



Newsletter 5 – May 2024

Dear Members,

I want to start this newsletter with an important question – have you thought hard about how you could help support the continuation of the Trading hut? This is becoming a very urgent issue, and is very much a case of many hands make light work. The more members that are willing to contribute some time/effort then the less there is for each of you to do, and it is more likely that the hut will continue trading. **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** See below for who to contact to offer your help.

I hope you enjoyed last month's talk by Paul Patton and now have plenty of ideas as to how you can become more productive and grow things at home.

This month (Wed 15th May) will see the return of one of the club's favourite speakers – Graham Talbot. He will be talking all about growing dahlias and then what you need to do when showing them. I'm sure it will be full of lots of useful hints and tips! While he is unable to bring any dahlias with him to sell, he has said he should have some sweet peas ready. I think he will probably want cash for these, so please be prepared.



Julie Sheppard

We still need your help!

Some additional members are needed to support and strengthen the hut team, who do a tremendous job. This is very much a case of many hands make light work, so please think carefully and see if you are able to offer your help on a regular basis. The trading hut is crucial to the running of the club – besides losing an excellent source of cheaper-than-garden-centre goods on your doorstep, it also subsidises the membership fees (estimated to be in excess of £25 without the hut) and supports the excellent quality speakers we have.

If you are able to help or just want to know a little more about what it might involve, please contact either the [Trading hut team](#), [Sheila Davenport](#), or grab a committee member at the hut or on club night.

Remember:

No helpers = no trading hut = increased membership fees and no goods available.

TOOL SHARPENING

Final reminder: tool sharpening at the hut courtesy of California Gardening Club this Sunday 12th May from about 9.00 - 10.30am. There will be a fee of £2 per item - CASH ONLY. Rotary mower blades welcome but must be removed from the mower. No cylinder mowers. NOTE: Items can be left and collected later but please bag them and label clearly with your name.

TRADING HUT

Grow Bags are still available, together with a full range of composts. A reminder that although we no longer stock Clover, we do have a peat-based alternative which is Evergreen Compost, £6.55 for a 60L bag.

Now the weather is finally warming up you may be thinking of planting up hanging baskets and containers. We have a range of baskets available or if you want to re-use an existing one, we have basket liners in both 12 & 14". Multicote slow-release fertiliser granules and swell gel will make for an easier job in feeding and watering your baskets and containers.

The Hut Team

SPRING SHOW RESULTS



Hi everyone, we held our Late Spring Show on Wednesday 17th April. As I suspected there were only a few entries in the daffodil classes as can be seen in the photographs. However, the tulips were well represented. There is a case to be made for changing to one spring show next year and we will be asking your views on this soon. Our judge Graham Talbot was very complimentary in his comments about our show. We had managed to stage some high-quality exhibits, despite the inclement weather and changing seasons.

Graham pointed out that he was not a floral art judge and did his best. He made us all laugh when he spotted some slug damage on one of the exhibits in the flower arrangements, small teeth marks made all the difference between first and second prize.

Our congratulations go to Liz Crow who won the George Brown Cup and made a clean sweep of all the prizes. Thank you to everyone who entered, as I keep saying without you, we wouldn't have a show. On to the Summer Show which is on Saturday 22nd June.

Carole Hickman and Lori Bird

Class	Category	1st	2nd	3rd
1	Trumpet yellow	Liz Crow		
2	Trumpet any colour			
3	Trumpet 3 blooms			
4	Large Cup	Jill Roberts		Liz Crow
5	Large Cup 3 blooms	Jill Roberts	Liz Crow	
6	Small Cup			
7	Small Cup 3 blooms			
8	Double			
9	Double 3 blooms			
10	Vase of any other Div mixed 3	Lesley Williams	Betty Wilson	

11	Polyanthus Mixed 5 stems			
12	Pot of any daffodil			
13	A Spring Basket (Exhibit)	Jill Roberts	Liz Crow	Ruth Page
14	Tulips with a twist (Exhibit)	Ruth Page	Jill Roberts	
15	Tulip single colour	Betty Wilson	Lesley Williams	
16	Tulip Multi-colour	Liz Crow	Jean Bromham	Betty Wilson
17	Tulip serrated petals			
18	Tulip Multi-Head	Liz Crow		
19	Vase of 9 Tulips mixed	Liz Crow		Betty Wilson
20	Vase of 9 daffodils mixed			
21	Vase of 3 stems flowering shrub any kind	Carole Killick	Carole Hickman	Lesley Williams
22	Flowering Pot Plant	Carole Killick		
	Highest Points	The George Brown Cup	Liz Crow	

HUT DUTY

Thanks as ever to those who have come forward for hut duty. It would be lovely if you could contact me to offer your availability – but if not, do please respond to my emails as it would make things much easier when I am trying to cover the dates for June and July (which is now in process).

