

The Whitsters Club

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09 April 2010

Dear Member

**SPECIAL LUNCHEON 2010.
ROYAL HORTICULTURAL GARDENS, WISLEY.**

The Special Event for 2010 will take place on Monday 7th June at the Royal Horticultural Gardens, Wisley. You will have the opportunity to explore these splendid gardens at leisure either before or after luncheon in the Conservatory.

The gardens are situated close to the A3 and the Wisley Junction for the M25. Further details regarding the Gardens and location can be found at: www.rhs.org.uk/wisley

You are invited to meet in the Conservatory at 12:15pm for luncheon at 12:45pm.

After luncheon we shall have the opportunity of hearing 'Chris Sander in conversation with Margaret Sheppard'. I append a note from Dennis Hargreaves giving some detail of Chris's career with Johnsons.

I do hope that you will be able to attend this event and an application form is attached. An optional Vegetarian Menu is still being prepared and if you wish to avail yourself of this, please do let me know.

I look forward to your reservation form and to meeting you in June.

Yours sincerely

David M Hart
Hon Secretary

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Luncheon – Monday 7th June 2010 **Royal Horticultural Gardens Conservatory Restaurant**

MENU

Watercress, potted shrimp and quail egg salad

**Grilled Halibut,
Braised puy lentils and red wine reduction**

Pineapple Salad with Coconut Sorbet.

Coffee & Petit Fours

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 12.45 PM

Please complete and return this form with your cheque to:

DAVID M HART, **HON. SECRETARY**
11, SHEARWATER ROAD
SUTTON
SURREY
SM1 2AR

To: The Hon Secretary

Luncheon – Monday June 7th 2010

Lunch, including wines	Members	@ £57:00 each	£
	Guests (No)	@ £62: 00each	£
Prices include Garden Admission		TOTAL	£

Member's Name: (Mr, Mrs, Ms)

Guest(s) Name: (Mr, Mrs, Ms)

Please make cheques payable to 'The Whitsters Club', and please photocopy this form for your records.

If you have any special dietary requirements, please mention here:

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Chris Sander in conversation with Margaret Sheppard

Chris is the highly successful Managing Director of Johnsons Textile Rental Division which includes Johnsons Apparelmaster and Stalbridge Linen Services. Under Chris, Apparelmaster has achieved incredible success whilst Stalbridge have returned to a healthy profit situation under Chris's leadership.

"Chris joined the industry as a teenager working at Lakeland Laundries with his father and later with the well known industry character Euan Dixon. After many years with Lakeland he joined Initial for three years. Chris joined the Johnson Group in 1984 and was appointed to the Main Group Board in 2008."

Interesting Whitster fact:- some years ago the Club used to vote for a "Whitster of the Year," awarded to a "star of the future."

Around twelve years ago Chris was the "Young Whitster of the Year."

Around the same time Margaret was elected "Whitster of the Year!"

We old folk tend to bemoan the fact that there do not appear to be the characters in the Industry anymore. You will find with Chris you have a **VERY** successful businessman who can also entertain with a fund of stories gathered from an exciting and varied career.

I am very pleased and proud that Chris has agreed to address the Club and I believe the ".....in conversation with Margaret Sheppard....." is a real coup for the Club. Factor in the location and, if sold and marketed enthusiastically, we should have a hugely enjoyable and successful occasion.

Dennis Hargreaves