

SURREY HORTICULTURAL FEDERATION

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2012

SPECIAL EVENT

Sunday, 17th June 2.30 – 4 pm

A 'one-off' chance to visit

WOODLARK NURSERIES

Burhill Road, Hersham, Surrey, KT12 4JD
(www.woodlarknurseries.co.uk)

This normally wholesale-only nursery grows a wide range of bedding plants, bulbs, perennials, patio plants and herbs plus lots of seasonally planted hanging basket and containers.

Plants will be for sale on the day!

Club secretaries: If you can advise roughly how many of your members would like to come to this event, please contact Secretary Janet Arm at address above

SPRING TALK – Steve Brookes.

Well, we did promise you something a bit different for this talk, and we think that Steve Brookes certainly delivered!

From the very first moment, when he spoke about learning from his Grandad and watching him explain what worms did, his talk made the audience laugh and laugh. Linked in with many very useful tips were some hilarious ones - like burying a blown-up balloon just where cats like to scratch, and then trying to get them down from the nearest tree two days later!

Steve kept us all amused and entertained for the whole afternoon, and I think if he hadn't had to drive back to Stratford he would have kept going for many more hours! We know that Steve wasn't as well-known a name in this area as some of the other speakers we have had, but would like to thank him again for such a great talk.

Note from Janet: Please could anyone let me know if they have tried some of his tips and how well they worked? I have passed on the ones about Ralgex on old tea bags spread around where cats 'go' in the garden, and cheap soap grated up to repel squirrels, but as I don't have a problem with either of these pests I haven't tried them myself!

INTER-CLUB QUIZ.

Please note that this event will be held at Cobham Village Hall on Sunday, 16th September 2.30 pm so make a note of this in your diaries now. If your club hasn't shown interest yet, then contact Secretary Janet Arm for details. You only need three people for a team, and answers can all be guessed! Why not go to the Plant Heritage Plant Fair in the morning, and then come on to the Quiz?

A.G.M. and AUTUMN TALK – Sunday 4th Nov. 2.30 pm Mayford Village Hall.

As usual we will have as quick an A.G.M. as possible, so we can leave time for our speaker, who this year will be

MR. NEIL MILLER (Head Gardener) talking about **HEVER CASTLE**,
with plenty of behind the scenes information as well as some secrets!!!!

(This talk has been recommended by Limpsfield Club who says you shouldn't miss it!)

SURREY GUILD of JUDGES and LECTURERS.

Hon. Secretary Jack Morris says - Please could you note the following on your new lists:-

Judges List – Page 6. We regret that Judge Keith Pierce of Elstead sadly died recently, so please delete his name.

Lecturers List – Page 2. Please add these two new email addresses. Guy Barter: guybarter@rhs.org.uk and
Peter Barwick: pjbarwick@tiscali.co.uk

CHALFONT ST. GILES GARDENS OPEN DAY – Sunday 13th May.

For those of you who would like a go a bit further afield for visits, 9 gardens within walking distance of the Village Green plus Flexmore Farm (which has a herd of buffalo as well as keeping pigs) will be open for charity. Tickets and a map cost £5 available from the Green on the day from 10.30 am and give access to all the gardens. Contact Tony Hoare 01494-872883

2012 FEDERATION CLUB LIST.

Now that almost every club has renewed their subscription, there is a new club Contact List enclosed with this Newsletter. Many thanks for allowing your names and phone numbers to be published, though we have not included email addresses as we know that several of you would prefer that these remain private.

If you are having trouble filling meetings or coach trips, why not contact your local clubs to see if you can combine events?

CLUB EVENTS – Please contact the numbers given for more information.

