



Dear Member

January 2020

Happy New Year to all our members from the committee and happy gardening !!

Firstly from me, Chris - a huge thank you to all of you for your cards and good wishes with regard to my operation - a total shoulder replacement.

It is only the second Xmas party I have missed in 56 years and I gather it was a huge success. The food is always lovely and I understand the entertainment enabled you to dance, particularly one member who will remain nameless.

What was so good for the committee was the lack of hassle at the hall and car park and I am sure we will go there again and it was cheaper too!

I am aiming to be at club night on Wednesday 15th January where you will get your new membership cards. Julie is now going to enthuse you with what is happening on club night but one date please to put in your new diary now is **Good Friday April 10th** - our usual workshop at the Hut with Graham Talbot. After 32 years living in a tied cottage with the Berkshire College of Agriculture he was given notice to quit pretty quickly some months ago and I haven't yet got his new address. Do come he is always a fount of knowledge.

Chris

Our first meeting of this new year is coming up on with surprising speed - at 7.15pm on **Wednesday 15th January**. Geoff Hawkins will be joining us to talk about planning and planting a border - just what we need to get us thinking about the garden for the year ahead, so do please come along.

Attached to this newsletter are a couple of things which will hopefully help things along at the coming meetings:

- Membership form – the cost of membership is unchanged for the year ahead (£5 single membership, £8 double) and the new membership cards for 2020 will be available at the meeting. Postage is £5 to help cover the cost of posting 10 newsletters and the price list during the year for those few that require it posted.

The newsletter and pricelist can be viewed online saving this extra cost.

Those members who joined from September onwards and have already paid for 2020 can collect their membership card from the hut or at club nights.

If you are able to complete your form ready for the meeting that will speed things along at what promises to be a busy evening.

This year we have an extra item for your membership fee: car stickers with the club logo. Apart from promoting the club these will help us identify members wanting access through the gate.

- Three trips are currently planned for this coming year, details of which are all attached. This worked very well last year, so Sheila is hoping for a good take-up again this year.

As well as the flier, a booking form is also attached. Copies will also be available on club nights and from the Trading hut.

Seeds: David Dunford will have all your seed orders with him at club night ready for you to collect. Payment on club night will be ideal, otherwise you can pay for your seeds at the hut on a Sunday morning.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 15th.

Julie

TRADING HUT

The trading hut opens on Sunday 19th January, after the first club night on the 15th. The hut has been restocked and, as usual, we have tried to keep prices as low as possible.

The new price list will be available with your February newsletter and will be on the website from mid January.

NEW ITEMS

Flexible 3mm brown tubing: for tying plants: 10p /m

Kieserite: 95p/kg. A naturally occurring product that contains magnesium sulphate which is used to correct magnesium deficiency in the soil.

HUT DUTY

Len organised helpers for the hut over the past few years. This is now being taken over by Tony Winter so he will be asking for volunteers at club nights and getting in touch by email or phone. If you have a free Sunday morning get in touch with Tony before being asked and he will book you in. Tel: 01276 32836, email: tonywinter1964@aol.com.

A TRIBUTE TO LEN CLARK

Some members have asked if the club is planning to do anything as a tribute to our late Chairman, Len. The committee decided we had enough trophies and fundraising for a charity would be a more appropriate option. We have chosen Green Fingers, a charity that is involved in creating gardens for children's hospices. We feel this encompasses Len's love of children, being a former teacher, and love of gardening. To find out more visit: www.greenfingers.co.uk We will have collection boxes at club night and at the hut.

SHOW SCHEDULE 2020

This will be available in February. Don't forget to read it carefully before entering.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

To speed up our AGM in February we ask you to look at the minutes for 2019, which are on the club website under 'Downloads', prior to the meeting. They will not be read out. A few paper copies will be available on the night. We will be asking for matters arising so make a note if you have any queries.

COACH TRIPS FOR 2020

Hole Park in Kent Saturday 25th April. Cost 26.00 - Leaving the Sandhurst Library at 08:30 am.

Great Dixter Saturday 6th June. Cost £28.00 - leaving Sandhurst Library at 08:00 am. A visit to the house and gardens.

Broughton Castle Wednesday 8th July. Cost £25.00 - leaving Sandhurst Library at 10:15 a.m. We will be stopping at a garden centre in Bicester for members to buy lunch if necessary or look around.

All information about the trips is in the attached leaflet.

We will be taking names at club night and if you wish to pay then it will have to be full payment. You will be told the date of the final payment. No deposits. Each trip to be paid for separately please.

Sheila, shethos8@gmail.com

RHS SHOW DATES 2020

RHS Flower Show Cardiff, 17- 19 April.

RHS Malvern Spring Festival, 7 - 10 May.

RHS Chelsea Flower Show, 19 - 23 May.

RHS Chatsworth Flower Show, 11 - 14 June.

RHS Harlow Carr, 26 – 28 June.

RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival, 6 - 12 July.

RHS Flower Show Tatton Park, 22 - 26 July.

RHS Flower Show Hyde Hall, 5 - 9 August.

RHS Flower Show Rosemoor, 14 - 16 August.

RHS Flower Show Wisley, 8 - 13 September.

Malvern Autumn Show, 26 - 27 September.

For further information and to buy tickets visit: www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events

TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN JANUARY

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

1. Recycle your Christmas tree by shredding it for mulch
2. Clean pots and greenhouses ready for spring
3. Dig over any vacant plots that have not been dug already
4. Disperse worm casts in lawns
5. Inspect stored tubers of Dahlia, Begonia and Canna for rot or drying out
6. Prune apple and pear trees
7. Start forcing rhubarb
8. Plan your vegetable crop rotations for the coming season
9. Keep putting out food and water for hungry birds
10. Make a polythene shelter for outdoor peaches and nectarines, to protect against peach leaf curl

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