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Bulb Log Diary

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BULB LOG 52.....27th December 2017



The last Bulb Log of a year is always a time to reflect back and look forward. Reflecting back to the beginning in January 2003 when I started on this one year project I never thought for a minute that I would be sitting here writing the 780th Bulb Log and about to launch into year 16.

What drives me to keep going?

A number of things encourage me to carry on not least all the positive feedback that I get from you dear Readers either through the forum, when I am out and about at events or by other means of communication, thank you all for your support.

The other reason I continue is that the discipline of having to write a Bulb Log every week ensures that I am also taking pictures almost daily throughout the year which builds into a wonderful record of how the garden changes through the seasons and the years – this has proved to be a valuable resource to which I regularly refer.

If you enjoy the Bulb Log along with all that is open and freely available through the online platform of the SRGC, which includes the acclaimed free monthly magazine the [International Rock Gardener](#), then you may care to make a donation towards the running costs of what is now a massive web site. We are all volunteers but the SRGC has to pay our server for the online storage and bandwidth that the website requires. If you are a Forum Member you can contribute by clicking the donate button at the bottom of every page where you will also see the running annual total and the target – I am very grateful to all those who have donated over the years ensuring that we always exceed our target. If you are not a member of the forum you can click the donate button at the top of the main web page or click this link [Donate](#). If you are not a Member of the SRGC you could join us from £11 for an Online Membership or if you want to receive the printed Journal check out the full range of [SRGC membership rates](#).

You could also join the SRGC Forum and start sharing pictures of your garden or related interests - if you have not visited this platform you are missing out on a wealth of information. To name but a few forumists who write in in the [Blogs and Diaries](#) section they are [Robert's botanical adventures in Northern California](#) , [My local patch and wildlife - Ian McDonald](#) , [Rebuilding a nursery - Copton Ash](#), and there are so many more.

Trond Hoy's [Report from Southern Argentina](#) documents his recent trip and is building daily. We also enjoyed daily reports from the field by Richard Green, our Treasurer and Elisabeth Zander who were both also on trips to South America so if like me you are never likely to go there we can still enjoy the wonderful scenery and flora thanks to these forumists. Another regular contributor is Janis Ruksans who reports from his own wonderful collection of Crocus as well as daily diaries from his many field trips to study this genus you will find these in the [Crocus](#) section along with images and posts from many other growers. There is so much to explore on SRGC.net.

The screenshot shows a YouTube channel page for 'Ian Young'. The page has tabs for 'Videos', 'Playlists', 'Channels', 'Discussion', and 'About'. Below the tabs is a grid of 15 video thumbnails. Each thumbnail shows a different scene from the garden, such as flowers, a person walking, and garden beds. Below each thumbnail is the video title, view count, and upload date. The titles are all variations of 'Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement'. The view counts range from 121 to 514, and the upload dates range from 1 week ago to 8 months ago.

Video Title	Views	Upload Date
Erythroniums 14 April 2017	121 views	1 week ago
Bulb log video Diary Supplement Snow Business the first snow of...	156 views	3 weeks ago
Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement autumn leaves and Narcissus ...	174 views	3 weeks ago
Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement 25th October sees flowering in ...	239 views	1 month ago
Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement Early flowers in the bulb house ...	263 views	2 months ago
Bulb Log video diary supplement Autumn Crocus, Colchicum and ...	332 views	3 months ago
Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement Autumn flowering makes an ...	253 views	3 months ago
Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement Looking at the design and layout...	514 views	4 months ago
Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement Dactylorhiza and new beds ...	257 views	5 months ago
Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement Front garden and driveway ...	319 views	5 months ago
Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement - Dactylorhiza and Meconopsis	246 views	6 months ago
Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement in praise of the ordinary	269 views	6 months ago
Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement lots to see after being away for ...	418 views	7 months ago
Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement A walk in part of the garden on ...	260 views	7 months ago
Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement Walking with Erythroniums part ...	349 views	8 months ago

Since March 2015 I have also been posting a Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement on my [YouTube channel](#) there are 117 videos where you can join me walking around the garden and bulb houses at the different times of the year. Click the link to join me in the latest [Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement](#) – a walk around the mid-winter garden ending in the bulb house.



