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Editorial

After my last month comments that the weather had been mild so far, we have experienced quite a few frosty nights in November. There's been a mixture of wet and sunny days and the weather has been quite changeable.

Apart from 25 flowers on *Clivia caulescens* and an Echeveria and some Haworthias in flower, there doesn't seem to be a great deal happening in my conservatory. However, the crown of one Mammillaria, which I bought because of its neat red-coloured spines, is covered in magenta flower buds. I hope these open or at least survive through to spring. Indoors, several Christmas cacti have already completed their flowering.

Announcements

The **2006 Branch programme** will be available from the front table. Again, we have attempted to arrange a varied and interesting selection of talks and events for next year. The Zone 11 programme is being prepared by Cliff Thompson, and should be available by the time of our next meeting.

Next month's meeting will consist of a number of short talks presented by branch members, and we will plan to use a digital projector again. If you would like to talk for a few minutes about any of your plants or plant-related experiences, or have some photos to share, please do let one of the committee know.

This edition of the newsletter will be mailed to all branch members who do not attend our monthly meetings. Of course we would be very pleased to see all members in person, but if you are unable to get to our meetings, then I would like to remind you that the newsletter can be downloaded from the branch's website.

Committee Reports – 2005

Chairman's Report

It seems that I say this quite often, but once again the branch has had a very successful year. We are up in membership numbers, the new meeting hall at West End seems to have made a big difference since moving there. Our finances are very sound and we have been represented at some important events this year. The New Forest Show at Brockenhurst, the shows at Broadlands, Romsey, at Easter and in August and several others.

The branch owes a great debt to the mainly 4 or 5 members who put on the displays and spend many hours stewarding. They are supported by another half dozen people, but the main stalwarts are the 'heroes'. We have had some interesting speakers on a variety of 'succulent' topics and there has been a good balance between cacti and the others. Can I appeal for more help at shows and generally. Several of the committee have reached or will shortly reach 'three score years and ten' and we need younger members coming on to continue to fly the flag for the branch.

I can thoroughly recommend 'involvement', the more we put into the hobby the more we get out of it. If you are not involved, please give it a try, you will be surprised how much you enjoy it.

I want to thank the branch committee for all the work they do on our behalf, and the rest of the members for coming to the meetings and buying draw tickets, refreshments, and plants. Please support the library by using it, and the newsletter by giving the editor more things to print.

I want to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a successful growing and blooming New Year.

Peter Down

Secretary's Report

No organisation should stand still, and our branch has been evolving and developing over the last few years, diversifying by way of many more contact points with the public. Although our Branch Annual Show has virtually demised, in its place we have taken on several higher-profile events during the last couple of years. We are lucky in that many of these events are either free or involve a small financial outlay, but they do bring us into contact with many more members of the public (potential members?). In addition these events provide an opportunity to increase branch funds through the sale of plants, seeds and booklets.

At this point, on behalf of the branch, I must thank all those members who provide plants (and also seeds) for sale, both at 'shows' and branch meetings, and help out at our various events. I am very aware, of course, that we are all volunteers, and that we now do as many events through the year as we can comfortably manage with our willing helpers. In fact, we have been invited to two or three further events this year, but, with sincere regret, have had to decline those invitations.

The branch can pride itself on being a 'strong' and highly regarded branch, with around 60 members, and an average attendance at meetings of between 25 and 35. We could 'do better' at encouraging more 'sleeping' members to attend meetings. Often we have a varied audience, where some members' visits seem to depend solely on the subject of that month's talk coinciding with their pet interest. Which brings me to the branch programme. Persuading speakers to come 'down south' is often no easy task, even with the offer of accommodation, and there are times when we can but persuade a familiar face to return and prepare a new talk for us. I repeat the pleas oft aired at committee and meetings – if you know of or have heard a good speaker (maybe someone not on the Speaker's List) do let Margaret know. Accuse me

of nepotism if you may, but many thanks to Margaret for organising the branch programmes as part of her 'half' of the secretaryship.

One final comment – the branch committee has remained largely unchanged over the last few years, with the doubling-up of some posts, and we could do with some new (preferably younger) blood. Do think about whether you could help the branch just a little bit more – there are only six committee meetings per year! To paraphrase Kitchiner, Your Branch Needs YOU!

David Corina

Treasurer's Report

I am writing this report based on unaudited figures. I dared to go away on holiday for a month over our financial year-end, which meant that I did get the books to the auditors, but a month later than usual. I am not going to apologise, as I would rather have been in Africa than doing all the figure work.

