



Sandhurst and District
GARDENING CLUB
NEWSLETTER



Dear Member

July 2019

Despite the weeks of horrible uncertain weather the Summer Show was a huge success. More entrants than last year although not quite so many entries. You all did a wonderful job, all the judges said the standard was very high and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we the committee did.

A big thank you to all the helpers whether it was doing the teas, raffle or just clearing up, it makes the hard work of the day worthwhile for us.

Next month on **Wednesday July 17th** we have a talk on "Growing and Showing Daffodils". We thought this would be the right time to have this to enable you to buy certain varieties, that are good for showing, during September and October. Of course we shall have bulbs for sale at the Autumn Show as usual but obviously there are special show varieties. Don't forget the meeting starts at **7.15pm**.

There will be no Trading table at club night in July.

We shall also be having a charity cake sale. So please, if you can, bring a cake or cakes to sell and of course some money to buy some to take home. Jenny Jackson will be running it and the proceeds will be split between two charities, one of her choice and one of ours.

Looking ahead the Autumn Flower Show is on **Saturday August 31st** so if you didn't win anything in the Summer Show have a go in the Autumn one.

Anyway let us hope the bad weather is behind us and we can enjoy the light evenings in the garden and bring on our plants and produce on for the next show.

Chris.

TRADING HUT

The hut is no longer open on Wednesday afternoons but continues to be open on Sunday mornings, 9am to 10.45am until 28th July. We then close for August, reopening on Sunday 1st September, the day after the Autumn Show.

LARGE BLACK PLASTIC POTS

A neighbour of a member has kindly given us a supply of large pots. Some are 3L at 20p each. Others are much larger and suitable for growing vegetables or small shrubs and trees, 50p and £1 each.

SEASONAL ITEMS

Plastic ties (20): 7": 70p, 9": £1

Cane caps: 8p each

Chempak No 4: £4.25 for 800g

Plant saucers 7" to 43cm 55p to £2.45

Watering can rose (Wards medium spray): £2.70 each

Watering cans: 5L £4.75, 10L £5.75

Enviromesh : £2.30/m

HONEY

New supplies of local honey are available. £5.10 for 1lb. Please return your empty honey jars to the hut (only honey jars).

SINGLE USE PLASTIC – DOING OUR BIT

We are looking at ways to reduce our single use plastics at the hut. We are no longer using plastic cups at the demos after investing £10 in 20 charity shop mugs. From September we would like you to return your bird food and fertilizer bags (provided they are in a reusable state). Containers will be provided so we can keep them separate. Bags will only be reused for the same product so there is no cross contamination.

Alternatively, bring your own container. For speed, when we are busy, we may just tip an already weighed bag into it but we can then reuse that bag.

We would welcome any other suggestions.

JUMPERS FOR CHARITY

We have 12 little jumpers to be donated to charity. Some of these were knitted for a Handicraft class at the Summer Show. We have decided not to post them off until after the Autumn Show so if any of you would like to knit more you can bring them to the Autumn Show or the hut on the day after on 1st September, alternatively, contact Jane on 01276 600438. Some of you have already knitted extras so thank you for those. Don't let this stop you knitting the little Peace Teddies for the Autumn Show (patterns available at the hut), which will also be donated to charity.

COACH TRIPS

Aston Potteries Wednesday 31st July 2019 - Seats still available on coach - £20 plus a tour of the pottery £5. Please state if you would like the tour.

Coach now leaves at 09:00 a.m. not 09:45 due to the first tour being at 11:00 a.m.
I have a list of lunch available if needed. However, it must be booked in advance by myself.
Paid for on the day. Sandwiches, quiche or jacket potato. Please phone for details.

All payment due by club night 17th July. Just three members left to pay.

Malvern Autumn Show Saturday 28th September 2019 - Cost £28.50, Seats still available.
Full payment must be in by 7th September in order that I can buy the entrance tickets. Tickets will be purchased by me on the 8th September. After this tickets can be bought at the show for £22, £5 more than I can buy them in bulk.

Departure time from Sandhurst Library is 08:00 sharp. Please be early. We leave the showgrounds at 16:00 hours.

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NEW DEVELOPMENTS OPEN AT RHS GARDEN WISLEY

The new Welcome building features a beautiful, spacious and airy arrivals hall with a **100-seater table-service restaurant**, cafe and shop selling gardening and artisan products.

The new **Plant Centre**, covering 5000sqm and the size of four Olympic swimming pools, will stock tens of thousands of plants and feature displays by specialist UK growers all year round. This means there will be a larger variety of rare and unusual plants available for people to buy for their homes and gardens.

Visitors can enjoy world-class horticulture on arrival with **new landscaping** by multi-award-winning designer, Christopher Bradley-Hole. We will plant 250 native trees around the car-park and visitors will enter the 240-acre garden through an avenue of cherry trees.

Once inside the garden, visitors can explore new areas including **the 75-metre long Wisteria Walk, the Exotic Garden and Heather Landscape with ornamental grass borders**.

The Welcome building and landscape is the first of three major projects that make up a wider £70 million transformation of RHS Garden Wisley.

The second is the creation of the UK's first **National Centre for Horticultural Science and Learning**, opening in 2021, and the restoration of its **iconic Laboratory**.

TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN JULY

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

1. Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
2. Care for houseplants while on holiday
3. Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
4. Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering
5. Pick courgettes before they become marrows
6. Treat apple scab
7. Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up
8. Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs
9. Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed
10. Harvest apricots, peaches and nectarines

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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