



Newsletter 10 – November 2024

Dear Members,

What a difference it makes now that the clocks have changed! All of a sudden there aren't enough hours of daylight to be in the garden, even if you're lucky enough to avoid the sodden ground...

The talk this month (Wed. Nov 20th) is about somewhere very local - the Savill Gardens at Virginia Water. The Keeper of the Gardens (who knew there was such a thing!) John Anderson will be joining us for what should be a fascinating talk. I do hope you will be able to join us.



It was lovely to see so many people taking part in quiz last month – it would appear to have gone down well, and may I say thank you to those members who have thanked me! It's always good to know that folk have enjoyed something you've worked hard on. Congratulations to the winning team, The Sunflowers, and enjoy the lovely picture of them!

Julie Sheppard

STEVE ROOME

Pat would like to thank everyone who sent cards, condolences and kind wishes after Steve passed away. They helped a lot and were very much appreciated.

Pat requested that there were no flowers at the funeral and that any donations are made to Thames Hospice. Members can do this direct if they wish: <https://stephenroome.muchloved.com>

Alternatively, there will be a collection pot at club night and also in the hut. Donations can be by cash or card. The club will then collate all the donations and pay them to Thames Hospice.

More information on Thames Hospice can be found here: <https://www.thameshospice.org.uk/who-we-are/about-us/>

THE PROUD TABLE (still awaiting a better name...)



As you can see, the table was very full last month with lots of entries for our inaugural 'proud' table. It was lovely to see so many people taking part. There were some super entries, but in the end, the grand prize went to Peter Radband with his magnificent basket of gourds. Looking forward to seeing what this month will bring...

Remember, all you have to do is bring along something from your garden/that you have grown that you are proud of



and place it on a table at the front of the hall. It could be a plant/bunch of flowers, a vegetable – up to you. The speaker for that night will choose the best one in their opinion, (and we recognise this may be purely subjective); that person will be rewarded with cash or a voucher to be spent at the hut.

HUT DUTY ROTA ORGANISER NEEDED

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, Lesley Williams has indicated that she would like to step down from organising this next year, having done it for the past two years at least. It is a fairly straightforward job – contacting members who have volunteered to help and arranging them into a rota so the hut can open each week. It is undertaken mainly by email. As yet, no-one has come forward to volunteer for this role. Please think if you are able to help the club in this small but crucial role:
no organiser = no volunteers = no hut opening

BULBS

Have you bought your bulbs yet? If not, please pop down to the hut before the end of the season (29th Nov) to buy yours – as always prices are considerably cheaper than in shops and available right on your doorstep! There is still a good selection available, but you need to get in quick before your favourite goes. We hope to be able to bring them along on club night as well, so come armed with your credit card!



SEED ORDERS

The seed catalogue available from the hut is not exhaustive and there are many more seeds available on the DTBrown website: www.dtbrownseeds.co.uk which you can add to your order. Your last chance to drop off seed orders is at the hut this **SATURDAY 9th November**.

David Dunford

TRADING HUT

Sunday 10th November is Remembrance Sunday, so the Trading hut is open this **Saturday 9th November instead of Sunday**, usual time of 9.00 to 10.45 am. After this weekend the hut is open for two more weeks until we close for the winter. Our last day of opening is Sunday 24th November.

- There is still time to plant Autumn onions for an earlier harvest around June. These are available in the hut with both Autumn Champion (was Shakespeare) and Blood Red available in 250g bags. *Now half price at £1.75 per bag.*
- Shallots (400g at £4.25) and garlic (£2 per bulb) are still available.
- News supplies of honey are in hand, so there should be some available soon.

There's still time to stock up for the winter and get ready for those early tasks in the new year. There's a good supply of Woodland Mulch, same product, same price but in Ornamental Bark Bags because the supplier had run out of the 'normal' bags.

Supplies of multi-purpose compost are good in both peat and peat free, plus John Innes Seed Compost for those early sowings in January before the hut re-opens. We currently have Composted Stable Manure for autumn and winter mulching

We're planning to do the stock take at the trading hut on Monday 25th November from 10.00 am. If you can spare a couple of hours in the morning to help out it would be appreciated. Please contact us on sgctradinghut@gmail.com

HUT DUTY

I will shortly be looking to fill dates at the beginning of next year, starting on 26th January 2025, so if you feel able to help, please let me know on 01276 33062 or email johnwilliams288@hotmail.com
Lesley Williams

TRIPS

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT LEONARDSLEE GARDENS - SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

All places have now gone for this trip.

Please read carefully if you have paid to go on this trip:

The coach departs from outside the OWLSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE bus stop at 3.30 pm please be there 3.15 pm so WE CAN DEPART ON TIME.

