

FAREWELL
2020

Galatnus peshmenii



Polypodium cambricum



Short but sweet this week. I had planned an altogether different final post of 2020. But that was before I had visited our local wild snowdrop patch on Christmas Day and wow, everything changed. Set in a stream valley, hemmed in by steep canyon walls, the colony this year was the best I had ever seen it, with hundreds if not thousands of perfect, pure white *Galanthus peshmenii*, scattered like ice crystals over a deep bed of rusty plane tree leaves.

Fresh green *Polypodium cambricum* ferns had also rehydrated and reinvigorated after the summer drought and now coated rocks and tree boughs with divided fronds, emerging amidst layers of thick emerald moss. This little canyon is one of the most interesting places I know, not only harbouring this lovely colony of snowdrops, but also a number of rare endemic plants, as well as being a peaceful refuge at any time.

It was a magical place to see out a difficult year and give optimism for a better 2021.

Happy New Year to you all.



Galanthus peshmenii

