



Dear Member

March 2017

Today has been like Spring, however the forecast is not at all spring like and I am looking at my Daffodils wondering if they will be out for our Daffodil Show.

The date for this is **Wednesday 15th March**. Schedules are available at the Trading Hut. Entries to be handed in on the night. Staging is between 6.45pm and 7.30pm and for new members exhibiting for the first time, vases are supplied.

The talk for the evening is 'Seeds of Italy' by Paolo Arrigo. He also plays the accordion during the evening.

Judging will be carried out during the talk. So come and have a go, it's fun.

Last month we had our AGM and for those of you who couldn't make it, the Club's finances are in a very healthy state. At the end of the meeting David Hunt was presented with some lovely wine, for looking after our website so well and we also had some vouchers for Steve Roome who does our newsletters, show schedules etc.

The Trading hut is full to bursting, open every Sunday from 9.00 to 10.45am and talking of the Trading Hut make a note of Good **Friday April 14th** when Graham Talbot our long time friend and knowledgeable speaker will be doing a WORKSHOP at the Hut. He is SO good. Do come.

Inside is news of Wednesday afternoons opening.

So see you at the Daffodil show, don't sow your seeds to early, they will catch up.

Chris.

## TRADING HUT

### **\*\*\*Wednesday Afternoon Openings\*\*\***

The trading hut will be open again on Wednesday afternoons, 2 to 4pm, from 15<sup>th</sup> March until the end of June.

### **\*\*\*Easter Opening\*\*\***

Once again we will be open on Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 9 to 10.45 am, but will be closed on Easter Sunday. This will allow you to stock up on gardening items before a busy weekend in the garden!

## **HUT ITEMS USEFUL THIS MONTH**

**Composted Stable Manure:** £3.45 per bag. Useful for digging in or as a mulch.

**Lawn weed feed & mosskiller:** From £3.70 for 3kg

**Fish Blood & bone fertilizer:** 3kg for £1.90

**Rootmore Q4:** Idea for when you are dividing perennials and planting new shrubs, including roses. It encourages good root growth.

## **PRICE WATCH**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>LOCAL PRICE</b>	<b>OUR PRICE</b>	<b>MONEY SAVED</b>
Lime	£5.99 for 3.5kg	£3.80 for 3kg	44p/kg
Growmore *	£3.99 for 1.5kg	£2.90 for 3kg	£1.69/kg
Fish, blood & bone *	£3.99 for 1.5kg	£1.90 for 3kg	£2.03/kg
Doff Slug pellets 800g	£2.99	£2.50	49p

\*Save your membership fee with just one purchase!

## **MORE BIRD FOOD PRICE REDUCTIONS**

Suet pellets: £2.65 down to £1.40 per kg

Sunflower hearts: £1.75 down to £1.25/kg

## **BEWARE OF GIANT SCARECROWS! - please read this**

There is an error in the 2017 Show Schedule. Class 90 in the Autumn Show should be 50cm for the size of the scarecrow, not 500cm. Although we like the idea of 16ft scarecrows we would have trouble fitting them in the hall!!

Current stocks of the schedule have been corrected.

## **NEWSLETTER ADVERTS**

If you have an unwanted garden item you would like to get rid of (sell or give away) then place an advert in this newsletter. Email details to Steve Roome, sroome@aol.com or drop details off at the hut (not the item, we do not have room). **Garden items only please.**

## **MEMBERSHIP \*\* Important Information\*\***

Please renew your membership by the end of the month. After that we no longer send you a newsletter. You can rejoin at the hut, at club nights or by post (see back of newsletter for details). If applying by post do not forget to include a SAE.

Membership application forms can be printed from the Club's website.

If you joined at the end of last year (from September onwards) you will have already paid for this year. You just need to collect a membership card from the hut or a club night. Alternatively, send a SAE to Jane Heritage.

## **BLACKWATER VALLEY COUNTRYSIDE TRUST (BVCT)**

In January we had a talk from Mike Swaddling, Chairman of the Trust. Almost all of our members live in or very close to the Blackwater Valley area so their work is of interest to most of us. In particular, this year they have a project planting native wild flowers along footpaths. Have a look at their website at [www.bvct.org.uk](http://www.bvct.org.uk) to find out about all their activities and how to become a member.

## **HOMES FOR STAG BEETLES**

Nearly 40 stag beetle stumperies were placed in the Blackwater Valley area last year; one can be seen at Sheperd Meadows. The target is fifty. These structures are surprisingly simple and are suitable for many gardens. Just a few lengthy logs and some manpower are required. Visit the People's Trust for Endangered Species ([www.ptes.org/stagbeetle](http://www.ptes.org/stagbeetle)) and find out how to build one. If you put one in your garden, let us know by emailing a photo to our website. Let's help these amazing creatures!

**Windsor & Slough Chrysanthemum & Fuchsia Society Spring Show** is on 4th April between 8pm and 10 pm. The address is:- Gardeners Hall, 213 St Leonards Road, Windsor SL4 3DR. (Hidden entrance)

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### **Coach Trips**

**A Walk in London 20th May 2017 - Sold out.** All payment must be made in full by club night in April.

**Malvern Autumn Show Saturday 23rd September 2017** - tickets on sale for this great day out. Cost for coach and entrance is £26.00. A £5 non returnable deposit is required to secure your place.

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

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

1. Protect new spring shoots from slugs
2. Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes
3. Plant summer-flowering bulbs
4. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
5. Top dress containers with fresh compost
6. Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed)
7. Cut back *Cornus* (dogwood) and *Salix* (willow) grown for colourful winter stems
8. Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early
9. Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters
10. Prune bush and climbing roses

## **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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Please include a SAE with your completed membership form