



# **California Gardeners' Club**

## **Newsletter June 2018**

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### **Last Club Meeting**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of June Geoff Peach visited us again to give one of his interesting and informative talks. This one was entitled "Flower Shows Can Be Fun" with lots of tips on how to improve our entries.

Flowers should be arranged with room for each bloom so that the judge can look all around each one, do not stuff them all in at the same height in what he described as "jam jar staging". If you want to show dahlias, buy them from a show provider, not the local garden centre as you can't be sure that they are correctly labelled. He told us of one man who determinedly entered dahlias in the wrong class several times because the wrong tubers were in the packet, and insisted he was right!

If your roses have damage on the outside guard petals, that is allowable, and they should not be removed as it alters the whole balance of the flower.

Do not show gladioli unless you are a real expert and have room to grow at least a couple of hundred corms, as it is very difficult to find good ones at the same stage of flowering!

He did not have time to say much about vegetables, though he did mention that the best way to grow potatoes for showing is in bags of peat compost. One tuber to a bag and keep them well watered and feed and you should have nice, even and unblemished potatoes.

If you are a show novice don't be afraid to enter. If you have something you are proud of bring it along and show it! The "Old Hands" will be pleased to help and give advice. Always enter your best ones as it makes a good show! Don't forget to look at the Schedule and make sure you have the right item and check the pot sizes are correct or all your good work will go to waste, and you will be ruled out as not according to schedule!

Lynn Potts

### **Things to remember**

1. Our next meeting is on July 2nd when Michael Kieth-Lucas will give us a talk entitled "Pollen in Forensic Science".
2. Trading hut – Now open Sunday mornings 10 to 12
3. The Queen's Oak pub is offering 10% off food for those showing their club membership card.
4. **Membership subs are now due.** Once again, we have held the cost at £5.
5. Don't forget that next month is our Rose & Sweet Pea competition. Please note that club vases must be used.

### **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.

## **Mens' sheds**

Mens' Sheds are community spaces for men to connect, converse and create. The activities are often similar to those of garden sheds, but for groups of men who no longer have their own space to enjoy together. 'Shedders' benefit from social interactions, new or improved skills, and regular, active participation in hobbies they enjoy. Sheds help reduce loneliness and isolation, but most importantly, they're fun.

400 Men's Sheds are already open and an additional 100 or more are in planning. The Association raises awareness of the social and health benefits of Men's Sheds and in empowering local communities.

<https://menssheds.org.uk>

A group for Wokingham has been set up and is currently seeking suitable workshop premises (at low or no rent):

- reasonable access by public transport
- mains electricity connection
- if possible, mains water

IF ANYONE KNOWS OF SUCH A PREMISES, PLEASE CONTACT TONY OR RON

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## **Data Protection**

As you may be aware, new Data Protection laws require all clubs to conform to certain requirements. As such, we now have a Data Protection agreement on the reverse of our membership renewal/application form which members must sign to allow us to hold their personal details. As this was introduced part way into our club year, some members were not given the opportunity to read and sign. To reach those who have not signed, please see the full text of our Data Protection Statement which is attached to the end of this newsletter. If you do not wish us to retain your details (name, address, phone number, email address) for the sole purpose of communicating club activities, please reply to this email and we will remove your details from our protected database. Alternatively, you can write to R. Hawes, 1 Cumberland Way, Wokingham, RG41 3 AY

## **Up The Garden Path**

For those of you who will be visiting the club member's open gardens this year, please see the addresses below. Please note that 138A Nashgrove Lane is not mapped. It can't be accessed from Evendons Lane end. Enter Nashgrove Lane from Barkham Ride and just keep going all the way. There is space to park in the lane and a large drive.

All gardens open Sun. July 1st [2-5.30pm](#):

138A Nashgrove Lane, Finchampstead, Wokingham RG40 4HF

71A Barkham Ride, Wokingham, RG40 4HA

18 Russley Green, Wokingham RG40 3HT

38 Arthur Road, Wokingham RG41 4TA

Remember, even though you may have not bought a ticket yet, you can still go to the gardens and 'pay on the door'. It's a wonderful way to spend an afternoon so please support this charity event.

## **Outing**

All payments for the Hillier trip must be made now. (£25 each). If you have not paid yet, please contact, email or phone Chris Spinks for her address to send a cheque. There are still places on the trip to Hillier Gardens on Tuesday 10th July; all are welcome, so tell friends and others in the clubs you belong to or ask their organisers if they'd announce it.

