



Dear Member

August 2016

Gosh, it doesn't seem possible - August is upon us with the Autumn Flower show just weeks away.

Last month David Hunt gave us an insight into a lot of the gardens of The National Trust including a couple in Cornwall we may be able to include in our coach trip next May. Lovely pictures but we, the committee, must sort out the microphone by the October meeting – I could hardly hear or understand the lady from Bracknell Forest talking about recycling.

Our Autumn Show is on **Saturday 3rd September**. Please return all trophies including the trophies awarded over both Shows, either to a committee member or bring them to me on the Saturday, preferably cleaned.

Show entries in by 12 noon the Thursday prior to the Show to a committee member. David Hurst will not be around to drop your entries into.

Please let us have any cakes, preserves, rhubarb, plants and vegetables you can't cope with for our two stalls, the cake stall and the produce stall.

The money from these help defray the cost of hiring the hall for Friday evening and the main hall and Kitty Dancy room on the Saturday.

I shall be in touch with some of you to help at the show because without you we couldn't function properly as the Autumn Show is even bigger than the June Show.

So start eyeing up your stuff and give it lots of TLC so we can have another bumper show and any new members, especially if you have children, do **HAVE A GO** – it's fun and you may even surprise yourself and win a prize!

Happy gardening, good luck!, Chris

### **TRADING HUT**

The trading hut reopens after the summer break on **Sunday 4th September**, the day after the Autumn Show. We stay open every Sunday morning until the last Sunday in November.

## SEASONAL ITEMS

**Autumn Lawn Food:** 3kg for £2.75, 6kg £5.35, 12kg £10.55, 25kg £21.50

Most lawns will be in need of a good feed this autumn to help it through the winter. Wait until we have had enough rain to thoroughly soak the soil before using it. Spread when the grass is dry and water in if no rain appears in the following 24 hours. Apply 2oz/sq yard, 3kg treats 53sq yds.

**Bulb Fibre:** 5L for 80p, 35L for £5.55

**BUBBLE INSULATION:** We still have a small supply of 1.5m wide bubble insulation at the hut should you wish to line your greenhouse before the winter. Only £1.80/m.

## BULBS

We expect the bulbs to be delivered during August and available for sale from the Autumn Show onwards. As usual, prices will be competitive but stocks will be limited so buy early to avoid disappointment.

## CHEAP POTS

A gentleman, on his way to the tip, decided to give us a large selection of pottery & terracotta pots rather than throw them away. They are priced very cheaply to clear as soon as possible. Prices £2 or less!! Don't delay, come and have a look on our first opening in September.

## AUTUMN SHOW REGULATIONS

Please make sure you read the regulations listed in the front of the show schedule before staging your entries. At each show we have a few entries that are not according to schedule, e.g. incorrect number, wrong size, etc. Don't waste all your efforts by making a simple mistake at the final stage.

## AUTUMN SHOW CAKE & PRODUCE STALLS

We welcome any contributions to the cake stall. Not just cakes – homemade preserves, bread, biscuits, sweets, etc. are all welcome. We also welcome items for the produce stall. Not only plants, but any excess vegetables, fruit, etc. **Please note** that we would prefer you not to price your contributions in advance. This will enable us to apply a balanced range of prices to the items. Income from this helps with the cost of hiring the Community Hall for the show.

## COURGETTE & LEMON CAKE

A delicious way of using those excess courgettes. Surprisingly, it doesn't taste of courgettes!!

### Ingredients

200g grated unpeeled courgette	150g caster sugar
125ml vegetable oil	200 g plain flour
½ tsp bicarbonate of soda	½ tsp salt
¼ tsp baking powder	1 tsp cinnamon
1egg, lightly beaten	2 tsp lemon zest

## **Method**

1. Preheat the oven to 180C or gas mark 4. Grease & line a 1lb loaf tin.
2. Squeeze grated courgette to remove excess liquid.
3. In a bowl, beat together the courgette, sugar, egg & oil. In a separate bowl sift together the remaining dry ingredients.
4. Fold the dry ingredients and lemon zest into the courgette mixture until just mixed.
5. Pour into the tin and bake for 45 – 60mins. Check with a skewer to ensure it is cooked.
6. Cool in the tin for 10 minutes before turning out and cooling on a wire rack.

## **FREE GREENHOUSE**

Lean to greenhouse available for free to anyone interested, partly dismantled, all you need to do is dismantle the rest (owners will help) and take it away. Roughly 95% of glass is unbroken and there is spare glass which just needs cutting.

Approx measurements are:

Length: 3.2m    Depth: 1.75m    Short height: 1.65m    Long height: 2.5m

If interested please contact Andrew Barker on 07793 677 197 after August 15.

## **PLANTS REQUIRED**

I've had a request for help from a lady who is disabled and loves her garden. Do you have any easy to maintain shrubs or cuttings that you can spare for this lady please?

Jane Heritage has kindly offered to take them to her and she would like our members to drop them off on her drive. (Address on last page)

Please contact me on 01252 874361 or shethos@aol.com, or leave your offering on Jane's drive. Thanks, Sheila

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**A London Walk with Val Pretlove 17th September 2016.** Everyone who has booked on this trip please be at Sandhurst Library for 8:45, the coach will leave promptly at 9 o'clock. Once we have had our walk there will be time for us to visit other places of our choice in London. Val will leave us around St Paul's Cathedral. Our coach will leave London at 4 o'clock (1600 hours) from Angel Street near the St Paul's.

**Cornwall Holiday May 2017** Those of you who attended July's meeting will know I have already been trying to find how many people are interested in going to visit gardens in Cornwall next year. A suggested date is Sunday 14th May till Friday 20th May 2017. Nothing has been decided yet, I just need to know who is interested before I approach the coach company. Chris and I will be suggesting gardens to the coach company although they may have their own ideas.

Please email me if you might be interested. We have so far had three holidays visiting gardens in Cornwall and Devon. Very successful visits they have been and we have had some interesting experiences!!    Sheila, shethos@aol.com

## **TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN AUGUST**

For further information go to [www.rhs.org.uk/advice](http://www.rhs.org.uk/advice)

1. Prune Wisteria
2. Don't delay summer pruning fruits trained as restricted forms
3. Deadhead flowering plants regularly
4. Watering! - particularly containers, and new plants, preferably with grey recycled water or stored rainwater
5. Collect seed from garden plants
6. Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready
7. Continue cutting out old fruited canes on raspberries
8. Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners
9. Keep ponds and water features topped up
10. Feed the soil with green manures

## **EMAIL AND WEBSITE**

Our Email address is: [enquiries@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk)

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