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The Galanthus Gala is taking place at Kelly College, Tavistock, Devon. PL19 0HZ on Saturday the 11th of February 2012. No smoking in any part of the school grounds!

The programme for the Galanthus Gala is as follows:

**Morning: 9.30 – 10.00** registration. Tea, coffee and biscuits.  
**10.00 – 12.00** introduction and a series of short talks by;

**Rannveig Wallis;** “Wildlings and some Garden Surprises”. Covering some of the lesser-known species in the wild and some interesting seedlings that she has found in her garden.

**Dr Jože Bavcon;** “Slovenian Snowdrops”, covering all aspects of snowdrops in Slovenia and the many amazing forms discovered there.

**Dr Dowling Munro;** “All That Glitters.....” covering the many new forms of yellow snowdrop discovered in the last 10 years.

**12.00 – 13.00** A plant sale with many leading UK and Continental snowdrop nurseries.  
**From 12.00** Lunch at the school

**Afternoon: 2.00 – 5.00**

In the afternoon there will a visit to The Garden House, Buckland Monachorum, Yelverton, Devon. PL20 7LQ. The Garden House is home to the superb snowdrop collection of Matt Bishop, co-author of the classic work “Snowdrops”. The garden created by Lionel Fortescue, and extensively adapted by Keith Wiley, is now being gradually revamped and extended to create one of the best gardens in the West Country. There is also a superb collection of primroses. A display of rarities will be presented in the lobby of the house. Teas and plants for sale.

**Well, finally, it’s here. We sold out in 4 days last year so early booking is advisable. No refunds. Ticket only event.**

Let me know ASAP if you want our snowdrop availability list in 2012. Let me know if your contact details need updating. Our Spring Thing will be on Sat 10 March 2012.

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I / We would like to come to the Galanthus Gala 2012 in Tavistock, Devon.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Meals required @ £ 10.00 each:

Number.....£.....

The garden entry tickets @£6.60 each ( OR Gift-Aided rate £7.30)

Number.....£.....

Tickets for the Gala (includes morning refreshments, 3 lectures, plant sale)

@ £26.00 each.

Number.....£.....

**TOTAL** £.....

I / We enclose a cheque for £..... made out to J L Sharman please.

Admission is by ticket only.

Responses to Monksilver Nursery please.

## OTHER EVENTS

Due to the distance involved and being aware that some of you will be attending Matt Bishops own event on Thursday the 9th of February we have arranged a series of other things to do around the Gala to make it into a full weekend.

For a Friday map and directions and to give me some idea of the number of attenders please write FRIDAY on your reply slip.

For a Sunday map and directions and to give me some idea of the number of attenders please write SUNDAY on your reply slip.

**Friday 10th February.** We have arranged visits to three gardens just into Cornwall. All are within 15 minutes of each other.

Alice Boyd. Ince Castle, Elm Gate, Saltash. Cornwall. PL12 4QZ. E:boydince@aol.com. Entry £3.50. A large peninsular estate and garden with superb views across the Lynher estuary. Narrow access.

Mrs Nancy Davy, The Little House, 19, Lower Port View, Saltash, Cornwall. PL12 4BY. Tel 01752 842098. E: [davy@little-house.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:davy@little-house.wanadoo.co.uk). Open 11am to 3pm. Teas. No toilet. Some steep steps! Parking in public car parks and NOT in Lower Port View. Entry fee £3.50, including tea/coffee/biscuits, donated to charity. Plantsmans garden.

Pentillie Castle, St Mellion, Saltash, Cornwall. PL12 6QD. 11am -3pm. Entry £6.00. Light refreshments available. Please book in advance via phone or email. Tel. 01579 350044. E: [enquiry@pentillie.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@pentillie.co.uk). Large Victorian garden and estate with large quantities of a small variety of singles, and doubles, and a few 'Lady Elphinstone' in a spectacular setting. Steep ground with limited handrails.

### **Saturday 11th February Galanthus Gala.**

**Sunday 12th February.** We can visit Jo Hynes and RHS Rosemoor.

Jo Hynes, Higher Cherubeer, Dolton, Winkleigh, Devon. EX19 8PP. E: [hynesjo@gmail.com](mailto:hynesjo@gmail.com). £4.00. 11am to 4pm. Soup and teas. Plants for sale. Ample parking. Narrow access. Jo Hynes has a superb plantsmans garden with many unusual varieties and loads of other plants including a National Collection of cyclamen.

RHS Rosemoor. Great Torrington, Devon. EX38 8PH. Tel. 01805 624067 Usual rate £7.50. A discounted rate of £6.50 is available at Rosemoor if you show your Galanthus Gala tickets. RHS members free plus a guest. Restaurant and all facilities. Rosemoor has large patches of some of the older varieties and newer plantings here and there and a good collection of species and dwarf varieties in the Alpine area.

### **A special offer to snowdrop enthusiasts £9.25** including postage and packing

Daffodils with Snowdrops and Tulips 2011 is published in association with the Royal Horticultural Society at £11.95

The new edition of this authoritative annual has a significant and well-illustrated coverage of snowdrops. Matt Bishop writes about 'The appearance and diversity of inverse poculiform snowdrops' and Jože Bavcon about 'The common snowdrop in Slovenia'. Hanneke van Dijk discusses 'The horticultural classification of snowdrops' and Alan Leslie comments on 'Snowdrops at the RHS London Show'. John Blanchard explores 'Snowflakes'. There is also brief coverage of snowdrops at two AGS shows, notes on two snowdrop events and other short items.

**Available from Mr J Gibson, 14, Waverley Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire. NN15 6NT.** Please send either a cheque for £9.25 made payable to The Royal Horticultural Society or €15. A few copies of the 2010 edition are available at £7 and some earlier years at £5 (€10).