



Newsletter 6 – June 2024

Dear Members,

It is disappointing to report that as yet no-one has come forward to support the work of the team who run the Trading hut, so my question remains - have you thought hard about how you could help support the continuation of the Trading hut? 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 REALLY NEED YOUR HELP.** See below for who to contact to offer your help.

I understand Graham Talbot gave a super talk last month on growing and showing dahlias and that it was much enjoyed by all members who attended. Hopefully we will see the impact of this in the autumn show when you all share your magnificent dahlias!

SATURDAY JUNE 22ND - and finally this month sees our first **BIG** show of the year – the summer show is here and hopefully the recent warmer, drier and sunnier weather will have galvanised you and your plants into action and we'll have a good strong showing. See below for more details.

Julie Sheppard

SUMMER SHOW

At our Shows this year there will be a new prestigious award. We have received a Banksian Medal and Certificate from the RHS, to be awarded to the person with the highest points in the Horticultural Classes of all the shows throughout the year. A new incentive to encourage everyone to have a go at entering our shows.

The system for entry to the Summer Show will be the same as that used for the shows last year. Paper copies may be posted to 85 Pinehill Road Crowthorne RG45 7JP or 288 Yorktown Road Sandhurst GU47 0FJ or 15 Lowry Close Sandhurst GU47 0PZ. Paper entries to contain your name and address and the classes you wish to enter. The classes can be found on this website in the show schedule page 18 onwards. Email entries, to include the same information to be sent to: -

shows@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk

The show depends on members entering. Don't worry if you don't know what to do, there are plenty of people around on the day who can give advice, help, guidance. Vases are provided for most flower classes and paper plates for veg and fruit. If it says 3 cucumbers then you need 3 cucumbers and they all have to (nearly) match.

Entries must be with the show secretary by **Noon on Thursday 20th June**. If you have any problems send an email to the address above

PHOTOGRAPHIC ENTRIES

As per last year, entries for these classes will be by email only. Your photos and entry forms should be emailed to secretary@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk by **5pm Thursday 13th June**. Photos must be in JPEG format and no more than 5 Mb in size. Please detail which class each photo is entered for. The classes are:

- 66. River Life
- 67. The garden in spring
- 68. Light and shade

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.

TRADING HUT

The Trading hut will be CLOSED on Sunday 16th June because of the Freedom March events and restrictions to access.

We have recently had a delivery of multi-purpose compost, both peat free and peat based. Our next delivery of composted manure and woodland mulch is planned for Wednesday 19th June.

Tomorite and Doff Tomato feed are currently available, as are treatments for slugs and snails. We have a variety of slug pellets and we also have a supply of slug traps, you just need to supply the beer.

A reminder for those of you who were at the Dahlia talk by Graham Talbot. All of the products mentioned by Graham are currently available at the Trading Hut. Sulphate of Potash for July feeding, Jeyes Fluid to help with earwigs, SB Plant Invigorator for general plant protection and lastly 4' canes for supports.

Lastly, we wanted to mention that the Trading Hut is planning on offering seed potatoes, onion sets and garlic towards the end of this year. The seed potatoes will be from Jamieson Brothers, all available in 2kg bags. Based on the information currently available there will be a choice of around 30 varieties. All potatoes, onions and garlic will be on an advance order and payment basis only. As they will form part of the end of year hut order there will be no additional postage costs. More details will appear in the newsletter as soon as they are available.

HUT DUTY

Thank you to those who have helped so far this year and especially to those who stepped in at the last moment. Life is easier for the person on the gate now that the bell has been reinstated and if you want to train on the counter just ask! Just remember to bring the bell in, turn off the lights and return the keys!

If you haven't been 'invited' to join the Sunday morning crew, I will make a point of calling on you first in September! You are always welcome to let me know if there is a particular date you would like to do.

Lesley

SAFEGUARDING POLICIES

The committee have recently approved two policies for the club:

Child Protection policy

Safeguarding Adults policy.

Both of these are available via the club's website, under the [downloads tab](#). If any members have any questions about these policies, or any concerns about safeguarding, do please get in touch with me direct.

Julie Sheppard

PLANT SALE

Could you pass on my thanks to the volunteers who came to help on Plant Sale Day, from memory they were Linda, Robert, Lee, and Richard and I'm sure there were one or two more. Val and Carole helped set up and price the plants the day before.

Thanks to Steve for bringing the card machine and handling the purchases. It was an odd year as we did not have the expected rush of people at the start, so we let some of the volunteers go early. Despite the lower numbers - which may have been due to the Bank Holiday weekend - takings were still good. Final figures aren't confirmed as we currently have the "Facebook Giveaway" where we could still have a few donations.

Many thanks,

Sunil

TRIPS



COACH TRIP EARLSTONE MANOR – WED. 24TH JULY

There are still places available on this trip, but please contact Lydia asap if you want to join to ensure you have a place – and by Friday 28th June at the latest. Please offer it to friends as family as well – we want to make sure there is a full coach, and we will shortly be offering it to other groups and clubs.

Earlstone Manor was acquired by Highclere Castle at the end of the 18th Century. The grounds have been recreated over the past 30 years by the current owner to reflect an Elizabethan Jacobean Garden. A lovely garden.