The Branch has again made a healthy profit, and over the course of the year I have paid £1000 into our deposit account. This larger sum has, of course, earned more interest. Once one stops being poor it is almost a vicious circle as more money generates more! I have to tell you that I am resisting letting the Branch Committee spend it. We cannot assume that the events we attend (and make money at) will continue and I want a nest egg to keep the Branch viable should all our sources of income dry up. I wish to thank all those people who have set up the stands and displays, and manned them, for their effort. Without them the Branch would not bring itself to the attention of the public as it does, and we would probably have to charge for attendance at Branch meetings.

The Branch has also made a donation of £200 to the Zone 11 funds. This will hopefully ensure that the Zone stays in existence and can finance another Zone Show at some point in the future.

Our 50th Birthday Convention has shown a loss on this year's figures. This is due to the fact that the Commemorative CDs, which were given to every Branch member, were produced after the end of September 2004 and thus had to show in this year's accounts.

I will close with my usual thanks to everyone who has helped the Branch this year. I have already mentioned the people who attend displays. I wish to thank also the people who buy and sell plants at

meetings, those who provide the refreshments and those who consume them. All these activities contribute to Branch funds. Also a personal thank you to June Purseglove and Marilyn Prior who deal with the raffle at the meetings. The Branch is grateful to Colin and Lorraine Bielckus for auditing the books and producing the balance sheets for us.

I wish you all a restful Christmas, and hope you come back full of energy to support the Branch at the meetings and the events we have planned for next year.

Margaret Corina

Show Manager's Report

The year started with the Spring Flower and Garden Show at Broadlands, Romsey. Our display and plant sales used the same arrangement as last year but the prickly potting was slightly improved making it easier to organise than last year. We were again very grateful to David Neville for making the trip to Holland for the plants. We had even more children having a go at potting up a plant, and I again showed them how to sow their free seeds and how to take cuttings. This event was very popular and I am sure a few had an extra turn over the three days. As this meant they were showing an interest in growing our type of plants we turned a blind eye to this. I am pleased to say this was a very enjoyable event to do and it makes a nice profit for branch funds. If you can spare a few hours next year at the show, I am sure you will enjoy it

We were again invited to put on a display at the Whiteley Village Outlet shopping centre. The usual team put up the gazebo and tables, this year we were positioned in the centre of one of the shopping malls. This was more exposed than last year, but fortunately it did not rain and none of our plants were harmed. I was a bit disappointed that so few branch members visited the display. However, we did sell a few plants and give out leaflets to advertise our branch and let the public know where we hold our meetings, and we met a few members from other branches so this made it all worthwhile.

The usual team of David and Margaret Corina, David Neville, and Philip Clemow helped put on the display and plant sale at the Sir Harold Hillier Arboretum in Ampfield. Both days were sunny and there was a steady flow of the public. As we were right near the entrance to the garden quite a few

visitors looked at our display. Plants sales were not as good as we would have liked but the small profit from the event helped our funds. Again, it was nice to see members from other branches come to our display.

I was again fortunate that my brother Peter was able to help me rig the display on the Wednesday before the Southampton Festival opened, This year it was the best organised yet, with the position marked out, the back frame and tables in position and the show classes positioned near the stand. I had the impression that there were fewer exhibitors than last year, I think this was due partly due to the lateness of the schedule. The Cactus and Succulent classes were quite well supported with only three classes not having a full number of entries. Plant sales were good so the show was well worth doing. Note that next year's show will be held on 1st and 2nd July.

We were again invited to put on a display of Cacti and succulents at the New Forest Show, and I am pleased to say we won a gold medal, although unfortunately this year there was no prize money to accompany this. Plant sales were good, and so we did make a profit overall. Our display was again at the entrance to the Flower and Horticultural marquee, meaning that everyone entering the tent passed our display. This allowed thousands of people to see our plants. The weather was showery but apart from a muddy car park, this did not cause us any real problems.

This year we were the hosts for the Zone 11 Show and had decided to merge this into the Summer Flower and Garden Show. We had quite a shock when we arrived as we were told that no tent had been arranged for us! Fortunately this was soon rectified and we were given half of the refreshment tent. This was a bit smaller than we were expecting but with careful planning we managed to get all the show plants on display and even have room for a plant sale table. After the show had been judged and trophies awarded by 4:30pm, it was all change as the Zone 11 Show was only a one day event and we had to replace it with a different display and sales arrangement for the next day. This went better than I expected and I am pleased to say the branch and Zone did well on both days.