June

2 nd	Frensham	PLANT SALE at Dockenfield Day	Caroline Tonkin 01252-793991
6 th	Godstone	Amazing Grasses by Brian Fisher	Jane Turvey 01883-744756
7 th	Sunningdale	The Basingstoke Canal, by Geoff Peach.	Chris. Parnell 01344-626121
8 th	Farnham	Fairy Rings and Death Caps, by Steve Webster	Valerie Pyne 01252-726933
8 th	Virginia Water	Vegetables and fruit on the allotment. Len Stebbings	Linda Gillham 01932-564834
8 th	Woodham & New Haw	Mexico, a land of contrasts. Graham Patterson	Louise Clubley 01932-841195
9 th	Haslemere	Plant Sale and Coffee at Cleves, Weydown Road	David Pope 01428-643719
9 th	Peaslake/Shere/Gomshall	SUMMER SHOW, Memorial Hall, Peaslake	Scilla Roe 01306-731156
10 th	Jacobs Well	SUMMER SHOW	Pam Lomax 01483-767225
11 th	Elstead	Growing Vegetables, by Mark Saunders	Jo. Manches 01252-702752
11 th	Yateley	Yateley GP to Tuscan Viticulture, by Dr. France.	Julia Dobbin 01252-870533
12 th	Ashford	ROSE SHOW, 8.30pm St. Matthews Church Hall	B. Baghapour 01784-247907
12 th	Merrow	EVENING SHOW, 8.00 pm	Judith Huygens 01483-561272
13 th	Grayshott	Angel Pelargoniums, by Derek Lloyd Dean	Anne Waddell 01428-604714
13 th	Staines	SWEET PEA and ROSE SHOW Grovebarns, Park Av.	Hugh Wright 077470640020
16 th	Banstead	EARLY SUMMER SHOW 2 pm	David Peterken 01737-351224
16 th	Ewell	SUMMER SHOW, 2.30 Blenheim School, Epsom	Lynne Mason 0208-393-9257
16 th	Frensham	PLANT SALE AT Frensham Fayre	Caroline Tonkin 01252-793991
16 th	Sandhurst	SUMMER FLOWER SHOW, 3.00 pm	Chris. Dresler 01420-768965
20 th	Cheam & Cuddington	History of Cheam, by Valary Murphy	Nigel Blumsom 0208-644-8673
20 th	Onslow Village	SUMMER SHOW, and talk.	Anne Bradbeer 01483-563421
23 rd	Epsom	SUMMER SHOW, St. Martins School	Jill Farnham 01372-725687
24 th	Peaslake/Shere/Gomshall	PLANT AND PRODUCE SALE, Village Hall, Shere.	Scilla Roe 01306-731156
26 th	West End	Seeds of Italy, by Paolo Arriga	Judith Douch 01483-475133
30 th	Shalford	ROSE and SWEET PEA SHOW Viewing 5.30-6.30	John Ashworth 01483-569526

July

3 rd	Lightwater	A year on a small herbaceous nursery. Will George	Jackie Hayler 01276-475622
5 th	Sunningdale	Chobham Common, Talk by Nicola Buckland	Chris. Parnell 01344-626121
6 th	Woodham & New Haw	Growing for the Kitchen by Paul Patton	Louise Clubley 01932-841195
7 th	Grayshott	SUMMER SHOW 2-4 pm	Lin.Morrison 01428-605911
7 th	Kingswood/Tadworth	EARLY SUMMER SHOW, Church Hall Tadworth	Keith Lewis 01737-210707
10 th	Worplesdon	SUMMER SHOW + talk on Sweet Peas, Les Moody	Gwen Graham 01483-566445
13 th	Virginia Water	Peloponnese in April and November, Melvyn Jope	Linda Gillham 01932-564834
14 th	Ashford	SUMMER SHOW 2.30pm St. Matthews Church Hall	B. Baghapour 01784-247907
14 th	Cheam & Cuddington	SUMMER SHOW St.Dunstans Primary School Cheam	Nigel Blumsom 0208-644-8673
14 th	Churt	SUMMER SHOW 2.30 pm	Sandra Probert 01428-608583
14 th	Claygate	SUMMER SHOW	Linda Elkins 01372-460765
14 th	Elstead	SUMMER SHOW 2 pm	Jo. Manches 01252-702752
14 th	Ewhurst	SUMMER SHOW 2.00 Recreation Groud	Lesley Wood 01483-272488
14 th	Puttenham/Wanborough	SUMMER SHOW 2.30 pm MarkwicHall, Puttenham	Maggie Forwood 01483-813855
14 th	Tilford	SUMMER SHOW 2 pm, Fete Day	JulieWoodall 01252-781503
18 th	Onslow	Unusual Hardy Plants, by Mrs. P. Leichti-Clarke	Anne Bradbeer 01483-563421
18 th	Sandhurst	Whats going on in the Blackwater Valley, Chris Bean	Chris. Dresler 01420-768965
19 th	New Soc. Camberley	Using Grasses in the Garden by Souren Ala	C. Thompson 01252-837640
21 st	Albury	SUMMER SHOW on Albury Common 2.00 pm	Julie Baxter 01483-203184
21 st	Bramshott/Liphook	SUMMER SHOW 2 pm	Ian Haussauer 01428-723045
21 st	Thursley	SUMMER SHOW 2.30 pm	Pat Clark 01252-706869
22 nd	Fernhurst	Open Gardens Day	Bob Pennington 01428-664406
24 th	West End	Amazing Grasses and grass effect plants, Brian Fisher	Judith Douch 01483-475133

