

**APRIL BAFTA  
WINNER**



Tulipa Flurosa, bought from Farmer Gracy and entered by Jane Swift

**COMING UP:**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> PRIVATE VISIT TO CHINTHURST LODGE 2.30 Booking essential by 12<sup>th</sup> June. Sign up online via "next event"** HINT: hover on "next event" and choose the booking form from the drop down menu.

**Plants for sale. Cash Only Please**

I am resending the poster for this as part of the newsletter as we must have numbers by 12<sup>th</sup> June. You can pay on the gate but we would prefer pre-payment please by BACS if you can. The details are with the booking form. Any problems please contact us via the admin email.

**Chairmans Chat May 2024**

Just a short piece from me this time to publicly thank all those members who donated plants and helped man the stall at Witstock. I have to say the Witstock organisers put on a great day and if you were no able to go you missed a treat. The committee were especially grateful to members who turned out to share the load, as it is not something we could have managed all day on our own. We are a very small committee. The day was great fun and we cleared most of the plants, raising £391 to boost the club funds and keep up our high standards.

What a lovely month this has been. Jane has written about her wisteria, with some interesting info written in Jane's indomitable style. ( you will see her pieces in the church parish magazine) See page 2. Myself, I have been enthralled by my antirrhinum "Chantilly" which I grew from Sarah Raven seed, but there are so many beautiful flowers coming out at this time of year. Chantilly is a very open form of large antirrhinum and appears to have gone through the winter, starting to flower in early April.



Has anyone else had seed germination failures this spring? I know several gardener friends who have experienced this. Could be the stop start nature of the weather, could be the compost. Who knows? Norman and I went to the Beaulieu Gardeners World Fair and spoke to a peat free manufacturer. I came away with a sample which certainly seems very good so I will be looking into this. Who knows, if I can get someone to organise it, we may be able to buy in bulk for the club. Happy Gardening! *Christine Cox* Chairman

## MAY BAFTA WINNER



Entered by Barbara Lambert  
I believe this is clematis  
Crystal Fountain



Wisteria,  
view from  
the garden

Wisteria,  
view from  
the house



Native to China, Japan and Korea, an entry on the Birmingham Botanical Gardens Website says that Chinese Wisteria can be "found in moist woodland, climbing trees and along stream banks." However, having said that, the ground must be well drained. It aims to reach the sun so climbs as high as it can to get to the top of the tree. As a member of the leguminosae or pea family, it's a nitrogen fixer, so if you do want to get rid of it, that's tough as the soil it grew in will be very fertile. Prune instead.

*Jane Foster , membership secretary*

### **DATES NOT TO MISS**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July.** Joint visit with Milford to High Clandon Estate Vineyard. **NOTE** this visit is in the afternoon at 2.00pm. Details to follow, as always.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 7.00 for 7.30** Marina Christopher, Late Summer Perennials and Grasses at the Chichester Hall.

# CHINTHURST LODGE WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 2.30 pm



The garden is a one acre enthusiasts' atmospheric and tranquil garden with year round interest. Herbaceous borders, dramatic white garden, specimen trees, gravel garden and much more. The garden is open on the National Garden Scheme for groups only, so this is your chance to see it. Visitors enjoy and admire various specimen trees including the Persian Ironwood, the Tibetan Cherry and the John Mitchell Sorbus. The main highlight is the white garden, and other highlights include the gravel garden with its new water feature, two old genuine Wells, the rose garden and 8 to 10 foot delphiniums in the well-stocked herbaceous beds. Other interests include a vegetable garden, a fruit cage, two ferneries, a stumpery, a herb parterre, and two ponds one of which has fish. The garden is surrounded by fields with extensive views now enhanced due to a recently laid hawthorn hedge. The garden is visitor friendly in that there are many seats around the garden and mostly wheelchair friendly. Plants from the garden are also for sale, as well as tea and homemade cakes.



## Directions to 2 Chinthurst Lodge, Wonersh GU5 0PR

From A281 at Shalford turn E onto B2128 towards Wonersh. Just after the Waverley sign, before the village, the garden is on the right, via the stable entrance opposite Little Tangley.

Own transport

Payment by cash only but prepayment to WGA preferred.

Dogs not allowed

One or more routes at 2 Chinthurst Lodge are accessible to **wheelchair users**.

Price £10 to include  
tea/coffee and cake  
All proceeds to  
charity  
Please sign up on the  
website and pay by  
**BACS.**  
(details on website)