



Dear Member

February 2019

Well what a fantasmagorical way to start the year!!

Howard Drury's wonderfully illustrated talk together with music was a hit with members. One hundred and twenty of you came to a very busy January meeting, with membership renewals, seed orders arriving, coach trips to organise and pay for and Fish and Chips to order for the AGM. Thank you all for coming.

This month is our AGM on **Wednesday 20th February at 7.30pm**. Time to hear how our club is doing and for you to bring up any points that you want to raise.

The meeting will start at 7.30pm with the food you have ordered. Please bring your food tickets. For those of you who have ordered since the January meeting, bring your money please. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO NOW WANT TO COME AND WOULD LIKE SOME FOOD, PLEASE TELEPHONE ME - CHRIS ON 01420 768 965 by FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 6.00pm leaving your name, phone number and what you want to order from Fish and chips £6.80, Chicken and chips £4.40, Cheese and onion Pastie £4.,80 and bring your money on the night.

You can still come even if you don't want any food. Ketchup ,salt and pepper, napkins and soft drinks will also be available.

Then we will have the AGM. Immediately afterwards there will be coffee or tea whilst our Speaker sets up his equipment. Our Speaker is Graham Harding, a member of our club who is going to talk about the Sandhurst Walk. He is an excellent speaker and very entertaining. You will probably be finishing your tea as he starts because we have to be out of the hall by 10pm for the gate to be locked. Rules from our Council!!

Show Schedules will be available at club night - **Daffodil Show Wednesday March 20th**.

Hope to see you at the AGM
Chris

TRADING HUT

You should have received your new price list via email recently or if you have a hard copy of the newsletter it is included with the newsletter.

It is also available on the website and copies will also be available at the trading hut.

Inevitably, there have been some price increases, but the vast majority of items remain at 2018 prices.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND EASTER OPENINGS

We plan to open the trading hut again on Wednesday afternoons, 2 to 4pm, from 20th March until the end of June. We won't have the road problems this year. We have a new door bell, the last one was faulty, and it seems to be working well. Just ring when you want to be let in and remember we also have to let you out.

DOFF Sequestered Iron Tonic 5 x 15g : £3.65

Single sachets now available: 75p/sachet

LIME: Vitax 3kg box: £3.95 25kg bag £6.05.

KNOW YOUR FERTILIZERS

Sulphate of Potash (0:0:48) *The best source of potash for most plants, often deficient in very sandy soils. Particularly needed by flowers, potatoes, beans, tomatoes, currants and gooseberries. Acts quickly. To correct a potash deficiency quickly, dissolve 1 oz in a gallon of water and wet the soil thoroughly. Use in the Spring. Base or top dressing 0.5-1 oz/sq yd]*

Rosefood (5:5:10 + magnesium and trace elements) *New plants: use 4 oz/sq yd as a base dressing. Container plants: 1oz with 2-3 hands full of moist peat in base of hole. Established beds: Mid March (at first sign of growth) 4 oz/sq yd, then 2 oz/sq yd monthly until August. Do not apply after this; it may encourage soft growth and fungal disease.*

TOOL SHARPENING

On 24th March California Gardening Club members will be coming along to the hut sharpen your tools. There will be a small fee. More details in the March newsletter.

MEMBERSHIPS

Membership fees are now due, please try to pay before the end of March. It is still excellent value at only £5 for an individual and £8 for a couple. An extra £5 is paid if you need your newsletter posted but most of our members now use email. If you apply by post please remember to include a SAE. Details at the end of the newsletter.

A Membership Application Form is available on the Clubs' website - www.sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk.

COACH TRIPS 2019

Our next one is to **Leonardslee** on **Saturday 11th May** leaving Sandhurst Library at 09:00. The Cost is £27.50 for seniors and £29.00 otherwise. I already have 23 names for the trip so 4 places left on the coach. However, if substantially more people wanted to go on the trip, a larger coach could be acquired.

Deposit of £5 non returnable (or full payment) please for this trip on club night this month. Full payment by the club night on the 17th April.

Another trip has been added for **Aston Potteries and Garden Centre** on **Saturday 20th July** leaving Sandhurst Library at 09:45.

The cost is £20 for the coach with no entry fees. A leaflet is being produced to advertise this trip and to give more details. Hopefully the leaflet will be ready for club night this month.

The final trip is to **Autumn Malvern Show** on **Saturday 28th September**. leaving Sandhurst Library at 08:00. The cost is £28.50 including entrance. I already have 25 names for this trip and the coach takes 53.

Phone me on 07979 917355, email shethos8.@gmail.com or see me at club this month.
Sheila

SPRING PLANT FAIR AT RHS GARDEN WISLEY

Meet the growers and choose quality plants from more than 30 specialist nurseries at the Spring Plant Fair. Plants on sale include many with an RHS Award of Garden Merit (AGM).

Friday 22nd March - Sunday 24th March - 10:00am - 4:30pm

Adult: £14.50, Child: £7.25, Members: Free

WINTER WALK AT RHS GARDEN WISLEY

Open your eyes to the wonders of winter. Take a gentle stroll along hard-surfaced pathways around Seven Acres with our guide to the winter planting. Experience the plants in a new way as our garden team highlight their special features.

Popular since it was first planted in autumn 2013, we continue to develop the Winter Walk. Every year we add new plants, introducing new cultivars and planting combinations.

From December through to March the scene will change and evolve.

TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN FEBRUARY

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

1. Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover
2. Chit potato tubers
3. Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches
4. Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off
5. Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
6. Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'
7. Prune Wisteria
8. Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges
9. Prune conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea
10. Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter, remove dead grass from evergreen grasses

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