



Dear Member

April 2016

Last month was our Daffodil Show and although we didn't have masses of exhibits (we were afraid we wouldn't have many at all as we all had daffodils out in January) it was a lovely show. Len Horne won The Barclays Bank Cup for the highest points overall. During the judging we had a fantastic talk and video of Howard Drury's trip to New Zealand - a really wonderful and informative talk.

This month is our Late Spring Show on **Wednesday 20th April** - setting up from 6.45pm to 7.30pm. Our speaker for the evening is David May from Seale Rose Nurseries in Farnham. Now is the time to prune your roses, so do come and find out how.

Graham Talbot came to the Trading Hut on Good Friday and gave his usual informative spiel on lots of things. We did a free raffle and the winner won a fully planted hanging basket which Graham made during his talk. He will be coming to the Club in May to talk on Pelargoniums.

Make a note in your diary - **Summer Flower Show - Saturday June 18th** - time to plan and sow seeds for exhibiting.

Don't forget the trading Hut is open on Wednesdays now, 2 - 4pm until the end of June. Members were queueing out the door today Sunday 3rd April !

Also we have a RHS members ticket for entrance to Wisley. Sandra Hooper looks after the ticket - just ring her, book it and drop it back on the way home - 01276 34112.

Happy gardening.
Chris

TRADING HUT

The trading hut continues to be open on Wednesday afternoons, 2 to 4pm, in addition to Sunday mornings until the end of June.

SEASONAL ITEMS

Clover Growbags 38L: £2.65 (same price as 2015)

Half Seed Tray size: Propagator lid, seed tray & gravel tray set only £2.50

Flower & vegetable fertilizer (equivalent to Q4): 3kg for £3.90

14" wire hanging baskets: £1.75 each **14" liner:** 60p

Deadfast Weedkiller Concentrate (limited stocks): 100ml sachet 90p

For paths, drives and wasteland. Ideal for effectively killing perennial weeds. For best results use between Mar & Oct. Contains glyphosate and makes 1 litre of spray for very little cost. Instructions on the sachet.

Orchid Compost Reduced to clear: 10L for £2

SPECIAL ORDERS

We are prepared to consider ordering one off items for members that we do not normally stock or do not usually sell in large quantities. For example, in the past members have requested 100L bags of perlite & vermiculite, rolls of ground cover, 25kg bags of fertilizers. If you have a special request contact Jane Heritage on 01276 600438 or email: janeheritage2002@yahoo.co.uk.

GARDEN CENTRE PRICE WATCH

ITEM	GARDEN CENTRE PRICE	OUR PRICE	MONEY SAVED (% saved)
Calcified seaweed	2.5kg for £4.49	3kg for £2.55	95p/kg (53%)
Provado Ultimate Bug Killer 1L	£4.99	£3.60	£1.39 (27%)

DAFFODIL SHOW RESULTS

Entries: 32 Entrants: 6

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
1	Len Horne	Margaret Finch	Jean Bromham
2	Teresa Wood	Margaret Finch	-
3	Margaret Finch	Len Horne	Teresa Wood
4	Len Horne	Margaret Finch	Teresa Wood
5	Len Horne	Margaret Finch	-
6	Margaret Finch	-	-
7	-	-	-
8	Len Horne	Teresa Wood	-
9	-	-	-
10	Len Horne	Teresa Wood	Tony Winter
11	Len Horne	Margaret Finch	-
12	Tony Winter	Len Horne	-
13	Len Horne	Tony Winter	Teresa Wood
14	-	-	-

Highest Points

The Barclays Bank Cup: Len Horne

Heathlands Grow Your Own

Management of the grow your own plots next to the Wyevale garden centre at Heathlands has now been taken over by Heathlands Grow Your Own Ltd, a new, non-profit-making company that's been formed by and for the plotholders to run the site on their behalf.

