



Sandhurst and District
GARDENING CLUB
NEWSLETTER



Dear Member

April 2019

Well despite a few hiccups last month, the Daffodil Show was a big success. We had a new judge who commended the entries and we have the same judge this month at our Late Spring Show on **Wednesday 17th April**.

Graham Talbot was his usual knowledgeable self when he talked about growing and showing Sweet Peas. We hope that will encourage you to exhibit in the two main shows this year because we didn't have very many entries last year.

One point I must mention - At the AGM in February, several of you who weren't at the January meeting subsequently ordered food after the meeting for the AGM and then didn't in fact turn up. I ordered the extra food only to find it wasn't taken up so consequently we made a loss of around £40, which was very disappointing.

This month at our Show we have a talk on 'Pollinators' by Dr. Keith Lucas. He has been recommended to me so do come I think it will be interesting. So setting up time for exhibits **6.45 to 7.15pm**. sharp. The meeting starts at **7.15pm** because of the gate shutting problem. **HELP WITH THE TABLES PLEASE.**

Another reminder, GRAHAM TALBOT will be at the TRADING HUT on **Good Friday 19th April**. He will be doing a herb planter and answering any questions you may have. He will also have some Sweet Pea Plants for sale.

For new members, we don't open the Hut on Easter Sunday.

We have had some really warm days so let's have lots of entries at the Show. See you there.

Chris

TRADING HUT

The hut is open on Wednesday afternoons, 2.00pm to 4.00pm until the end of June, as well as Sunday mornings 9.00am to 10.45am until the end of July.

NOTE Closed Easter Sunday, but open morning of Good Friday instead.

Anti bird netting 4m wide: Ideal for a fruit cage, 20mm mesh, 10 year life, black. £1.90/m.

Contact Jane Heritage on 01276 600438 if you are interested as it needs careful measuring. A sample is on the notice board at the hut.

SEED SOWING: There is a good range of products at the hut to help with seed sowing and potting on:

Seed tray inserts (black): 15, 24 & 40 cells: 25p each

Various half & full size seed trays: Prices from 20p to £1.35 each

Half size propagator sets: £2.50 each

Propagator Lids for seed tray: half size 55p, full size £1.00

Rootainers (tray, lid & 32 cells): £4.80 per set (cells only £2.40)

Labels: 4": 10 for 10p, 6": 10 for 15p

GROWBAGS are now in stock. Clover 38L: £2.85 each.

KNOW YOUR FERTILIZERS

Fish, Blood and Bone (5:5:6.3): Organic based, fine ground fertilizer, containing bonemeal, dried blood and fishmeal, enriched with potash and other plant foods. Balanced feed, encouraging strong and healthy root and top growth. Use anywhere in the garden, from March to October - every six weeks. Base dressing 4.5 oz/sq yd. Top dressing 3 oz/sq yd. Our price 3kg for £2.10.

Flower & Vegetable fertilizer (5.3:7.5:10 + trace elements): A powder fertilizer with the same formulation as Q4: for flowers shrubs, roses, fruit, lawns and vegetables. Apply evenly to the soil & hoe in. Water in during dry conditions. Top dressing 4 oz/sq yd. Our price 3kg for £3.90.

SLUG PELLETS ARE BEING DISCONTINUED

The popular slug control product is being discontinued and it will be illegal for us to sell it from June onwards. We have plenty of Doff pellets so do come and buy them. We also stock the wildlife friendly equivalent Growing Success for Organic Use, Pet & Wildlife friendly 250g for £2.75. Price may increase when we restock.

MAY PLANT BRNG & BUY SALE

Don't forget about our plant bring & buy sale at the May Club night. Pot up a few extras when splitting perennials, sowing seeds, etc. Also, please bring some small change and a carrier bag.

DAFFODIL SHOW RESULTS 2019

Entries: 59 (31 in 2018) Entrants: 9

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
1	Peter Radband	Margaret Finch	Len Horne
2	Len Horne	Margaret Finch	Gerald Cooper
3	Len Horne	Margaret Finch	Peter Radband
4	Len Horne	Peter Radband	Tony Winter
5	Len Horne	Peter Radband	Margaret Finch
6	Peter Radband	Margaret Finch	Gerald Cooper
7	Len Horne	Peter Radband	Gerald Cooper
8	Peter Radband	Margaret Finch	Gerald Cooper
9	Peter Radband	Margaret Finch	-
10	Teresa Wood	Len Horne	Tony Winter
11	Len Horne	Margaret Finch	Peter Radband
12	Tony Winter	Jean Edwards	Peter Radband
13	Teresa Wood	Gerald Cooper	Margaret Finch

Highest Points: The Barclays Bank Cup: Joint winners - Len Horne & Peter Radband

COACH TRIPS

Leonardslee Saturday 11th May 2019 - All monies for this trip are due by the next club night 17th April. If you are unable to attend on club night, then please use my post box or take to the trading hut. Three places left on this trip. Costs are £25.50 for seniors and £27.00 for anyone else.

We leave Sandhurst Library at 09:00 sharp and the venue at 16:00 hours.

Aston Potteries - Wednesday 31st July 2019. Deposit required now for this trip or full payment. £20 for coach only or £25 for a tour of the potteries. Please state which.

We leave Sandhurst Library at 09:45 sharp and the venue at or before 16:00 hours.

Malvern Autumn Show Saturday 28th September 2019 - Cost £28.50. Deposits or full payment now due.

We leave Sandhurst Library at 08:00 sharp and the venue at 16:00 hours.

I have already given thought to 2020 based on members requests and we will be considering visits to Ramster, Chiddingfold, Surrey, Great Dixter, Sussex and Parham House

Your support for the trips this year has been wonderful. Thank you
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TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN APRIL

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

1. Keep weeds under control
2. Protect fruit blossom from late frosts
3. Tie in climbing and rambling roses
4. Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors
5. Start to feed citrus plants
6. Increase the water given to houseplants
7. Feed hungry shrubs and roses
8. Sow new lawns or repair bare patches
9. Prune fig trees
10. Divide bamboos and waterlilies

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