in the ARS
from the Garden magazine
From the journal of American Rhododendron Society.
From the late Dr Alan Evans
From the RHS Handbook
From the RHS.
From the web
From the web site
from the webb
Google search
I am a member of various garden / plant societies
I borrowed a copy of a Yearbook from a friend
I bought a yearbook at Lanhydrock and now, for my sins, I edit it!
I bought the Yearbook in 1979 and still have it.
I can't remember for certain but think it was through a member.
I can't remember, most likely though the website.
I don't remember
I forget however it would probably be through my RHS membership, nurseries, and disentangling the politics of the Group and its relationship to the Scottish Rhododendron Society and it alliance with the American Group.
I knew about it before I retired from office copies.
I knew Graham Rankin
I suppose the early 1990s.
I think via the RHS.
I'm member of the German Rhodoendrongesellschaft
In a book about rhododendrons
in coversation with a garden friend regarding sourcing plants
In the 1960's through the RHS
In the late 70s I visited the Hardys garden in Kent, Sandling Castle if I remember correctly, and they encouraged me to join.
Internet
Internet search when researching rhododendron information/where I could get seed
Introduced by a member
introduced by a neighbour

Invited by a member
Lady Adam Gordon, above.
Living in the area
local RHS recommendations
Lost in the mists of time
May be in the year I joined, 1999.
Membership of rhs.
Met them whilst they were on tour
Michael Jurgens
My neighbour who was a long time member suggested I should join
My non gardening partner thought I might enjoy it. Suspect he found it through the Internet.
My wife read RHS magazine before I became interested in rhodos
Neighbour to previous Chairman
Network
old year books at work and south east group visit just after i started the job.
On a garden tour I bought a 2nd hand yearbook and this gave the necessary addresses and contact details
On a Magnolia garden tour in the UK and in advertisements in the RHS Garden magazine.
One of the appendix pages in a Peter Cox rhododendron book listing the various societies.
Other rhodo enthusiasts
PARENT [MUM]
personal introduction
probably RHS
Probably saw a reference to it in an RHS source.
Probably via "The Garden"
Publication
RBGE
RHS
RHS
RHS
RHS and Ivor Stokes!
RHS as staff member
RHS I Think and gardening friends
RHS magazine.
RHS publications
rhs show
RHS shows
RHS website
Searched online for a club.
Searching in internet.
See 15 above.
See your records
So long ago I cannot remember!
Started off with rhododendron yearbook many years ago and went on rhododendron group tours when i was in Britain 1954-56 and it evolved from there
talking to gardeners in the Cornish gardens
The Garden

The RHS Competition at Rosemoor
The Yearbook.
through a head gardener
Through a work friend
Through Alan Clarke.
Through an article written many years ago in the (I think) "The Garden".
Through being a member of the RHS
Through friends!
Through Hillier's volunteer group
Through Lady Adam Gordon.
Through local grower.
Through Magnolia Society International
through membership in the RHS
Through membership of RHS
Through my work
through other member
Through other members
through our local group
Through RHS
Through RHS shows
Through RHS.
Through The Garden.
Through The late tony weston
Through the reports on proceedings of the specialist groups and plant committees that were once distributed to RHS members annually
Through the RHS
Through the RHS
Through the RHS
Through the RHS.
through the web
through work
Tony Weston
Tony Weston
Too long ago to remember
Too long ago to remember
Via a friend
Via a group show at Ness
via Magnolia Society advert in journal
Via RHS Magazine I think.
Via the RHS
Via the RHS
Via the yearbook

Web search
When I first arrived in NZ I was on a garden tour and came across 2nd hand books and bought an annual for 1964. This gave me the addresses and wish to join.
When I first joined the RHS
years ago through the R.H.S.