



California Gardeners' Club

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Last Club Meeting

61 members came to the Christmas party on Monday evening. The evening started with music and two quizzes. One quiz was of pictures hanging on the hall curtains. Party goers would wander around the hall looking at pictures of famous garden celebrities and guess who they were. Sounds easy? Not when the picture had been chopped into eight pieces and rearranged. So many people scratching their heads saying, "I know that one but the name, the name."

The Beetle Drive was a great hit with winners of each game moving in one direction and losers in another; a great way of meeting everyone. Food was ready after the Beetle Drive and another quiz was introduced to the evening. By 9:30 the horse racing began. The first race was for female jockeys and the second for male. The winner and second place of each race then entered the final. At the beginning of the final two horses ran neck and neck. There was lots of shouting from the crowd but towards the end Stuart Slocombe managed to get ahead and hold it to the finish line.

The answers to the quizzes produced both shouts of joy and moans of disappointment. Prizes were awarded, and everyone was then invited to join hands to sing Auld Lang Syne.

A big thanks was given to all those who helped the party to be a success. Because of the fun everyone was having, the party did not finish till 11pm. Pictures of the evening are below

Merry Christmas everyone

Things to remember

1. Next meeting is on **8th January** when we will have a talk by Iain Tolhurst on the Tolhurst Organic Partnership
2. Trading hut – Now closed for the winter.
3. The Queen's Oak pub is offering 10% off food for those showing their club membership card.
4. At the AGM in February we will be holding a Garden Tool Bring and Buy Sale (see below for more information)

Membership

***Over the past six months our membership has steadily grown.
Why not tell your neighbours and friends about us and invite them to a meeting.
Keeping annual membership at £5 makes us a great club to be a member of.
So, don't keep it a secret.***

Wisley Ticket

The Wisley ticket is still available from Valerie Pickersgill. It allows two people a 30% discount. If you want the ticket for the day, then give Valerie a ring on 0118-9783647 to let her know when you will need them. Valerie will then let you know how to pick them up.

Unwanted Christmas presents

These are the lifeblood of the tombola at the shows so please bring any gifts that are not really your thing to the January meeting and we'll keep them safe until the Spring Show. Thank you in advance.

Don't take them down the tip!

At the AGM in February we will be holding a Garden Tool Bring and Buy Sale so dig out and scrounge from your neighbours and friends any unwanted garden tools and equipment. Any which are not sold on the night will be donated to charity and we already have one in Africa in mind but if you have any ideas please let us know.

Longacre Garden Centre at Bagshot.

All packets of Taylor's bulbs are half price. Loose bulbs e.g. Hyacinth 25p, each also bags of Crocus. Hurry if you want them, it was busy the other day. They are in the large open building outside.

Trading Hut

The hut is now closed for the winter. If you have an urgent need for something or want something ordered for next year, get in touch with Stuart (phone number below).

Monthly Table Competition

No competition took place at the December party

Please note January's Table Competition (which is on the 8th January) is "Photo of Summer Flowers".

The committee has decided that in order to ensure compatibility, all photos must be of 7x5 inches and should not have a border, mount or frame.

As it is the final round of the competition, and some of you may not feel they are in the running, we are offering an addition incentive to enter A BOTTLE OF FIZZ for the winner on the night. Lots of entries please.

Monthly talks

This is a call to members: if you have any ideas/requests for the subjects of the monthly talks, please let us know. Either reply to this email or give Hermione a ring (number below).

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