Looking forward to next year some of the projects I have been working on will continue such as this area I am reclaiming from the shrubs. Cutting them back or removing the lower branches will open up the ground level for further planting opportunities. I have already started the area in the bottom left and in time hope to open all the area behind the seat.



I constructed this new bed beside the pond in the summer and have been planting it up through the autumn in my inevitable informal and un-labelled way so I am excited to see what comes up in the spring. Once I see how it looks I will work to enhance it further with compatible plants.



Another new habitat I opened up this year was this marginal area along one edge of the pond.

Already some of the grasses, sedges and ferns are looking good but I am curious to see how well some of the other plants will do in this constantly wet area.



The ongoing expansion of the sand beds where all the bulbs are planted directly into sharp sand has seen what was the Fritillaria house completely converted— the one on the left was converted this summer the other two were done last year. Now instead of the rows of pots which I have had for over thirty years I have the new excitement of indoor bulb beds to plant in my informal way.



Narcissus ‘Craigton Chorister’

As always I am indebted to Maggi for correcting the spelling of this dyslexic writer and to Fred Carrie, our Web Master, for making it all happen.

Below are all this year’s covers: clicking the image will take you to that Bulb Log.



BULB LOG 01.....4th January 2017



BULB LOG 02.....11th January 2017



BULB LOG 03.....18th January 2017



BULB LOG 04.....25th January 2017

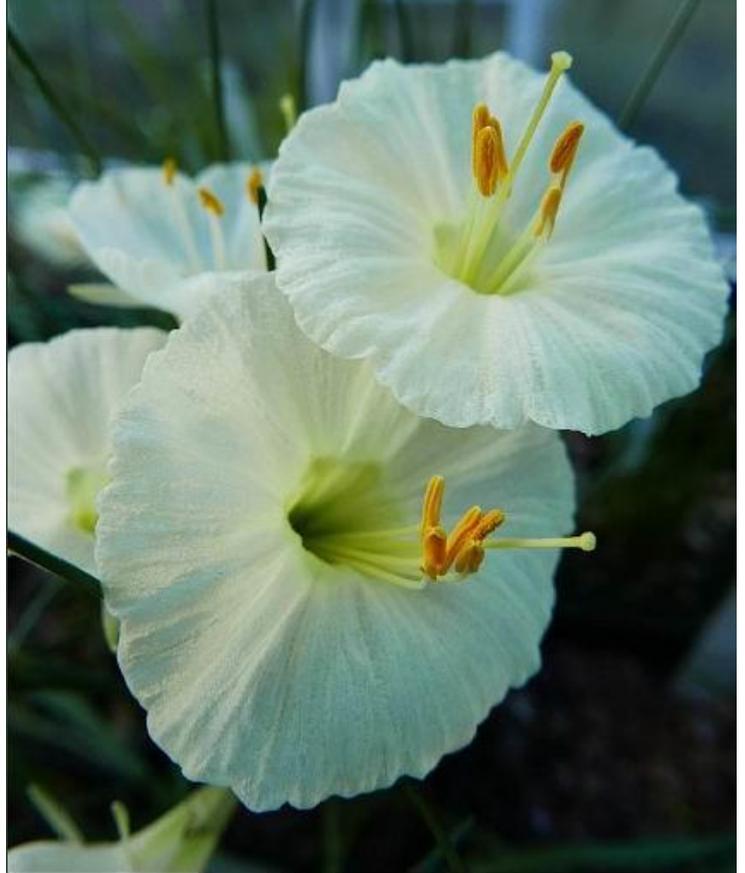




BULB LOG 05.....1st February 2017



BULB LOG 06.....8th February 2017



BULB LOG 07.....15th February 2017



BULB LOG 08.....22nd February 2017





BULB LOG 09.....1st March 2017



BULB LOG 10.....6th March 2017



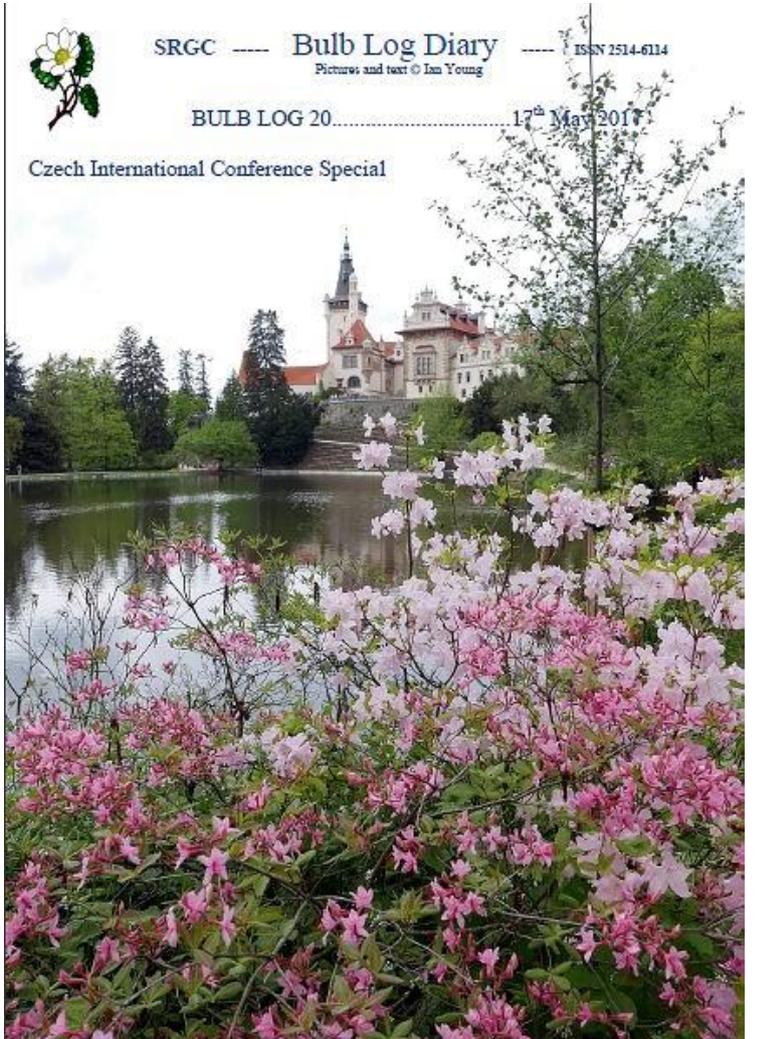
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BULB LOG 12.....22nd March 2017













