



Newsletter 5 – May 2023

Dear Members,

I hope you have enjoyed the extra bank holiday we had this year for the Coronation – it was good that at least one decent day weather-wise meant we could all get out in the garden! Good timing as we now turn our thoughts to what flowers and produce we can enter for the Summer show...

The talk at club night this month is just in time for those of you who want to do a bit more to develop your garden to support wild life. We are being joined by Peter Almond who will do just that! I do hope you will be able to join us.

Results from the late spring show can be found at the end of the newsletter, along with a few photos from the night. Graham Talbot gave some helpful feedback for showing tulips and mentioned a couple of varieties in particular that he would recommend when it comes to showing: World's Favourite (reddish orange) and American Dream (yellow).

Julie Sheppard

TRADING HUT

The Trading hut continues to open on a Sunday morning from 9 to 10.45 am. and also on Wednesday afternoons, 2 to 3.00 pm until the end of May. Please remember, that in the absence of the bell, members arriving by car need to give a small 'bib' on their horn if no-one is by the gate so someone can come from the hut to let you in.

Volunteers are still needed to join the group we have to help with hut deliveries. If you are able to spare an hour or so now and again, please contact Beverley and Carole at sgctradinghut@gmail.com. They will try and keep the number of deliveries to a minimum, but the more people who volunteer then the less you will be needed to help!

In addition, more volunteers are needed on the rota of helpers at the hut. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Sunday morning or just an hour on Wednesday afternoons, do please get in touch with Lesley Williams who organises the rota. If you have volunteered but haven't yet been contacted by Lesley, do please email her to let her know any dates you can do – trying to fill all the dates the hut is open can be an arduous task, so do help her by being a bit proactive. johnwilliams288@hotmail.com

60th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Tickets are selling well for our celebration event on the 8th July. As well as the wonderful afternoon tea being served (a real bargain price when compared to similar teas in restaurants, hotels etc) we have the Sandhurst Community Band playing for us. Let's hope the sun is shining!! You can buy tickets for this fantastic event in a number of ways:

- using credit/debit cards at the Trading Hut
- on club nights
- via online banking.

If you are buying tickets, please ensure you complete the attached form and in particular indicate any dietary requirements you may have.

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Plans for the 60th Birthday celebrations are progressing well, and we have the most wonderful afternoon tea planned! More details will come out in a separate email, but make note of the date if you haven't already done so - tickets will be on a first come first served basis, with the cost being exceptionally good value at just £20 per ticket. The afternoon tea is being catered by [Sarah Kelly Fine Foods](#) and as you can see below, this is not just an ordinary tea!

Assorted sandwiches served on white china platters:

Smoked salmon, lemon and black pepper

Egg mayonnaise and watercress

Baked ham, mixed leaves and wholegrain mustard

Cucumber, cream cheese and chive

Homemade sausage rolls, served warm

Buttermilk scones with raspberry jam and cream

Goey chocolate brownies

Viennese whirls with a roasted rhubarb icing

Zesty Lemon cake

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AWARD OF A BURSARY FOR HORTICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

£500 still available!!!

Are you, or do you have a relative, who is currently studying or due to start studying some aspect of horticulture?

If so, please encourage them to apply for the Bursary the club is offering in recognition of its 60th anniversary. Closing date for applications is 31st May 2023. The form can be found attached to previous newsletters or via the [website](http://www.sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk).

Completed applications should be returned to: secretary@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk

TRIPS



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

A larger, 55-seater coach has been ordered so needs filling! If you have any friends or family (non-members) who would like to come along, then please invite

them. The more the merrier and it will offset the cost of the coach.

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.



At the time of writing, only 20 spaces left – book quickly for remaining seats



Coach Trip with a difference: NO COACH!

Sunil and Gareth are opening their [garden for the NGS](http://www.gardenfortheNGS.co.uk) on various dates in the summer, but they are also doing a private event for Sandhurst Gardening Club and their friends/family on **Sunday 13th August 2pm until 5pm**

Come and see their spellbinding ¼ acre suburban romantic style garden with shrubbery, exotics, specimen trees, scented climbers and mixed herbaceous borders. Densely planted and decadently flowering, a feast for all the senses. Come for the garden stay for the magic and discover why romance remains compelling, timeless and enduring.

The cost is £9 which includes tea / coffee and cake.

13 Broom Acres, Sandhurst GU47 8PN

This needs to be booked in advance at club night and paid for too. I shall have a sign-up sheet ready for next club night. I hope lots of you will support and attend this event.

