



Newsletter 4 – April 2022

Dear Members,

A super talk last month on all things vegetable from Barry Newman, which I am sure inspired you. All the information sheets he kindly provided for us are now available via the website, on the [downloads page](#).

This month sees the return of a favourite speaker - Graham Talbot will be joining us to talk about shrubs and what's involved in growing and pruning them. In addition to that, he will be judging the Late Spring show, so a busy night for him. In order to fit everything in, we will be juggling the order of things round slightly on the night. Most important of all is that entries for the show are staged in good time, if we are to fit everything in.

We also hope to have leaflets from the NGS about gardens that will be opening under the scheme in our area – do look out for them.

Julie Sheppard

LATE SPRING SHOW

The Late Spring Show takes place at the April club night. If you haven't bought a schedule, but want to enter, details for this show are now on our [website](#). Please bring your completed entry form from the back of the schedule or just a piece of paper with your name and class numbers. Entry cards will be written while you stage your exhibits.

There will be tables in the hall with all you need: vases, etc. If you haven't done it before, help will be provided.

Staging will be from 6.45 pm and must be complete by 7.30 pm at the very latest – ideally by 7.15 pm. The show will be judged by Graham Talbot, and we will ask him to start the judging before his talk.

TRADING HUT

The hut is open on Wednesday afternoons, 2 to 4pm until the end of June.

PRICE INCREASES:

Normally, most price increases happen when we restock at the end of the year ready for the new season but they are now happening on some items almost every time we top up the stock so you may find your price list and the website are not always up to date.

NEW PRODUCT: If you were at the April club night you will have seen Barry Newman talking about anti-slip cord and metal fittings to keep canes in place. We now have both at the hut with samples to show you how it works.

Anti-slip cord: 75p/m Metal clips*: 13p each

**the clips are Greenhouse W clips designed for fixing new panes of glass into a greenhouse frame but are idea for attaching a canes to the cord*

Anti-bird netting 4m wide: Ideal for a fruit cage, 20mm mesh, 10-year life, black. £1.90/m.

Contact Jane Heritage on 01276 600438 if you are interested as it needs careful measuring. A sample is on the notice board at the hut.

SEED SOWING: There is a good range of products at the hut to help with seed sowing and potting on:

Half size propagator sets: £3.30 each

Propagator lids for seed trays: half size 55p, full size £1.00

Jiffy Fibre Pots Peat-Free 8cm: £1 for 10

**Root trainers (tray, lid & 32 cells): £6.60 per set (32 cells £4.20, tray £1.20, lid £1.20)

Labels: 4": 10 for 10p 6": 10 for 15p

** Price increase but still excellent value for money.

GROWBAGS

Erin Super-Size Gro'bag 35L: £3.85

New Horizon Peat Free Tomato Planter: £5.15

FUTURE OF THE HUT – CLOSURE?

The hut will have to close in due course if there is not a team in place to take over managing it by the end of the year. Don't let that happen so contact Jane to find out more. Contact details at the end the newsletter.

PLANT SALE - with tea and cake!

WHEN? Saturday 28th May, 10:00am - 2:00pm

WHERE? 13 Broom Acres, Sandhurst, GU47 8PN

WHAT? Lots of plants and lots of cake!

Please come along to the Sandhurst Gardening Club Plant Sale; new this year is tea and home-made cakes!



Please bring plant contributions if you can. Get rid of that plant you never wanted, sow a few extra seeds, strike some cuttings or make some divisions to contribute plants to the sale. Either drop them off beforehand at the Plant Sale address (above) or bring them along on Plant Sale Day. More plant stock = more choice = more money raised.

Come along and nose at what other members have been growing. Bag some new plant additions for yourself and catch-up with friends over some temptingly wicked cake, a cup of tea and a good sit-down.

Don't worry if you can't make it on Saturday, plant stock left over will be taken to the Trading Hut on Sunday 29th May.

Thanks,
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TRIPS AND OUTINGS

Holiday to the wonderful Isle of Wight 16th May 2022

All payments have been made and I thank you for the prompt action. I hope to have details of the itinerary for our trip at club night.

Sir Harold Hillier Gardens in Romsey

Coach trip to Harold Hillier Gardens on Saturday 17th September 2022. Cost of the outing £28.00

The Sir Harold Hillier Gardens is an arboretum comprising 72 hectares accommodating over 42,000 trees and shrubs in about 12,000 taxa, notably a collection of oaks, camellia, magnolia and rhododendron.

I am taking bookings and payment for the trip at club night on the 20th April 2022.

Sheila Davenport

DAFFODIL SHOW RESULTS 2022

Entries: 48 Entrants: 13

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
1	Peter Radband	Tony Winter	Carole Killick
2	Peter Radband	Carole Killick	Tony Winter
3	Rachel Parker	Lorna Neighbour	Tony Winter
4	Tony Winter	Margaret Finch	Liz Crow
5	Philip Thompson	Tony Winter	Maxine Williams
6	Tony Winter	Margaret Finch	Liz Crow
7	Tony Winter	-	-
8	Tony Winter	Peter Radband	Liz Crow
9	Liz Crow	Peter Radband	-
10	Margaret Finch	Tony Winter	Peter Radband
11	Margaret Finch	Carole Hickman	Jean Edwards
12	Tony Winter	Peter Radband	-
13	Peter Radband	Tony Winter	-

Highest Points

The Barclays Bank Cup: Tony Winter



MEMBERSHIP CARDS

If you paid your membership fee online there is a membership card waiting for you at the trading hut and at club night. This gives all the club night and show dates, also the trading hut opening times and dates throughout the year. Please come and collect yours.



Those members who were at the March club night were able to join the committee in saying a hearty 'thank you' to Gill Clark who has decided to stand down as a committee member after more than 10 years. While not holding a specific role, Gill has always been involved in all aspects of club events, be it serving teas, helping on stalls, working in the hut... the list continues. The committee in particular would like to acknowledge

the wonderful cakes she always made when hosting committee meetings – safe to say everyone attended if a meeting was at Gill's!

TRIBUTE TO KATH BROWN



Kath Brown who lived in Branksome Hill Road College Town died a few weeks ago.

Kath and her husband joined the Club in 1969 – they both loved gardening, and were soon winning prizes at the Shows. As they had a large garden when they joined the committee, George took over running the Trading Hut. He loved hanging baskets in particular and Kath loved flowers and cookery. He had the compost delivered to the house as well as seed potatoes etc., as at that time we were still negotiating finding yet another hut suitable for trading from. He retired from the committee in 1993.

Kath loved cooking but for the shows she made a delightful sponge topped with pink icing which my younger daughter couldn't resist. She obviously got this from her mum hence the May Elsley cup for cookery.

The George Brown Salver was in memory of George and his hanging baskets.

We made a rule about that time that committee members would have Life Membership free for as long as they lived and Kath's daughter said she still loved reading the newsletter up to the time she died aged 97.

Chris Dresler

The photograph shows Kath at one of the shows in 1994.

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