



Dear Member

February 2020

I hope you all felt inspired to start planning for your gardens this year following the super talk and wonderful slides as presented by our speaker last month, Geoff Hawkins.

Clearly you all felt in need of some gardening input, as reflected by the large number of you that were present; it was lovely to see everyone.

This month's meeting on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15pm** starts with the AGM.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the minutes won't be read out at the beginning of the meeting – instead they are available via the website:

**[http://www.sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk/2019\\_AGM\\_Minutes\\_draft.pdf](http://www.sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk/2019_AGM_Minutes_draft.pdf)** or attached to this email.

There will be a few hard copies available on the night, but not enough for everyone, so do please read them beforehand. There will then be an opportunity for 'matters arising'.

Following the AGM there will be a talk on the 'Flower Gardens of Alsace Lorraine' by Chris Stewart – he promises yet more inspirational gardens!

Sheila will also be there on the night to take bookings for the 3 wonderful trips she has organised for this year, so if you weren't able to book last month, now's the time.

Flyers will be available if you want to take one to read at home.

Also, if you weren't able to renew your membership at the last meeting, please bring along your completed form on the night to re-join. Membership application forms are also available to download from the Club's website.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 19<sup>th</sup>

Julie

## TRADING HUT WORKSHOP

Several new members have asked about the timings for the Workshop on **GOOD FRIDAY**.

The Trading Hut is open on Good Friday instead of Easter Sunday - something we have been doing for several years. So the Hut opens at normal time of **9.00am on FRIDAY 10th APRIL**.

Graham Talbot will arrive about 9.30am and finish about 11.0am. There will be free tea, coffee and biscuits and a free raffle. He will talk about anything **YOU** would like and if any of you have any special questions or topics please ring me, Chris on 01420 768 965 and I will organise it with him. Leave a message on my ansaphone with your telephone number in case the message is not clear.

See you there - he is always good.

Chris.

## TRADING HUT

You will have received your new price list with your February newsletter. It is also available on the Club website and copies will also be available at the trading hut. Inevitably, there have been some price increases, but the vast majority of items remain at 2019 prices.

## **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND EASTER OPENINGS**

We plan to open the trading hut again on Wednesday afternoons, 2 to 4pm, from 18<sup>th</sup> March until the end of June.

## **SEASONAL ITEMS**

**17L Polypots: 30p each** Black 500 gauge plastic, 10.5" x 19" x 16". Ideal for growing your potatoes and some other vegetables.

**Spring & Summer Lawn Feed:** From £3.20 for 3kg.

**Lawn Weed Feed & Mosskiller:** £4.45 for 3kg

**Maxicrop Mosskiller & Lawn Tonic:** £7.90 for 1L

**Doff All year Round Lawn Feed:** £3 for 1L

**Sulphate of Iron:** £3.50 for 3kg. A cheap way to get rid of moss.

**Grass seed:** With rye £2.30 for 500g, without rye £2.55 for 500g

After a very wet season give your lawn a treat, get rid of all that moss and replace the nutrients leached out of the soil. Once cleared, spreading some grass seed helps fill in those bare patches

## TOOL SHARPENING

On **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March** California Gardening Club members will, once again, be coming along to the hut to sharpen your tools. There will be a small fee. More details in the March newsletter.

## **HUT DUTY VOLUNTEERS**

Tony Winter has taken over the job of organising volunteers for the hut. If you have volunteered to help he will, now and again, contact you about dates but to make his job easier please feel free to send him a date/dates when you are available and he will let you know if you are needed. Tony will also collect names and dates at club nights. As the evenings are very hectic it would help if you write your name, contact number and dates available on a piece of paper which you can pass to Tony or leave at the trading table. Telling him whether or not you are happy to do lifting also helps. Many thanks.

Contact details for Tony are:

**Tel:** 01276 32836    **Mobile:** 07986 471821    email: tonywinter1964@aol.com

## **GREEN FINGERS CHARITY**

In memory of Len, we continue to raise funds for this charity involved in creating gardens for children's hospices. A collection box is available at the hut and at club nights. To find out more visit: [www.greenfingers.co.uk](http://www.greenfingers.co.uk).

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

Membership fees are now due, please try to pay before the end of March. It is still excellent value at only £5 for an individual and £8 for a couple. An extra £5 is paid if you need your newsletter posted but most of our members now use email. **If you apply by post please remember to include a SAE** - Details at the end of the newsletter.

## **SHOW SCHEDULE 2020**

This will be available at February club night and also from the Trading Hut. Don't forget to read it carefully before entering.

## **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 our leaflet which will be available on club night.**

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.

Sheila, [shethos8@gmail.com](mailto:shethos8@gmail.com)

## **TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN FEBRUARY**

For further information go to [www.rhs.org.uk/advice](http://www.rhs.org.uk/advice)

1. Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover
2. Chit potato tubers
3. Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches
4. Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off
5. Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
6. Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'
7. Prune Wisteria
8. Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges
9. Prune conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea
10. Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter, remove dead grass from evergreen grasses

## **EMAIL AND WEBSITE**

Our Email address is: [enquiries@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk)

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**Please include a SAE with your completed membership form**