



## Newsletter 7 – July 2024

Dear Members,

What a busy month June has been for members! This newsletter is absolutely full of photos, showing the wonderful places visited, work undertaken with the community and of course the summer show. Do enjoy looking at them; I've made them as large as I reasonably can but would recommend enlarging them on your computer for a really good look.

This month (Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July) will see the return of another of the club's favourite speakers – Ray Broughton. He will be talking to us about 'Ponds and water plants' – this is a topic I must admit to being very interested in hearing about, as my pond does a very good job of encouraging newts, but I seem to fail spectacularly when it comes to keeping any plants going for more than one season (the yellow flag iris and pond weed being the only exceptions!).

I do hope you will be there to join us.

Julie Sheppard

### **MEMBERS' SURVEY**

At the AGM, the views of members were canvassed with regard to a number of things, including future shows. As only a small representation of the full club membership is present at AGMs, we said we would send out a survey to get a fuller picture of what you, the members, want. So please look out for the survey, details of which will pop into your inbox in the next few weeks. The link will take you to a website where you can quickly and easily let us know what you think about various things and also make suggestions for trips, subjects for talks etc. There will also be the vital question as to whether or not you want a Christmas party this year.

For those who don't like/can't respond on-line, there will be hard copies available in the Trading hut and on club night, so please take one and then return it to the hut/a committee member.

Thankyou.

Julie Sheppard

### **TRADING HUT**

Our last day of opening before the summer break is Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July, so still plenty of time to stock up for the summer.

A recent delivery of Composted Stable Manure and Woodland Mulch are now available at the hut, together with the full range of composts.

We have both Doff & Tomorite Tomato Feed, together with Miracle Grow and Seaweed Feed from both Doff and Maxicrop. Doff All Year Lawn Feed can provide a boost to your lawn during the summer months or if you prefer a granular feed Spring & Summer Lawn is available.

We will re-open on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September** after the summer break.

The Hut Team

### **SUMMER SHOW RESULTS**

The Summer Show is upon us again and I was well prepared far in advance. All the paperwork and people to help were in place. Julie Sheppard who normally organises the photographic entries would be away,

but Graham and Helen Harding agreed to step in. All I had to do was sit back and wait for the entries to roll in. Entrance was online as last year and people now seem to be comfortable with the new way. But there were still plenty of places at which paper entries could be delivered.

Several of our club members who put in multiple entries were away, so I knew the show was going to be small this year.

The Judges arrived on time and were very complimentary about the quality of the entries, and evidently because of the vagaries of the weather, entries are down everywhere.

Our spreadsheet worked well and soon the results were ready. Preparations for the presentation took much longer than I thought, but luckily we had loads of time.



The doors opened to the public at 3pm and soon the place was buzzing. As I wandered around I could hear people saying how lovely the display looked.

The raffle was in the Kitty Dancy room this year and seemed to be working well. Carole and Val were doing a sterling job!

The refreshments were busy and Gill Clark and her team were working hard to keep up with the washing up. The Council doesn't run to a dishwasher in the kitchen, it's called the Refreshment Team!!

David Dunford had been briefed and handled the presentation well. It went smoothly and many photos have been posted on the website. Now it was time to put everything back into the cupboard.

As I write this report, I know that I am indebted for its success to the members of the club who so willingly give up their time to help out. My committee team of Lori Bird and Carole Edge who kept me sane when I start to panic! To Steve and

David who answered all my questions so promptly and with great forbearance. To everyone who said 'Yes' when I asked them to help. Though, Gill Clark didn't seem too keen when I asked her to organise the refreshments for the next 10 years! The support I get from everyone at the club makes the task of Show Secretary a lot easier.....maybe I will do it again!

My thanks go to everyone who entered the show and to those who came to see it. The results and photos are now posted on the website.

The next day I helped at Broom Acres with the Open Garden visitors. A lady came through and said she remembered me at the Show yesterday and how much she enjoyed it. Comments like this make it all worthwhile.

