



AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2026

Dear Members

There isn't a lot more to say about the weather. It continues to be brutal with little or no rain. At this current time in Midhurst, we do not yet have a hosepipe ban so I guess we are still lucky. Try to be careful however with what you are watering. We are now at the point of when using the hosepipe, we are only watering those plants either too well established or too expensive to replace. Some things I think, we are just going to hope for the best that rain comes soon.

Tickets for Wisley on 15 September are still on sale but a reminder that we won't be able to sell tickets at our meeting in September as that will only be the day before our visit and Wisley want the final numbers by 1 September. As we don't have a meeting in August, it will all need to be done now by post or phone call to Nel. We have 33 booked on the coach but if you still want to go but hadn't got round to it, then please ring Nel and she will add you to the list. Her number is on your membership card.

Our next meeting is on 14 September when we will be welcoming Edward Flint. Edward is the Head Gardener of a large estate in Sussex, course tutor on the Art and Craft of Gardening at Great Dixter and lecturer at the English Gardening School. His talk is called Lessons from Dixter. I'm sure this will be an interesting and informative talk about one of the greatest gardens in the UK.

On Saturday 12 September Philip and Jean Jackson's garden will be opened in aid of Midhurst Palliative Care. Entry is £6 on the door and will be open from 11am to 4pm. Children are free and dogs are welcome. Address is Casters Brook, Mill Lane, Cocking GU29 OHJ. Their garden will be full of Philip's remarkable statues for us to enjoy and wonder at!

Our plans for next year are almost complete and we will have yet another exciting list of speakers, trips and the annual holiday. A huge thanks to the committee for all that they have contributed to making next year a really interesting one.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and have fun, no matter what you are up to and remember.....

'When the world wearies and society fails to satisfy,
there is always the garden!'

Minnie Aumonier.

**Jeni
Chair**