The site is located in Heathlands Road, off Nine Mile Ride, Wokingham, RG40 3AS. There are about 100 plots, each roughly 100 m². At present roughly a third of these are still vacant, but they're going fast. A plot costs £12.50 a month, which works out to only £2.88 a week. The first three months are rent free, to give new plotholders a chance to get their plot into shape.

There's plenty of water on site, and structures such as sheds, greenhouses and fruit cages are all allowed. The garden centre facilities are there if needed, including toilets and an excellent café, and a combination lock on the entrance means that plotholders can always access the site even when the centre is closed.

Anyone interested in taking a plot should contact the Membership Secretary, Howard de Silva, on 07813 542756; email howard.desilva@ntlworld.com

BRACKNELL OPEN GARDENS

Three Bracknell Gardens plus allotments, open under The National Garden Scheme on **Saturday 30th April, 2-5pm**

Parking, tea, plants and produce for sale at The Parks Community Centre, 8-10 Nicholson Park, Bracknell, RG12 9QN. The gardens are a short walk from the Centre.

The gardens:

'**Devonia**' is a plantsman's garden designed for all seasons with areas showcasing different conditions.

24 Lysander Drive is a young, modern square garden, densely planted with architectural shrubs, grasses and small trees.

10 Shaftesbury Close is a woodland garden, planted to reflect the challenges that pine trees offer.

Glenwood Allotments have enthusiastic owners who plant a wide variety of vegetables for all year cropping.

Since its foundation, the National Gardens Scheme has donated over £45 million to nominated beneficiaries, of which nearly £23 million has been donated within the last ten years. The main beneficiaries are Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, and Hospice UK

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Malvern Show 7th May 2016 - Coach leaves at 8.00 a.m. from the Library please be early - no later than 7.45 so we can depart on time.

I now have the tickets for the show and they will be handed to you on the coach. Thank you to everyone for co-operating in paying early so I was able to obtain the tickets quickly, one less job to think about.

Beth Chatto gardens Saturday 11th June 2016 cost £23.00 - coach departs the library at 9.00 a.m. I have just eight seats left on this trip. A £5 non returnable deposit secures or all the money in full, however monies for this trip in please by the April Club Night preferably or May at the latest please.

Herstmonceux Castle, East Sussex on Saturday 9th July 2016 - cost £23.00 coach departs the library at 08:30 a.m.

Herstmonceux is renowned for its magnificent moated castle, set amid beautiful parkland the superb Elizabethan gardens. Built originally as a country home in the mid 15th century, Herstmonceux Castle embodies the history of Medieval England the romance of Renaissance Europe. Apart from the gardens there are lots of woodland walks for us to enjoy.

A tour of the castle is also included in the price. There is a tea room for snacks and drinks.

A £5.00 non returnable deposit secures a place on this exciting trip, however all monies in by May club night please as we do not have a club night in June.

Sheila

FREE COMPOST CONTAINER

I have recently moved into the area and the previous owner left a plastic compost container. I have no need for it and will be disposing of it, but ideally I would like someone who wants it to collect it.

Contact Charlotte Duncan at: duncancharlotte@yahoo.co.uk

TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN APRIL

For further information go to www.rhs.org.uk/advice

1. Keep weeds under control
2. Protect fruit blossom from late frosts
3. Tie in climbing and rambling roses
4. Sow hardy annuals and herb seeds
5. Start to feed citrus plants
6. Increase the water given to houseplants
7. Feed hungry shrubs and roses
8. Sow new lawns or repair bare patches
9. Prune fig trees
10. Divide bamboos and waterlilies

GARDENING FAIR

British Red Cross **SPRING FAIR at TAPLOW COURT - Wednesday 18 May**

An exciting variety of stalls will offer gardeners everything from growing tips to plant supports, interesting and unusual plants and other garden related items.

Exhibitors will also sell luxury gifts and lifestyle items.

House tours, garden tours and delicious refreshments all day

Taplow Court, Berry Hill, Nr Maidenhead SL6 0ER.

