

# Walberton Gardeners Club

Newsletter

November/December 2022

Dear Members



## Sheffield Park

This was another successful trip. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we have received a great deal of compliments. The committee are now busy planning a couple of exciting trips for next year for you to enjoy.

## Christmas Coffee Morning

This is another occasion not to be missed. Everyone is welcome. Please come and enjoy a freshly brewed cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a wonderful variety of tasty cakes. We are also aiming to have a Christmas Themed Raffle and Sales Table. You may be able to find Christmas gifts for your loved ones and save all the trouble of busy shops in town. Last year this event was a great success, so please come and bring your friends for a repeat performance.



Your Committee are currently busy working on the schedule for our shows, talks and trips for next year. We aim to have it completed by the end of January, so if you have any more ideas or suggestions for what you would like to be included, please let us know. Every time that we have a Flower Show, we try to improve on one area. For example, we now have new smart class numbers on the tables, black tablecloths for the Floral Art classes and white tablecloths for the flower classes. Thanks to everyone's hard work we have been lucky to be able to raise enough funds to replace the very old, sad and dated flower vases with nice new smart dark green ones. We are really looking forward to the Spring Show to be able to use them.

### Jobs to do in your garden over the winter

- On rainy days, get out the seed catalogues and cheer yourself by making your selections for next year. I have noticed that there are quite a few new varieties around now for us to experiment with.
- Lift dahlia tubers after the first frost, let them dry and then store them in a cool dry place.
- Keep an eye on the night temperatures as you may need to get the greenhouse heater out.
- Make sure that you have insulated the greenhouse and moved all your plants that need protecting into it.
- Protect frost-hardy plants like agapanthus with a tick mulch.
- Wait until after the first frosts to lift and store your parsnips etc.
- Increase your stock of plants by taking hardwood cuttings.
- Insulate outdoor taps.
- Clean spare pots ready for next year, as well as all garden tools
- Take advantage on dry and not frosty days to plant bare-rooted roses etc
- Prune apple and pear trees.

### Other News- Out & About in November/December

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Arundel Museum Christmas Fayre 10.30-4pm

November 19<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Artisan & Craft Fair Eastergate Village Hall 12 – 4pm

November 19<sup>th</sup> – Fishbourne Festive Craft Fayre 10.00 – 4pm

November 19<sup>th</sup> – Arundel Farmers Market

November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Christmas Market – Grittenham Barn, Tillington, Petworth 10.00 – 4

November 25<sup>th</sup> The Old Herbaceous – Coronation Hall Slindon 7.30

## November 26<sup>th</sup> – WGC Christmas Coffee Morning – Pavilion

November 26<sup>th</sup> – December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Winchester Christmas Market

November 27<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Market Long Furlong Barn 10.00 – 3pm

December 1<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Fayre at Snowdrop Office 10.30 – 12.20

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – St. Wilfrid's Church, Christmas Concert with Southdowns Concert Band, Bersted Community Choir & Christmas Quartet 2.30 & 7pm

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Arundel Christmas Market - Tarrant Street

December 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Concerts Chichester Festival Theatre – Royal Marines Band and Chichester Cathedral Choir

December 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Farmers Market – Arundel



### **Live Theatre - Slindon Coronation Hall**

Reynolds Lane, Slindon, Arundel BN18 0QT

### **Giles Shenton is 'Old Herbaceous'**

**Friday 25 November 7.30pm**



**Set on a country estate in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, this is a tender, heart warming & humorous story of a gentle head gardener & his working life**

*"Downton Abbey with gardening tips"*

More details : <https://gilesshentonproductions.co.uk/old-herbaceous>

Tickets £12. Doors & licenced bar open at 6.30

**To book call Mike on 01243 814777 or  
[mike@mikeimms.co.uk](mailto:mike@mikeimms.co.uk)**

A Coronation Hall event – proceeds to Hall funds

Thank you all for the support that you have given to the Walberton Gardeners Club this year. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Coffee Morning, which will be great festive fun and please bring your friends

Thank you from your committee,

Liz Hewson, Brenda Bailey, Ann Cannings, Doug Callander & Sue Atkins