August

1 st	Godstone	The Modern Kitchen Garden by Barry Newman	Jane Turvey	01883-744756
2 nd	Sunningdale	The Ribena Story by Michael Moulton	Chris. Parnell	01344-626121
18 th	Esher Molesey	FLOWER SHOW	Ann Beauchamp	0208 979 1415
18 th	Kingswood/Tadworth	SUMMER SHOW, 2 pm Church Hall Tadworth	Keith Lewis	01737-210707
19 th	Surrey Chrysanthemum	MEMBERS SHOW at Toyota GB Epsom	Fred Austin	01483-283264
27 th	Peaslake & Shere	Sale of Plants and Produce at Peaslake Fair	Scilla Roe	01306-731156

CLUB FOCUS:- Two clubs in this issue!

1. Surrey Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Society.

The Society was formed in 1964 by a small group of enthusiasts in the Morden area, and from these early beginnings the Society has grown and now attracts members from all over the South of England – many of whom are National exhibitors. As it turned out, the 1970's was the heyday of the Society, during which time the Championship of Great Britain and other National awards were won on many occasions both for Chrysanthemums and Dahlias.

Although we do not have a specific base like other Clubs/Societies, nor any Trading facilities, we do hold all our Evening Meetings and Show within the Surrey County boundary although the venues have changed many times over the years mainly due to site redevelopment and of course cost. Currently we have our Members Shows at Abinger Hammer Village Hall and including a Daffodil show in early April which was added to our show programme in the 1990's. Other Members Shows are in August (predominately Dahlias), and a late September show with a bias towards Chrysanths (though as the weather pattern appears to have changed Dahlias are becoming equally displayed) and finally the Late Chrysanthemum Show in November.

The Main Show of the calendar is held at the premises of Toyota GB plc at Great Burgh, situated off the Reigate Road between Burgh Heath and Epsom Downs, and this year our 10th Show is at this venue on the 9th September. It is anticipated that on show will be Early Disbud and Spray Chrysanths, and Dahlias from Pompoms to Giants in all shapes and colours with about 400 vases on display plus a Floral Art Selection. All visitors are welcome, with flowers for sale at the end of the Show. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

Evening Meetings are held at Cobham Village Hall, but due to lack of support (probably on a par with many similar organisations) the number has been reduced from 7 to 3 meetings plus the AGM. Like many Societies over the years Committee numbers have fallen but ages of participants increased, and without new younger blood to take on the reins the future does look somewhat bleak. However, we hope to reach the 50th Anniversary by hook or by crook, though it will certainly not be without some considerable effort!

Note: Many thanks to Surrey Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Society Secretary Fred Austin for this report. Please contact Fred for further details or show schedules at: Hawthorns, Forest Road, Effingham, Surrey, KT24 5HL Tel: 01483-283264

2. Sandhurst and District Gardening Club.

Sandhurst Gardening Club came into being in 1963 and since then the club has grown to over 300 members and has meetings at the Community Hall on the third Wednesday of almost every month. Topics are not always to do with gardening specifically but may have a loose connection – details of the next few are shown on the Club Events pages following.

It is a very friendly club with attendance regularly over 80 on a club night. Subscriptions are £6 for a couple or £4 single which covers a monthly newsletter, a chance to book on one of 4 coach outings to gardens and finally to exhibit in all 4 shows a year which are Daffodil Show in March, Late Spring Show in April, Summer Show in June and Autumn Show in September!

There is a purpose built Trading Hut (on the Memorial Park behind the Coffee Spot) open on Sunday mornings most of the year and Wednesday afternoons in the Spring and Summer where members can buy compost, fertiliser etc. If you would like to join please contact Chairman Sheila Davenport on 01252-874361 or Christine Dresler on 01420-768965 (to whom I am grateful for this report.)

COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2012: Onslow Village Hall: 25th May, 7th Sept. and 16th November

If there is anything you would like us to bring up at the meetings, please contact Secretary Janet Arm.