Admission £5.00 or £4.00 in advance. Open 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Admission and tour of Taplow Court £8.00

For further information go to: redcross.org.uk/springfairTaplowCourt

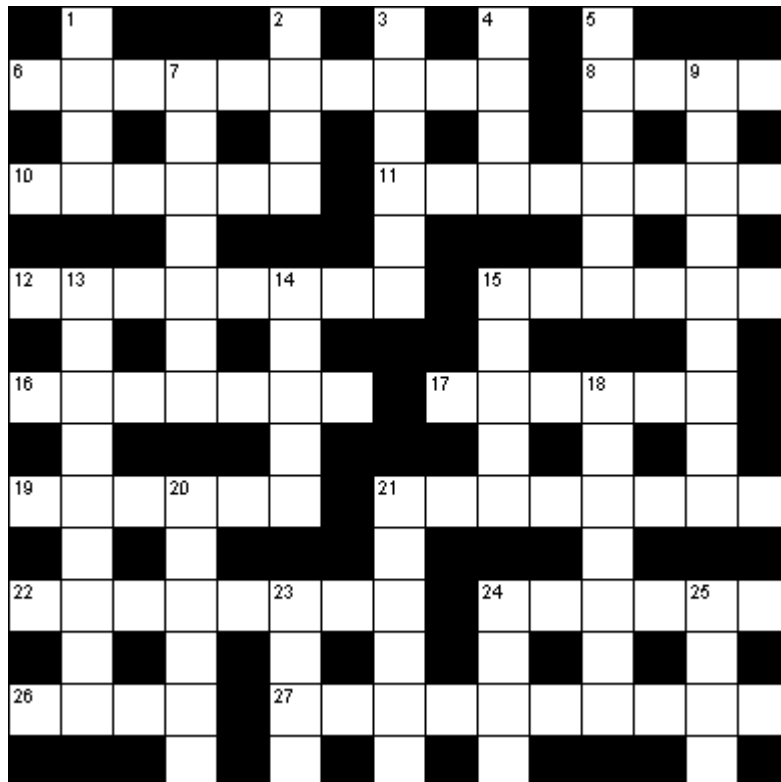
Gardening Crossword

Across

- 6** A winter flowerer, which, we hear, has green-brown hue (10)
8/24 Engaged girl's popular summer bedder (4,6)
10 This weed can irritate the unwary gardener! (6)
11 Down-to-earth propagation technique? (8)
12 AA Travel can supply shrub with hollyhock-like flowers (8)
15 One sign of a worm and the French build a fortification! (6)
16 Half-hardy annual held by Jane, me, Sian (7)
17 White powdery coating of fungi, harmful to plants (7)
19 Hilda a variety of this showy perennial! (6)
21 Collection of stony figures in a formal garden (8)
22 Tool for the pushy sort of weeder? (5,3)
24 See 8
26 Small island hidden by arabis leaves (4)
27 Like leaves of e.g. *Euonymus fortunei* 'Silver Queen' (10)

Down

- 1** Deciduous tree – spread on the brassica plot? (4)
2 Footwear ruined by hose! (4)
3 Rhododendron, strictly speaking (6)
4 Heavy, sticky soil (4)
5 One *Ribes* variety is Candytuft! (6)
7 Modest countryside home giving its name to an informal type of garden (7)
9 Just one of Van Gogh's famous bloomers! (9)
13 Summer bedders make a mug stare (9)
14 Heather – or another girl (5)
15 This eastern country helps make mulch in abundance! (5)
18 Deciduous shrub: the species *gracilis* has pure white flower clusters (7)
20 With which rocks may be spotted (6)
21 Asher's broken trimmers (6)
23 A source of honey, some chives (4)
24 Vegetable grown to win prizes in Staffordshire? (4)
25 Holly's in Brazil, exploring! (4)



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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.

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