



## Newsletter – April 2026

Dear Members,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Spring Show. Every one of you is a very valued member of the Gardeners Club. We have never had such a wonderful and big Spring Show with 244 entries. The Trophy winners this time were. Daffodil Cup – Steve Holden, Tulip Cup - Sue Pitman, Peggy Findley Memorial Bowl – Patrick Dealtry, Pot Plant classes – Mary Lewis, Floral Art Classes – Christine King, Fruit & Vegetable trophy – Sue Pitman, Cookery Salver – Liz Hewson, Handicraft – Christine Hunter, Photography classes – John Harris, Children’s Classes – Mabel Coomber. However, next time with would be lovely if we could have a few more volunteers to help with the clearing up.

### **The Annual General Meeting – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April Village Hall. 10.30.**

The hall will be open from **10.00am** so that you can pay your subscriptions, collect your new schedule and refresh yourself with some lovely Coffee & Cake. The new schedule is 32 pages this time, so plenty for you to read and digest. Maybe you can mark a few new classes to enter as there is plenty of choice. In the summer Show, we have 126 classes for you to choose from.

**Subscriptions** These remain at £8.00 for this year. We are asking you to pay in cash or cheque on **the day**, if possible. If this is not convenient for you and you wish to pay by bank transfer, you may do so in advance **but no later than 8pm.on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April.** Then you simply need to collect your schedule at the AGM. Here are the Gardeners Club bank details – Sort Code 30-91-97 – Account number 00294364. Please use your **name and membership number** as the reference.

Please find attached      1. The Agenda 2. Minutes from AGM 2025 3.The Accounts.

### **Walberton Open Gardens 21st June**

Planning is well under way for this wonderful event. If you feel that you can help in anyway, please let us know. We could do with a few stewards for various places. We will also need plenty of people to organise the Car Parking on the Playing Field. Please do not volunteer if you have your own garden open to view. Also, there is still time to add your name to the list of gardens that are open to the public, if you would wish to.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2.30 Village Hall– Preparing for the Annual Flower Show.** This talk will be given by Barry Newman, RHS who will teach us and inspire us to progress and improve. He is highly respected, in this field. If you watch the Chelsea Flower Show, you may well see him in action. This event will be free for members and £5.00 for Non-Members.

**Outing - Borde Hill Gardens Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.** The Coach will leave Maple Parage Bus Stop and 10.00 and then leave Borde Hill at 4pm. The cost to Member is £20.00 and to Non-Members £25.00. If you would like to join us on this trip, please notify Brenda by the **9<sup>th</sup> May**. You may pay by any means, but if paying by bank transfer please use your Name & Membership number as the reference.

**Jobs to do in the in April.** This is one of the busiest times of the year in the garden. Basically, plant as many seeds and young plants as you can. Don't forget to remove as many weeds as you can and as soon as you can.

### **Out and about in April**

1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April Tulip Festival – Arundel Castle

5-7<sup>th</sup> Easter at Stansted House.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April Denmans Cardens – Open Garden for NGS

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April Rymans Gardens , Chichester Open for NGS

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April Chalk Farm Flowers Worthing– Open Garden for NGS

26<sup>th</sup> April Manor of Dean Garden Petworth Garden open for NGS.

Thank you from your Committee,

Liz Hewson (Chair), Brenda Bailey (Shows & Events), Douglas Callander, Alan Gess, Bob Rogers, Kate Dobson & Liesma Mezulis.

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