



Newsletter 6 – June 2023

Dear Members,

Show season is upon us! This month sees our first big show of the year, coming up on Saturday 17th June. Hopefully everything in the garden will have recovered from the cold spring and be looking lovely for a positively humungous number of entries in all the classes! Details have been sent out in various emails, and can also be found later in this newsletter.

I hope you all enjoyed Peter Almond's talk last month, exploring ways to encourage wildlife in the garden. As promised, he has sent information on a couple of the things he mentioned: For those interested in joining the British Trust for Ornithology's Garden birdwatch, more information can be found here: <https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/gbw>

He also referenced several books:

The Garden Jungle by Dave Goulson

No Nettles Required by Ken Thompson

The Last Hedgehog by Pam Ayres

Julie Sheppard

60th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

As you will be aware from the emails, tickets are fast selling out for this celebration of our 60th birthday. At the time of writing, there are less than 20 available. As the event is limited to 100 places, you'll need to hurry to get the final tickets before they go.

There are 2 remaining options to buy tickets:

1. By credit/debit card at the Summer Show on Saturday June 17th, 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm
2. By paying online to "Gardening Club of Sandhurst & District", A/c no. 92029304, Sort Code 09-01-51

Tickets will be sold on a "first come, first served" basis as we cannot exceed 100 attendees.

It promises to be a super afternoon with a welcome drink, professionally catered afternoon tea, an exhibition about the club and its history, a performance by the Sandhurst Community Band, a good natter(!) and culminating in the cutting of a specially made celebration cake together with a glass of Prosecco kindly donated by Tesco Express in Yorktown Road.

PLANT SALE

A beautiful day, sun shining gently and a front garden absolutely heaving with wonderful plants – sounds idyllic, doesn't it? Well, the plant sale was another resounding success, thanks in no small part to the hard work of Sunil and Gareth in particular for hosting this event once again. However, thanks must also be given to the members who helped with the set-up on Friday, with the selling on Saturday and also all of you who kindly donated plants and/or bought them. An excellent example of the club working together

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effectively! And on to the big question – how much was raised? Well, an absolutely amazing £596 is the figure I have. No decisions have been made as yet as to how this money will be used, but it will be discussed at the next committee meeting and if you have any strong ideas, do please let a committee member know.



SANDHURST ALLOTMENTS TOUR

Have you ever wondered what goes on at the end of the road past the Trading hut (apart from football that is)? Well, if so, we have the answer for you - Sandhurst Allotments can be found there and they are, again, providing a guided tour of the allotments with refreshments afterwards. Details as follows:

- Date: Thursday 20th July at 2pm
- Meet: at the Trading hut
- Parking: Either Pistachio's Café or the Community Hall car park. Please note, members on the tour will not be covered by the Allotment group insurance and there are no toilet facilities on site.

Refreshments will be available for a voluntary donation to the allotment funds.

TRIPS

Kew Gardens Saturday 1st July 2023 – bookings for this trip have now closed.

Coach Trip with a difference: NO COACH! Sunil and Gareth are opening their [garden for the NGS](#) 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 the sign-up sheet available at the show and the 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.

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

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Sheila Davenport

SUMMER SHOW

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 10 Nightingale Gardens, Sandhurst, GU47 9DQ.

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.

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.

TRADING HUT

The hut continues to be open on Sundays only, 9.00 to 10.45am until 30th July. Items are coming back into stock as deliveries are being made. There will be a few items available at the show.

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.

AFFILIATIONS

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



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.

BUDDING JOURNALIST STILL 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

SANDHURST DAY CENTRE

Super job by club members Pat Roome and Jill Coe in making the outside of Sandhurst Day Centre more welcoming and cheerful by the refurbishment of their planters. Thank you, ladies!



FOR SALE

Oase FiltoClear 6,000 Pond Pump £250 ono. Ring Sylvia Tansley on 01344 772698 or 07775 098377 if interested.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Date	Event	Venue
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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