



Sandhurst and District  
**GARDENING CLUB**  
NEWSLETTER



Dear Member

October 2019

First of all, can we say a huge congratulations and thank you to everyone involved in the Autumn show this year. There were 380 entries across all the classes from 39 entrants.

The feedback from the judges was excellent, with the judge of the vegetables remarking that this was the largest number of entries he had seen this year, and the quality was superb. The floral art judge was bowled over by the quality of the entries and the handicraft judge praised the idea of having a category that then went to a charity.

Mention should also be made of everyone who helped on the day – from the folk manning the cake stalls to those who stayed behind and helped clear up.

Thank you one and all – without such support the show would not run as smoothly. For those people who would like to see some photos from the day, do please look at our website.

**The October meeting (16<sup>th</sup>)** will feature a talk by 22 times Chelsea Gold Medal winner Rosy Hardy from Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants.

She will also bring along some plants for sale, so do be prepared to buy!

Some leaflets from Hardy's will be left in the trading hut – if you want to order a specific plant, you can do so via the Hardy's website, and ask them to bring it along to the club night.

**A reminder that cups** need to be returned to the Trading hut by 6<sup>th</sup> October at the latest – Chris will be on duty that day, and will be taking them for engraving the next day.

Alternatively, they can be returned to Jane Heritage at 174B Branksome Hill Road, College Town, GU47 0QQ. Please ring first though to make arrangements - 01276 600438.

**Tickets for the Christmas party**, (now being held at: The Owlsmoor Centre, Yeovil Rd., Sandhurst on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 7.15 for 7.30 pm) are on sale now.

More details are in the "Trading Hut" section.

Chris and Julie

## **TRADING HUT**

The hut is now open on Sundays only until the 24<sup>th</sup> November. We then close for stocktaking and re-stocking, opening again on 19<sup>th</sup> January after the first club night.

## **SEASONAL ITEMS**

**Bubble Insulation (1.5m wide):** Limited supply available at the hut at £1.90/m.

**Fleece (2m wide):** 17g/m<sup>2</sup>: 30p/m    30g/m<sup>2</sup>: 50p/m

**Ground cover pegs (plastic):** 15p each

**Ground cover staples (metal):** 20p each

**CLOVER GROWBAGS (38L):** Last few reduced to £2.50 each. Ideal if you only need a small amount of compost or find it difficult to manage the large 75L bags.

## **BULBS**

As usual, we have a good selection of very cheap bulbs on sale at the hut. Most have a r.r.p. of £2.99 but our price is just £1.90. Several new varieties this year. They are selling fast so don't delay; get down to the hut asap. All remaining stocks will also be at the October club night.

## **\*\*\*\*\*HUT OPENING FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND\*\*\*\*\***

We will be opening on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November not Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. Usually time, 9 to 10.45am. Owing to the football there may be a few problems with parking but, as it is not a particularly busy time of year, we should be able to cope.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

The party is now being held at: **THE OWLSMOOR CENTRE, YEOVIL ROAD, SANDHURST.**

As usual, we will have food, wine & soft drinks and this year we have a singer for entertainment. Many of you will be able to walk to the venue but there is parking behind the centre, entrance on Cambridge Road. This year tickets will be available from the Autumn Show onwards.

Price is £8 (unchanged from last year). Time: **7.15 for 7.30 pm**

Jane Heritage keeps the tickets between meetings and hut openings so, if you need yours posting, send her a cheque payable to 'Sandhurst Gardening Club' together with a **SAE**. Address at the end of this newsletter under postal memberships. Also, if you have bought a ticket but find you cannot use it please phone Jane on 01276 600438 and she may be able to refund your money and sell it someone else.

## SEED AND POTATO ORDERS 2019/2020

The Mr Fothergill seed catalogues are now available in the trading hut or for those on the internet you can use [www.mr-fothergills.co.uk](http://www.mr-fothergills.co.uk) to look at the catalogue. For those who take a hard copy can you please return it with your completed order or pass to another member as there are only a limited number. There is a separate alternate non pictorial list for vegetables only

**All orders should then be submitted on the order forms which are provided with the catalogues. Further forms are available in the hut or at club night.** Can you please **write clearly, provide a contact telephone number and if you have one a current email address.** If you require non seed items including plants through Mr Fothergill's then you will need to provide an address.

For **seed potato orders** this year you have a choice. For those that buy two or three packs with onion sets etc via the non-seed order route then the p&p charged is a minor part of the order. However, for those that order only 1 or two packs the p&p adds considerable cost. This year we will offer a separate bulk order route through JBA potatoes [www.jbaseedpotatoes.co.uk](http://www.jbaseedpotatoes.co.uk) who I have used for many years. Their website is comprehensive including tips on planting etc and include a potato calculator. They stock all the main varieties including heritage potatoes with a choice of at least 60 varieties; note the website is updated, usually in mid October for 2019/2020. If you wish to order potatoes through this route please email me with the variety and quantity of packs, or leave your order at the hut with contact details. As you will appreciate writing a full list is not practicable but you can access an online catalogue here <https://www.jbaseedpotatoes.co.uk/media/docs/JBA066.pdf>

If you have any questions please contact me on 07766 134728 or [dvdunford@ntlworld.com](mailto:dvdunford@ntlworld.com). I will be out of the UK working for a good portion of October but I will respond as quickly as I can. **The closing date for all orders is the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

David Dunford

## BULB PLANTING FOR ST MICHAELS CHURCH 800TH ANNIVERSARY

St Michaels Church Sandhurst will be celebrating 800 years of Christian Worship next year, 2020. One of the events in the run-up to that anniversary will be bulb planting, which will mostly take place on **Sunday 13th October 2019 from 11.30am.**

Spring flowering bulbs will be planted along the paths of the churchyard, especially those leading from the pastoral centre to the church.

All are welcome to take part either in the planting itself or by donating bulbs.

## FREE COMPOST BIN

Free compost bin available to collect. Contact Diane Swaddling on: [diswaddling@gmail.com](mailto:diswaddling@gmail.com) or 07980 474280.



## **TOP 10 JOBS TO DO IN OCTOBER**

For further information go to [www.rhs.org.uk/advice](http://www.rhs.org.uk/advice)

1. Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants
2. Cut back perennials that have died down
3. Divide herbaceous perennials
4. Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into a greenhouse or conservatory
5. Plant out spring cabbages
6. Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts
7. Prune climbing roses
8. Finish collecting seeds from the garden to sow next year
9. Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas
10. Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf

## **EMAIL AND WEBSITE**

Our Email address is: [enquiries@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk) - This will direct your mail to a committee member who can deal with it or pass it on to the relevant person.

Our web page is: [www.sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk](http://www.sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk)

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Please include a SAE with your completed membership form