



Manchester Branch Newsletter June 2000

EDITORIAL

May was a funny old month. First sunshine, then more rain than since records began. At least the sunshine has promoted some flowering with first the Rebutias and then the Notocacti providing a really colourful show. Most plants are now in full growth with the opuntias throwing up new pads almost daily. Even the Lampranthus, in its temporary outdoor home, has provided a solitary flower.

A most welcome sight through the letterbox this month was the arrival of the Chileans journal. For anyone who is not familiar with this it is a 48 A4 page stapled journal published on an annual basis with in-depth contributions from everyday hobbyists and experts alike. It offers detailed observations from the greenhouse and the field on a wide variety of South American Cacti. For several of us it provides many weeks of entertaining reading and at £16.50 for three issues it represents excellent value for money.

Another notable journal, that of the International Asclepiad Society has recently been saved from the brink of extinction and our speaker tonight, Mr Alan Butler, has played a significant role in this by becoming the group's new chairman and journal editor. I'm sure not just those of us who enjoy reading Asklepios will wish Alan good luck in his new venture.

JUNE QUIZ

Below:

The body of the plant has been deliberately blurred but can you name the Genus?

Hint- The flowers may not be as **big** a clue as they first appear!



Over Page:

Can you name this plant?

1 point for the Genus, three for the species.

Answers next month.

DIARY DATES

Ray Alcock's Open Day

Saturday 17th June - all day
Map available from Geoff Bailey
Not to be missed

BCSS National Show

Saturday 19th August
Spalding
Admission £3.00
Further details in the March Journal

Oak Dene Nurseries

(Gordon Foster)
Open Day
Back Lane, Royston, Barnsley
Saturday 27th August
9am-6pm

Tephrocactus Study Group

Annual Study Day
Sunday 6th August
Details R Geissler-



WANTED

Plant or cutting of *Tephrocactus molinensis*
White glochid form
If you have a spare pad of this plant please
contact the editor.

SUMMER DAYS OUT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

Chaps, why not put yourselves in the good
books and suggest a day out in the countryside
and then "Oh, isn't there a cactus nursery
somewhere near here". It's worth a try.

Croston Cactus

John Henshaw
New catalogue now available
Croston, Lancs

Ian Robinson

Ty'n Y lliidiart, Llandegla, Wrexham

Abbey Brook Cactus Nursery

(Brian Fearn)
Bakewell Road, Matlock

Whitestone Gardens

(Roy Mottram)
Sutton-under-Whitestonecliffe, Thirsk