



Dear Member

August 2018

Well what a blistering time we've had. Hardly able to breathe and operate, watering our gardens day in and day out, watching our plants suffer like us and wondering if we will have anything for our Show.

So members, here we go - **Autumn Flower Show Saturday 1st September.**

Entries into a committee member by **12 noon Thursday 30th August.**

Hall opens Saturday morning for staging from **8.30 am until 12 noon.**

Show open to visitors from **3.00 pm.**

There is a huge football match that day, but they have been asked to park in Pye Acres car park so hopefully you will be able to park. Come a little early if you can, there will be refreshments in the Kitty Dancy room as usual. That reminds me - we need cakes for the refreshments please - if you can bake one that will be great.

Trophies back for the Autumn Show and the trophies for the Annual awards too, **NOT** the Summer ones. Trophies to be cleaned please. Thank you.

Dates for your diaries -

Trading Hut opens Sunday 2nd September 9.00am. Hopefully Bulbs will be on sale.

Club night Wednesday October 17th. Talk on Alstroemerias and the Cut Flower Industry.

Christmas Party Thursday 13th December

Seed Catalogues available mid - September at the HUT - we received a discount of 60% on our seeds last year. Well worth it.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer - see you at the Show

Chris

TRADING HUT

The trading hut reopens after the summer break on Sunday 2nd September, the day after the Autumn Show. We stay open every Sunday morning until the last Sunday in November. Don't forget, you can now come through the gate, just ring the doorbell on the left hand post and someone will let you in, **you also need to be let out.**

SEASONAL ITEMS

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

If you still have a lawn after the heat and it begins to recover it may 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: We have a limited supply of this at the hut so, if you need some, come and buy it as soon as possible. It is unlikely we will purchase more this year unless we can sell most of the roll. It is too bulky to store. 1.5m wide, £1.90/m.

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.

HUT MAINTENANCE

The painting, etc., has not been done yet owing to the hot weather. Rather surprisingly, no members replied to the request for help with this task. The hut belongs to all club members and the committee already do a tremendous amount of work so do reconsider if **you** can spare a couple of hours when the weather get cooler. Thank you.

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

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.

CULINARY CLASS REGULATIONS

Just a reminder

1. Jam jars should be covered with a wax disc and cellophane or a lacquered metal lid or plastic lid without a wax disc. Any curd, containing eggs, should be covered with a cellophane and wax disc only. **Jars and lids** should be plain **with no commercial logo/names/advertising**. Details on the label must include the date made.

GARLIC SPRAY FOR SLUGS – something organic to try

Dice, mince or finely chop 2 or 3 large garlic cloves after removing the papery skin, it doesn't matter if they have green shoots. Mix with 1 tbsp of vegetable oil and 1 tsp of soap then add 2 pints of water. Stir well. Leave for 24 hours before straining.

As a natural pesticide, apply more frequently than chemical treatments, particularly after rain. It will last 2-3 days in dry conditions. The spray will keep for 2 weeks if stored in the fridge. Ideal for using on young plants while they get growing.

COACH TRIPS

London Walk - Kensington Saturday 22nd September

Depart Sandhurst Library 09:00 and London 16:00 Cost £27.00

We will be walking with a Blue Badge Guide who will no doubt surprise us with lots of information we did not know around the Kensington area.

I have asked for the trip to end at Kensington Gardens for anyone wanting to visit the Palace. If you do I suggest you book your tickets online in advance.

It is up to each person whether they take a packed lunch or buy locally. I hope the guide will point out reasonable places to eat for those of us who prefer not to take anything with us.

Phone me, or email. Places are limited to 22.

Sheila - shethos8@gmail.com or 01252 874361

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

SEED ORDERS

It's time to start thinking of putting together your seed order for next year. This year we will be combining our club order with the California Club so we can both benefit from the discounts offered. The seed catalogues should arrive in early September and will be placed in the hut.

As in previous years please complete your order and I will then collect and submit one overall order. Because I will be away for the majority of November on the other side of the world I will need all members orders to be submitted to me with the last day being **Sunday 28th October**.

I plan to be at the trading hut on the 28th to collect the last few forms. If you have any questions please contact me. Thanks, David Dunford, 01252 656826 - dvdunford@ntlworld.com

RHS GARDEN WISLEY FLOWER SHOW

The RHS Wisley Flower Show will take place from **4 - 9 September 2018**

Enjoy the late summer show, featuring spectacular displays, outstanding shopping from quality nurseries and tradestands, the National Dahlia Society Show, NAFAS floral displays, expert advice and much more

The show is FREE for RHS members and a guest; normal garden admission prices apply for non-members.

Don't forget, you can buy your garden tickets in advance and save 10% - go to: www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/wisley/RHS-Garden-Wisley-Flower-Show

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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Please include a SAE with your completed membership form