



Sandhurst and District
GARDENING CLUB
NEWSLETTER



Dear Member

January 2013

What a fantastic Christmas Party we had.

Lovely food and drink, an excellent entertainer, good raffle and a fairly easy quiz.
All in all a lovely ending to 2012.

Now to 2013 - first meeting **Wednesday 16th January**.

Talk on herbs. Has been very difficult to find a speaker on this subject since Christina Stapley moved away from the area to Wiltshire. She doesn't drive so a new speaker recommended by Surrey Horticultural Federation. Do come.

Subscriptions due - they remain the same as last year - £4.00 single £6.00 Double.
Please fill in the form with your newsletter and bring it on club night.

Your new programme for the year will be ready. I hope you like it. Lots to do.

Trading Hut opens on **Sunday January 20th** - usual time 9.00am to 10.45am.

Hut stocked to the gunwales. Let's hope it will be a better year for gardening.

Keep supporting the meetings and the trading hut - we need you. Thank you for all your support in 2012.

The committee and I wish you all a healthy and happy New Year.

Chris.

TRADING HUT

The trading hut opens on Sunday 20th January, after the first club night on the 16th. You will find some of the new stock has increased in price but also a few price reductions. Overall the hut is still a very cheap place to shop. The new price list will be available with your February newsletter.

NEW ITEMS IN STOCK THIS YEAR

A few new items will be in stock this year. Prices will be available in the new price list if not given below.

15 cell inserts for seed trays 25p each (now in stock, they never arrived last year!)

Terracotta plants saucers 32cm & 43cm

Doff Tomato Feed 500ml

Nutscene Polytwine 100m green

Heavy Duty Seed Trays

SEASONAL ITEMS

Fleece: 2m wide, still only 30p per metre.

BIRD FOOD

Plenty of rain so far this winter, but not very cold.

Whatever the weather the birds still appreciate some food to supplement their natural diet. We will be well stocked when the hut opens.

In addition to bird food we also have a stock of various bird feeders for nuts, seed, niger seed and fat balls.

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

It is the Big Garden Birdwatch weekend on 26/27 January.

If you haven't joined in before try it this year. You only have to spend an hour counting the birds in your garden and it can be done while staying in the warm.

For more information visit the RSPB website www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

TOP 10 JOBS FOR JANUARY

1. Recycle your Christmas tree by shredding it for mulch
2. Ventilate the greenhouse on sunny days
3. Dig over any vacant plots that have not been dug already
4. Repair and re-shape lawn edges
5. Inspect stored tubers of Dahlia, Begonia and Canna for rots or drying out
6. Prune apple and pear trees
7. Start forcing rhubarb
8. Plan your vegetable crop rotations for the coming season
9. Keep putting out food and water for hungry birds
10. Prepare a polythene shelter for outdoor peaches and nectarines, to protect them from peach leaf curl

From the Chairman

A Very Happy New Year to all our members and I hope you had a good Christmas. Going forward into 2013 we have three coach trips and the holiday in Cornwall to look forward to.

Cornwall

Just to remind you we are off to Newquay to stay in the Edgcombe Hotel from 12th to **17th of May**. Five nights half board for £389.00 per person which also includes the visits to four gardens.

There is a one off payment for single supplement of £20. We still have places so if you are interested please phone, email or see me at the next meeting.

A £50 deposit is required for each person and that is required on or before the next meeting.

We will visit, Bosvigo, Trebah, St Michaels Mount and Boconoc. We have also been promised the same driver as last year, John, and he is excellent. He went out of his way to make our trip a very enjoyable one.

London Walk - Temple Gardens

Once again Val Pretlove is taking us on a magical journey around the gardens of London. Only 20 places for this trip. We have booked the **20th April** and the cost will be £23.00 each.

Val Pretlove will give us a talk on the gardens during our March Members Evening.

Hever Castle

Childhood home of Anne Boleyn, we visit here on the **15th June**

Finally Sheffield Park - This visit will be on **5th October**

We hope you will support some of our trips because otherwise we might have to cancel them. We need a minimum number of members on the trips to make them a viable option.

Everyone who has booked the Cornwall holiday, please let me have your deposit on or by the next meeting this month. The same applies to anyone who has not booked but would like to.

Best wishes
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Our Email address is: enquiries@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk This will direct your mail to a committee member who can deal with it or pass it on to the relevant person. Our web page is: www.sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk

FORUM

We now have a forum where you can see any news that is available before the newsletter is available and you are also free to ask questions or let us in on interesting info. Access via the website or at

<http://gardeningclub.proboards55.com/index.cgi>

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2013

Please bring this form with you when renewing your membership. Thank you.

Name 1:.....

Name 2*:.....

Address:.....

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Tel No:.....

*couple membership only

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Hut Duty Volunteers

This is an enjoyable way to spend a couple of hours on a Sunday morning. Meet some members, find out what we stock in the hut. It is not a huge commitment since times will be arranged to suit you and you may only be asked to help once or twice in the year.

You will not be asked to do any heavy lifting if you are not fit enough to do so.

PLEASE HELP I/we are able to volunteer for hut duty Yes No

Membership Fees (please complete)

(The couple membership allows two people living at the same address admission to the club but only one newsletter.)

Membership	Individual: £4	.
	Couple : £6	.
	Postage**: £4	.
	Total	.

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