Lesley

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AGM

At the meeting, the possibility of introducing a charge for the afternoon talks (held during the winter months) was raised. This was considered by the committee and felt that the best option was to ask for voluntary contributions of £1.00, to be collected on the afternoon.

PLANT SALE

This will take place on **Saturday 25th May 2024** from 10.00am – 1.00pm, in front of the house at 13, Broomacres on the Longdown Estate. Hopefully you have put some seedlings aside, already divided some perennials and are nurturing your cuttings in order to support the plant sale. If you haven't started yet then there's still plenty of time. You can drop them off at the house any time before the plant sale but please **DO NOT** take any on the day. Two volunteers are still needed to help on the day please. If you are able to help, please let a committee member know.



TRIPS

COACH TRIP EARLSTONE MANOR

Please note the change of date from that previously given as I could not book a coach!

New date: **Wednesday 24th July**

We will be going to visit Earlstone Manor, acquired by Highclere Castle at the end of the 18th Century. It was a tenanted farm for many years and the original gardens all but disappeared until replanting and landscaping began in the late 1980s. After much research and planning by the current owner (a passionate

grower of English Box) the grounds have been recreated over the past 30 years to reflect an Elizabethan Jacobean Garden. A lovely garden.

The coach size for this trip is a 35-seater from Hodges Coaches.



We will depart from Owlsmoor Community Centre from the bus stop at 10.30am. Please be there by 10.15am. We will travel to the pub The Carpenters Arms in Burghclere for lunch arriving at approx. 11.30am (Lunch needs to be pre-ordered and a deposit paid) Details to follow as I do not have the menu at present. We leave the pub 1.30pm to travel to Earlstone Manor for 2pm. On arrival we



go into the large barn for an information talk and have tea and cakes. We depart Earlstone Manor at 5pm arriving back at Owlsmoor Community Centre approx. 6pm.



The grounds may be uneven and slippery in places as I noticed when I visited after rain. The narrow paths are not suitable for wheelchairs or for visitors with mobility issues, but you could still listen to the talk and visit the top area of the grounds.

COST OF THIS TRIP IS £33 coach, drivers tip, talk tea and cake at Earlstone Manor
LUNCH is EXTRA - to be sorted later.

Please note: at the gardens there is to be no taking pictures of the house or buildings.

If you wish to go on this trip please email: trips@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk

And pay your money to Steve as soon as possible, by bank transfer as normal.

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

Please I also need your mobile number plus a name and Tel number of someone else in case of emergency while we are out.

Thank you

Lydia Stonestreet

WELLINGTON COLLEGE GROUNDS

I have arranged a trip to look around Wellington College on **Tuesday 25th June at 6pm** with Mark Dodd. This should last for about 2 hours. We will meet under the clock by the main entrance building which I think is the 3rd turning right as you enter through the gates. Parking is along this road / path both sides. It is quite a bit of walking around the different areas of the college and to see the pond.

This trip can only accommodate **16 people**. I will need names of everyone attending to be able to enter Wellington College through the main gate on Dukes Ride. You will on the day also be required to bring **photo ID with you or you will not be admitted** through the gates. Photo ID is for everyone not just the driver of the car.

Mark has said he does not want paying for this but donations for HELP FOR HEROES. I suggest £5 cash or more/less if you wish which we can then give to Mark on the day and I will get him a gift too to show our appreciation.

Please email me if you wish to attend: trips@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk

Thank you

Lydia

NGS GARDENS OPEN IN SANDHURST

Once again, Gareth and Sunil are opening their garden at 13, Broomacres for the NGS. For two of these dates, they are also opening with Dorset Cottage Garden in Albion rd.

