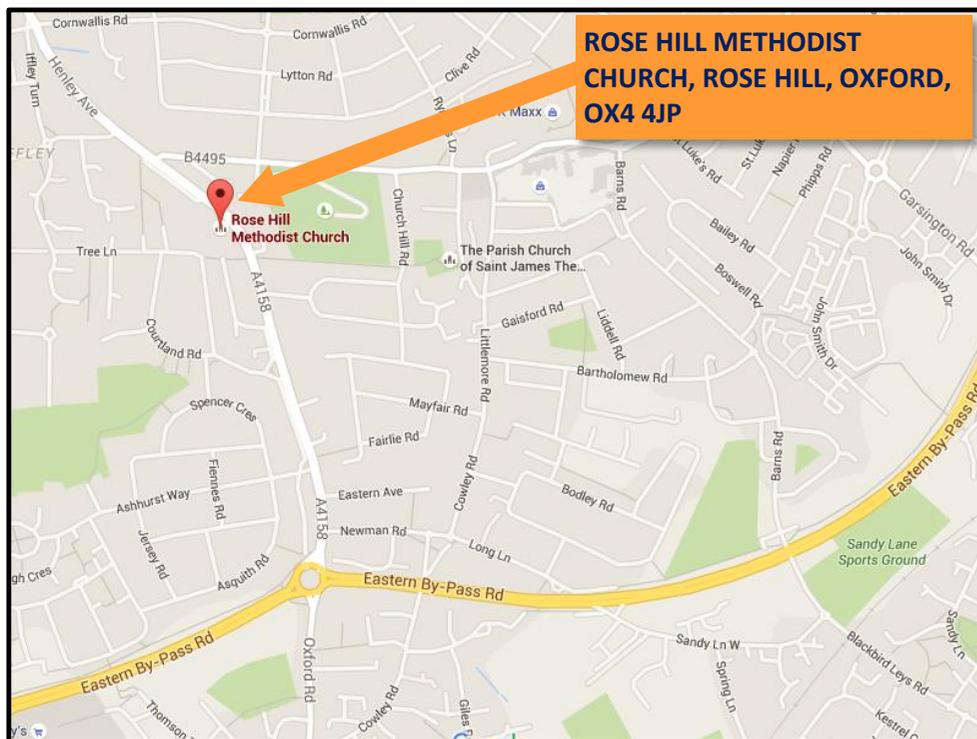


## Joining Us – Everyone welcome

Free entry and free parking

Meetings start at 7:30 pm and are held in the hall of  
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### Oxford Branch Website

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Please contact one of the above members if you would like further details of our local activities or the national society.

### National Society information

Join for only £15 per annum (£12 if you are 65 and over, or £6 if under 18)  
Receive the quarterly magazine, *CactusWorld*.

Find us on 

For more information please visit our website - [www.bcsc.org.uk](http://www.bcsc.org.uk) 

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# Come and join us

## British Cactus & Succulent Society

### Oxford Branch



-  Meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday every month
  - Easy-to-reach venue on Rose Hill Road (A4158)
  - Free parking adjacent to the hall
  - City 3 or Stagecoach 3 to Rose Hill / Iffley
-  Warm welcome & friendly advice always available
-  Varied and interesting talks and events
-  Plants for sale & monthly table show
-  Branch library of books and journals
-  Part of a nationwide society with over 80 branches



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# Welcome to the Wonderful World of Cacti & Other Succulents!

Cacti are a fascinating family of succulent plants only found in North and South America. Some grow more than 20m tall while others are less than a centimetre in diameter. Other succulents are found in arid regions right across the world and are a very diverse group encompassing many different plant families. What cacti and succulents have in common is that they have evolved to survive periods of drought, something which has resulted in forms and features that make them endlessly appealing.

Many are economically important: some are edible or used to make drinks (think Agave & tequila!), others have medicinal properties, and a few have practical uses in making rope and furniture.

Many cacti and succulents are easy to grow on a sunny south-facing windowsill but a greenhouse or conservatory is best if you plan to build a collection. Whatever you have available to you there's always something that will flourish and bloom.

The **British Cactus & Succulent Society** promotes the study, conservation, propagation and cultivation of cacti and other succulent plants. Our members have collections ranging from a few dozen to several thousand plants. No matter how many you have, if you are interested in learning about these plants why not join us at your local branch or visit the online community @ <http://forum.bcsc.org.uk> and on [Facebook](#).

Our monthly meetings are for all collectors alike. We offer a varied programme of interesting talks & events thought the year and there's plenty of friendly advice on hand.

Why not come along ? meetings are free to attend, or get in touch with one of our committee members listed on the back page for more details of all events.

**Photographs of cacti (C) and succulents (S) [top to bottom, L to R]:**

*Leuchtenbergia principis* (C), *Sinningia leucotricha* (S), *Pereskia saccharosa* (C), *Duvalia corderoyi* (S), *Lophophora williamsii* (C), *Ceropegia woodii* (S), *Stenocactus obvallatus* (C), *Weingartia cumingii* (C), *Rebutia steinmannii* (C), *Larryleachea picta* (S), *Parodia chrysacanthion* (C), *Stapelia flaviviridis* (S)



## 2017 EVENT PROGRAMME

Oxford Branch meets monthly on the fourth Thursday @ 7:30pm (except Dec)

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|-----------|---|---|
| Jan 26    | Bill Darbon   | Chairman's Choice   |
| Feb 23    | Martin Edwards  | Southwest U S A   |
| Mar 5     | Branch / Zone Lunch   | Lambert Arms, Lewknor<br>Contact Bill Darbon                                      |
| Mar 23    | Ivor Crook  | Sulcorebutias   |
| Apr 8     | BCSS AGM, talk and plant sales                              | Winstanley High School & College, Braunstone, Leicester, LE3 3BD                  |
| Apr 27    | Hazel Taylor  | Cacti of Northwest Argentina  |
| May 25    | Alan Brown & Tony Morris                                    | Madagascar Gardens & Caribbean Cacti  |
| Jun 22    | Derek Tribble   | S Africa, Western Cape  |
| Jun 23-25 | Blenheim Palace Flower Show                                 | Branch Display & Plant Sales  |
| Jul 27    | Members Plants Night and plant forum/clinic                 | Bring along your plants: interesting, odd, troubled for a round table discussion. |
| Aug 12    | OXFORD BRANCH SHOW & plant sales with the Haworthia Society | Old Mill Hall, Grove, OX12 7LB  |
| Aug 24    | Keith & Kathy Flanagan                                      | Agaves  |
| Sep 28    | Chris Davies  | Roving in North East Mexico   |
| Oct 26    | Stewart Riley   | "What's New"  |
| Nov 23    | Branch AGM  | Social evening  |
| Dec       | No Meeting  |   |

**Plant sales & raffle at every meeting**  
**Refreshments available**