



Newsletter 7 – July 2023

Dear Members,

Well, what a lot has happened since the last newsletter – a super summer show and an even more super 60th birthday party – read on for more information and photos of both.

Julie Sheppard

CLUB NIGHT - JULY

This month's talk (Wednesday July 19th) has changed a little in that the title is now 'Clematis' and it will be given by Liz Gibbison (not Everett Leeds as advertised on the membership card). Unfortunately, Everett was no longer available for the talk and so has recommended Liz to us. Liz used to run a clematis nursery in Send, just outside Woking, so there isn't much she doesn't know about growing them! She will also be bringing some clematis plants along with her on the night. They will be just £10 each, which as I'm sure you'll appreciate is considerable cheaper than you'll pay at any garden centre. She will take cash or cheque and it would help considerably if you could bring a bag along in which to take home your purchase(s). She will also have some leaflets available to members on growing and caring for your clematis.

We will no longer be bringing stock over from the hut to sell at club night. The amount of goods sold both in terms of quantity and sales have not made it worthwhile in view of the considerable amount of time and effort it took on behalf of the volunteers. Thanks to everyone, Jacqui and Carole in particular, for giving it a go! Bulbs will continue to be sold seasonally though.

Finally, a plea from the committee and many club members regarding the increasing amount of background noise made by people chatting during speaker's talks. Besides being very distracting, it also makes hearing the speaker difficult for those members who are a little hard of hearing. **PLEASE DON'T CHAT DURING THE TALKS.**



60th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



What a super afternoon this was. The rain stayed away, members were able to stroll up to the hall to the sound of the Sandhurst Community Brass band playing gently in the background, sup on a glass of prosecco and enjoy a chat with friends while looking at the history of the club displayed on boards around the room. After being welcomes by James Sunderland (our local MP) the afternoon continued with a scrumptious afternoon tea, speeches made by Chris and also Graham Talbot, both of which struck exactly the right note, a toast to the future of the club and then more time for eating, drinking and chatting – there: the afternoon summed up in just 6 lines,

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but of course it was far more than that, as the photos show. There are a few throughout this newsletter, but the majority will appear on the [website](#).

Many of you will be familiar with Hardy's Nursery, based at Whitchurch in Hants. The Hardys kindly donated a copy of their book, '25 Years of Chelsea' by Rosy Hardy when they heard of our birthday celebrations. This will be raffled on club night, but is also available via their [website](#), if anyone would like to buy it.

SANDHURST ALLOTMENTS TOUR

This takes place **THIS COMING THURSDAY (20th)**. Please meet at the Trading hut at 2.00 pm if you are interested, preferably having emailed secretary@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk beforehand. Thank you to those members who have already done this. This is only so the allotment folk have an idea of roughly how many to expect so if you find you are unexpectedly free and want to join the tour, do please just turn up. 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

Coach Trip with a difference: NO COACH! Sunil and Gareth are opening their [garden for the NGS](#) as 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. Densley 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. The garden can be found at 13 Broom Acres, Sandhurst GU47 8PN (this is where the plant sale was held).

Please email Trips@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk to book your place(s), or sign up at club night. Payment can be made in the normal way by bank transfer (see below) or by card reader at the club night. I hope lots of you will support and attend this event.

Bank details: a/c Gardening Club of Sandhurst & District
a/c 92029304 and sort code 09-01-51

Kew Gardens Christmas Lights – Sunday 19th November 2023 CONFIRMED DATE.

We will leave Sandhurst at approx. 3 pm and then leave Kew 8.30/9.00 pm; these timings will be confirmed. The cost is yet to be confirmed, but will include the entry to Kew, the coach hire and driver's tip. Warm clothing will be needed and bookings paid for by Sat. 30th September.

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

Lydia Stonestreet

TRADING HUT

A reminder that the Trading Hut will be closing for the summer break at the end of the month. The hut is generally well stocked, Doff Tomato Feed together with Seaweed Feed are still available. Clover is out of stock at the moment but peat reduced, peat free, John Innes, ericaceous and composted stable manure are all available.

