



Dear Member

April 2017

Gosh, didn't the Daffodils look lovely at our show in March. They made us feel that spring had arrived.

We also had a very interesting talk on "Seeds of Italy" with Paolo Arrigo and his Mum - Lovely to hear the accordion too wasn't it ?

This month April, not only our Late Spring Show, but a club night and a Workshop.

Firstly the WORKSHOP on GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 14th. at the Trading Hut. We don't open on Easter Sunday.

GRAHAM TALBOT will be coming to plant up a herb trough, do cuttings and answer any questions you may have. We open at 9.00am and Graham will arrive around 9.30ish. He is coming from Maidenhead and for new members he is an old friend of the club and is possibly the most knowledgeable speaker we have ever had.

Secondly we have our LATE SPRING SHOW on Wednesday April 19th - our normal club night. Setting up from 6.45pm to 7.30pm. Show Schedules available at the Hut.

Thirdly - Graham is our speaker at club night and the topic is 'Understanding your soil'. It will be a super evening so do come.

Finally when splitting plants and pricking out your seeds try and save a few extra for our HUGE plant sale at the MAY club night.

Chris

HELP WITH GARDEN

Mrs Barnhurst needs some help with her garden off Gower Park in College Town.

Ring 01276 37995 for details

TRADING HUT

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

SEASONAL ITEMS

Clover Growbags 38L: £2.70

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

Fish, blood & bone: 3kg for £1.90

Growmore: 3kg for £2.90

Hanging basket liners: 14" : 60p **12 " :** 55p

Black seed tray inserts 15, 24 & 40 cell: 25p each.

Maxi gravel trays 79cm x 40cm x 5cm deep: £6.20 each

Chempak No2: High nitrogen formula for strong leaf and stem growth. Idea early season feed for ferns, leaf and salad vegetables. 800g for £4.25. Some at 2016 price of £4.05.

New stocks of 12cm rootrainer sets are due in soon. Price per set cheaper than before at around £5. Also propagator lids for seed trays at a cheaper price.

BIRD FEEDING TIP: Do you have a problem with squirrels eating all your seeds and peanuts and destroying your feeders? Try the 'Squirrel Buster' Nut & Seed feeders. They are relatively expensive but save money in the long run as they really do work. They allow the lighter birds to feed freely but shut down when the heavier squirrels try to feed – quite amusing to watch and they soon stop trying. They also have a lifetime guarantee.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A Walk in London - Saturday 20th May - one seat left cost £23.00. All outstanding money for this trip must be paid at the next club night in April.

Arundel Flower Festival - Wednesday 14th June coach cost £16.00 each. Entrance to the Flower Festival is free. We will leave Sandhurst at 9 am and depart Arundel 16:00. This should give everyone time to visit the Castle, shops and perhaps have a good lunch. The cost this trip only covers the coach anything else is down to each person. A £5 non returnable deposit is required. All money must be in by the May club night.

Malvern Show 23rd September cost £26.00 - £5 non returnable deposit please. We have a large coach so please bring along your friends.

Day Centre Fun Day - Saturday 1st July 2017 - We are having a plant stall at this event and we hope you will sow a few extra seeds to provide us with lots of plants to sell. The event starts at 12 noon and ends at 5 pm. We hope some of our members will volunteer to help on the stall for an hour.

DAFFODIL SHOW RESULTS 2017

Entries: 62 Entrants: 14

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
1	Len Horne	Margaret Finch	Ann Blakeman
2	Alice Fisher	Margaret Finch	Len Horne
3	Margaret Finch	Len Horne	Jean Bromham
4	Jane Heritage	Liz Crow	Len Horne
5	Tony Winter	Len Horne	Aileen Ryan
6	Margaret Finch	Liz Crow	Carole Killick
7	Margaret Finch	-	-
8	Margaret Finch	Liz Crow	Tony Winter
9	Margaret Finch	-	-
10	Len Horne	Lesley Foxwell	Margaret Finch
11	Margaret Finch	Len Horne	Tony Winter
12	Ann Blakeman	Len Horne	Margaret Finch
13	Len Horne	Ann McQue	Margaret Finch

Highest Points

The Barclays Bank Cup: Margaret Finch

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING !

2 terracotta strawberry pots. No longer in use, sound and free.

Ring Shirley Hurst on 01252 872506.

Plastic compost bin with lid (ex council type) free to collect.

Ring Linda Harrison on 01189 328884

BLACKWATER VALLEY COUNTRYSIDE TRUST (BVCT)

In January we had a talk from Mike Swaddling, Chairman of the Trust. He mentioned their annual walk details of which are:

On **Sunday 23rd April** we are staging the **Big Valley Ramble**, a 12-mile circular walk starting and finishing at Sandhurst Memorial Park and going through Wildmoor Heath, Swinley Forest, Ambarrow Court and along the river. Come and be amazed at the diversity of habitats right on your doorstep.

This is a ticket only event (£10.00 per walker) and bookings can be made from the Trust's website www.bvct.org.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, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors
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

EMAIL AND WEBSITE

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

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Please include a SAE with your completed membership form