



Dear Member

January 2019

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** everyone from your committee and let us hope we have a healthy and happy one as well.

Firstly on **Wednesday 16th January at 7.30pm** our first club night of the new year. Howard Drury, one of our very popular speakers, will be coming down from Birmingham to talk of 'Berried Treasure'. Always lots of information and an admirable speaker. **DO COME.**

**Memberships** - New 2019 membership cards available - £5 single membership, £8 double. Please come with your membership form already filled in as it is such a busy evening.

**FISH and CHIP SUPPER** to accompany our AGM in February. We shall start with the food, then the AGM and then a talk by one of our own members Graham Harding called 'Sandhurst Walk'. Graham and his wife tell us all about their walk and again the talk is always superb. If you want supper, here are the prices and I will need your money on the Club night in January and your choice of food - Cod and chips £6.80, Chicken and chips £4.40, Vegetarian option Cheese and Onion Pastie £4.80. You will be given a ticket which please bring to club night in February. Ketchup, salt and pepper, napkins, plastic cutlery will be provided and soft drinks will be available.

**TRADING HUT** opens on **SUNDAY 20th January 9.00am to 10.45am.**

So, I hope you will join, what I think is a wonderful club, for another year, enjoy the talks we have organised for you and you will all receive a flier about the coach trips for the year, which you will be able to download and keep by you with loads of information which hopefully will encourage you to support the trips more.

Now the shortest day has gone, start planning the garden while we can't get out on the ground - apparently Daffodils in bloom in parts of the country already.

See you at club night, Chris.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees are now due, £5 for an individual and £8 for a couple. Postage is £5 to help cover the cost of posting 10 newsletters and the price list during the year for those few that require it posted. The newsletter and pricelist can be viewed online saving this extra cost.

There is a new, revamped membership form this year so please fill it in carefully.

Those members who joined from September onwards and have already paid for 2019 can collect their membership card from the hut or at club nights.

## TRADING HUT

The trading hut opens on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January, after the first club night on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The hut has been restocked and, as usual, we have tried to keep prices as low as possible. There are some increases but, in spite of this, we still give excellent value for money.

The new price list will be available with your February newsletter.

**THANK YOU** to all those members who have volunteered to help with deliveries at the hut.

### **NEW ITEMS:**

**6" Steel Hooks:** 35p each. These have many uses, idea for hanging bird feeders on a branch, lowering a hanging basket and using as extra hangers in your shed.

**Job Done Path Weedkiller RTU:** 1L for £4.40

**Vitax Hydrangea Colourant:** 250g for £2.30

### **SEASONAL ITEMS:**

**Still amazingly cheap Fleece (2m wide) 17g:** 30p/m    **30g:** 50p/m

### **GARDEN CENTRE PRICE WATCH:**

ITEM	GARDEN CENTRE PRICE	OUR PRICE	MONEY/% SAVED
Rose Clear Gun RTU	1L for £6.49	1L for £4.40	£2.09/32%
Baby Bio	175ml for £3.49	175ml for £2.55	£0.94/27%

## KNOW YOUR FERTILIZERS

**Chempak No 2 (25:15:15):** This has a high nitrogen content (the stem & leaf maker) which boosts growth. Particularly useful at the start of the season, getting plants off to a strong start. Use as an all year round feed for green leafy plants such as ferns, melons, salad and other leafy vegetables.

**Sulphate of Ammonia (21:0:0):** Basic source of nitrogen, makes soil more acid. Good for lawns. Apply 20-35g/m<sup>2</sup> direct to the soil or dissolve 1 tsp in 5 litres of water to use as a liquid feed

## SHOW SCHEDULE 2019

This will be available in February. Don't forget to read it carefully before entering.

## **BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH**

It is the Big Garden Birdwatch weekend on **26 - 28 January**. If you haven't joined in before try it this year. You only have to spend an hour counting the birds in your garden and it can be done while staying in the warm. Restock your bird food from the trading hut in preparation for the event.

For more information and register your interest visit the RSPB website [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)

## **COACH TRIPS 2019**

Our first outing in 2019 is the the Snowdrops at Colebourne, Gloucestershire. The date is **Saturday 9th February 2019** and the cost is £27 for the coach and entry to the gardens. We leave Sandhurst Library at 10:30 and depart Colebourne at 16:00. En-route we will be stopping at Dobbie's garden centre just off A419 (Swindon/Cheltenham border) for a break. They have a cafe if anyone would like lunch. If you do I will need numbers to give the garden centre

Full payment for the above trip by club night please of the **16th January 2019**.

The second trip is to Leonardslee, Horsham Saturday on **11th May 2019** leaving Sandhurst Library at 09:00 and departing the gardens at 16:00 Cost is £27.50 for seniors and £29.00 for those members under the pension age! Stunning gardens, especially in spring, and only recently open to the public once more as they are in private hands.

Deposits required non returnable of £5 and full payment please by club night **17th April 2019**

Finally by request a trip to the Autumn Malvern Show on **Saturday 28th September 2019** Departing Sandhurst Library at 08:00 and the Show at 16:00. Cost will be £28.50 for coach and entrance. Any ticket not purchased in advance will cost £5 more.

Deposits required non returnable of £5 and full payment please by 7th September 2019

email me on: [shethos8@gmail.com](mailto:shethos8@gmail.com) or phone on 07979 917355 and leave a message or see me at club night. Payments can also be left with a Committee Member at the Trading Hut or at my home: 10 Nightingale Gardens, Sandhurst (off York Way near the Coop).

Sheila Davenport

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES - RHS SHOWS 2019**

RHS Cardiff 12-14 April 2019

RHS Malvern Spring Festival 9-12 May 2019

RHS Chelsea 21-25 May 2019

RHS Chatsworth 5-9 June 2019

RHS Harlow Carr 21-23 June 2019

RHS Hampton Court 1-7 July 2019

RHS Tatton Park 17-21 July 2019

RHS Hyde Hall 31 July - 4 August 2019

RHS Rosemoor 16-18 August 2019

RHS Wisley 3-8 September 2019

Malvern Autumn 28-29 September 2019 (Club coach trip to this show – See above)

## **TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN JANUARY**

For further information go to [www.rhs.org.uk/advice](http://www.rhs.org.uk/advice)

1. Recycle your Christmas tree by shredding it for mulch
2. Clean pots and greenhouses ready for spring
3. Dig over any vacant plots that have not been dug already
4. Disperse worm casts in lawns
5. Inspect stored tubers of *Dahlia*, *Begonia* and *Canna* for rots or drying out
6. Prune apple and pear trees
7. Start forcing rhubarb
8. Plan your vegetable crop rotations for the coming season
9. Keep putting out food and water for hungry birds
10. Make a polythene shelter for outdoor peaches and nectarines, to protect against peach leaf curl

## **EMAIL AND WEBSITE**

Our Email address is: [enquiries@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk)

## **COMMITTEE CONTACTS**

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Please include a SAE with your completed membership form