BULB LOG 29 19th July 2017



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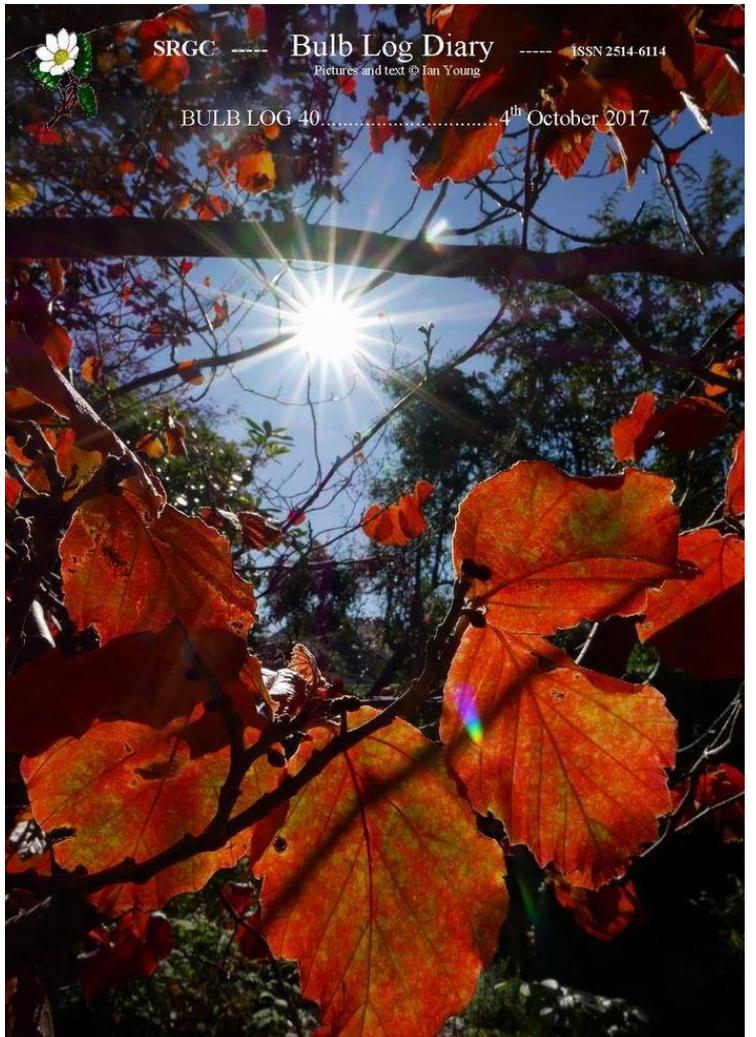
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BULB LOG 32 9th August 2017





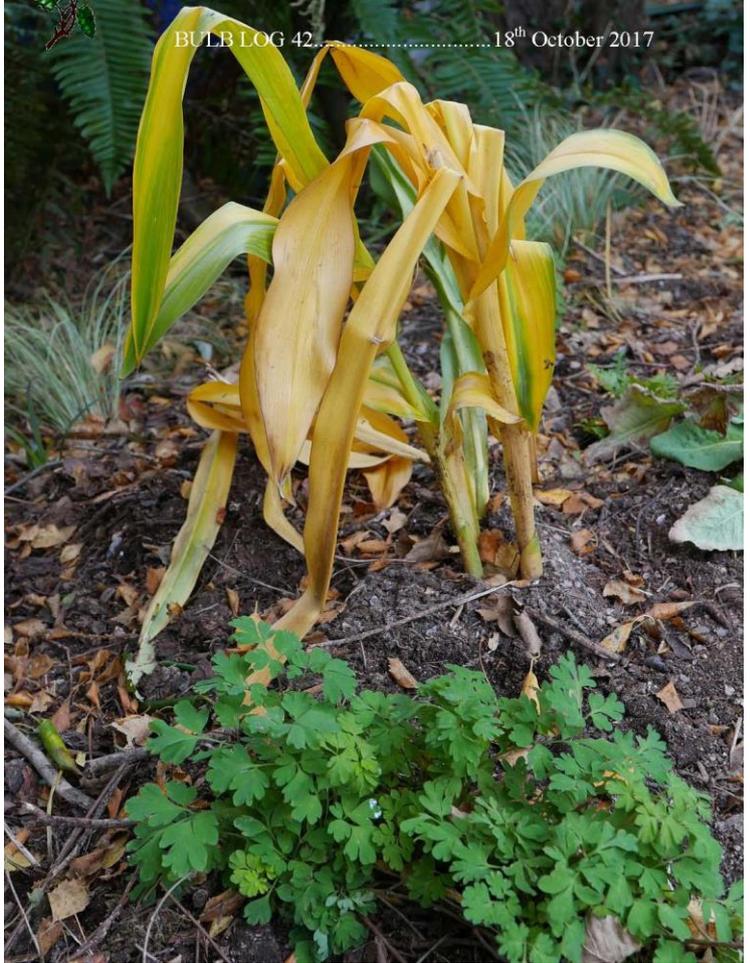




BULB LOG 41.....11th October 2017



BULB LOG 42.....18th October 2017



BULB LOG 43.....25th October 2017



BULB LOG 44.....1st November 2017