Carole Hickman

*The committee would like to thank Carole and all the helpers for another super, well-run and enjoyable show! The results can be found at the end of this newsletter and more photos can be seen on the [club's website](#).*

## CARD READER

Please note that the card reader will not be at the next club night on 17<sup>th</sup> July, therefore members will not be able to pay for anything there. However, normal service will be resumed at the weekend, when it will be back and available for use in the Trading hut. 😊

## TRIPS

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT LEONARDSLEE GARDENS - SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER



This year I have booked to go to [Leonardslee Lights](#) at Leonardslee Gardens, Horsham. Explore the wonder of our woodland awash with light, sound and colour. Leonardslee lights are set to bring a fun winter experience for all the family. The time of our tour is 5.30pm and should take 60 - 90 mins to walk around. You can enjoy the seasonal food and drink before or after trail as well as the Christmas Market. The trail is outside on gravel pathways through the gardens and is suitable for most all terrain mobility scooters but WHEELCHAIRS are not advised. There is one steep slope towards the end of the trail.

Depart: Owlsmoor Community Centre 3.30pm

(be there at 3.15pm for prompt at 3.30pm departure)

We shall depart the gardens 8.30pm arriving back around 10pm

Cost of trip coach, entrance and drivers tip £37.00 each person

The coach company this time is D and P coaches.

If you wish to go on this trip please email: [trips@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk](mailto:trips@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk)

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



Thank you

Lydia Stonestreet

## WELLINGTON COLLEGE GROUNDS



On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm 14 ladies met at Wellington College for a tour of the College Gardens by Mark. It was a thoroughly interesting walk around and as it was such a hot evening, Mark adapted the tour to try and keep us in the shade. We started off by visiting the Living Legacy Garden which was a show garden at the 2015 RHS Chelsea Flower Show which was built to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. The garden aimed at reminding today's generation of the huge significance the battle had in shaping Britain and Europe as we know it. Also, as this legacy that the Duke of Wellington left behind in his living memorial, Wellington College.

The different areas of the garden represented different parts of the conflict. The first part was the conflict and then you have plants growing and out of the gates is new oaks that are planted for new growth.

We walked along a woodland path that then brought us out into a clearing of wonderful trees and grass and a tulip tree. This area is not open for students to go into. Then we moved to see the theatres and planted gardens. There was a Chinese Garden feature. Outside the Maths area a garden had been created with shapes and the PI symbol made out of wood.





Mark talked to us about the trees and layout of the avenues of trees. We then progressed onto the lake which Mark says is not very deep and eventually feeds into the Blackwater River. They have lots of wildlife on it and have traps set up to catch cray fish which Mark lifted a trap out to show us.

Mark explained all the gardeners have their own area to look after and also a house block too. One person is responsible for the Headmaster's garden which is on site.

Thank you to Mark and for



everyone turning up for an interesting evening.

Lydia Stonestreet

## **SUPPORT FROM YOU, THE MEMBERS**

### **Urgent – help needed (third time of asking)**

There is a lot of work involved in making the gardening club successful and alongside the hardworking committee we have smaller teams responsible for specific activities. These teams, and other activities vital to the running of the club, urgently need more support from members. At the moment it is one or two people in each case who are keeping these things running for the benefit of the club. Thank you Beverley, Carole and Lesley.

This is an appeal to ALL members, not just the ones we see at club night but EVERYONE.

Specifically, we urgently need:

- At least one person to join the show team
- At least one person to join the hut team, plus in the New Year we will need someone to organise the hut rota. The hut rota is run by email/text message so is very straightforward.
- *Facebook/Instagram (see below)*

This list is not exhaustive and if there's anything else you could help with just get in touch.

All you need is a willingness to help your club. If you can help, or want to know more just get in touch with any committee member.

Julie Sheppard

## **NGS GARDENS OPEN IN SANDHURST**

If you haven't yet visited Gareth and Sunil's wonderful garden, you have just two chances left!

- Sunday 21st July 1:00 - 5:00 pm
- Sunday 25th August 1:00 - 5:00 pm

[sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk](http://sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk)

It's the same place as the plant sale: 13, Broomacres. GU47 8PN

Go while you can!

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

## NEW SCOTLAND HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL GARDENING CLUB



As a club we have provided local schools with seeds to encourage the gardeners of the future. One of the recipients is New Scotland Hill Primary school. The school offers a small after school club for those who wish to be involved. They have created several raised beds containing onions, garlic, beans, etc. We were invited along in May to see how they were progressing. Gill and I ended up planting tomatoes, sowing various salad crops and planting some pumpkins. The children were so enthusiastic and welcomed our involvement. All too soon it was time to stop.



## FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM

We would like the club to have a presence on Facebook and/or Instagram and wonder if there are any club members who enjoy using one/both and would be willing to act as admin and/or be able to post regularly? If this appeals to you, do please get in touch and we can have a chat about what it might entail.

[secretary@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk)

Thank you

Julie Sheppard

## CAN YOU HELP?

I am a keen gardener but finding my large-ish garden a bit too much to manage. I wondered if you might know someone who knows about plants and gardening who might help out for half a day every fortnight? I'm happy to pay the going hourly rate. Or if not, where I might look. Most companies seem to offer lawn mowing and topiary style shrub trimming, which is NOT what I want!

Thanks for any help you can give

Colleen

[colleen.pidgeon@lineone.net](mailto:colleen.pidgeon@lineone.net)

*please email Colleen direct if you think you are able to help.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Red denotes changes/updates

Date	Event	Venue
Wed July 17 <sup>th</sup> 7.15 pm	Talk: ponds and water plants	Community Hall
Sun July 21 <sup>st</sup> 1:00 - 5:00 pm	NGS Open Garden	13 Broomacres
Wed July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Earlstone Manor garden	10.30 departure from bus stop near Owlsmoor community centre
Sun Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 - 5:00 pm	NGS Open Garden	13 Broomacres
Sat Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn show	Community Hall
Tues Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> 2.30 pm	Talk: Arts & Crafts gardens in the SE	Kitty Dancy room
Wed Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> 7.15 pm	Quiz night	Community Hall
Tues Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> 2.30 pm	Talk: demonstration how to create a Christmas arrangement	Kitty Dancy room
Wed Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> 7.15 pm	Talk: the Savill Garden	Community Hall
<b>Sun Nov 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Xmas lights at Leonardslee Gardens</b>	<b>3.30pm departure</b>
Tues Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> 2025	Afternoon talk	Kitty Dancy room
Wed Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> 2025 7.15 pm	Talk: St Kilda & the Hebrides; sailing to the edge of the world	Community Hall
Tues Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> 2025	Afternoon talk	Kitty Dancy room
Wed Feb 19 <sup>th</sup> 2025 7.15 pm	AGM Talk: flower arranging on a budget	Community Hall

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Please include a SAE with your completed membership form.

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\* Denotes committee members

## SUMMER SHOW 2024 - RESULTS

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1	1 Specimen bloom - Hybrid Tea	Sylvia Tansley	-	-
2	1 rose - selected for fragrance	Sylvia Tansley	Janice House	Jill Humphreys
3	3 sprays - 1 or more cultivars	Carole Killick	-	-
4	Rambler/Climber - 1 spray	Sylvia Tansley	-	-
5	Container for all-round effect	-	-	-
	Best Exhibit class 1 -5	Sylvia Tansley		
	Highest Points	<b>The Rose Bowl</b>	Sylvia Tansley	
6	Lupins - 3 blooms	Sylvia Tansley		
7	Delphiniums - 1 vase of 3 spikes	-		
8	Pansies &/or violas - 6 blooms	Sylvia Tansley		
9	Delphiniums - 6 blooms	-		
10	Clematis flower	Janice House	Lydia Stonestreet	Pat Roome
11	Vase of flowers - 6 stems of 1 kind	Carole Killick	Carole Edge	Carole Hickman
12	Vase of mixed flowers - at least 12 stems	Carole Killick		
13	Alliums 3 stems	-		
14	Pelargoniums/Geraniums - 6 leaves, 3 different cultivars	Jill Humphreys		
15	Pelargoniums/Geraniums - 1 flowering head	Jill Humphreys	Lydia Stonestreet	Steve Roome
	Best Exhibit class 6 - 15	Carole Killick		
	Highest Points	<b>Mary Gibbons Trophy</b>	Carole Killick	
16	1 Fuchsia	Carole Killick	Maureen Jordan	Pat Roome
17	1 Ivy Leaf Geranium	-		
18	1 Pelargonium - Regal	-		
19	1 Pelargonium - Zonal	-		
20	Pot plant - Streptocarpus	-		
21	Pot Plant - Flowering	Carole Killick	Pat Roome	
22	Fern	Carole Hickman	Carole Killick	
23	Pot Plant - Foliage	Carole Edge	Carole Killick	
24	Cactus or Succulent	Helen Harding	Pat Roome	Beverley Morgan
25	Orchid	Sandra Hooper	Lydia Stonestreet	
26	Bonsai	Carole Killick		
	Best Exhibit class 16 - 26	Helen Harding		
	Highest Points	<b>Hetty Hope Memorial Trophy</b>	Carole Killick	

