



Newsletter 7 – July 2026

Dear Members,

As Julie is away recovering from what has been a successful hip operation we volunteered to collate the newsletter. When you realise what is required, and personally the effort Julie puts in, to do this and the other activities she undertakes to maintain the success of this club we can't thank her enough. To help her and to become more involved in the club there is an opportunity to take on the role of arranging speakers and putting together the club programme. If you, or possibly you and a friend, are interested do get in touch. Of course you would be supported by Julie and the committee. As they say many hands make light work and this approach of sharing tasks can only mean the club continues to go from strength to strength with more members having an input. I'm sure you'll agree this approach is working well with the new show team led by Carole Edge, supported by Di, Lori, Jill and Sheila, delivering a successful Summer show and now preparing for the Autumn show. The team are aided by a strong cohort of volunteers. Thanks to all involved.

Liz and David

CLUB NIGHT 15th July

Our talk this month will welcome a new recommended speaker Janey Parker with a talk entitled "Greenhouses and Poly Tunnels – Year Round Use". Whether you already have a greenhouse or poly tunnel, are considering one or just interested in what could be achieved I am sure you will find it interesting and informative. It also coincides with our second;

BRING A FRIEND MONTH

Do you know someone who enjoys gardening and you think might be interested in joining the club? You can bring them to this month's meeting for free. Simply cut off the form at the end of the newsletter and hand it to them to bring along on club night – what could be simpler?

Sandhurst Allotment's Tour – 21st July 2pm

Have you ever wondered what goes on at the end of the road past the Trading hut (apart from football that is)? Well, if so, we have the answer for you - Sandhurst Allotments can be found there. Club member Peter Radband has kindly agreed to provide a guided tour of the allotments. Details as follows:

- Date: Tuesday 21st July at 2pm
- Meet: at the Trading hut
- Parking: Either The Café on the Park or the Community Hall car park.

Please note, members on the tour will not be covered by the Allotment group insurance. No booking is necessary – just turn up on the day.

SUMMER SHOW



It was another hot day for our annual Summer Show and the pressure was on - as a new show team we faced a few challenges starting with a technical hitch with entries causing some minor panic amongst exhibitors!

Thanks to the army of volunteers who supported us as we got set up and ready to go. The guidance and expertise offered along the way has been very much appreciated by us all. We thank each and every one of you who stepped up to help. It's very much a team effort and would not be possible without all the volunteers.

Feedback from the judges made us feel very proud on behalf of the Club. Our Shows are viewed with much fondness and the Club is held in high esteem

There were 152 exhibits entered by 39 exhibitors. There were a record number of photographic entries which made for a fabulous display throughout the afternoon. There was high praise from the judges for the quality of exhibits (although we could have benefitted from a few more entries in some of the classes), excellent suggestions on where we might improve further for the future and all judges expressed their enjoyment of their time spent with us.

We were honoured with the presence of the Mayor of Sandhurst, Cllr Graham Birch, who took a very keen interest in all the exhibits. He had obviously done his homework on the Club and he gave a very interesting speech before presenting the trophies.

In summary, the day was fun, full of joy and camaraderie. If you weren't there to 'smell the roses' join us for the bigger and even better Autumn Show on 5th September - put the date in your diary and start planning your entries now. We look forward to welcoming you.

Lori, Di, Jill, Sheila & Carole - Show Team



The team are now preparing for the Autumn show on September 5th. The show schedule attached to the June Newsletter lists the relevant classes to give you all a chance to prepare at least one entry. It would be lovely to see 60 entrants. From experience taking part is fun and you never know you might walk away with a card, prize money or even a rosette and trophy. The show committee would like all those who hold trophies from last year to return them in July. There are two opportunities; either take them to the Trading Hut which will close on the 26th July and not reopen until after the show, or Club night on the 15th July.

TRADING HUT

Because of the Sandhurst music festival **there will be no parking/ car access to the hut on Sunday 19th July. However, the hut will still be open.** Please either walk, or park just outside and walk in. Perhaps consider visiting the hut the week before or week after (the last Sunday of opening before September) if you want compost / anything large!

Our last day of opening before the summer break is Sunday 26th July, so still plenty of time to stock up for the summer.

The hut is well stocked to carry you over the summer break. There are a full range of feeds, both liquid and granular, pest control & weedkillers, together with a range of composts. **The Trading hut will close following the 26th July opening and reopen on the 6th September.**

Trading hut volunteers - Thanks

From Lesley Williams – Trading Hut volunteer coordinator. As we near the break for the summer thank you goes to the many volunteers who have helped the club keep the hut open. I do try and send a reminder a few days before the session and ask that you let me know if circumstances have changed and you can no longer do it. However, there are times when I am away for the weekend, without access to the membership list, so I have to ask a committee member if they can cover. It would be really useful if

someone from the trading hut volunteers could take on this role - there is very rarely a problem, but sometimes the unexpected does occur - and then we need to find a replacement. If you think you could help please could you contact me or a member of the committee.

