

We still need to work out a price for the meeting and this is for the contents as mentioned below in the Program. Please note that the price for the meeting will be exclusive accommodation and transport.

In March we will send our Information Sheet no. 2.

If you are interested in the meeting, whether you want to join or not, please send an email to Wim at wimsnoeijer@kpnmail.nl so that you are included in the forthcoming mailings.

Thank you.

Benedikt, Brigitte and Wim

Dates of the Meeting

Thursday 11 September
2025 (Meeting) Friday 12

September 2025 (Meeting)

Saturday 13 September
2025 (optional)

Location

Klosterbräu, Unterliezheim (near Lutzingen), Germany

Program

Thursday 11 September 2025 indoor meeting with lectures / presentations including lunch and dinner.

Friday 12 September 2025 outdoor meeting to Clematis Herian <https://www.clematis-herian.de> in the morning and lunch. In the afternoon, visit to gardens and a garden centre in the nearby area and dinner (bus service included). The starting and ending point will be Unterliezheim, as there is enough space for parking, and it is centrally located.

Not in the Program

Saturday 13 September 2025 (optional) Illertisser Gartentage at Gaissmayer. (entrance fee is 7 Euro and 2 Euro for parking)

Language at the meeting: English

Maximum number of attendees: 70

If you want to join, please register with Wim at wimsnoeijer@kpnmail.nl Registration closes at 15 August 2025.

Host

Benedikt Herian / website

<https://www.clematis-herian.de> **Co-host**

Brigitte Niemela / website <https://clematisworld.de>

Coordinator – contact (for participants & speakers)

Wim Snoeijer / website <https://usappdo.com> / email wimsnoeijer@kpnmail.nl

disclaimer

This is a privately organized meeting and we cannot take responsibility for damages or whatsoever when you participate.

Note from Ken Black

I have the original details which include lists of hotels. Please let me know if you would like me to send it to you.

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More sad news I'm afraid

Since the last news letter we have learned of the deaths of two people who were well known to many members of the Society.

The first is Vicki Matthews, who was the first Clematis Registrar for the Royal Horticultural Society, and I believe that she compiled the first register of Clematis. She was also a member of the Executive Committee of the British Clematis Society where I met her in 2016 when I became Membership Secretary. I can't really say that I knew her but it was clear that her knowledge of clematis was extensive. I can remember her explaining, at my first Executive meeting, that the word 'atragene' had two pronunciations depending on whether you used a Greek or Latin basis for the name. Wow!

The second person is Cavan Hulbert, husband of Josie Hulbert who for years has been one of the leading lights in the Midlands Group. Cavan was ever present at clematis related visits and attended meetings together with their daughter Vanessa.

Tributes to both can be found on the first page of the International Clematis Society Web site. Our condolences go to both families and friends.

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Membership Renewal

My thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership so promptly. At the AGM we will be seeking agreement to reduce the length of time memberships remain valid without fees being paid.

Currently this is a six month period until the end of June each year but we are proposing a reduction to three months, which means that the end of March will be the cut off date for renewals. This will make it easier for the Honorary Treasurer to budget for the coming year. It also means that all who attend the annual AGM will be eligible to vote as paid up members. We hope that you will all understand the logic of this change and will vote in favour of it.

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And finally, a request from Everett Leeds

If there is anyone out there with a *C heracleifolia* 'BUCKLAND LONGSHANKS' could they please send me some double noded cuttings when they prune hard this coming Nov-Dec. I have lost my only plant in a container that was usurped by a seedling not displaying the same characteristics of long flower stalks. Thanks in anticipation, Everett Leeds, Flat 1, 4 Hardwicke Road, Reigate, RH2 9AG

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I hope to see as many of you as possible at the AGM. It is a very important one this year.

Ken Black