



Dear Member

July 2018

I am typing this with the sun blazing down after a lovely Summer Show and a day at the Freedom March on 23rd June.

Firstly a big thank you to all those helpers, particularly on the refreshments at the Show and then yesterday on the stall on the field at Sandhurst.

This month our talk is on Ground Cover Plants - Geoff Hawkins is our speaker and has been recommended by several members, so do come.

The date for those new members, and we are still getting some new members each month, is **Wednesday 18th July at 7.30pm.**

We have not, as yet, received any health and safety guidelines from the Council regarding the new gate entrance and Len, our Chairman, will be at the next Leisure committee meeting, the day after next club night. If you would like to come and support us, please do.

A reminder of the Autumn Flower Show on **Saturday 1st September** - put it in your diary please and an advance notice of the date of our Christmas party on **Thursday December 13th.**

Awful to think we have just passed the longest day of the year, what's betting we will have a hosepipe ban next if this gorgeous weather continues!

Keep enjoying the weather and your garden

Chris

TRADING HUT

The hut is no longer open on Wednesday afternoons but continues to be open on Sunday mornings, 9am to 10.45am until 29th July. We then close for August, reopening on Sunday 2nd September, the day after the Autumn Show.

ELECTRONIC GATE ACCESS TO THE HUT

The new door bell (mounted on a red board), attached to the left hand side of the electronic gate is working well. Just press and someone will come and let you in. You will also need to be let out so let us know when you are leaving.

SEASONAL ITEMS

Bordeaux Mixture: 175g for £3.90

Vitax Copper Mixture: 175g for £3.20

Cane caps: 8p each

Chempak No 4: £4.25 for 800g

Plant saucers (37cm black): £1.85 each

Tomorite (1L): £3.30

Watering can rose (Wards medium spray): £2.70 each

Plant Support Rings 10": 45p each

Enviromesh (new stock 2.1m wide): £2.30/m

HONEY

New supplies of local honey are available at the hut. There has been a slight increase in price, now £4.60 for a 1lb jar, a bargain price for such a quality product. Delicious on toast or porridge or stir a spoonful into a fresh fruit salad to add extra flavour. Please return your honey jars to the hut (only honey jars).

HUT MAINTENANCE

We are hoping to carry out some maintenance on the hut during the summer. Jane and Len will be supervising this but they would like a couple of extra helpers. Painting is involved. Date of work will depend on the weather.

If you think you may be able to help contact Jane on 01276 600438 or email: janeheritage2002@yahoo.co.uk

COACH TRIPS

A Walk in London around Kensington Saturday 22nd September with a new Blue Badge Guide.

These walks are always very interesting and you will learn a lot about the area in particular Kensington Gardens. Cost £27 each. Coach departs Sandhurst Library at 09:00 am and will leave London at 16:00.

I expect the tour to be over by 1 p.m. at the latest, so we will have three hours to explore on our own. I will be at the next club night on Wednesday 18th July if you would like to book. If not email me. I have limited the numbers on this trip.

Sheila - shethos8@gmail.com

TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN JULY

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

1. Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
2. Care for houseplants while on holiday
3. Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
4. Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering
5. Pick courgettes before they become marrows
6. Treat apple scab
7. Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up
8. Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs
9. Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed
10. Harvest apricots, peaches and nectarines

COMPOST BINS

I have two composting bins for disposal. They are both plastic and in decent condition. The smaller green one has an approximate capacity of 140 litres and is a simple, one-piece bin with a removable lid. The larger black one is more elaborate with a capacity of approximately 260 litres and has a hinged, ventilated lid and side door at ground level.

Should any of your members be interested, my telephone number is 01252 872975 (Yateley). They are not actually being offered for sale as such but a small charitable donation (say £5 each) would be much appreciated and would be forwarded to the Ark Cancer Centre Charity.

Peter Kern.

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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