I am sorry to say that only five members bothered to enter the Branch Table Show during 2005. Perhaps at the next AGM you can let me know if you want to continue having a table show during 2006

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the branch committee and all the members who so kindly gave me their help during 2005. I hope you all have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Ivor Biddlecombe

Plant Sales Officer's Report

Another busy year for plant sales. I did not attend the Whiteley Village or the Hilliers sales but I gather they went off reasonably well. At all the other events takings were down on last year, particularly Southampton show which is understandable; in fact we did rather better than expected there since, with new format, visitors were way down on previous years. I am not sure why takings at the other shows were down.

This year the Zone show was held on the first day of the Broadlands August show. This meant we had to rearrange everything to provide the display for the second day. It all went off very well I thought, and sales were similar to the Broadlands Easter show.

Sales at Branch meetings were similar to last year.

On behalf of the branch I would like to thank all of those of you who brought plants for sale and helped out on the sales table at the various events. David Neville in particular deserves our thanks for all those plants he brings over from the continent and which boost our takings and commission considerably.

Plants sales are one of the attractions of the monthly meetings, particularly for the new members we are always trying to encourage, so if you have some spare plants or seedlings, particularly if they are an unusual species, bring them along. Everyone is entitled to bring plants for the sales table, we charge 10% commission at branch meetings and 15% at shows. Don't forget to include a separate label with your initials and the price.

Bruce Beckerleg

Newsletter Editor / Website Report

The newsletter has had a relatively quiet year. I would like to thank all those who acted as scribes to write up branch meetings, and also those persons who provided articles for inclusion in the newsletter – there were again some good contributions. After reading the October edition, Portsmouth's Mark Roberts (who visited us during

the Zone Quiz) asked "Do you normally have more contributors to your newsletter or is it normally just yourself fighting to fill the space?"

So, I will repeat my request for contributions - large or small - from all members, because the one thing the newsletter sometimes lacks is variety.

The content of the branch website has been expanded over the year. I have uploaded a few pictures of events held during the year, and versions of our cultivation and seed raising leaflets can be viewed online. The full list of books available from the library is also available online. In addition, all copies of the newsletter dating from January 2004 onwards are available for download. The website statistics indicate that there are around 2500 page views per month - some of these are likely to be automated search engines, but judging from the email correspondence we receive, the website is being visited by *real* people from all over the world!

Vinay Shah

Publicity Officer's Report

First my thanks to all who have contributed to branch publicity over the past year. This applies whether assisting at displays, entering shows or by sharing the pleasure of our hobby by talking about it with relatives, friends and workmates etc.

Radio Solent have been good to us as usual and the new Shirley library has displayed a poster with our details on it. Especial thanks to David and Margaret Corina, David Neville and Ivor Biddlecombe for the hard work they put in staging and manning publicity displays.

Seasonal greetings to you all and wishing you good growing and sowing in 2006.

Finally best wishes and thanks from Bett for the cards and goodwill messages. Thankfully, so far, her response to chemotherapy has been much better than the consultant had expected it to be. The fact that so many people she has never met showed such concern was a considerable boost to her morale.

Jim Roskilly

Pots & Sundries Manager's Report

Sales of pots and sundries have maintained their usual steady turnover this year, so there isn't much to say about the 'old economy' of our standard

lines. However, those of you who examine in detail the financial statement will notice that this year pots & sundries have made a better than usual profit of £51 (unaudited). This healthy figure is due to sales of several “high margin” items in addition to sales of some donated items.

In addition, our Green Booklets have become a ‘best seller’ this year! I like to think that this is due to our new eye-catching point-of-sale stand, and also to our sales force, in promoting these booklets at all our venues this year. Optimistically, also it could mean that more members of the public are becoming interested in growing succulents!

There are still ample stocks of most of the pot sizes, so keep buying!

David Corina

Librarian's Report

All the most important books are available at meetings. We still do not have storage space for our books at the Hall and therefore have to rely on members of the committee to find room for them at home. I am particularly grateful to Bruce Beckerleg, Ivor Biddlecombe and Glenn Finn who bring books to meetings. A full list of the contents of the Library is available at Meetings and is also listed on the branch website. Any book not on display can be brought to the next meeting on request.