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Trip details:

- Depart Owlsmoor Community Centre bus stop at 10.30am.
- Arrive at pub for lunch at approx. 11.30am (Lunch needs to be pre-ordered and a deposit paid)
- Depart the pub 1.30pm for arrival at Earlstone Manor for 2pm. On arrival we go into the large barn for an information talk and have tea and cakes.
- Depart Earlstone Manor at 5pm arriving back at Owlsmoor Community Centre approx. 6pm.
- Cost: £33 coach, (includes drivers tip, talk tea and cake at Earlstone Manor).
- To book a place: please email: trips@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk
- Payment: 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

The narrow paths are not suitable for wheelchairs or for visitors with mobility issues. LUNCH is EXTRA and needs to be pre-ordered.

Thank you
Lydia Stonestreet



WELLINGTON COLLEGE GROUNDS

This trip is now full.

FREEDOM MARCH – 15th JUNE

This will be on Saturday 15th June 2024, and will affect access to the Trading hut and allotments. The council have said, 'On Thursday 13th June the gate at the café will be locked and not re-opened until Sunday 16th June. There will be NO vehicular access whatsoever during this time. This is to allow for preparations for the event to be made safely.'

The main car park and the car park at the café will close at 5pm on Friday 14th June and not be open at all on Saturday 15th June 2024.'

CENTENARY GARDEN



By strange coincidence, three committee members all noticed over this weekend how wonderful the garden is looking at the moment. Huge thanks to Pat Roome and Jill and Graham Coe.



NGS GARDENS OPEN IN SANDHURST

Please support club members Gareth and Sunil who 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

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- 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/>

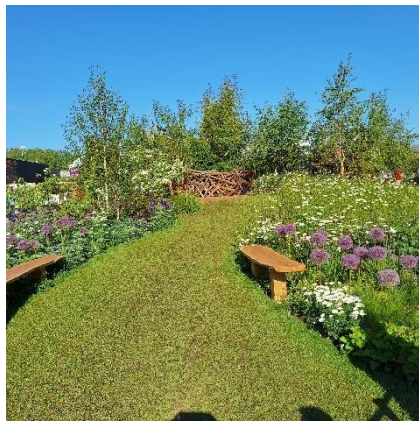
MALVERN SHOW TRIP

Wow, what a wonderful day we had. We had our lovely driver Mike who was really pleased I had asked for him to drive us. The journey there took us just under 2 and half hours not too many coaches in the coach park. We arrived to beautiful sunshine and a glorious day. The Malvern Hills give a beautiful backdrop to this show. So much to see and do. I only bumped into a couple of people from our coach all day. The main marquee was lovely, so many beautiful displays of flowers and plants. The children's gardens were very well done I loved the Wizard of Oz one. With my friend I think we managed to walk all around the trade stands and listened to some talks. We heard Alan Titchmarsh talking in one tent. Mike offered a drop off service between 2pm and 3pm if people wanted to take purchases back to the coach. All too soon it was time to return to the coach and depart for home. Everyone enjoyed their day and the lovely weather. On our return Mike had grown some marigolds and sunflowers which he gave to me and are now planted in my garden.

Lydia Stonestreet



CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW



My daughter was lucky enough to get 2 free staff tickets in the ballot for Chelsea Flower Show for the Saturday which she gave to me. Then the mission began to find a friend to go with me. Chelsea opened at 8am and I wanted to be there at 8am so an early start it was! I was up at 5am collected my friend Brenda just after 6am drove to Farnborough Station. Parked the car, tickets already bought we then headed for the platform to board the 6.45am train to Waterloo and had a seat! Perfect then to negotiate the underground to Sloane Square Wow! Escalators with no one on them unheard of in London!

We entered through the gates of Chelsea at 8am great lovely weather. First stop, the show gardens fab and front row viewing. Then a break outside the big marquee before looking at all the stalls and displays, really lovely although by Sat some of the flowers were past their best. I had seen some of them on the TV especially the sweet pea man in his sweet pea jacket! We then headed to the stage and listened to the band for a rest in the sun. Afterwards we headed to the balcony gardens and shopping malls. We had another listen to another band on stage with an ice cream. Great day. This is a much more compact show than Malvern or Hampton Court but still great.

Lydia Stonestreet

If you have particularly enjoyed a day out like Lydia and that you think other members might like to hear about, do please email a short article (preferably with a picture or two).

READING & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SHOW:

Saturday 27 July 1 - 5 pm Free entry

Squire's Garden Centre in Wokingham (Heathlands Road, RG40 3AS) will be hosting the main show of this renowned and long - established regional society.

Visitors will be able to enjoy stunning displays by local growers and enjoy varieties not normally seen, coming from specialist fuchsia growers throughout England and Wales. The free event is open to the public at 1pm after judging has taken place and visitors will receive a very warm welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Red denotes changes/updates

Date	Event	Venue
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 16th June	Trading hut closed	
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	Earlswood Manor garden	10.30 departure from bus stop near Owlsmoor community centre
Sat 27th July 1:00 - 5:00 pm	Reading Fuchsia Soc. show	Squires, Wokingham
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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* Denotes committee members



Chelsea Flower Show



RHS Malvern Spring show