Lydia Stonestreet

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

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Please email me: 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

SUMMER AND AUTUMN SHOWS

A number of changes have been made to the summer and autumn shows for this year. Some of the key points were highlighted for members in an earlier newsletter (and repeated below). In addition, I thought it might be useful to highlight how members can submit their entry forms and also a change regarding entries for the photographic classes for this year:

Entry Forms should be emailed to shows@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk by 12.00 noon on the THURSDAY prior to the Show or delivered to 85 Pinehill Road RG45 7JP., or left at the Trading hut the Sunday prior to the show at the latest (Sunday 11th June). Entry to classes is free. No late entries will be accepted. Exhibits must be staged between 9.00am and 12.00 noon on the morning of the show.

As a trial this year, all Photography classes can only be entered electronically. Your photos and entry forms should be emailed to secretary@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk by 5pm Thursday 8th June for the Summer show and Thursday 31st August for the Autumn show. Photos are to be in JPEG format and no more than 5 Mb. Please detail which class each photo is entered in. the classes are:

66. Blossom Time

67. Four Legged Friends

68. Birds of a Feather

Cups and trophies

Please return cups and trophies (for the summer show only) as soon as possible, preferably to the Trading Hut, ensuring they are cleaned and polished first!

Rosettes

If you have any rosettes you've won at past shows and don't want to keep them anymore, do please return them so we can recycle them for future shows! They can be handed over at a club night, at the hut or to a committee member. Many thanks,

SHOW SCHEDULES

A reminder that these are available in a number of ways:

- They were emailed out to members on 3rd February 2023
- Online via [this link](#) to the website where it can be found on the 'downloads' page

Also, for those of you who like to plan ahead, remember you can print the whole schedule off in one go, or show by show.

Any problems, please contact a committee member.

SGM & RULES

Following last month's SGM, the [minutes](#) from the meeting and the revised [Rules for the club](#) can now be found on the website.

NGS OPEN GARDEN



A reminder that the garden of two of our own members is opening this year under the National Garden Scheme (NGS) for the very first time. It can be found at 13 Broom Acres in Sandhurst (some of you may recognise this as the address for the plant sale as well!). Go for the cake, stay for the garden and have a wonderful time! You can find more details in the 2023 NGS Yellow Book or online under "[13 Broom Acres](#)". They are open on various days throughout the summer and if you would like to volunteer as a helper on the open days, please email Sunil or Gareth at garden@sunilpatel.co.uk or contact a Club Committee member.

KAVS

We have been awarded a certificate for volunteering in the Community. I (Chris), who started the club, Jane Heritage and Richard Cox (who has been vice-chairman and Chairman for over twenty years) were invited by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant to receive this award. We were one of twelve such organisations. What is it and how did it come about? It is all about people in groups volunteering in the Community. I first found out about it about 6 years ago - I belong to Rowhill Nature Reserve which I joined when living in Farnham - they applied for this and also won it, going to the Palace to receive the award, so I asked how they did it.

After being nominated, we had to have two people to write supporting letters and one of our speakers who knows us well did a piece about us as well as the daughter of a previous chairman.



They wanted to know a lot! - How the club started in 1963, who was involved – how many meetings did we have, did we have any Shows, did we run coach trips then, all about the Trading Hut. How we involved youngsters in the Duke of Edinburgh award, which charities did we support. Did we support local schools and how. Both Julie (our secretary) and Jane Heritage, with a small amount from me, furnished them with all they needed, which was massive. They even came to a club night; unfortunately, the speaker didn't come at the last minute but Julie and co. saved the day. I also found out that only one gardening club in our area has won this award and that is Swallowfield. It would be lovely if we won it, wouldn't it?

Chris Dresler

PLANT SALE



Plans are progressing well for this year's plant sale, building on the tremendous success of last year's! Hopefully you are all carefully nurturing those plants and seedlings! The sale will take place on Saturday 3rd June 2023 from 10.00am – 1.00pm, and take place in front of the house at 13, Broomacres on the Longdown Estate. Details of what to do with them will come later in the month. Some members have already volunteered to help, so thank you to those people, but in Sunil has said he could still

do with two more - one on the Friday to set up and the other for the sale itself. If you are to help, please let a committee member know or see Sunil or Gareth at club night.



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AFFILIATIONS

We are affiliated to a number of organisations, which offer different benefits and news for members:

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RHS CARD: We are affiliated to the RHS and as such, buy a card each year for any gardening club member to use. It gives **50% off** entry to any of the RHS gardens. Please contact Sandra Hooper (via the email address below) if you would like to borrow it.

Surrey Horticultural Federation (SHF): this link will take you to their home page, where you can sign up to receive their monthly newsletter. <https://surreyhorticurfederation.org/>

Hampshire federation of horticultural societies (HFHS): this is the link for the HFHS; you can sign up for their newsletter by following a link at the bottom of the page.

<https://www.hampshirefedhortisoc.org.uk/>

BUDDING JOURNALIST NEEDED!

