



## Newsletter 2 – February 2023

Dear Members,

This Wednesday is the AGM and we have the return of the 'two for one' offer – we begin the evening with the AGM, and especially important this year as we are proposing changes to the set-up of the committee and associated 'subgroups' to run the club. It is also important to give you the opportunity to have your say in what is, after all, your club. A separate email will come out about the AGM. Previous minutes etc will also come out with that email.

The AGM will not take very long, so shortly after it finishes we will be welcoming our second part of the 2 for 1 offer – Geoff Peach will be giving our talk this month: 'Chickens in the Garden'. This is one of those talks that was postponed, rearranged and then postponed again because of the pandemic, so I am pleased it will finally be happening. Do join us; it should be an eggcellent evening!

We will have bulbs (see below for more information) and bird food available for you to buy on club night, but this will be the last time unless someone is willing to step forward and manage it on club nights – it's only on 8 occasions during the year, so not too onerous!

Julie Sheppard

### 60<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Plans for our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party are progressing well - thanks to the small group of volunteers working hard on this.

It will be on the afternoon of Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July and while precise details are still being finalised, it will be an afternoon tea in the community centre. Caterers will be providing the tea, dietary requirements will be catered for and the cost will be heavily subsidised by the club. Please put the date in your diary and look out for more details of when and how to buy tickets.

Obviously we are going to need a birthday cake – if anyone can recommend a celebration cake-maker, please let a member of the committee know, or email:

[secretary@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk)

### TRIPS

[Exbury Gardens](#) Saturday 22nd April 2023 - Departing Sandhurst Library at 09.00h and leaving the venue at 16.00h. The cost will be £29.00. The steam train is extra and members need to book that themselves on arrival.

More than 100 years in the making, Exbury's glorious gardens, designed and curated by the de Rothschild family, have the power to delight and inspire in equal measure. This spectacular collection of landscaped woodland, herbaceous, contemporary, formal and wildflower gardens provide an ever-changing palette of colour that will entice you back to witness the seasons unfold.

[Kew Gardens](#) Saturday 1st July 2023 - Departing Sandhurst Library at 09.30h and leaving the venue at 16.00h. Cost £33.00.

There is so much to say about Kew Gardens, they have been evolving for a very long time. To name a few areas: the Japanese gardens, the Great Pagoda, the Palm House, the Princess of Wales

Conservatory (Diana not Catherine) Rock, Rose and Kitchen gardens, so much to see. So much walking to do. Good comfy shoes required. There are places to eat and drink.

Kew Gardens Christmas Lights - Thursday 30th November 2023. Information not available at the moment, but keep the date for your diary.

Please email me: [Trips@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk](mailto:Trips@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk) to book places or see me at club night.

Payment via bank transfer please or by card at club night.

Bank details: a/c Gardening Club of Sandhurst District

a/c 92029304 and sort code 09-01-51

*Sheila Davenport*

## MEMBERSHIP

A reminder that membership fees are now due, £6 for an individual and £10 for a couple. While you can renew and pay at club night (card payments only), why not avoid the long queues and pay online? All bank details can be found on the membership form itself – also available on the [website](#).

## PLANT SALE



A reminder to start sowing your seeds, dividing your perennials and bringing on your cuttings with the **plant sale** specifically in mind.

Sunil and Gareth are holding it once again this year, on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 from 10.00am – 1.00 pm, in front of their house in



Broomacres on the Longdown Estate. Details of what to do with them will come later in the year. In addition, they will need two volunteers on Friday 2nd to help set up and then

two on the day. If you are able to help, please let a committee member know.

Also, the garden will be opening under the NGS and more details about those opening times will follow as well as the possibility of a private group visit.

## TRADING HUT

The trading hut is now open, as usual, on a Sunday morning 9 to 10.45am. Easter is not for a while but just to remind you we open on Good Friday that weekend and **NOT** Easter Sunday. You will be reminded of the dates nearer the time.

We will be opening on a Wednesday afternoon, 2 to 4pm from 15th March but this year only until the end of May.

The new price list is now available on the website. The new card reader is working well so paying is much quicker and easier.

## SPRING BULBS AND MUCH MORE!!

These are now in stock so do come and buy them. As usual, very reasonable prices: £2.99 down to £2, £3.99 down to £2.70 and £4.99 down to £3.20. Stocks are limited.

A cornucopia of choices awaits you including: dahlias include Dracula, Night Queen and Be Kind; lilies include Purple Dream and Eyeliner; also gladioli, begonias, alstromeria, cannas, nerines and more.

## TRADING HUT MAINTENANCE

Almost all jobs at the hut are now covered by members but there are occasional maintenance jobs that will need doing. For example:

1. Purchasing and replacing a fluorescent tube/starter.
2. Clearing the guttering (ladder in hut) about twice a year.
3. Organising the painting of the black round the base of the hut including purchasing paint/brushes, etc. about every 3 to 4 years.
4. Anything else that might crop up.

Any money spent is repaid very quickly by Steve, our Treasurer.

This is not a job that would take much of your time/year and could be done whenever suits you. If you think you could help with this or would like more information please email: [sgctradinghut@gmail.com](mailto:sgctradinghut@gmail.com).

## HUT BELL



The bell on the gate has gone AWOL. We are going to try and manage without it. If there is no one at the gate as you arrive, please sound your horn (gently!)

## FAREWELL FROM JANE

At the AGM I shall be stepping down from the committee and my job as trading hut secretary. Thank you all for helping me make the hut a great success. You are a great group of people and I now have many friends I met at the club. No one person is taking over my job so there will be a few teething troubles as a new system comes into operation. Be patient and help if you can. Very few gardening clubs have a hut like ours. It keeps the membership numbers high and the fees very low. Please continue to support it in whatever way you can.

I shall still be a member and volunteer for hut duty in due course so, see you all on the other side!

Many, many thanks to you all,

Jane

## DAFFODIL SHOW



Don't forget it's our Daffodil Show next month on 15<sup>th</sup> March, so you have about 4 weeks to keep an eye on your emerging daffs and select some to put in the show. Full details of categories, entry requirements etc can be found in the schedule which was emailed out to everyone earlier this month (3.2.23) and on the [website](http://sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk). Please note exhibits must be staged between 6.45 pm and 7.15 pm; judging will commence at 7.30 pm.

[sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk](http://sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Date	Event	Venue
Wed. 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 7.15 pm	AGM Talk: Chickens in the garden	Community Hall
Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 9.30 am	Trip: Slimbridge Wildlife sanctuary	Slimbridge
Wed. 15 <sup>th</sup> March 7.15pm	Daffodil Show Talk: World of alpine	Community Hall
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> April 7.15pm	Late spring show Talk: growing for the kitchen	Community Hall
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 9.00 am	Trip: Exbury gardens	Exbury
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> May 7.15 pm	Talk: gardening for wildlife	Community Hall
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 10am-1.00pm	Plant sale	Broomacres, Longdown estate
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer show	Community Hall
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> July 9.30 am	Trip: Kew gardens	Kew
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> July - afternoon	60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration	Community Hall
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July 7.15pm	Talk: Clematis & Climbers	Community Hall
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> July 9.00 am	Last day trading hut open	Trading Hut
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 9.00 am	Trading Hut re-opens	Trading Hut
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Autumn show	Community Hall
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct 7.15 pm	Talk: ponds	Community Hall
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 7.15pm	Talk: Pests & diseases - LIVE	Community Hall
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9.00 am	Last day Trading Hut open	Trading Hut
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Trip: Christmas Lights	Kew

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