It will re-open on Sunday 3rd September when we hope to have bulbs for sale (as well as at the Autumn Show). There will be price rises but they will still be excellent value for money. Limited stocks so don't delay, come and buy!



SUMMER SHOW

The time of the Summer Show had arrived and Lori Bird picked me up to arrive at the Memorial Hall by 4.20pm. Have you got the key to unlock the cupboard? Have you got the Class entries? Oh no they are at home! Lori and I get in her car and travelled back to Crowthorne. All went well after that hiccup and things were finished by 6.30pm.

Up with the lark on Saturday and down to the Hall for the show. I must say the caretaker was very accommodating and extremely helpful. We were able to open all the fire doors to keep the hall cool. People arrived with their entries, Judges arrived and results were calculated. The entries weren't high, (same as last year 170) but according to all the judges the standard was extremely high. The refreshments were served in the Kitty Dancy Room. Julie Sheppard had prepared a presentation on her laptop of the photography entries, which people could watch whilst having a cup of tea. I must say I thought that all the photos were stunning. Our thanks go to Julie for creating this presentation. The Deputy Mayor Parm Panesar presented the trophies and drew the raffle. Then it was time to pack it all up and go home. My thanks once again go to all those who helped on the day. Gill Clark for organising the refreshments, Liz Crow for organising the Raffle and to everyone who entered, without whom we would not have a show.

The Autumn show is on Saturday 9th September and I look forward to seeing you all there

Carole Hickman

The results for the show can be found at the end of the newsletter with a few photos from the show. The rest will be on the [website](#).



NGS OPEN GARDEN

If you are unable to join the private club visit to Gareth and Sunil's garden, it is also open for 2 further dates this summer: Saturday 22nd July & Saturday 5th August. It can be found at 13 Broom Acres in Sandhurst. 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](#)".



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

SUMMER SHOW RESULTS		
Trophy		Winner is
The Rose Bowl	Classes 1 - 5	Betty Wilson
Mary Gibbons trophy	Classes 6 – 15 Cut flowers	Betty Wilson
Hetty Hope Memorial	Classes 16-26 Pot plants	Peter Brockway
Marks and Spencer Cup	Classes 27 – 30 Sweet peas	Marilyn Grant
Lyne Trophy	Classes 31 – 33 Hanging baskets	Steve Roome
John Cooper Challenge Cup	Classes 34 – 37 Fruit	Helen Harding and Liz Crow
Garden News Shield	Classes 38 – 51 Vegetables	Liz Crow
Floral Art trophy	Classes 52 – 55 Flower Arranging	Ruth Page

Bert Cole Trophy	Classes 56 – 60 Handicrafts	Beverley Morgan
Hilda Lanham trophy	Classes 61 – 65 Culinary	Marilyn Grant
Red Rosette	Photography Classes 66 - 68	Beverley Morgan
Certificate	Junior Classes Classes 69 - 72	Autumn Edge age (7) Drawing of a sunflower

Best Exhibit	Class	Winner is
Classes 1 – 5	Roses	Betty Wilson
Classes 6 – 15	Cut flowers	Betty Wilson
Classes 16 - 26	Pot plants	Sandra Hooper
Classes 27 – 30	Sweet peas	Marilyn Grant
Classes 31 – 33	Hanging baskets	Steve Roome
Classes 34 – 37	Fruit	Liz Crow
Classes 38 – 51	Vegetables	Liz Crow
Classes 52 – 55	Flower Arranging	Ruth Page
Classes 56 – 60	Handicrafts	Austin Hooper
Classes 61 – 65	Culinary	Marilyn Grant
Photography	Classes 66 - 68	Beverley Morgan
Junior Classes	Classes 69 - 72	Autumn Edge





DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Date	Event	Venue
Wed 19 th July 7.15pm	Talk: Clematis	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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