



Sandhurst and District
GARDENING CLUB
NEWSLETTER



Dear Member

August 2017

What a lovely lot of plants our speaker brought to the meeting on Wednesday July 19th. I hope you enjoyed his talk, he came a long way from Fordingbridge.

Sorry about the parking, the Council don't seem to think about what is happening in the evening.

Our next event is the **AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW** on **Saturday SEPTEMBER 2nd**.

Entries in to a committee member by THURSDAY 31st AUGUST, 12 noon please. You must be a member to enter the Show.

STAGING - from 9.00am to 12 noon. Judging then commences and we open to the public at 3.00pm.

TROPHIES - back to a committee member or bring on the day (cleaned please) and this includes the Annual Awards trophies as well.

PARKING - we hope the caretaker will make half the car park over to us as in previous years because of the Lewis Marsh football tournament. I'll email you if we open the gate up by the Trading Hut for parking as well.

COME and SUPPORT your club if you don't exhibit - come and see what your fellow members produce, it is truly fantastic, gorgeous and wonderful. Buy a raffle ticket and go into the Kitty Dancy Room for a lovely cup of tea and a super cake. We will have bulbs for sale alongside a selection from the Trading Hut.

See you there. Chris.

COACH TRIP to Friar's Court on Wednesday 12th July. (Sheila was on holiday - so I was looking after everyone.)

We set off at 11.00am in gloomy weather (not raining like it had the previous day) for a visit to one of Oxfordshire's best secrets. A moated garden in tranquil grounds of a 17th century house. We stopped en route at Lechlade on the river for a toasted teacake/sticky cake and a lovely drink before getting to the house at about 1pm. The owner, Charles Wilmer, took us on a tour of the garden explaining the planting, various rooms created in the garden, very informal planting with lots of nooks and crannies, seats galore and mirrors which gave the garden real charm. There was a 4 acre wood, there were beef cattle, lots of wildflowers and a bridge over the moat that resembled Monet's bridge. There was a small shop and some plants for sale ably helped by his partner Kris who tended the garden one day a week. We finished the afternoon with scones, jam and cream and lemon drizzle cake washed down with unlimited tea and coffee. A most enjoyable trip - I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. Chris

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!!

TRADING HUT

The trading hut reopens after the summer break on Sunday 3rd September, the day after the Autumn Show. We stay open every Sunday morning until the last Sunday in November.

SEASONAL ITEMS

Autumn Lawn Food: 3kg for £2.75, 6kg £5.35, 12kg £10.55, 25kg £21.50

Most lawns will be in need of a good feed this autumn to help it through the winter. Wait until we have had enough rain to thoroughly soak the soil before using it. Spread when the grass is dry and water in if no rain appears in the following 24 hours. Apply 2oz/sq yard, 3kg treats 53sq yds.

BUBBLE INSULATION: I am still taking orders for bubble insulation before ordering a roll later this month so ring Jane Heritage 01276 600438 or email janeheritage2002@yahoo.co.uk if you would like some. Only about £2/m, 1.5m wide. So much cheaper than the garden centres.

BULBS

We expect the bulbs to be delivered during August and available for sale from the Autumn Show onwards. As usual, prices will be competitive but stocks will be limited so buy early to avoid disappointment.

BONSAI POTS

We have been given a large selection of bonsai pots. They are on sale at the hut from 50p each - a real bargain.

AUTUMN SHOW REGULATIONS

Please make sure you read the regulations listed in the front of the show schedule before staging your entries. At each show we have a few entries that are not according to schedule, e.g. incorrect number, wrong size, etc. Don't waste all your efforts by making a simple mistake at the final stage.

AUTUMN SHOW CAKE & PRODUCE STALLS

We welcome any contributions to the cake stall. Not just cakes – homemade preserves, bread, biscuits, sweets, etc. are all welcome. We also welcome items for the produce stall. Not only plants, but any excess vegetables, fruit, etc. **Please note** that we would prefer you not to price your contributions in advance. This will enable us to apply a balanced range of prices to the items. Income from this helps with the cost of hiring the Community Hall for the show.

COMMENTS FROM CULINARY JUDGE – SUMMER SHOW JUNE 2017

Our culinary judge very kindly took the trouble to email us some comments after the show, which she very much enjoyed judging. Some of these are as follows:

1. Fruit cake: All had a good flavour but only one was perfectly baked. 'The rest were slightly over baked and consequently rather dry.'
2. Flavoured meringues. The winning entries were crisp and delicious. That is why they deserved, 'Best in Show'.
3. Plaited rolls: All had good plaiting but some were over sweet for a plain roll.
4. Jam: The winning entry had the least attractive jar but the jam tasted great. That is why it achieved first place.

TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN AUGUST

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

1. Prune Wisteria
2. Don't delay summer pruning fruits trained as restricted forms
3. Deadhead flowering plants regularly
4. Watering! - particularly containers, and new plants, preferably with grey recycled water or stored rainwater
5. Collect seed from garden plants
6. Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready
7. Continue cutting out old fruited canes on raspberries
8. Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners
9. Keep ponds and water features topped up
10. Feed the soil with green manures

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Just one coach trip left for 2017 and it's to the Malvern Autumn Show on **Saturday 23rd September**. Departing Sandhurst Library 8.00 a.m. Please be there no later than 7:45 so we can leave on time. Cost £26 including entry. A few seats remaining.

The Malvern Autumn Show will include the RHS Flower Show which will be on a grand scale. Also a cider garden to have a nice glass of cider in and perhaps lunch. There will be a host of gardening celebrities and experts on stage, also loads of stalls - all against the wonderful backdrop of the Malvern Hills. A truly beautiful setting.

Phone or email me if you would like to go.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and we hope to see you at the Autumn Show on Saturday 2nd September in the Community Hall.

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RHS Garden Wisley Flower Show

The 25th Wisley Flower Show is from 5 - 10 September 2017

Enjoy this late summer show, featuring spectacular displays, outstanding shopping from quality nurseries and tradestands, expert advice and much more.

Highlights include:

- Top quality plants and garden sundries from specialist nurseries and garden trade stands, including RHS Chelsea and Hampton Court Palace Flower Show medal winners
- The National Dahlia Society Annual Show, showcasing the very best in dahlia cultivation with more than 100 exhibitors taking part. Don't miss the special 25th Anniversary Class.
- The RHS People's Dahlia Competition - get growing and enter your best blooms!
- Surrey NAFAS floral display
- The Surrey Sculpture Society Trail

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.

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