There has been a disappointing fall in usage of the library. 9 books were borrowed, as compared with 20 last year. Over the last five years, there has been a continued decline in borrowing. In 2001, our last year at the old venue, 33 books were borrowed. Any suggestions from members on how to make the library more useful would be welcome.

Total revenue for the year was £27.40, made up as follows:

<u>Source</u>	<u>2004/05</u>	<u>2003/04</u>
Lending	£ 5.60	£ 9.80
Sale of surplus books	£ 21.80	£ 7.50
Total	£ 27.40	£ 17.30

We have a very well-equipped library. The reader gets a month's interesting reading for less than the price of a cup of tea at one of our meetings. I am surprised that it does not attract more readers.

Philip Clemow

Last Month's Meeting

Zone 11 Quiz

In November, it was Southampton Branch's turn to host the Zone 11 Quiz. Each of the branches had assembled a team of 3 members. Isle of Wight's team consisted of Robin Goodredge, Peter Collard and Ron Mitchell; Portsmouth's consisted of Mark Roberts, Lesley Akhurst and Angie Money; and Southampton's team consisted of David Corina, Peter Down and Bruce Beckerleg.

David Neville was question master and he started proceedings by mentioning that the quiz would consist of a mixture of questions about cacti and succulents, and some questions on general knowledge. Questions would be asked to each of the three teams, and the audience were also expected to participate as a fourth scoring team. Questions would be passed on where appropriate, and to keep things fair, questions would circulate in a clockwise direction before the break and anti-clockwise afterwards. David reminded the teams that they were fighting for the Zone 11 “Mealy Bug” trophy. The audience could win the quiz, but the trophy would be awarded to the branch with the highest score.

The teams made a good start by collecting full points in round 1, where given three species names, they were asked to determine the genus. The next round was slightly harder, with the teams being asked to name the families that *Avonia*, *Othonna*, *Dudleya* and *Allaudia* belonged to. The answers here were *Portulacaceae*, *Compositae/Asteraceae*, *Crassulaceae* and *Didiereaceae*. The next round was about taxonomic reclassifications, and we learnt that *Lobivia* was now considered *Echinopsis*, *Neoporteria* was now *Eriosyce*, *Notocactus* was *Parodia*, and *Sulcorebutia* had been merged into *Rebutia*.

The first of the general knowledge rounds required the teams to name the capitals of Denmark, Austria, Iceland and Finland, and all teams got full marks. The next round was similar but harder, and none of the teams were able to answer their own questions regarding the capitals of Albania, Croatia, Slovakia and Belarus.

Next, teams were asked to identify the odd-one-out from groups of three genera of cacti. A horticultural question followed, asking the teams to name the genus, plant family and locality of Tulip, Daffodil, Iris and Crocus. Next, the teams were asked to name two genera of mesembs beginning

with a certain letter. Isle of Wight started with L and nominated Lithops and Lampranthus. For “F”, Southampton suggested *Faucaria* and *Fenestraria*. Portsmouth had to deal with “O” and managed *Ophthalmophyllum* – there are 6 other species but they are somewhat obscure. The audience had “T” and responded with *Titanopsis* and *Trichodiadema*.

Round 9 saw all teams gaining full marks, when asked to respond with three species of cacti beginning with the letters A, C, E and P respectively. The scores at this stage were announced (accompanied by a background of Church bells). Portsmouth had accumulated 10 points, Isle of Wight were on 16, Southampton had 17 and the audience were in the lead with 23 points.

It was time for some sporting questions. Isle of Wight were able to name the location of the last Olympics (Athens) and the next (Beijing). Southampton came unstuck on where the last World Cup had been held. The offered answer of “a football stadium” was not deemed acceptable! They were also unable to answer where the next World Cup would be held, despite a clue of “5-1” from the audience. Portsmouth were able to grab both of these as bonuses, but needed a clue (“It rains a lot there” when asked to name the location of the last Commonwealth games, which was Manchester. Melbourne was cited as the location of the next Commonwealth games by the audience. The audience also coped easily with the topical question of when the Olympics were last held in the UK (1948) and when they would next be held here (2012).

