



Dear Member

January 2017

A Happy and healthy New Year to all our members.

We finished the year with our lovely Christmas party and on **Wednesday January 18th** we start 2017 with our first meeting.

Firstly though, Subscriptions are due from the 1st January and remain the same as last year - £4 single, £6 a couple.

Your new membership card is ready for you and takes you through to February 2018.

I hope you like what we have arranged for you.

Please note the date of the Summer Show is a week later than in previous years reverting to the end of week 25 which it should be.

Our first meeting is at 7.30pm and is a talk on The Blackwater Valley by Mike Swaddling, bringing us up to date with what is happening in the valley.

Our Trading Hut opens on **Sunday 22nd January at 9.00am** and of course you can pay your subscription there. Jane, our Trading Secretary is busy putting the last touches to the big order that will come in before we open.

Seed orders will hopefully be with us in January.

A date for your diary - Surrey Horticultural Federation are hosting a talk 'Herbs for all Seasons' speaker - Jekka McVicar, RHS Vice-president and Chelsea designer on **Thursday 23rd March 2017** at Normandy Village Hall, Glaziers Lane GU3 2DE at 2.30pm.

Cost £10 - see Chris if you want a ticket.

Happy planning for your garden this year.

Chris

## **TRADING HUT**

The trading hut opens on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, after the first club night on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The hut has been restocked and, as usual, we have tried to keep prices as low as possible. There are some increases but, in spite of this, we still give excellent value for money. The new price list will be available with your February newsletter.

## **NEW ITEMS**

**Lorbex Liquid Orchid Feed 250ml: £2.85**

**Doff Azalea/Camelia/Rhododendron Feed 1L: £2.40**

**Wire'n'cutter 50m roll plastic wire reinforced with steel: £2.30**

## **SEASONAL ITEMS**

**Fleece (2m wide) 17g: 30p/m    30g: 50p/m**

## **TRADING HUT DELIVERIES**

We have about 4-6 deliveries at the hut each year that need extra help with the unloading. Our most competitive supplier does not use a lorry with a pallet lift so compost, etc. needs to be unloaded and restacked on pallets. Even pallet deliveries need extra muscle to get them up the slope into the hut. At the moment, I call on just 2 or 3 members to help with this but would like to increase this team. Deliveries are mostly in the morning (not very early) on week days and we are usually given about 24 hours notice. Time commitment is often no more than an hour, obviously dependent on the number of helpers available. If you think you may be able to help, even if it's just once in the year, please contact Jane Heritage via email: [janeheritage2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janeheritage2002@yahoo.co.uk) or tel: 01276 600438.

## **SHOW SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR 2017**

**Remember to read the regulations and guidelines before you exhibit.**

There have been a few changes to the show schedule. These are as follows:

- **Photography:** "Print size up to 7"x 5" unmounted" to be replaced with "Print size to be 7"x 5" unmounted"
- **Autumn Show:** Classes 59, 60 & 61: Any other vegetable and collections of vegetables –all size restrictions removed.
- **Autumn Show:** Class 50: Pepper -1- green or red. Change to: Pepper - 1 - sweet (not chilli)
- **Addition to culinary guidelines:** Any curd, containing eggs, should be covered with a cellophane and wax disc only.

## **BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH**

It is the Big Garden Birdwatch weekend on **28 - 30 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. Restock your bird food from the trading hut in preparation for the event.

For more information visit the RSPB website [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

A very Happy New Year from the Committee and myself. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. I also hope you enjoyed the entertainment we had for the Christmas party in December. It would be difficult to call Danny a DJ because he came dressed in a beautiful suit and he entertained us with all his songs. Please let us know what you think.

### **2017 and the trips we have arranged:-**

Val Pretlove - a walk in London (to be arranged) in May on a Saturday

**Wednesday 14th June** - Arundel Flower Festival

**Wednesday 12th July** - An afternoon outing to Friar's Court a privately owned garden in rural Oxfordshire. We will have the gardens to ourselves and be shown around by the owner. We will also have afternoon tea.

**Saturday 23rd September** - The Autumn Malvern Show.

I hope you will all find an outing to suit you and that you will support these coach trips.  
Best wishes, Sheila

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

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

1. Recycle your Christmas tree by shredding it for mulch
2. Clean pots and greenhouses ready for spring
3. Dig over any vacant plots that have not been dug already
4. Disperse worm casts in lawns
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. Make a polythene shelter for outdoor peaches and nectarines, to protect against peach leaf curl

## **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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