Newsletter – November & December 2026

Dear Members,



Christmas is coming and an interesting outing FREE for you.

We have been very lucky in securing a visit to the local Poinsettia growing nursery to learn all about growing these lovely plants that seem to adorn our homes at Christmas time. The outing is a car share one, so anyone who needs a lift please let me know and I will arrange for you to be picked up. Here are the details. Please notify Brenda if you would like to attend by the **5th November**

Date Tuesday 10th November. 2026. Meet at the venue at 1.50.
Address Highdown Garden Centre, Littlehampton Road, Angmering Worthing BN12 6PWR
The visit will last for approximately 45 minutes, after which the café will still be open for refreshments. I have checked and the café does accept cash as well as bank cards.

Christmas Coffee Morning. Saturdaty 28th November Village Hall 10.30. This is our next event, which last year was amazing. We welcomed lots of our new residents as well as our members. This turned out be quite an occasion. Please encourage all your friends and family to come. This year we will be having the usual cakes, coffee, a special Christmas Raffle as well as a guess the weight of the Christmas Pudding. So, something for everyone to enjoy.

New Schedule This is still work in progress, so it is not too late to put forward any suggestions that you may have towards our schedule for next year. We like to keep it refreshed and interesting. So, any suggestions will be gratefully received.

Seeds & Plants In case you would like to stock up or try something new, Dobies seeds and plants have a very good online catalogue with some tremendous offers on at the moment.

- **Garden jobs for November**
  Plant Spring Bulbs: Plant tulips and other spring-flowering bulbs, or delay tulip planting slightly to help prevent fungal issues like tulip fire. [
- **Lift Dahlias & Tender Tubers:** Dig up dahlia tubers, gladioli, and begonias after the first frost, cut back dead foliage, and store them dry in a frost-free place. [1, 2]
- **Cut Back Perennials:** Trim away yellowing or dead foliage from herbaceous perennials and lift and divide overcrowded clumps. [1]
- **Plant Bare-Root Stock:** November is an ideal time to plant bare-root trees, roses, and hedges
  Protect Winter Crops: Cover winter brassicas, leeks, and roots with cloches or horticultural fleece to shield them from hard frosts and snow
  Prune & Grease Fruit Trees: Prune dormant apple and pear trees and put grease bands around the trunks of fruit trees to stop winter moth damage.
- **Add Manure:** Spread well-rotted manure or compost over empty vegetable beds to feed the soil over winter

Out & About in November
20th 21st & 22nd November Christmas Fair Denmans Gardens
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28th November Star Willow Weaving Workshop Denmans Gardens
27 & 28th November West Dean Gardens – Christmas Market
12th December Angels – Willow Weaving Workshop Denmans Gardens
19th December – Bird Box Willow Weaving Workshop Denmans Gardens
11th December – Southdowns Concert Band - Christmas Concert, St. Pauls Church 7.30pm with St. Paul's Church Choir, Chichester.

Thank you from your Committee - Liz Hewson (Chair), Brenda Bailey (Shows & Events), Alan Gess (Treasurer) Bob Rogers, Kate Dobson & Liesma Mezulis.

Details for Brenda Bailey Email WalbertongcShows@outlook.com or 07881552980