Please wrap up in warm clothes and layers as you will be OUTSIDE walking around the light trail. Wear sensible sturdy footwear for walking the paths and we will be outside even if it is raining. You may wish to bring a torch. If you wish to take food and drinks to leave on the coach for later you are welcome to do so. There will be some Christmas Market stalls to look around, also refreshments.

If you have not given me your mobile number and an emergency name and number, please email me lydia.stonestreet@yahoo.co.uk as soon as possible.

If you find you are unable to go on the trip, please phone or message me on Tel 07790638411

As all tickets are sold and coach paid for NO REFUNDS CAN BE GIVEN unless the ticket can be resold to someone else wishing to go.

Thank you and looking forward to the trip.

Lydia Stonestreet

CHRISTMAS GATHERING: WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER



We have more details! This will be at 7.15 pm in the community hall. You need to:

- bring your own drink. Slightly substantial nibbles provided but tea/coffee will not be served. If you are gluten and/or dairy free, you need to let us know when you confirm you will be joining.
- buy/dust off your Christmas jumper and wear it with pride to see if you can win the best Christmas jumper competition.
- start to swot up on all things Christmas ready to show off your knowledge in the very-much fun-based Christmas quiz



- bring along a bit of cash so you can buy lots of lovely raffle tickets in the super-duper Christmas raffle
- warm up those vocal cords ready for a sing-a-long of Christmas favourites
- let Sheila Davenport know that you will be coming. As you can appreciate, we can't cater for folk on a guess-work basis, so need to have an idea of numbers. Please email her on shethos8@gmail.com by **Saturday November 30th** at the latest to confirm how many of you will be coming along.
- be ready to contribute £5 on the evening towards the cost of the evening.

DAFFODILS

Have you remembered to collect your three free daffodils from the hut, to enter in the show next spring? There will be a special class just for these daffodils. All the bulbs are the same and will need to be planted in pots with a **maximum** diameter of 8" (203mm). They are available to collect now and we ask that members are honest and only take their one allocation of three bulbs. We hope to bring them along to club night so you can collect yours then if you haven't already done so.

Already looking forward to a super display of daffs!

Julie Sheppard



MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are due in January. They will increase to £8 per person. This is still considerably cheaper than all the clubs in the area, mainly due to the profits raised from the trading hut, which subsidises a lot of club activities. 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 will only deliver to those members who have rejoined.

The cost for one-off visitors coming to club nights will remain at £1.

Thank you.

SRA/CROWTHORNE EYE MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Those of you who read either of these magazines will know that I have been writing the copy for them for some five years now, since I joined the club. I would very much like to hand it over now to another club member. I thoroughly enjoy writing it, but find that is another job on top of the many that I do on behalf of the club. Besides this, I think it needs a new 'feel' to the articles that only a fresh writer can bring. It involves writing a short article about the club four times a year (pictures are optional). I adapt the SRA one for the Crowthorne Eye, so nothing new is needed for that one. Please contact me on my club email address: secretary@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk or grab me at club night if you would like to know more about it/are willing to take over. I would very much appreciate it. Thank you.

Julie Sheppard

TENDER SHOOTS GARDEN CLUB NETWORK

There have been a lot of changes for Tender Shoots during the summer break so it is worth visiting their [website](#). They have a brand new email newsletter service which will replace the newsletters. If you want to start/continue receiving email newsletters, you need to sign up on the [relevant page](#) and complete the form. Their upcoming talks (these are all free and via zoom) are:

Nov – 13th Wed – Dr Andrew Ward – Gardening in a Changing Climate

Nov – 19th Tue – TBC

Nov – 26th Tue – Charlie Pridham - Growing Clematis

Nov – 28th Thu – Hilary Hutson – Patio Panache

Dec – 5th Thu – TBC

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Red denotes changes/updates

Date	Event	Venue
Sat. Nov 9 th	Trading hut OPEN	Trading hut
Sun. Nov 10 th	Trading hut CLOSED (Remembrance Day)	Trading hut
Wed Nov 20 th 7.15 pm	Talk: The Savill Garden	Community Hall
Sun Nov 24 th	Xmas lights at Leonardslee Gardens	3.30pm departure
Mon 25th Nov	Stock take in hut – help needed	From 10.00 am
Sat. 30th Nov.	Deadline for accepting place at Xmas gathering	shethos8@gmail.com
Wed 4 th Dec 7.15 pm	Christmas gathering	Community hall
Tues Jan 7 th 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 Feb 4 th 2025	Afternoon talk	Kitty Dancy room
Wed Feb 19 th 2025 7.15 pm	AGM Talk: flower arranging on a budget	Community Hall

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