- Sunday 9th June 1:00 - 5:00 pm, opening with Dorset Cottage Garden on Albion Road
- Sunday 23rd June 1:00 - 5:00 pm, opening with Dorset Cottage Garden on Albion Road
- Sunday 21st July 1:00 - 5:00 pm
- Sunday 25th August 1:00 - 5:00 pm

They need four volunteers for each date, so if you are able to support them on any/all of the dates please contact Sunil garden@sunilpatel.co.uk

Details at www.sunilpatel.co.uk and on the NGS site at <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/44428/13-broom-acres/>

WISLEY

Listed here are some of the events happening at Wisley during the summer months. You can always check the web site for up-to-date information.

- Storytime every Monday except Bank Holidays 20 minutes of garden and nature themed stories. This happens at RHS Wisley Hilltop. If you have grandchildren visiting something extra to do.
- Walkies at Wisley is now very popular. Bring your dog along too. There are several dates: 15th May, 11th June, 28th June, 11th July, 28th July, 9th August, 14th August and 26th August. All are from 6pm – 8.30pm
- Iris Show 25th – 26th May
- May Half Term Childrens Trail event and activities planting or craft in the Clore Learning Centre every day Sat 25th May – Sunday 2nd June
- Jazz Saturdays 8th June – 27th July on the lawn of Severn Acres inside if wet. 1pm – 4pm Bring a chair and picnic. I am working a shift at the Jazz on Saturday 29th June so come and say hello to me! Lydia
- Sweet Pea show 26th – 27th June
- Alpine Show 29th June
- Ferns and Carnivorous plant show 20th July – 21st July

Lydia Stonestreet

FREEDOM MARCH – 15th JUNE

Just a quick reminder that this is coming up on Saturday 15th June 2024.

OPEN GARDENS IN CAMBERLEY

There are some lovely gardens opening in the Camberley area over the first weekend in June. There will also be plants available for sale at the Park Rd and Kingsley Ave. gardens. If you are interested in visiting these, please follow either of the two links below to find out more:

- <https://www.facebook.com/CamberleyGardenersopengardens>
- <https://www.clubs-hub.com/cgopengardens/index.cfm>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Red denotes changes/updates

Date	Event	Venue
Wed May 15 th 7.15 pm	Talk: growing and showing dahlias	Community Hall
Friday May 10 th	Malvern Spring Show	Coach leaves Owlsmoor community centre 0915 prompt.
Sun 12 th May 9.00 – 10.30 am	Tool sharpening	Trading hut
Sat. 25 th May 10.00 am – 1.00 pm	Plant sale	13, Broomacres, Longdown estate
Sat 1 st & Sun 2 nd June 11.00 – 3.00 pm	Camberley Open Gardens	Various – in and around Camberley
Sun 9 th June 1:00 - 5:00 pm,	NGS Open Garden*	13 Broomacres
Sun 23 rd June 1:00 - 5:00 pm	NGS Open Garden*	13 Broomacres
Sat June 22 nd	Summer show	Community Hall
Tues 25 th June 6.00pm	Wellington College grounds	Wellington College
Wed July 17 th 7.15 pm	Talk: ponds and water plants	Community Hall
Sun 21 st July 1:00 - 5:00 pm	NGS Open Garden	13 Broomacres
Wed 24 th July	Earlstone Manor garden	10.30 departure from bus stop near Owlsmoor community centre
Sun 25 th Aug 1:00 - 5:00 pm	NGS Open Garden	13 Broomacres
Sat Sept 7 th	Autumn show	Community Hall
Tues Oct. 1 st 2.30 pm	Talk: Arts & Crafts gardens in the SE	Kitty Dancy room
Wed Oct 16 th 7.15 pm	Quiz night	Community Hall
Tues Nov 5 th 2.30 pm	Talk: demonstration how to create a Christmas arrangement	Kitty Dancy room
Wed Nov 20 th 7.15 pm	Talk: the Savill Garden	Community Hall
Tues 7 th Jan 2025	Afternoon talk	Kitty Dancy room
Wed Jan 15 th 2025 7.15 pm	Talk: St Kilda & the Hebrides; sailing to the edge of the world	Community Hall
Tues 4 th Feb 2025	Afternoon talk	Kitty Dancy room
Wed 19 th Feb 2025 7.15 pm	AGM Talk: flower arranging on a budget	Community Hall

*Opening with Dorset Cottage Garden on Albion Road

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Spring show photographs:



Lack of daffs!

