



Dear Member

June 2017

Our speaker last month when we had our Plant Sale came highly recommended by the Surrey Horticultural Federation.

I thought he was good and lots of you seemed to agree. He has lots of other talks so I shall be looking at the other topics when I start on the next programme.

Thanks for coming on such a lousy night - 145 of you.

Our next highlight is our **Summer Flower Show on Saturday 24th June.**

Schedules are available at the Trading Hut and there is something for everyone. It's fun, rewarding, and you could win money or even a trophy.

If you have a trophy please take the Summer Show ones only down to the Hut, or bring them on the day, cleaned please. !!

Show entries must be with a committee member by 12 noon on Thursday 18th June.

You must be a paid up member before that date to enter the Show otherwise your entries will not be accepted

For new members the entry forms are at the back of the Show Schedule and if you are new grab one of us on the morning of the show for help with placing your entries.

The hall opens at 8.30am and staging is from 9.00am to 12noon. Judging commences at 12 noon and the Show is open to members and visitors from 3pm. Prizegiving is about 4.30pm.

Finally, A BIG THANK YOU to the members who came and supported me at the Strategy & Planning meeting on Thursday 25th May. We WON our case, unbelievably, and it gave me a terrific boost to have you there, I think the committee were very surprised to see anybody because from what I gather members of the public don't usually turn up.

Lots of welcome rain but my Lupins are in flower now - hey ho!
See you at the Show.

Chris.

TRADING HUT

Wednesday afternoon openings continue, 2 to 4 pm, until Wednesday 26th June. Sunday openings continue until the end of July. We will then close for August, opening again on the Sunday after the Autumn Show.

SEASONAL HUT ITEMS

Bordeaux Mixture 175g for £3.90: A must to control potato and tomato blight, peach leaf curl, apple canker and bacterial canker on plum and cherry.

Cane caps: 8p each

Butterfly netting (4m wide): £2.80/m

These hut items were recommended by Steve Bradley, our May speaker:

SB Plant Invigorator: 250ml for £6.80

Copper fungicide (Murphy's): 10 sachets for £3.25

Py Powder Insect Killer (Vitax): 175g for £2.65

GREENHOUSE BUBBLE INSULATION – do you need it?

Are you thinking about insulating your greenhouse or replacing old insulation? Look no further. The club is able to purchase 1.5m wide x 50 metre rolls of double laminated large bubble insulation. This is used in professional greenhouses and gives much better heat retention than the small bubble material. The purchase price will be about £2.00 per metre, which is about half the price of garden centres.

Owing to the size of the rolls we are not able to have this in stock all year. If you would like to purchase a quantity this autumn please measure up and ring Jane Heritage 01276 600438 or email: janeheritage2002@yahoo.co.uk with your requirements ***before the end of July***. If there is enough interest it will be purchased in mid September and you will be notified when you can collect it from the hut. Only one order will be placed so, if you are interested, get measuring and place your order a.s.a.p. This could save you ££££££'s

FREE GREENHOUSE: Aluminium 6 ft x 6 ft greenhouse complete with all glass and staging free but must be dismantled by the person who collects. Contact number: 07974 129143

CAKES AND PRODUCE STALLS AT THE SUMMER SHOW

Don't forget to bring something for our cake and produce stalls at the show. On the produce stall we sell plants and any other excess garden produce you may have e.g. rhubarb. In addition to cakes we welcome biscuits, scones, bread, jams, chutneys, and savoury items. The money raised on these stalls helps cover the cost of hiring the hall.

If you can't bring anything, buy something instead! Every little helps.

GARDENER WANTED: We are located on the outskirts of Sandhurst and looking for a gardener to maintain our garden. It is just under 1 acre and is mostly lawn with shrubs at the borders and two flower beds. The work required is to maintain the borders and flower beds (the cutting of the lawn is already managed). We would like to meet anyone interested to discuss the hours required and rate. Please call Andy on 07500 037883 if interested or if you can recommend a gardener.

WATER SUPPLY AT THE SHOW

At past shows we have been able to use the tap in the toilet next to the stage. This has now been removed. We will be providing water near the set up tables but, if you need very little, you may like to bring a plastic bottle from home. We are trying to prevent members fetching water from the kitchen and risking spillages and anyone slipping on a wet floor. We will see how it works for this show and, if necessary, make changes in the Autumn.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Once again Val Pretlove pulled out all the stops for a wonderful interesting trip around London. This time it was noticeably "dark in nature". We were shown where St Barts Medical School found their bodies for experimenting on and where the landlord of the pub two doors down stored them standing up in his room!!! Another source of bodies was down the road at the Old Bailey, lots of hangings there.

Moving on did Bloody Queen Mary really sit in that window watching the Protestant burn in the square? I am pleased to say afterwards seven of us found a nice Italian restaurant for a good lunch and then a high speed lift to the top of the building to see the wonderful view across London.

Arundel Flower Festival Wednesday 14th June - cost £16.00 for the coach.

Leaving library at 9.00 am. There are few seats left on this coach.

Friars Court and afternoon tea Wednesday 12th July - cost £27.50 to include tea.

Leaves library at 11.00 am. Six seats left on this coach. Take a look at the website for yourselves - <http://www.friarscourt.com/>

All payments for this trip must be in by our show on the 24th June. Please take to the hut or to my house -10 Nightingale Gardens, Sandhurst GU47 9DQ

Malvern Autumn Show Saturday 23rd September - £26.00 including entrance to the show. Still a few seats left. We leave from the library, Yorktown Road at 8.00 am. Please be there no later than 7:45 am. We leave Malvern at 4.00 pm.

Please contact me on my email shethos@aol.com or phone 01252 874361. Please do not block your phone number as we are reluctant to answer these calls. Thank you.

A big thank to everyone who turned up at the council meeting on Thursday 25th May to support Chris. The council have now agreed to anyone booking their halls up to eighteen months in advance. This is to be for a two year trial period. As a Sandhurst town councillor I was not allowed to be present as I had an interest in the matter.

Sheila
Chairman/Coach Trip Organiser

TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN JUNE

For further information go to www.rhs.org.uk/advice

1. Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds
2. Be water-wise, especially in drought-affected areas
3. Pinch out sideshoots on tomatoes
4. Harvest lettuce, radish, other salads and early potatoes
5. Position summer hanging baskets and containers outside
6. Mow lawns at least once a week
7. Plant out summer bedding
8. Stake tall or floppy plants
9. Prune many spring-flowering shrubs
10. Shade greenhouses to keep them cool and prevent scorch

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