



Sandhurst and District
GARDENING CLUB
NEWSLETTER



Dear Member

May 2019

What a busy evening for last month's Late Spring Show which was just lovely. Thank you for all your efforts. The George Brown cup was won by Margaret Finch and both Margaret Finch and Len Horne won vouchers and certificates. Dr. Michael Keith-Lucas gave a super talk on pollinators

Graham Talbot did his workshop at the Trading Hut on Good Friday, making a Herb Pot very quickly and easily. A free raffle was won by Clive Urquart.

Many of you bought Sweet Peas from Graham, so let's hope we will have a lot of entries in the show this year. We didn't have enough entries to present the Marks and Spencer Cup in 2018, so let's get cracking!

This month is our **PLANT SALE** on **Wednesday May 15th. REMEMBER 7.15pm start - HELP WITH TABLES PLEASE.** So pot up extra seedlings, split perennials, pot up anything you don't want and bring it on the night. Bring some **CASH** to buy new stuff to take home and don't forget to bring your own bags/boxes.

Our speaker - Graham Talbot will be talking on growing Fruit in Pots. He will also be judging our Summer Show.

Date for your diary - **SUMMER FLOWER SHOW Saturday JUNE 22nd. SHOW SCHEDULES** available at Hut and at club night.

The Trading Hut is full to bursting - open Sundays and Wednesday afternoons till the end of June 2 - 4pm.

Happy Gardening - keep a look out for some late frosts.
Chris.

TRADING HUT

We continue to be open Wednesday afternoons 2 - 4pm until the end of June and Sunday mornings 9 - 10.45am until the end of July. We are having occasional problems with our hut doorbell. Please press it firmly in the middle.

HONEY: Don't forget to return your empty jars.

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 available for viewing at the hut.

NEW PRODUCT: Vipot Biodegradable Pot 9F – Natural. These are about 3.5"/9cm pots priced at 10 for £1.20 or 5 for 60p. They look like real pots, but these Biodegradable Vipots are made from totally natural ingredients (waste plant material) and will biodegrade in 9 to 18 months if broken down & added to compost. Above ground, as long as they remain intact, expect your Vipots to last 3-5 years. (Seen online at 10 for £5.50 so ours are a bargain!)

KNOW YOUR FERTILIZERS

Growmore (7:7:7) Provides balanced nutrients for strong and healthy growth. Improves vegetable cropping levels and can also be used as a fertilizer before sowing grass or laying turf. Use early Spring to October. Base dressing 4 oz/sq yd (most vegetables and flowers), 6 oz/sq yd (potatoes). Top dressing 2 oz/sq yd. Before seeding 4 oz/sq yd. **Our price 3kg for £2.90.**

Hoof and Horn (12:0:0) A concentrated, organic, nitrogen-only fertilizer. Good for leafy vegetables and other foliage plants. If fine it acts fairly quickly in warm, moist soil but is also long lasting. Use Spring to Autumn. Base dressing 4 oz/sq yd. Top dressing 2 oz/sq yd. **Our price 3kg for £4.**

SHOW ENTRIES ** Important, please read ***

Please make sure you have renewed your membership for 2019 **before** entering the Summer and Autumn Shows. If you have not renewed **before** Thursday 20th June your entries will not be accepted.

TRADING HUT HELPERS - PLEASE READ

(This message went out as an email in April, please read and, if it concerns you, respond if you haven't already. Thank you.)

Each Sunday morning from 9am to 10.45am and Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm a member of the Committee supervises the selling of items from the trading hut. On each occasion we need an able bodied man and a lady to help with paper work and answer the gate bell.

We try to limit the number of calls made on our general members to two over the year. Many members have volunteered to help, but we should like to have a larger group to minimise the load on our general members.

If you would like to help on one or more occasions through the year please let us know by giving the following information:

Name, whether you can help on a Wednesday or Sunday, your e-mail address and telephone number. Please reply to the following address: gillandlen@hotmail.com

We may already have your information but a confirmation to us would be very useful. If you are unaware of the help needed please come along and give it a go.

Finally, I have been emailing volunteers asking for help for certain dates and requesting a reply whether yes or no. Many are not sending any reply but I would appreciate a response then I know you have seen my message.

Many thanks, Len Clark, Chairman

PLANT SALE

A Plant Sale at Grays Farm, Heathlands Road, Wokingham, RG40 3AN in aid of the British Red Cross. This long established plant sale is taking place on Saturday May 25th. 10 - 3pm.

A wide range of summer bedding and hanging baskets will be available along with some interesting plants donated by supporters and volunteers. Come early to avoid missing the best buys.

COACH TRIPS

Leonardslee - Saturday 11th May. Coach leaves promptly at 09:00 from Sandhurst Library, please be early.

Reminder this venue is cashless, so please bring your visa/debit cards etc. Cash can be put on a card at reception and any left on it at the end of the day will be refunded.

Aston Potteries - Wednesday 31st July. A few places remaining. Please let me know if you want to go on the tour of the potteries. Coach £20 + £5 for the tour.

Coach leaves at 09:45 from Sandhurst Library

Malvern Show - Saturday 28th September - coach leaves Sandhurst Library at 08:00 sharp.

Cost for coach and entrance £28.50

This year I am once again involved in Chelsea Fringe and it has the title of "**Sandhurst Flower and Culture Festival**". The first event is on **Sunday 19th May** starting at 1:30 till 3 pm. in the Community Hall. It is Nepalese dancing and culture.

Monday 20th May - Flower arranging in the library and **Tuesday 21st May** Poetry reading also in the library, please contact the library for both events.

Friday 24th May in the Memorial Park - a guided flower walk – booking essential, contact BVCT on their website www.bvct.org.uk/events/

Finally, Saturday 25th May - the Baptist church is putting on a flower festival 10 am to 3 pm.

TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN MAY

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

1. Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants
2. Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining
3. Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas)
4. Water early and late to get the most out of your water, recycle water when possible
5. Regularly hoe off weeds
6. Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days
7. Mow lawns weekly
8. Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges
9. Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs
10. Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs

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