



Dear Member

November 2018

How lovely once again to see so many of you at Club night on October 17th to hear the talk about Alstroemerias and the cut flower industry. A very passionate young man, I thought.

This month on **Wednesday 21st November** a return of an old friend Geoff Lunn and his gorgeous pictures. 'My friend Jane' is a personal record of his friend who for many years ran Elstead Wildlife Rescue. Should be a real treat, so do come, something to brighten up the dark evenings now the clocks have altered. He usually has lovely wildlife cards for sale.

Don't forget the Christmas Party tickets are on sale £8 each – same as last year - **THURSDAY 13th December**. Lots of lovely food, including desserts to die for, wine, soft drinks etc. Music to sing along to and dance if you want with the Flava Disco.

Trading hut open **SATURDAY 10th NOVEMBER** usual time because of Remembrance Sunday and closes on Sunday 25th for stocktaking and will re-open Sunday 20th January 2019 after our first club night 'Berried Treasure' on 16th January with Howard Drury.

Chris

TRADING HUT

The hut is now open until Sunday 25th November. We then close for stocktaking and re-stocking, opening again on 20th January, the Sunday after the first club night.

If there is anything particular you would like us to consider stocking then please email Jane: janeheritage2002@yahoo.co.uk.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees are due in January and your January newsletter will contain a membership application form or you can download one from our website. You can rejoin at the hut, at club nights or by post (see back of newsletter for details). You will continue to receive a newsletter until March after which we only deliver to those who have rejoined. So if you intend to stay a member (and, be honest, it is such good value for money) join before the end of March and make our job a little easier.

BIRD FOOD

Stock up now and be prepared for a cold spell between the end of November and when the hut opens again in January.



CHRISTMAS PARTY THURSDAY 13th December



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

The Christmas party tickets are now available at club night and at the hut. Ticket price is **£8**. 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.

OUR WEBSITE

Click on News then Links to find some useful gardening websites. If you have any you would like to share with members then contact us via the website with a few reasons why you like it (Gardening topics only please)

PISTACHIO'S

Parm, the manager of the café, has been very kind to our club throughout all the difficulties with the road and the gate. The café has also recently been burgled. Do consider popping in for a hot drink and more if you are in the park to show our support.

WEST GREEN HOUSE GARDENS

Illuminated Garden

Saturday 1st December through to Sunday 23rd December. Gardens open from 4.30 pm. Inspired by fairy tales from long ago, discover our magical, twinkling winter garden, with stunning illuminations of every style and colour. £10 per person and children under 12, £5 per child.

Winter Garden Walks

In the company of one of our expert gardeners, a guided walk around the Gardens at West Green. On each Monday from November 12th to December 17th. Everyone welcome from novice to expert, ticket price includes a fresh soup lunch on conclusion.

£15 per person

West Green House, Thackhams Lane, Hartley Wintney, RG27 8JB

BOX OFFICE 01252 844611 www.westgreenhouse.co.uk/events/

RHS WISLEY EVENTS

Christmas Craft Fair - Wednesday 21 to Saturday 24 Nov: 9am–5.30pm. Last entry 4.30pm

Looking for a special Christmas gift? Visit the popular Christmas Craft Fair at RHS Garden Wisley and you'll be able to browse and buy from some of the finest craft makers in the country. With both traditional and contemporary crafts available, it's the ideal place to find festive delights.

The Christmas Craft Fair will take place within the beautiful surroundings of the garden. Normal admission applies, RHS members and guest go free.

Library Lunchtime Talk: The Changing Seasons at Munstead Wood - 30 Nov. 12noon–1pm

The Library at RHS Garden Wisley is marking 175 years since the birth of Gertrude Jekyll with a talk about Munstead Wood, her own beloved garden, by Head Gardener, Annabel Watts.

Annabel will guide us through a year of work in this Grade I Registered Site with photographs to illustrate the extensive restoration achieved in recent years.

Refreshments are available at the Food Hall next door and may be brought into the venue.

In the Wisley Garden Library, there will be an opportunity to view a facsimile of the recently digitised version of Gertrude Jekyll's workbook, and a sale of second-hand books associated with her life and work.

Booking essential: email: library.wisley@rhs.org.uk or phone 01483 212428

Glow 2018 at Wisley - 1 December until Wednesday 2 January 2019. Open from 4-8pm daily (excl. 24 & 25 Dec)

Come on a magical adventure here at Wisley during Glow 2018, with fantastical flowers to light your way. Wander the enchanting trail to see spectacular light installations, a selection of Wisley's iconic trees illuminated and floating lights creating rippling reflections.

Along the way, venture into the Woodland Realm inside The Glasshouse and don't miss the spectacular view of the Laboratory and Jellicoe Canal as you near the end of the illuminated trail.

Due to popular demand it is essential that all visitors, including members, book a time slot for the event.

Please note a £1 fee is applied to all tickets to guarantee your time slot.

For more information about any of these events go to: **www.rhs.org.uk**

TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN NOVEMBER

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

1. Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds
2. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
3. Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
4. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
5. Plant out winter bedding
6. Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
7. Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well
8. Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks
9. Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden
10. Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting

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