



MAY NEWSLETTER 2026

Dear Members

May has arrived and it has been unusually chilly with even some air frost in the early hours of the morning, and my now planted tomatoes are not happy in my unheated greenhouse. Neither am I! Fleece on the plants every evening at the moment. Tender plants like dahlias are slow to appear as well. I don't blame them!

The tickets for Parham House and Gardens will be available at our next meeting on 8 June and the booking form is at the bottom of this newsletter. The price includes a tour of the house beforehand and as there will be more than 25, the group will be broken into two, the second one starting 15 mins later. Please note that as the visit is 2 July, tickets will not be available after 20 June as Parham need the final numbers by that date.

Our exceptional speaker Ian Molesworth gave a wonderful talk on Munstead Wood at our meeting on Monday. It was a fascinating look at the history of the house and garden of Gertrude Jekyll and how it will be moving forward under the care of the NT, who bought the property in 2023. A lot of work before it will be ready for visitors though. We had an excellent attendance for the talk and so many people brought their spare plants which all disappeared and so hopefully we made a reasonable collection for Midhurst Palliative Care.

We now look forward to our holiday to Devon this coming Monday when 38 of us will be transported to the West Country. Let us hope the weather is kind.

Our next meeting is on 8 June when we will be welcoming Elizabeth Mooney who will give us a talk on 'Vegetable Growing and It's Wider Significance'

Having enjoyed the story of Gertrude Jekyll's house and garden I thought I would leave you with one of her comments.

'To plant and maintain a flower border, with a good scheme for colour, is by no means the easy thing it is commonly supposed'. How very true!

**Jeni
Chair**

MIDHURST GARDEN CLUB

PARHAM HOUSE AND GARDENS 2 JULY 2026

Depart: Midhurst Bus Station, North Street 10.00

Departure Parham: 15.30

I/We would like.....ticket/s @ £31.50 for Members and.....ticket/s @£34.50 for visitors.

I enclose the sum of.....

Name:.....Tel:.....

Contact emergency number.....

Please note payment is by cheque only. Made payable to Midhurst Garden Club. Please send to NEL DEJONG SMITH AT 106 THE FAIRWAY, MIDHURST, GU29 9JF and enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you need them posted or pick up at a meeting.

