



Mr Eddie Stewart, chairman of the Clackmannanshire Field Studies Society, welcomes Mr William Campbell, to their meeting in Alloa Town Hall on Monday (Jan 9 2017) when he spoke to the society on his travels in search of plants in wild places.

Botanical Travels – In Search of Plants in Wild Places.

Willie Campbell shared his botanical travels with a slide presentation to India, Sikkim and China to members and friends of Clackmannanshire Field Studies Society on Monday, January 9 2017.

Willie always wanted to travel after being in the merchant navy in his youth, hoping to visit the far east, Hong Kong and Japan.

These travels had to wait as he spent 28 years working for BP as an engineer and working on projects around Scotland. Having taken early retirement from BP at 52 he took up the post as Gardener at Gargunock House, near Stirling.

It was there he became interested in rhododendrons and of course this sparked the interest to travel to these wild places in the Himalaya and China.

The presentation, Botanical Travels – In Search of Plants in Wild Places, was not all about plants. It included the people, culture, religion and food. Willie wanted to demonstrate how easy it is to travel to these far-away places.

After 18 years at Gargunnoch House Gardens Willie retired in the autumn to seek other challenges and pursuits.