



Dear Member

May 2017

Despite a lot of the Daffodils having gone over we still had a lovely late Spring Show. It was followed by a very interesting talk by Graham Talbot about 'Understanding your soil'. We also had a good morning on Good Friday at the Trading Hut when Graham planted up a Herb Trough and a Summer Pot plus gave us lots of tips on gardening in general. We had a free raffle and members went home with the Trough, Summer Pot and some other goodies. Thank you for coming.

This month we have our annual **PLANT SALE** on **Wednesday 17th May at 7.30pm**. Please bring any spare bedding plants or perennials you have split up and in fact any garden plants you haven't any use for, to sell and of course some money to buy some plants that you may like.

The talk is 'Summer in the Garden' with a new speaker for us - Steve Bradley. Do come!

A further note for your diary - our Summer Show is on **Saturday June 24th**.

If you are a new member, have a go, there are plenty of people to help you and Show Schedules are available at the Trading Hut. There is something in the Schedule for everyone, even the children, and it's fun.

Trading hut open Sundays and Wednesdays - don't put that fleece away yet, how many of you including me were caught out by the severity of the frost last week ?

Chris.

### **TRADING HUT**

Wednesday afternoon openings continue, 2 to 4 pm, until the end of June. Sunday openings continue until the end of July.

### **NEW PRODUCTS**

**12cm Roottrainer sets** (32 cells, tray & lid): £4.80

**Roottrainer cells only** (set of 32): £2.40

**Propagator lids** (full seed tray size): £1 each (2016 price £1.35)

**Yellow sulphur:** 225g for £3.05. Plant nutrient and soil acidifier for azaleas, heathers, etc. Encourages strong, healthy growth and reduces susceptibility to powdery mildew and black spot.

## OTHER USEFUL SEASONAL ITEMS

**Py Powder:** 175 g for £2.65

Contains pyrethrins, insect killer for house and garden.

**Plastic ties:** 20 for 70p

**1" plastic covered wire rings:** 50 for £80

**Tying wire with cutter:** £2.30

## CROCUS OPEN DAYS [www.crocus.co.uk](http://www.crocus.co.uk)

If you have never been to a Crocus Nursery open day then try one. This year they are on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> June and 9<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30 to 3.30pm. They have over 2500 different plants and many bargains on their open days. Visit their website to find out more. They are located on the A30 at Windlesham GU20 6LQ.

## LATE SPRING SHOW RESULTS 2017

Number of entries: 48

Number of entrants: 10

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1	Trumpet daffodil, 1 bloom, yellow	Margaret Finch	Betty Wilson	-
2	Trumpet daffodil, 1 bloom, any other colour	Margaret Finch	Tony Winter	-
3	Trumpet daffodil, 3 blooms	Margaret Finch	-	-
4	Large cup daffodil, 1 bloom	Margaret Finch	-	-
5	Large cup daffodil, 3 bloom	Margaret Finch	-	-
6	Small cup daffodil, 1 bloom	Margaret Finch	-	-
7	Small cup daffodil, 3 bloom	Margaret Finch	Tony Winter	-
8	Double daffodil, 1 bloom	Margaret Finch	Ann Blakeman	Tony Winter
9	Double daffodil, 3 blooms	Margaret Finch	-	-
10	Daffodils any other divisions, 3 blooms	Tony Winter	Liz Crow	Margaret Finch
11	Polyanthus, mixed, 5 stems	-	-	-
12	Container of flowering daffodils	-	-	-
13	"Surprise, surprise" - exhibit	Ruth Page	Jenny Jackson	Alice Fisher
14	"Last frost" - exhibit	Jenny Jackson	Alice Fisher	Liz Crow
15	Tulip, 1 bloom, 1 colour	Betty Wilson	Tony Winter	Liz Crow
16	Tulip, 1 bloom, multi coloured	Betty Wilson	Tony Winter	Ann Blakeman

17	Tulip, 1 bloom, serrated petals	Betty Wilson	Tony Winter	Liz Crow
18	Tulip, 1 stem, multi head	-	-	-
19	Vase of tulips, mixed, 9 stems	Liz Crow	Betty Wilson	-
20	Vase of daffs, mixed, 9 stems	Liz Crow	-	-
21	Vase of flowering shrubs, 3 stems	Betty Wilson	Ann Blakeman	Ann McQue
22	Flowering pot plant, max pot size 203mm (8")	Ann Blakeman	Lydia Stonestreet	Alice Fisher

**Highest Points Classes 1 to 10: Certificate & voucher for £3:** Margaret Finch

**Highest Points Classes 15 to 19: Certificate & voucher for £3:** Betty Wilson

**Highest Points Overall: The George Brown Cup:** Margaret Finch

**SHOW ENTRIES \*\* Important, please read \*\*\***

Please make sure you have renewed your membership for 2017 **before** entering the Summer and Autumn Shows. If you have not renewed **before** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June your entries will not be accepted.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**A Walk in London - 20th May 2017** - Fully booked. Please be at the library, Yorktown Road about 8:45 for a nine o'clock start. Coach will leave London at 16:00

**Arundel Flower Festival Wednesday 14th June 2017 - Cost £16 for coach only** no entrance cost for the flower festival. Afterwards we will have a reasonable amount of time to visit the town, castle etc.

Meet at the Library Yorktown Road at 8:45 to leave on time at 9:00. The coach leaves Arundel at 16:00.

I will need the full payment for this visit at the May club night as we do not have a club evening in June.

**Friars Court visit and afternoon tea Wednesday 12th July 2017 - Cost £27.50 Coach and afternoon tea plus a guided walk around the garden.** This is a private visit to these gardens in Oxfordshire and we will be guests of the owner.

We will depart the Library, Yorktown Road at 11 am and leave the gardens at 16:00

This visit will be on sale at the next meeting of the club in May.

**The Malvern Autumn Show 23rd September 2017** Cost is £26 for coach and entrance. The coach will leave the Library at 8 am and we leave the show at 16:00.

We need to fill this coach to cover the cost, therefore please bring along your family and friends. If you belong to another club, please advertise there for us. £26 is a very good price for this outing and the coach will park very close to the entrance. All the coach drivers we have used have been willing to open the coach in the day to allow plants etc to be stored.

**Finally** if you have had a chance to look at the raised flower bed in front of the Community Hall, I hope you think it looks lovely and very attractive. This is the garden sponsored by our gardening club. I am told it has been admired by many visitors to the park and photographed.

We will shortly be planting out some bedding plants (when the frosts have gone) to add some summer colour.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped in anyway with the garden and made it look so attractive. It may have been just removing the autumn leaves, or the odd weed or digging in some compost and in our caretaker's case, watering the garden through the dry spell. Thank you no matter how much help you have given.

Sheila/Chairman

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

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

1. Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants
2. Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining
3. Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas)
4. Water early and late to get the most out of your water, recycle water when possible
5. Regularly hoe off weeds
6. Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days
7. Mow lawns weekly
8. Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges
9. Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs
10. Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs

### **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.

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