

MARCH NEWSLETTER 2024

Dear Members

I'm not sure I even want to talk about the weather at the moment. Who knew it could continue to be so wet and dismal. The odd day of sunshine that we have had, does your heart good but really, we need more sun. And soon!

Just reminder that membership renewal was due by 11 February. If you wish to renew then this needs to be paid no later than 8th April. After that date your membership will deemed to have lapsed. We do hope you continue to remain. There is such a buzz to the Club right now with many new members. Talking of new members the Committee and I welcome you to our club and hope that you have many happy months and hopefully, years with us. We run an up to date website with lots of information about gardens to visit, books to read and RHS advice on what to do in your garden on a month by month basis. www.midhurstgardenclub.co.uk

Our meeting last Monday was very busy with over 70 people attending. We all enjoyed the talk by Everett Leeds on all things Clematis. We were pleased that the kitchen at the hall was back in operation again so that refreshments could be served.

On our next meeting on 8 April our guest speaker Peter Almond will be talking about 'Plants Have Feelings Too'. After retiring Peter pursued his interest in gardening by studying part time to obtain the RHS Advanced Certificate in Horticulture. He has run City and Guilds education classes for East Surrey College and short courses for the WEA.

Tickets for Firle Place and the lovely Garden Show are selling really well and if you still wish to go then please contact Angela on 01730 812455 as tickets will be not be available after 4 April. Lots of lovely plants and stalls so that you can plan your gardens for this coming year.

Tickets for our visit to Nymans on 20 June will be on sale at our meeting in April. Please support this as well as you have supported the visit to Firle Place.

The club holiday to Dorset/Somerset on 2-6 June still have some seats available if you are interested. Please contact Alison Higton on 01730 814613.

Finally, one of our lovely new members, who is Vice Chairman of Haslemere Museum has organised a talk on 11 April with Mark Hedges who is the Editor of Country Life. Time is 7pm. Tickets are £18 and it is raising money for the Museum. If interested please contact www.haslemeremuseum.co.uk/whatson.

Finally, may I wish you on behalf of the committee and I a very blessed and happy Easter. I hope you will have fine weather and family or friends to celebrate with. Fingers crossed on the fine weather bit!

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Jeni Chair