



# Sanderstead Horticultural Society



## SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

September, and it's the Autumn Show on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> at All Saints; as usual, my plea is for lots of entries to fill the hall. You may have noticed that we have included honey among the domestic classes for the first time in many years; it will be interesting to see how many bee-keepers we have. Please can we have entry forms and last year's cups returned by 14<sup>th</sup> September. As always, the judges of the flower and vegetable classes will be looking for condition, uniformity and size. This year we will be giving £10 prize vouchers for the photographic and craft classes.

If anyone could spare half an hour at the show to sell raffle tickets, please contact Brian Goodman on 8657 1689.

I notice that Woodcote Green Garden Centre, Woodmansterne Lane, Wallington, has an Horticultural Show on the Saturday following ours, and it is offering big cash prizes in all classes, plus £150 to the local Society whose members score the most points, so why not see if you can make us, and yourselves, some extra cash? Entry forms are available at the centre and have to be in by 24<sup>th</sup> September.

You may recall in the spring newsletters I mentioned I had a ground elder problem and had seen an article saying that planting *Tagetes minuta* would kill the weed. I duly sent off to Chiltern Seeds for seed, but nothing germinated. I contacted them and they sent me another packet, but again the same result; another member contacted me to say he had had the same outcome. So whether it was duff seed, the very hot spring or bad gardening I do not know, but my ground elder is worse than ever. I would be interested to know if anyone else tried this remedy, and if it worked.

I was told about an allotment holder who discovered top soil dumped on his allotment; a week later more mysteriously arrived and, on contacting the authorities, he was told:- wait for it - "The plot thickens".

Good luck at the Show.

Colin Jones. Chairman.

### COACH OUTING TO WISLEY, THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011

It will be pleasant to see Wisley in the autumn when apples and other fruit will be on sale there. The cost will be £9.50 per person, to include entry, coach and driver's gratuity.

The coach will leave Sanderstead Library at 9.30am and return around 5.30pm.

An electric wheelchair and one push wheelchair have been ordered and will be available for our use. Please let Brenda know as soon as possible if you would like to reserve one. (8657 5280)

There is a picnic area and a café outside the garden and a restaurant inside.

If you would like to go, please complete the form overleaf and send it together with your cheque for £9.50 payable to Sanderstead Horticultural Society, to Brenda Bateman, 32 Lime Meadow Avenue, Sanderstead, CR2 9AR. Please tick the box if you would like receipt of your cheque confirmed by telephone (landlines only please).

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Name ..... Telephone No .....

Address .....

..... Telephone confirmation? Yes/No

No of people ..... Cheque £ ..... (£9.50 per person)

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### THURSDAY EVENING TALKS

The programme of talks will resume on Thursday, 13th October with 'Plants for Chalk' by Brian Deaville. The venue will be the small hall, All Saints Church Hall, Sanderstead, at 8 p.m.

Mary Early

### WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011

Trudy Bigwood is holding her Coffee Morning 10am - 12noon at 34 Sundown Avenue, Sanderstead.

Brenda Bateman is holding her Coffee Morning 10am-12.30pm at 32 Lime Meadow Avenue, Sanderstead.

Do join us and bring along a friend or two to help raise funds for this worthwhile event

### SHIRLEY OPEN GARDENS SAT 3<sup>RD</sup> & SUN 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Many gardens will be open to raise funds for the Shirley Neighbourhood Care Scheme. There is insufficient space to list all the gardens but each garden will have a list of all the Open Gardens together with a map.

**Saturday** at 5 Wickham Avenue CRO 8TZ (1-5pm) Tea coffee cakes, homemade jams & chutneys  
134 Latimer Court, CRO 7XJ (end of Kempton Walk) 2-5pm. Larger than average courtyard garden. Teas, cakes, plants and crafts for sale

**Sunday** at 27 Woodmere Avenue CRO 7PG 2-5pm; includes a new vegetable plot  
For further information telephone **020 8662 9599**

**RAINFALL** Kathleen Davis recorded 79mm (3.1") of rain for the month of July. Average temperatures for July 2011, as recorded by John Morris, were: high - 70.0F (21.1C) and low - 56.5F (13.6C). For 2010: high - 74.9F (23.8C) and low - 60.0F (16.0C)

### Dates for your diary

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept - SHS Autumn Show, All Saints Church Hall

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept - Seed Swap at Wakehurst Place

**NEXT CIRCULAR:** 1<sup>st</sup> October (notes by 21<sup>st</sup> September) to Brenda Bateman (8657 5280)

32 Lime Meadow Avenue, Sanderstead, CR2 9AR. Email bateman456@btinternet.com

Delivered by your Road Steward: ..... Tel:.....

Discounted tickets for RHS Wisley - please book in advance with: Colin Whitfield (8657 1972) or Valerie Burley (8651 5837). To hire equipment, call Elizabeth Moran (8657 6828)