### Decorated Tool Competition

The competition proved a success among members with some saying that they wished they had taken part. Eight members exhibited on the night and 36 members voted with their beans.

In second place was Peter North with his highly polished axe diorama but he was pipped to the post by Kath Coutts with a beautifully hand painted shovel beating Peter by only 2 beans!

Well done and thank you to everyone who entered. The exhibits that were not taken on the evening will be sold alongside the other used tools at Finchampstead Fete.

### Monthly Table Competition

1st Pauline MacBrayne with 25 points, 2nd Ian Gillot 23 points,  
3rd Christopher Curtis 22 points, joint 4<sup>th</sup> Ann Blakeman and Robert Vacher with 20 points,  
5th Stuart Slocombe 18 points, 6th= Vanessa Curtis and Jean Potter with 17,  
7th Peter Radband Hermione Lewis and Ros Slocombe with 15 points.

The subject for July is:

Any plant, flower, vegetable or fruit.

All exhibits must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least one month.

This year we will continue to offer a cash prize for first & second

### 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).

Chairman: Dick Hawes 0118 979 3730	Committee Member Kerry Eaton 07736 022361	Membership: Lynn Potts 0118 977 1852	Committee Member Peter Radband 01344 774310
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## DATA PRIVACY STATEMENT

California Gardeners' Club

### 1. Your personal data — what is it?

Personal data relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data. Identification can be by the information alone or in conjunction with any other information in the data controller's possession or likely to come into such possession. The processing of personal data is governed by the General Data Protection Regulation (the "GDPR").

### 2. Who are we?

The Committee of California Gardeners' Club is the data controller (contact details below). This means it decides how your personal data is processed and for what purposes.

### **3. How do we process your personal data?**

The Committee of California Gardeners' Club complies with its obligations under the "GDPR" by keeping personal data up to date; by storing and destroying it securely; by not collecting or retaining excessive amounts of data; by protecting personal data from loss, misuse, unauthorised access and disclosure and by ensuring that appropriate technical measures are in place to protect personal data.

We use your personal data for the following purposes: -

- To administer membership records;
- To fundraise and promote the interests of the club;
- To maintain our own accounts and records;
- To inform you of news, events and activities;

### **4. What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?**

- Explicit consent of the data subject so that we can keep you informed about news, events and activities.
- Processing is necessary for carrying out obligations under employment, social security or social protection law, or a collective agreement;
- Processing is carried out by a not-for-profit body with a political, philosophical, religious or trade union aim provided:
  - the processing relates only to members or former members (or those who have regular contact with it in connection with those purposes); and
  - there is no disclosure to a third party without consent.

### **5. Sharing your personal data**

Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential and will only be shared with other members of the club for purposes connected with the club. We will only share your data with third parties outside of the club with your consent.

### **6. How long do we keep your personal data'?**

Records are updated each year. Historical records are maintained for a period of 7 years and are then destroyed.

### **7. Your rights and your personal data**

Unless subject to an exemption under the GDPR, you have the following rights with respect to your personal data:

- The right to request a copy of your personal data which the Committee of California Gardeners' Club holds about you;
- The right to request that the Committee of California Gardeners' Club corrects any personal data if it is found to be inaccurate or out of date;
- The right to request your personal data is erased where it is no longer necessary for the Committee of California Gardeners' Club to retain such data;
- The right to withdraw your consent to the processing at any time
- The right to request that the data controller provide the data subject with his/her personal data and where possible, to transmit that data directly to another data controller, (known as the right to data portability), (where applicable) (*Only applies where the processing is based on consent or is necessary for the performance of a contract with the data subject and in either case the data controller processes the data by automated means*).

- The right, where there is a dispute in relation to the accuracy or processing of your personal data, to request a restriction is placed on further processing;
- The right to object to the processing of personal data, (where applicable) (*Only applies where processing is based on legitimate interests (or the performance of a task in the public interest/exercise of official authority); direct marketing and processing for the purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics*)
- The right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioners Office.

## **8. Further processing**

If we wish to use your personal data for a new purpose, not covered by this Data Protection Notice, then we will provide you with a new notice explaining this new use prior to commencing the processing and setting out the relevant purposes and processing conditions. Where and whenever necessary, we will seek your prior consent to the new processing.

## **9. Contact Details**

To exercise all relevant rights, queries or complaints please in the first instance contact the Chairman, Dick Hawes at [californiagardenersclub@gmail.com](mailto:californiagardenersclub@gmail.com)