



Sandhurst and District  
GARDENING CLUB  
NEWSLETTER



Dear Member

April 2020

We are sure that many of you were glued to the briefing given by the Prime Minister on Monday [23<sup>rd</sup> March], where he made it clear that the best way we can support each other and the NHS is to follow his instructions and stay at home. In light of this, Jane has reluctantly taken the decision that the Trading Hut can **no longer open** at the weekends, even under the strict conditions she imposed. It will therefore be **closed until further notice**.

Hopefully, you will all have heard that the trip to Hole Park has been cancelled, and Sheila has now decided we need to cancel the Great Dixter one as well. This is a great shame, but please be assured you will all get your money back.

However, we have not been sitting idly by and having been thinking of ways to help us all through this emergency, and to give you all something else to think about. We've therefore come up with a few ideas!

Come next year, we would like to have one of the club nights (March being pencilled in at the moment) where we show photographs of your gardens. We know you will all be working harder in them than ever, and it seems a shame if there will be no-one to enjoy the fruits of your labours! Therefore prepare to start taking photos (but don't send us anything yet!). To make it more interesting, we thought it could be in various categories:

- a. Most beautiful rose
  - b. A stunning border
  - c. Insects & wildlife
  - d. What a vegetable!!!
  - e. Good enough to eat
  - f. Weird and wonderful
  - g. A lovely-photo- that-doesn't-fit-in-any-other-category
2. Fingers (and everything else) are crossed that we will be able to go ahead with the July meeting 'Local butterflies'. That being the case, we will ask you to bring along any small plants /seedlings etc for sale that you might otherwise have brought to the plant sale in May. We are also proposing that you bring along your best flower for a 'best flower' competition in your own vase/container.

We will of course keep thinking and keep you updated as to any other ideas we have. This is going out by email, but also being posted to all our members who are not online, so everybody is being kept informed.

In the meantime, we hope that you are all keeping well, keeping safe and maintaining your 2 metres from everyone!

Chris, Julie and all the committee.

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

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

- Keep weeds under control
- Protect fruit blossom from late frosts
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses
- Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors
- Start to feed citrus plants
- Increase the water given to houseplants
- Feed hungry shrubs and roses
- Sow new lawns or repair bare patches
- Prune fig trees
- Divide bamboos and waterlilies

### **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.

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