27	Sweet Peas - 6 stems mixed	Maureen Jordan		
28	Sweet Peas - 3 cultivars	Maureen Jordan		
29	Sweet Peas - 3 blooms, 1 cultivar	Sylvia Tansley	Carole Hickman	
30	Any container of sweet peas	-		
	Best Exhibit class 27 - 30	Maureen Jordan		
	Highest Points	<b>Marks and Spencer Cup</b>	Maureen Jordan	
31	1 Hanging Basket, Hanging Pot or Hanging Tower	Steve Roome		
32	1 Wall Basket or Wall Pouch	Steve Roome		
33	1 Patio Tub or Trough	Steve Roome		
	Best Exhibit class 31 - 33	Steve Roome		
	Highest Points	<b>The Lyne Trophy</b>	Steve Roome	
34	Strawberries - dish of 6	Beverley Morgan	Helen Harding	Sylvia Tansley
35	Gooseberries - dish of 6	Beverley Morgan		
36	Raspberries - dish of 6		Beverley Morgan	Carole Hickman
37	Plate of any other fruit	Beverley Morgan		
	Best Exhibit class 34 - 37	Beverley Morgan		
	Highest Points	<b>John Cooper Challenge Cup</b>	Beverley Morgan	
38	Broad Beans - 6 pods	-		
39	Potatoes - 4 of one kind	Beverley Morgan		
40	Lettuce - 2 Cos	-		
41	Any other veg any number	-		
42	Radish - one kind, dish of 5	-		
43	Salad Onions - dish of 5	-		
44a	Peas - 6 pods	-		
44b	Mangetout - 6 pods	Beverley Morgan		
45	Carrots - 3 of one kind	Beverley Morgan		
46	Potato - judged for weight	-		
47	Rhubarb - 3 sticks	Beverley Morgan		
48	Courgettes - 2 of any kind	-		
49	Cabbage - 2 of any one named variety	-		
50	Collection of cut herbs - 3 varieties, 2 stems of each	Beverley Morgan	Lydia Stonestreet	Helen Harding
51	Collection of vegetables - any 3 kinds, 2 of each	-		
	Best Exhibit class 38 - 51	Beverley Morgan		
	Highest Points	<b>The Garden News Shield</b>	Beverley Morgan	
52	In the Pink - Exhibit	Ruth Page	Betty Wilson	



53	Take Three- Exhibit with 3 blooms	Betty Wilson	Ruth Page	
54	Opposites - Modern Exhibit	Ruth Page		
55	Summer Sparkle - Petite Arrangement	Ruth Page		
	Best Exhibit class 52 - 55	Ruth Page		
	Highest Points	<b>The Floral Art Trophy</b>	Ruth Page	
56	A Game	Sandra Hooper	Austin Hooper	
57	An egg cosy	Sandra Hooper		
58	A cushion	Sandra Hooper	Beverley Morgan	
59	4 coasters made from recycled materials	Lydia Stonestreet	Colin Killick	Beverley Morgan
60	Any other piece of handicraft	Austin Hooper	Pat Roome	Colin Killick
	Best Exhibit class 56 - 60	Austin Hooper		
	Highest Points	<b>The Bert Cole Trophy</b>	Sandra Hooper	
61	Gluten free Lemon Drizzle	Beverley Morgan	Lydia Stonestreet	Sylvia Tansley
62	8 Petticoat Tails	Lydia Stonestreet		
63	5 pieces of chocolate brownie	Beverley Morgan		
64	A fruit flan using sweet crust pastry	Beverley Morgan		
65	A jar of homemade chutney	Beverley Morgan		
	Best Exhibit class 61 - 65	Beverley Morgan		
	Highest Points	<b>Hilda Lanham Trophy</b>	Beverley Morgan	
66	River Life	Beverley Morgan	Julie Sheppard	Lydia Stonestreet
67	The Garden in Spring	Helen Harding	Julie Sheppard	Janice House
68	Light and Shade	Carole Edge	Helen Harding	Beverley Morgan
	Highest Points	Helen Harding		
69	A painted pebble	Mahli Streetman		
70	A decorated jam jar filled with flowers and grasses	Mahli Streetman		
71	A crown fit for a King	Mahli Streetman		
72	Bake and decorate a gingerbread person			