



Newsletter 8 – August 2023

Dear Members,

Well, the 'quiet' time of the summer is nearly over and I hope you are all getting ready for the Autumn show. As I started this newsletter it was a glorious sunny day – I could almost believe we were enjoying a bit of summer! However, as I now continue the newsletter and edit bits of it, the rain has returned once again and it's 'situation normal' again!

None of this bodes well for the show unfortunately but we can only hope that there are a few warm and dry days between now and then and that our gardens perk up and we are all able to contribute some entries. Details of what to do and how are given below.

I hope you all enjoyed the July talk on Clematis. I found I was frantically scribbling down the names of some of the clematis Liz Gibbison shared with us. The nursery she mentioned as being able to supply all of the varieties she talked about was [Thorncroft](#) nursery.

Julie Sheppard

AUTUMN SHOW – Saturday 9th September.

Emailing your entries for the summer show clearly worked very well, with the vast majority of entries being received in this way. Thank you! The same will apply for the Autumn show:

Entry Forms should be emailed to shows@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk by 12.00 noon on **THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER**. They can also be delivered to:

- 85 Pinehill Road Crowthorne RG45 7JP or
- 15 Lowry Close, College Town GU47 0FJ or
- 288 Yorktown Rd. Sandhurst GU47 0PZ or
- left at the Trading hut the Sunday prior to the show – Sunday 3rd September.

Entry to classes is free. No late entries will be accepted.

Staging: Exhibits must be staged between 9.00am and 12.00 noon on the morning of the show.

- There will be tables in the hall with all you need: vases, etc.
- Water supply: water will be provided near the set-up tables but if you need very little, you may like to bring a plastic bottle from home. We are trying to prevent members fetching water from the kitchen and risking spillages and anyone slipping on a wet floor.

If you are thinking of entering, but aren't quite sure what to do or you have never entered before, do please give it a go. There are always committee members in the hall on the morning of the show and also experienced 'showers' who are more than willing to help you. Alternatively, you can email secretary@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk and we'll make sure a specific person is there to help you on the morning. It's amazing what pleasure you can get from 'giving it a go' and then finding you've got a 3rd, 2nd or even a 1st place certificate!! I'm speaking from experience here, so do think about it – who knows.... The trial for the emailing of entries for the Photography classes also went very well, with more entries being received than in recent previous years so do please give this a go as well!

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Entries can only be entered electronically. Your photos and entry forms should be emailed to secretary@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk by 5pm on Thursday 31st August. Photos are to be in JPEG format and no more than 5 Mb. Please detail which class each photo is entered in and only send one entry per class. The classes are:

- 84. A Summer Border
- 85. Reflections
- 86. The Club's 60th Birthday Party

BULBS

We might be in August and high summer (!) but it's time to start thinking about your displays of spring bulbs. The Club's bulb order is due to arrive shortly and you'll be able to purchase these at the September show, when a selection will be on sale in the Kitty Dancy room. Hopefully there will be something to catch your eye amongst the varieties of daffodils, tulips, crocus, hyacinths and more. To see the full range, visit the hut on the first or second Sunday of reopening as popular varieties sell quickly. And remember all bulbs are sold at a discounted price giving you a significant saving compared to local garden centres.

Liz Crow

SANDHURST ALLOTMENTS TOUR



When the newsletter came round about the allotment visit last year I did not get to visit, so this year when it came up again, I put my name and my friend to visit so that I did not miss out. So glad we did as it was so interesting. Peter Radband was the gentleman that organised the afternoon and although I don't grow vegetables it was amazing to see what these people achieved. Lots of flowers as well. After the one-hour walk-about we were guided to the end of the allotments to tea or coffee and homemade cakes with all the tables laid out with table clothes and bone China tea cups and saucers. I even managed to get a recipe for bread pudding that was very yummy. Will definitely be putting my name down next year.

Irene Ashford.



TRIPS

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

The coach is now booked for this fantastic event! We will leave Sandhurst library at 3.30 pm so please be ready by 3.15 at the latest. We will then leave Kew 9.00 pm to return home. The cost is now confirmed at £40, which includes the entry to Kew, the coach hire and parking and the driver's tip. Bookings need to be made and paid for by Sat. 30th September, unless it is full before then.

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Payment via bank transfer please (details below) or by card at club night.

Bank details: a/c name: Gardening Club of Sandhurst District

a/c 92029304

Sort code 09-01-51

Lydia Stonestreet

TRADING HUT

The Trading hut has been re-organised and re-stocked in the summer break ready for opening on Sunday 3rd September. If you can't find what you need, please ask the volunteers. If there's anything that you'd like to see stocked, please let us know via the email address below and we'll see what we can do.

There will be a Trading hut table at the Autumn Show, bulbs will be available at the show and in the hut when we re-open.

Available now:

Evergreen Peat Based Multi-Purpose Compost

Lawn Weed, Feed & Moss killer

Bulb Planting Baskets

Hanging Basket Liners

Autumn Lawn Feed

Bulb Planting Bowls

Hanging Baskets for Autumn Displays

Composted Stable Manure

New & Re-stocked Products:

Greenhouse Insulation – see below

Fruit Tree Grease Bands

Codling Moth Traps & Refills

Swell Gel

Cabbage Collars

Plum Fruit Moth Traps & Refills.

Dried Blood, high nitrogen fertiliser

Multicote 6.

Greenhouse Bubble Insulation 1.50m wide, approx. 25mm bubble, £2.25pm

Are there any members that would like to order greenhouse bubble insulation this year?

Fixing clips are also available - Clips & Washers 50 pack £4.70, Clips & Corners 16 pack £4.25.

All prices to be confirmed prior to order.

The insulation isn't suitable to store in the hut so this will be a one-off order and we need to have interest for the complete roll. We have a couple of enquires already, we plan to order this by the middle of September. Please let us know if you are interested as soon as possible – email below.

This gives a guide to amounts to order and advice re fitting. There's also plenty of YouTube videos to help. <https://www.harrodhorticultural.com/greenhouse-bubble-wrap-20mm-bubbles-pid7619.html>

To order greenhouse bubble insulation or suggest new hut products please let us know by emailing: sgctradinghut@gmail.com

Thank you.

The Trading Hut Team

SUNIL'S OPEN GARDEN

Sunday 13th August did stay dry for our visit to Sunil and Gareth's Garden. Sunil gave a talk in the front garden when most people had arrived telling us how it started from being mostly grass to lots of moving of soil in to make beds and design his romantic style garden. The garden was lovely and interesting and lots of lovely places to sit and enjoy different aspects of the garden. Right at the bottom he had several compost heaps then around another corner was a rabbit sculpture. There were blackberries and plums

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growing which looked great. Sunil did an excellent job of baking all the cakes which were delicious and lots of people bought extra cake to take away too. We enjoyed tea and cake on all the seats that had been put out on the patio. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Lydia Stonestreet



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

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Red denotes changes

Date	Event	Venue
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
Sunday 19th 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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Please include a SAE with your completed membership form.

Seed and Plant orders: David Dunford* 01252 656826 dvdunford@ntlworld.com**General enquiries:** enquiries@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk

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