WADDESDON MANOR AND GARDENS TRIP – 23rd OCTOBER 2026

A trip to view this beautiful French Renaissance-style château with an extensive art collection, landscaped gardens, aviary and woodland playground. Include in the ticket is entry to see the impressive [Standing with Giants exhibition](#):



‘This visually powerful and deeply moving display brings home, in the most immediate way, the scale of sacrifice made on D -Day’

Details:

What: Waddesdon Manor, House, gardens and exhibition

When: Friday 23rd October 2026. Depart; Sandhurst Library 9.15 am, Owlsmoor shops **9:25 am**, leave Waddesdon approx. 4.30 pm.

Cost: £43.00 (includes coach and full entrance). **RHS Member** – Free Entrance Garden Only (with membership card) - Coach and House: £31.50 per person **National Trust Member**. Entrance free (with membership card). Coach only: £20.00 per person.

Payment: Either via Bank transfer (below) or by card at club night or the Trading Hut.

Bank details: Gardening Club of Sandhurst & District

Sort Code: 09-01-51

Account No: 92029304

Ref: Waddesdon

More information can be found on the attached flyer. To secure your place on this trip please email trips@sandhurstgardeningclub.co.uk with your Full Name, mobile number, emergency contact name and number. Please confirm if you are a National Trust Member or RHS Member. It would also be helpful if you could advise what payment method you intend to use when booking. The closing date for the trip is **Monday 21st September 2026**.



PROUD TABLE

As we didn't have a meeting in June there was no proud table winner. The theme for July's meeting is **"Your Garden Edibles"**. Select edibles from your garden (fruit, vegetables, edible flowers) that you are proud to show off. We are looking forward to seeing many entries.

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SHOW RESULTS

Class	Description	1st	2nd	3rd
1	1 Specimen bloom - Hybrid Tea	Richard Cox	Julie Sheppard	Sylvia Tansley
2	1 rose - selected for fragrance	Sylvia Tansley	Peter Radband	Julie Sheppard
3	3 sprays - 1 or more cultivars	Julie Sheppard	Peter Radband	Sally Bennett
4	Rambler/Climber - 1 spray	Tony Winter	Julie Sheppard	Sally Bennett
5	Container for all-round effect	Julie Sheppard	Len Horne	
	Best Exhibit class 1 -5	Julie Sheppard		
6	Peonies 1 head			
7	Iris sibirica 3 of any kind			
8	Pansies &/or violas - 6 blooms mounted over water	Tony Winter	Helen Harding	Sylvia Tansley
9	Vase of Campanula 5 stems any kind, any colour			
10	One Clematis flower	Lydia Stonestreet	Sandra Hooper	Sally Bennett
11	Vase of flowers - 6 stems of 1 kind	Betty Wilson	Carole Killick	Richard Cox
12	Vase of mixed flowers - at least 12 stems	Julie Sheppard	Sally Bennett	Betty Wilson
13	Alliums 3 stems			
14	Flowering shrub one stem of a kind	Betty Wilson	Jill Fenner	Helen Harding
15	Geraniums 6 flowers mounted over water	Alison Bone		
	Best Exhibit class 6 - 15	Betty Wilson		
16	1 Fuchsia	Carole Killick	Peter Brockway	
17	1 Ivy Leaf pelargonium	Peter Brockway		
18	1 Pelargonium - Regal	Peter Brockway		
19	1 Pelargonium - Zonal	Peter Brockway		
20	Pot plant - Streptocarpus			
21	Pot Plant - any type Flowering not in classes 16-20 & class 25	Peter Brockway		
22	Fern	Peter Brockway	Helen Harding	
23	Pot Plant - Foliage	Carole Killick	Tony Winter	Peter Brockway
24	Cactus or Succulent	Peter Brockway	Carole Killick	Helen Harding
25	Orchid	Lydia Stonestreet	Sandra Hooper	
26	Bonsai	Peter Brockway	Sally Bennett	
	Best Exhibit class 16 - 26	Peter Brockway		
27	Sweet Peas - 6 stems mixed	Peter Radband	Alison Bone	
28	Sweet Peas - 3 cultivars, 1 stem of each	Peter Radband		

