



Newsletter 10 – November 2023

Dear Members,

Well, the clocks have now changed, the nights draw in and that means less time for us in the garden – however, more time to pour over the seed possibilities and begin to plan for next year! This is a not-so-subtle way to remind everyone to make sure you place your seed orders! See below for details.

Our speaker this month sees the return of another club favourite – Ray Broughton. He will be talking to us about ‘Pests and Diseases’ – a subject that I am sure will be popular with many members, so I look forward to seeing you there. Some of you may remember this talk was actually booked for two years ago, but due to a faulty fire alarm at the community hall, we were unable to hold our meeting that night – I have strong memories of it being a bitter cold night, punctuated by the ringing sounds of the fire alarm! Hopefully this time it will be considerably more peaceful and we’ll actually get to hear about how to deal with the little blighters in the garden! It is Wed 15th Nov 7.15pm.

I hope you all enjoyed last month’s speaker, Graham Talbot, preparing us for Autumn. I noted down a couple of recommendations he made:

- DT Brown, especially for plantlets <https://www.dtbrownseeds.co.uk/>
- The ‘Treasure’ range of F1 wallflowers

Julie Sheppard

REMEMBER – PLACE YOUR SEED ORDERS

For those members who haven’t yet placed their seed orders, this will now have to be done by phone, as we understand that the discount code no longer appears on the Fothergill’s website. You need to:

- call Mr Fothergills on 03337773936 to place the order again quoting promotional code **F242**

You will still attract a seed order discount of 50% (apart from 99p seed packets). Please confirm with the sales person the discounts / offers have been applied by quoting the promotional code **F242**.

I would suggest you place your order imminently!

Happy seed ordering
David Dunford

TRADING HUT – HELP NEEDED PLEASE

We’re planning to do the stock take at the trading hut on Tuesday 5th December, from 9.30am. If you can spare a morning to help out it would be appreciated. Please contact us on sgctradinghut@gmail.com

KAVS

You may remember that last year we were nominated for the King’s (formally Queen’s) Award for Voluntary Service. Following much hard work by many club members in collating all the ‘evidence’ that was needed, we did fantastically well and made it through to next phase. We were visited by the deputy

lieutenant of Berkshire, Andrew Try and Jane Heritage, Chris Dresler and Richard Cox represented the club at a Berkshire-wide celebration. We just had to make it through the national assessments.

Although we did brilliantly to make it thus far, I am sorry to say that we were notified last week that we were not successful. Please see below the email we received:

The King's Award for Voluntary Service 2023

We were delighted to receive a nomination for your volunteer group for The King's Award for Voluntary Service 2023. This has been considered very carefully by our local assessors and the independent National Assessment Committee, and I am now writing to let you know the outcome. The work your group does for the community was very much admired by the National Assessment Committee. However, I am sorry to say that following close deliberation it was not among those selected to receive the award this year. The King's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest accolade given to volunteer groups across the UK and the very fact that you were nominated independently for this honour shows how highly local people think of you. This is great recognition in itself and I hope that your volunteers will be able to take great pride in this.

Our local and national assessors were impressed by your substantial achievements in supporting your local community. Please convey to your volunteers and staff our warm appreciation of all you do, and we wish you the very best in continuing your valuable work, now and in the future. A physical copy of this letter has been sent to you and we hope this extends our thanks for all the work you do.

With much admiration - and warmest wishes

Martyn Lewis

Sir Martyn Lewis CBE

Chair, KAVS National Assessment Committee



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While undoubtably this is disappointing for all, we must take heart and recognise the enormous achievement it was to reach the national assessment stage. Sandhurst Gardening Club is and continues to be the super club it is because of all of you, and because of all members who have volunteered/supported and worked hard for the club in whatever way. Therefore, we'd just like to say a huge

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Thank you!

to all members, past and present.

TRIPS

Kew trip Sunday 19th November

This has been a sell-out trip! To all those that have booked and paid for a place to see the Kew lights the final details are:

- Coach departs 3.30pm from Sandhurst library; please be there by 3.15pm so we can get off promptly at 3.30pm. There is free parking behind the library.
- Please wrap up warm as once off the coach you will be outside for the evening; bring umbrellas if needed.
- If you want to take drinks and snacks for later when back on the coach you can leave them on the coach. However, there will be refreshment stalls on the route around Kew gardens.
- We are dropped off at the Elizabeth gate for group bookings and this is the gate you need to come back to at the end of the evening to get the coach for 8.45pm. Coach departs 9pm

Any questions please phone or text me 07790638411

Thank you,

Lydia Stonestreet

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are due in January. They will increase to £7 per person; there will no longer be a reduced price for couples, as this was in recognition of the reduced postage cost. This no longer applies, and following the unfairness of single members being treated differently to couples being raised at the last AGM, it was felt that one membership fee for everyone was appropriate. Your January newsletter will contain a membership application form or you will be able to download one from our website. You will continue to receive a newsletter until March after which we only deliver to those members who have re-joined.

The cost for one-off visitors coming to club nights will increase from 50p to £1.

Thank you.

HUT DUTY

Thank you again to everyone who has volunteered at the hut this year. I am still struggling to get lifters, so please let me know if you can help.

Please contact me on: johnwilliams288@hotmail.com if you can help

Thank you

Lesley Willimas.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO BECOME A JUDGE?

We are a member of the Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies (HFHS) and they are running a course for established judges wanting a refresher, but also for anyone interested in developing their skills and becoming a judge themselves. Please see below for more details; it would be lovely if the club had some judges of their own!

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Please contact Caroline direct if you are interested.

HFHS is organising a
training session on
Judging for Spring Shows

- **Suitable for** judges looking to increase their knowledge of judging bulbs and other spring flowers and for potential judges who would like to start their judging journey with Spring flowers.
- **The free session** will be held at Sparsholt College
- **in the morning of an April weekend** - confirmed date depends on numbers expressing an interest.

Please contact Caroline if you are interested.

cford@mvnet.co.uk

TENDER SHOOTS GARDENING NETWORK

The Tender Shoots have re-started their programme for talks via zoom for the winter months. Details of the club can be found on their website: www.tendershoots.uk. The organiser, Indy, sent this message:

If you missed the recent zoom talk from Timothy Walker, then the recording of it has been available to watch on the Private Members page of our website this week. The recording is only available for a few more days and will be deleted on Thursday. So be quick if you haven't already seen it.

We now have **an additional zoom talk just added onto the program for Wednesday 29th November 7.30pm** when George Hargreaves will be giving us a talk on the topic of 'Botanic Gardens of the UK'. Whilst most of our zoom talks are open to anyone to attend, some are restricted to members and members of affiliated clubs only. So, this talk will be for those members only.

If you're not yet a member, then why not join up on our website now using our [brand new membership system](#).

Zoom code: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4043014750>

Meeting ID: 404 301 4750

Passcode: bonsai

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Red denotes changes

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

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