The next round involved naming authors of famous books on Cacti & Succulents, and all teams scored full marks. “The Cactus Lexicon” was written by Curt Bakeberg, “Lithops - Flowering Stones” was written by Desmond Cole, “The Genus *Conophytum*” was written by Steven Hammer, and “Cacti” was written by John Borg. The next round was similar, but perhaps a little harder. The Cactus File Handbook on “*Mammillaria*” was written by John Pilbeam, Parts 1 and 2 of “Succulent and Xerophytic Plants of Madagascar” were written by Werner Rauh, “A History of Succulent Plants” was written by Gordon Rowley, and a “Lexicon of Succulent Plants” was written by Hermann Jacobsen.

Some general knowledge rounds on TV programmes followed. On which day of the week were the shows “Question Time”, “Panorama”, “Top of the Pops” and “ITV Champions League”

usually shown? This was followed by a question asking on how many days of the week (excluding repeats) were the Soaps “EastEnders”, “Emmerdale”, “Coronation Street” and “Neighbours” shown? Three of the four were answered incorrectly on the first attempt, with the teams all guessing lower than the actual number of screenings.

Next, teams were asked to name the usual flower colour of *Gymnocalycium baldianum* (red) and *Matucana madisoniorum* (red). Asked about *Rebutia muscula*, Portsmouth hedged their bets with “orangey peachy yellow” which was just about acceptable. From the audience, Russell volunteered that *Discocactus horstii* had white flowers. In the next round, we learnt that *Astrophytum myriostigma* has yellow flowers, *Mammillaria zeilmanniana* has purple flowers, *Mammillaria senilis* has red flowers and *Sulcorebutia arenacea* has yellow flowers.

Asked to name countries on the Equator in different continents, we had answers of Republic of Congo, Indonesia, Brazil and Uganda. There are actually a total of 13 countries which lie on the equator.

The next two rounds required the teams to identify genera, given the names of three species in that genus. In most cases at least one distinctive species was included, and this allowed the teams to get full marks in both rounds.

Next, the teams were asked to identify which country (from a pair) was larger. Isle of Wight incorrectly thought Bolivia was larger than Peru, but the other teams correctly identified that South Africa was bigger than Namibia, Canada was bigger than the USA and France was bigger than Germany. The scores had moved to Portsmouth 21, Isle of Wight 25, Southampton 28, and the audience had extended their lead and were on 38.

It was time to define some acronyms. DVD means Digital Video Disc (strictly speaking it stands for Digital Versatile Disc, but the other definition is also in widespread use). DAB has been around for a couple of years, but the best that Southampton offered was digital area broadcasting – actually it stands for Digital Audio Broadcasting. LCD (liquid crystal display) and LED (light emitting diode) were easier.

Botanical definitions always seem to feature in Zone quizzes and this was no different. Xerophytic, zygomorphic and cleistogamous were

defined correctly, caespitose was not (it means clustering or clumping).

There followed two more rounds of the teams having to identify genera, given the names of three species in that genus. These were handled reasonably well, with only “brittonii, laui, pulverulenta” causing some difficulty – these are all Dudleyas. It was time to break for some refreshments, and the scores were Portsmouth 24, Isle of Wight 30, Southampton 32 and audience 43.

On resumption, a round on the colours of electrical wiring and voltages was handled with mixed success. A question on the cost of telephone calls to different countries was also a hit and miss affair. Surprisingly, it costs more to call Germany (£1.85 / 10 mins) than Japan (£1.00), and both Argentina (£8.40) and South Africa (£5.20) are quite pricey.

A question regarding metric to imperial conversions for pot sizes was handled well, with all teams getting full marks, as was another question requiring the teams to identify a genus given 3 species names

A question on geography proved much harder. “Into which sea does the River Danube flow, on which Hawaiian island is Pearl Harbour, on which Scottish loch is Urquhart Castle, and on which river does Quebec stand” only produced one correct answer.

Asked to name states in Mexico (there are 30 to choose from), the teams were able to name around 10 or so before starting to struggle. They coped better with naming the four states of the USA which have borders with Mexico.

Asked to name cacti which grow in Jamaica, Panama, Trinidad, and Netherlands Antilles, the teams scored quite well. There are actually 4 species which occur in all four countries (Melocactus, Opuntia, Rhipsalis, Hylocereus).

After another question on books and authors, the scores stood at Portsmouth 35, Isle of Wight 43, Southampton 48 and audience 61.

Next the teams were asked to name the main movie star in “Breakfast at Tiffanys” (Audrey Hepburn), “Hello Dolly” (Barbra Streisand), “The Great Escape” (Steve McQueen) and “Dirty Harry” (Clint Eastwood). A round on which plant families monadenium, lapidaria, pachypodium and rhipsalis belong to was answered correctly by all the teams.