29	Sweet Peas - 3 blooms, 1 cultivar	Peter Radband		
30	Any container of sweet peas	Peter Radband		
	Best Exhibit class 27 - 30	Peter Radband		
31	1 Hanging Basket or Hanging Pot	Len Horne	Julie Sheppard	Richard Cox
32	1 Planter or basket planted with vegetables or herbs		Lydia Stonestreet	
33	1 Patio Tub or Trough	Len Horne	Sheila Davenport	
	Best Exhibit class 31 - 33	Len Horne		
34	Strawberries - dish of 6	Richard Cox	Peter Radband	
35	Gooseberries - dish of 6	Alison Bone	Richard Cox	
36	Raspberries - dish of 96	Richard Cox		
37	Plate of any other fruit	Alison Bone	Richard Cox	
	Best Exhibit class 34 - 37	Alison Bone		
38	Collection of cut herbs - 3 varieties, 2 stems of each	Helen Harding	Betty Wilson	Alison Bone
39	2 of same fruit, 2 of same veg & 2 of same flower	Peter Radband	Richard Cox	
40	Mange toute 5 pods	Jill Fenner		
41	Lettuce - 2 of one kind	Peter Brockway		
42	Radish - 5 of one kind			
43	Salad onions - dish of 5	Jill Fenner		
44	Carrots - 3 of one kind	Colin Killick		
45	Potatoes 3 of a kind	Peter Radband	Peter Brockway	
46	Potato - judged for weight	Peter Radband		
47	Rhubarb - 3 sticks	Peter Brockway	Peter Radband	Jill Fenner
48	Courgettes - 2 of any kind		Peter Brockway	
49	Broad beans - 5 pods	Peter Brockway		
50	Peas - 5 of one kind	Peter Radband		
51	Any other vegetable not included in classes 38-50		Jill Fenner	
52	Collection of Vegetables any 3 kinds, 2 of each	Peter Radband	Jill Fenner	
53	Wonkiest vegetable any kind			
	Best Exhibit class 38 - 53	Colin Killick		
54	A dash of Orange	Jill Roberts	Ruth Page	
55	Go Oriental	Ruth Page	Jill Roberts	

56	Arrangement in a tea cup	Jill Roberts	Betty Wilson	Ruth Page
57	An arrangement in an unusual container	Jill Roberts	Ruth Page	
58	Novice class - A basket of happiness			
	Best Exhibit class 54-58	Ruth Page		
59	A tapestry no bigger than 50cm by 50cm			
60	A case for a mobile phone made of any material	Sandra Hooper		
61	A painting, framed or not	Sheraton Winter	Lydia Stonestreet	
62	A bookmark, any medium, no bigger than 20cm by 5cm	Sandra Hooper		
63	Any other piece of handicraft not included in classes 59-62	Julie Sheppard	Sandra Hooper	Sally Bennett
	Best Exhibit class 59-63	Julie Sheppard		
64	A cherry cake	Lydia Stonestreet	Ruth Page	Beverley Morgan
65	7 cheese straws	Sally Bennett	Julie Sheppard	Lydia Stonestreet
66	5 Chocolate black bean brownies	Beverley Morgan	Sally Bennett	Lydia Stonestreet
67	A jar raspberry jam	Lydia Stonestreet	Beverley Morgan	
68	a bottle of homemade non alcoholic drink	Beverley Morgan	Lydia Stonestreet	
	Best Exhibit class 64-68	Lydia Stonestreet		
69	Yellow in the garden	Sally Bennett	Janice House	Sheila Davenport
70	Local scene within 2 miles of the Trading Hut	Sally Bennett	Beverley Morgan	Janice House
71	My favourite flower	Janice House	Rachel Parker	Sally Bennett
72	A drawing of a flower	Autumn Edge & Robin Edge		
73	Model of a caterpillar no bigger than 30cm by 15cm			
74	An arrangement of herbs no bigger than 25cm by 10cm			

Cup Winners Summer Show 2026		
The Rose Bowl	Roses	Julie Sheppard
Mary Gibbons Trophy	Cut Flowers	Betty Wilson
Hetty Hope Memorial Trophy	Pot Plants	Peter Brockway
Marks and Spencer Cup	Sweet Peas	Peter Radband
The Lyne Trophy	Hanging Baskets	Len Horne
John Cooper Challenge Cup	Fruit	Richard Cox
The Garden News Shield	Vegetables	Peter Radband
The Floral Art Trophy	Floral Art	Jill Roberts
The Bert Cole Trophy	Handicrafts	Sandra Hooper
Hilda Lanham Trophy	Culinary	Lydia Stonestreet

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Red denotes changes/updates

Date	Event	Venue
Wed 15 th July 7.15 pm	Talk: Greenhouses & polytunnels - year-round use and bring a friend night	Community Hall
Sun 19 th July	Hut open as normal, but no access for cars	Trading hut
Tues 21 st July 2.00 pm	Tour of the Sandhurst allotments	Meet at Trading hut
Sun 26 th July	Last hut opening before summer break	Trading hut
Sat 5 th Sept	Autumn show	Community Hall
Tues 6 th Oct 2.30 pm	Afternoon talk	Kitty Dancy room
Wed 21 st Oct 7.15 pm	Talk: A gardener's life	Community Hall
Fri 23 rd Oct 9.15 am	Trip: Waddesdon manor, gardens and exhibition	Depart Sandhurst Library & Owlsmoor
Tues 3 rd Nov 2.30 pm	Afternoon talk	Kitty Dancy room
Wed 18 th Nov 7.15 pm	Talk: companion planting	Community Hall
Dec – date tbc	Christmas party	Community Hall
2027		
Tues 5 th Jan 2.30 pm	Afternoon talk	Kitty Dancy room
Tues 2 nd Feb 2.30 pm	Afternoon talk	Kitty Dancy room
Wed 17 th Feb 7.15 pm	AGM Talk: Hedgehogs	Community Hall

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'BRING A FRIEND' NIGHT - July

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