



Sandhurst and District
GARDENING CLUB
NEWSLETTER



Dear Member

November 2019

For those of you aren't on e-mail it is with great sadness that I have to tell you that our wonderful Chairman Len Clark died recently. He had been fighting cancer for some time, but the end came very suddenly.

As most of you know I started this club in 1963 and I can honestly say he was probably one of the best chairmen we have had. He was a real gentleman dealing with our awkward Council time and time again and running the committee meetings and club nights so professionally. We shall miss him. His funeral was held at Easthampstead Crematorium on Wednesday 6th November. Thankfully his lovely wife Gill will remain on the committee.

This month is our last club night of the year, **Wednesday 20th November at 7.15pm.**

Nigel Choat is coming to show us wonderful pictures of fungi, flora and fauna.

He has been to us before and his slides are simply stunning. So do come.

Just a couple of reminders -

CHRISTMAS PARTY now SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER at the new **OWLSMOOR CENTRE**, Yeovil Road. **Tickets at the Hut and club night.**

TRADING HUT OPEN ON SATURDAY 9th November usual time because of Remembrance Sunday.

Hut closes on Sunday 24th November for stocktaking and re-opens on Sunday 19th January 2020.

First Club night next year is Wednesday 15th January 2020 when subscriptions will be due and new membership cards available and also Leaflets of 2020 Coach trips.

Finally don't forget your **SEED ORDER**. We saved 60% on our seeds last year and the deadline is **9th NOVEMBER !!!!**

See you all at club night

Chris

TRADING HUT

The hut is now open until Sunday 24th November. We then close for stocktaking and re-stocking, opening again on 19th January, the Sunday after the first club night. If there is anything particular you would like us to consider stocking then please email Jane: janeheritage2002@yahoo.co.uk.

BULBS

There are still some bulbs at the hut at very good prices. Pot some up; they'll make a very nice gift for someone in the spring or just for yourself.

BUBBLE INSULATION

There is a limited amount of bubble insulation at the hut. 1.5m wide, only £1.90/m.

BIRD FOOD

Stock up now and be prepared for a cold spell between the end of November and when the hut opens again in January.

CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday 30th November

THE OWLSMOOR CENTRE, YEOVIL ROAD, SANDHURST GU47 0TF.

As usual, we will have food, wine & soft drinks and this year we have a singer for entertainment. Many of you will be able to walk to the venue but there is parking behind the centre, entrance on Cambridge Road. This year tickets will be available from the Autumn Show onwards. Price is £8 (unchanged from last year). Time: **7.15 for 7.30 pm**

Jane Heritage keeps the tickets between meetings and hut openings so, if you need yours posting, send her a cheque payable to 'Sandhurst Gardening Club' together with a **SAE**. Address at the end of this newsletter under postal memberships. Also, if you have bought a ticket but find you cannot use it please phone Jane on 01276 600438 and she may be able to refund your money and sell it someone else.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees are due in January and your January newsletter will contain a membership application form or you can download one from our website. You can rejoin at the hut, at club nights or by post (see back of newsletter for details). You will continue to receive a newsletter until March after which we only deliver to those who have rejoined. So if you intend to stay a member (and, be honest, it is such good value for money) join before the end of March and make our job a little easier.

COACH TRIPS

3 Coach trips have been organised so far for next year. Another will be arranged in due course. All three will be on sale at the January Club night. No deposits taken, just leave your name or pay in full. The date for payment will be on the leaflet we issue. Cheques must be for one trip only, so if booking all three trips then three cheques please.

Hole Park Kent - Saturday 25th April departing the library at 08:30 Cost 26. Tea and Lunches available on site.

We will depart venue no later than 1600 hours.

Great Dixter - House and Gardens Saturday 6th June departing library at 08:00 Our visit to the House is booked for 11 a.m. Cost £28.00 Teas and Lunches available on site.

We will depart venue at 1600 hours

Broughton Castle nr Banbury Wednesday 8th July departing library at 12 noon Cost £24.00.

Free flow of castle and grounds. Hot Drinks and Afternoon teas available.

We will depart venue at 1700 hours.

All details of the venues will be in our leaflet which should be ready for our January club night.

Sheila, shethos8@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT RHS WISLEY

Glow 2019

7 December 2019 – 5 January 2020

Pre-booking is essential

Come on a magical adventure with fantastical flowers to light your way. Wander the enchanting trail to see dazzling light installations themed around the four seasons and a selection of Wisley's best loved trees illuminated.

Enchanted Botanical Christmas in The Glasshouse

6 December 2019 – 5 January 2020. 10am–3.45pm

Step inside The Glasshouse to discover an Enchanted Botanical Christmas, filled with festive plants, magical animals and a touch of steampunk.

Free with normal garden admission. Also open during Glow 2019 event.

Winter Walk

December – early March

Explore the Winter Walk around Seven Acres and enjoy the scents, textures and colours of a garden in winter. The walk has hard-surfaced pathways and is accessible to buggies and wheelchairs.

Free with normal garden admission.

Festive Menus

Join us in the Terrace Restaurant for a festive celebration. Festive lunches and afternoon teas will be available from 5 December 2019 – book now to avoid disappointment.

On 20, 21, 27 and 28 December the restaurant will be open until 6.30pm, serving festive dinners perfect to accompany your visit to **Glow 2019**.

For further information on the above events go to www.rhs.org.uk

TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN NOVEMBER

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

1. Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds
2. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
3. Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
4. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
5. Plant out winter bedding
6. Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
7. Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well
8. Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks
9. Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden
10. Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting

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.

Our web page is: www.sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk

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Please include a SAE with your completed membership form