David announced we were at the final round. When the cow jumped over the moon, who ran away with the spoon (the dish), what is the largest man-made structure on earth (the Great Wall of China), what is another name for aurora borealis (the Northern Lights) and who was Fred Flintstone’s best friend (Barney Rubble).

With this, the final scores were announced as: Portsmouth 38, Isle of Wight 47, Southampton 53. The winners were the audience with 65!

David Corina accepted the Mealy Bug Trophy on behalf of Southampton Branch. Thanks were expressed by the captains of the visiting branches, and also for the excellent catering provided by Glenn’s mum and her friend (Doreen and Janet) and also Emily who helped in the kitchen. Hopefully everyone had a good time!

Vinay Shah

Table Show 2005 – Overall Results

The overall results for the table shows held during 2005 are as follows:

Open Section – Cacti (The Challenge Cup)

B Beckerleg	29
G Finn	15
P Clemow	14
J Roskilly	8
R Cortney	5

Open Section – Succulents (The Gateway Vase)

B Beckerleg	27
J Roskilly	25
P Clemow	15
G Finn	3

Intermediate Section – Cacti (The Bangor Cup)

B Beckerleg	32
P Clemow	26
G Finn	11
J Roskilly	9

Intermediate Section – Succulents (25th Anniversary Paperweight)

J Roskilly	28
B Beckerleg	20
P Clemow	18
G Finn	3

Ivor Biddlecombe

Branch Programme 2006

3 January	Members' Evening
7 February	Malcolm Pym Galivanting in South America
7 March	Neil Oakman Wild West
4 April	Derek Tribble Tanquana Hunt
15-17 April	Spring Flower & Garden Show, Broadlands (Easter Weekend)
2 May	Cultivation Evening
27-29 May	Display and Plant Sales @ Garden Market, Whiteley Village
6 June	John Pilbeam Rebutias and Sulcos
1-2 July	Display and Show @ Southampton Festival, The Common, Southampton
4 July	Ian Woolnough Cacti In Flower
25-27 July	Display and Plant Sales @ The New Forest Show, Brockenhurst
1 August	Terry Smale Cacti in Northern Mexico – Part 2
5 September	Eddy Harris Mesembryanthemums
3 October	Angie Money Chile 2003
7 November	Doug Donaldson A Continental Experience
5 December	AGM & Christmas Social

Next Month's Meeting

Our first meeting of 2006 will be held on January 3rd, and will feature short talks by branch members. If you have a subject that you would like to talk about (even if only for a few minutes), please let a Committee member know as soon as possible. We will have access to a digital projector so members are welcome to bring along a CD or memory card containing digital pictures they want to show.

The January Table Show will consist of the **Neoporteria** and **Copiopoa** Groups (cacti) and the **Adromischus** Subgroup (succulents). Please note that you can enter more than once in any of the classes.

The Neoporteria group includes *Neoporteria*, *Austrocactus*, *Chileorebutia*, *Eriosyce*, *Horridocactus*, *Islaya*, *Neochilenia*, *Pyrrhocactus*, *Rodentiophila* and *Thelocephala*. The Copiopoa Group includes *Copiopoa* and *Pilocopiopoa*.

The Adromischus subgroup includes *Adromischus*, *Brophyllum*, *Cotyledon*, *Crassula*, *Kalanchoe*, *Kitchingia*, *Rochea*, *Tillaea*, *Tylecodon*, and *Vauanthes*.

*Best Wishes for a
happy Christmas and
a merry New Year!*



Forthcoming Events

Fri 16 th	Dec	Isle of Wight	AGM and Christmas Social/American Supper
Tue 3 rd	Jan	Southampton	Members' Evening
Mon 16 th	Jan	Southampton	Branch Committee Meeting
Fri 20 th	Jan	Isle of Wight	Plant Auction and Members' Slides
Sat 21 st	Jan	Portsmouth	"6000 Miles Around SW USA" – Cliff Thompson
Tue 7 th	Feb	Southampton	"Galivanting in South America" – Malcolm Pym
Fri 17 th	Feb	Isle of Wight	Branch Quiz and Member's Talk
Sat 18 th	Feb	Portsmouth	"Three Men and a Condor – Part 2" – Eddy Harris

Branch website: <http://www.southampton.bcsc.org.uk>

