



Sandhurst and District
GARDENING CLUB
NEWSLETTER



Dear Member

October 2017

What an age it seems since the Autumn Flower Show although it is only four weeks ago. Another fantastic show in every respect with several new members entering which was great. A very big thank you to all of you, whether you came to the Show, exhibited, helped out with setting up and clearing up, or on the teas, raffle etc, we couldn't do it without you. A special thank you to Jean Bromham who has organised her team of helpers for the refreshments for ten years but has decided she would like to stand down from that role now, so if there is anyone else would like to take that on please let me know. Thank you Jean - you have done a sterling job.

This month, we have something very different for club night.

Lorraine Ragosa-Rout is coming to talk about Bees on **Wednesday 18th October**.

She doesn't charge a fee but would like the club to sponsor a bee hive. She has been recommended by The Surrey Horticultural Federation and will cover their habitat, all aspects of beekeeping and may have some honey to taste.

Other information –

SEED CATALOGUES available at the TRADING HUT NOW.

CHRISTMAS PARTY tickets available at club night - see inside newsletter

TROPHIES - I need all your trophies, from all shows so that I can get them engraved in time for the Christmas party. Bring them to club night, trading hut or to a committee member by the end of OCTOBER please.

Let's hope we can have some decent dry weather for October so that we enjoy the different autumn colours to help us through the darker evenings.

Chris

TRADING HUT

****IMPORTANT NEWS****

On Sunday 29th October there may be some extra activity round the hut during our usual opening hours owing to the fireworks in the park the night before. Just take extra care if you come to the hut.

The hut is now open on **Sundays only until the 26th November**. We then close for stocktaking and re-stocking, opening again on **21st January** after the first club night.

Useful items for this time of year

A range of bird feeders

Fleece (2m wide): 17g: 30p/m 30g: 50p/m

Autumn Lawn feed: £2.75 for 3kg, £5.35 for 6kg (3kg treats 53 sq yds at 2oz/sq yd)

BUBBLE INSULATION (1.5m wide): Available at the hut at £1.90/m.

BULBS - As usual, we have a good selection of very cheap bulbs on sale at the hut. Most have a r.r.p. of £2.99 but our price is just £1.90. They are selling fast, so don't delay, get down to the hut asap. All remaining stocks will also be at the October club night.

HONEY Local honey in stock at £4.35 per 1lb jar. If possible, please return empty jars but only honey jars.

*******HUT OPENING FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND*******

We will be opening on **Saturday 11th November** not Sunday 12th. Usually time, 9.00 to 10.45am. This will be the arrangement for the foreseeable future, i.e. opening the day before.

Owing to the football there may be a few problems with parking but, as it is not a particularly busy time of year, we should be able to cope.

CHRISTMAS PARTY THURSDAY 14th December

****Please note that the party is on a **Thursday** this year****

The Christmas party tickets will be available at the October club night and at the hut from the 22nd October. This year the ticket price is **£8**. Owing to the cost of quality entertainment, the increase in hall costs and the extra cost of the Kitty Dancy room we have had to raise the price. Jane Heritage keeps the tickets between meetings and hut openings so, if you need yours posting, send her a cheque payable to 'Sandhurst Gardening Club' together with a **SAE**. Address at the end of this newsletter under postal memberships. Also, if you have bought a ticket but find you cannot use it please phone Jane on 01276 600438 and she may be able to refund your money and sell it someone else.

Doors will be open at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start. Please don't arrive too early as we won't be ready. For those who have not been before we have entertainment, a wonderful selection of finger food (remember to save some room for the sweet), also a selection of wine and soft drinks to accompany the meal. **These are all included in the price of the ticket.** The evening usually ends around 10.30pm after drawing the Christmas raffle.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The last of our coach trips went well and the weather was kind to us. Our wonderful driver Mike got us to Malvern by 10:30 giving us five and half hours to enjoy the show. So much to see - horses parading in the ring, the wonderful dog agility especially the very fast collies, the stalls - loads of them, the fantastic flower arrangements which must have taken hours to produce. Don't even get me started on the size of the vegetables!! So much for everyone to see, something for everyone. Plenty of places to have refreshments with a huge choice. If you wanted to sit and watch the world go by, well then that was possible too. A successful outing I think.

I would take this opportunity to thank everyone on the coach for returning early so we got away before the rush. I think there were about 30 coaches ready to leave and we were first through the gate. The road was clear and away we went.

So now I have turned my attention to 2018. A need to avoid June in 2018 was a must because of the Freedom March and our Gardening Club Show. The Freedom March is such a huge event in Sandhurst every few years.

Slimbridge WWT **Saturday 3rd March 2018**. The birds that over-winter will still be there. We will see the Bewick Swans being fed, White-fronted geese and huge numbers of other birds.

The Gardening Museum, near Lambeth Palace **Saturday 28th April 2018**. Re-opened after 17 million pounds has been spent on it.

Compton Acres and a trip on a boat around Poole Harbour **Saturday 19th May 2018**. The gardens are quite stunning and a trip on the water is never to be missed.

A Walk in London with Val Pretlove **Saturday 22nd September 2018**. This time we will be following in Charles Dickens footsteps. Val can make any paving slab on the streets of London interesting.

Sheila

TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN OCTOBER

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

1. Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants
2. Cut back perennials that have died down
3. Divide herbaceous perennials
4. Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into a greenhouse or conservatory
5. Plant out spring cabbages
6. Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts
7. Prune climbing roses
8. Finish collecting seeds from the garden to sow next year
9. Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas
10. Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf

HELP NEEDED

1. A lady pensioner would appreciate help with an unruly garden in the Scotland Hill area.

Please contact Mrs.Cooper on 01344 762217

2. I am looking for someone to do some regular gardening maintenance for my mother who lives in Sandhurst.

Please contact Tracey Mitchell on 07735 961908

Free Cold Frames

I have a glass and aluminium cold frame that I no longer want. Would any of your members like it? I also have a similar frame that has lost some glass, so I recycled it into a squirrel-proof frame - also no longer wanted.

I could probably deliver it/them.

Please contact Rita Paxton at ritapaxton1@gmail.com

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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