Could you take over writing the short article needed for the Sandhurst Residents' Association (SRA) magazine? It is not an arduous task and needs to be done just four times a year. The same article is then used for the Crowthorne Eye magazine. Please contact me either by email or see me at club night if you are able to help or would like to have a chat about it first. It would be much appreciated!

secretary@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk

Julie Sheppard

LATE SPRING SHOW

It's been a funny old February and March this year and the daffodils at the late spring show were disappointing. The stunning floral arrangements however made a real statement and congratulations to Jill Roberts who won both categories. The tulips looked great and the pot plants were varied and colourful. Everything went to plan and we were pleased with our running of this show. Congratulations to Tony Winter, who was the overall winner of the George Brown Cup. (See below for the full show results)

The real test will come at the Summer Show which is now only a month away!
Carole, Adele and Lori



SPRING SHOW 2023 RESULTS

Entries 43 Entrants 14

Class		1st	2nd	3rd
1	trumpet daffodil one bloom - all yellow	Peter Radband	Betty Wilson	Tony Winter
2	trumpet daffodil one bloom - any other colour		Sylvia Tansley	
3	trumpet daffodil 3 blooms - 1 vase	Betty Wilson.		
4	large cup daffodil - one bloom	Tony Winter	Sylvia Tansley	Peter Radband
5	large cup daffodil - 3 blooms 1 vase	Tony Winter		
6	small cup daffodil 1 bloom		Peter Radband	
7	small cup daffodil 3 blooms - 1 vase	Jill Humphreys		Peter Radband

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8	double daffodil 1 bloom	Tony Winter	Sylvia Tansley	Peter Radband
9	double daffodil 3 blooms - 1 vase	<i>No entries</i>		
10	vase of daffodils any other div. mixed 3 blooms	Liz Crow	Tony Winter	Peter Radband
Highest Points - Classes 1 - 10		Tony Winter		
11	Polyanthus - mixed - 5 stems	Carol Killik		
12	container of flowering daffodils	<i>No entries</i>		
13	'spring time' - exhibit	Jill Roberts	Ruth Page	Liz Crow
14	'anything goes' - exhibit	Jill Roberts	Liz Crowe	Ruth Page
15	tulip one bloom - single colour	Lydia Stonestreet	Jackie Glover	Sylvia Tansley
16	tulip one bloom - multi coloured	Jean Bromah	Betty Wilson	Tony Winter
17	tulip one bloom - serrated petals	Rachel Parker	Betty Wilson	
18	tulip multi-head - one stem	<i>No entries</i>		
19	vase of tulips - mixed - 9 stems	Peter Radband	Liz Crow	
20	vase of daffodils - mixed - 9 stem	Liz Crowe	Peter Radband	
21	vase of flowering shrubs - 3 stems any kind	Jill Humphreys	Carol Killik	Betty Wilson
22	flowering pot plant	Lydia Stonestreet	Betty Wilson	Tony Winter
Highest Points - Classes 15 - 22		Betty Wilson		
Overall Winner		Tony Winter		



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Date	Event	Venue
Wed 19 th April 7.15pm	Late spring show Talk: growing for the kitchen	Community Hall
Sat 22 nd April 9.00 am	Trip: Exbury gardens	Exbury
Sun 7 th May 9 – 10.45 am	Tool sharpening	Trading hut
Wed 17 th May 7.15 pm	Talk: gardening for wildlife	Community Hall
Sat 3 rd June 10am-1.00pm	Plant sale	Broomacres, Longdown estate
Sat 17 th June	Summer show	Community Hall

Sat 1 st July 9.30 am	Trip: Kew gardens	Kew
Sat 8 th July - afternoon	60 th Birthday celebration	Community Hall
Wed 19 th July 7.15pm	Talk: Clematis & Climbers	Community Hall
Sun 30 th July 9.00 am	Last day trading hut open	Trading Hut
Sun 3 rd Sept 9.00 am	Trading Hut re-opens	Trading Hut
Sat 9 th Sept	Autumn show	Community Hall
Tues 3 rd Oct 2.30 pm	Afternoon talk	Kitty Dancy room
Wed 18 th Oct 7.15 pm	Talk: ponds	Community Hall
Tues 7 th Nov. 2.30 pm	Autumn at RBG Kew	Kitty Dancy room
Wed 15 th Nov 7.15pm	Talk: Pests & diseases - LIVE	Community Hall
Sun 26 th Nov 9.00 am	Last day Trading Hut open	Trading Hut
Thurs 30 th Nov	Trip: Christmas Lights	Kew
Tues 2 nd Jan 2024 2.30 pm	Afternoon talk	Kitty Dancy room
Tues 6 th Feb. 2024 2.30 pm	Afternoon talk	Kitty Dancy room

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