



# Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter January 2024

Hello Everyone...

*Happy new year to you all!*

*The days and (very) slowly getting longer, but baby it's cold outside. This is the perfect time of year to stick your feet up, get a nice mug of tea/coffee and some of the biscuits from tins received at Christmas,... and go through the seed catalogues, getting ideas for what to grow in 2024,... just in time for the members closed show in July.*

## **Friday 26th Jan—AGM**

Next Friday is our annual AGM, and at the meeting we are wanted to get your views on the trips we plan for 2024, so look forward to seeing loads of you there!

## **Membership renewal for 2024**

Many of you have already renewed your membership for this year - thank you. If you haven't yet renewed, we've increased the annual fee to £8, and you will find a PDF copy of the Membership Form attached to the same email as this newsletter. Hard copies will also be available at the meeting on Friday if you don't have a printer. Payment can be by cash or cheque.

## **Skittles Evening— TBC**

We are hoping to hold our annual skittles evening in April Full details are yet to be confirmed, and Jan will be giving an update at the Feb meeting.

## **Trips for 2024**

We have had some ideas for the day trip for 2024 that we will suggest in the AGM and get a view from those attending. These include:

- Hilliers
- Silk Route Garden near Midhurst,
- Ordnance House Gardens at West Dean, Salisbury
- Holme for Gardens, Wareham

**Club meetings** are generally held on the 4th Friday of the month, doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start, at the Hordle Pavilion.

## **Diary Dates**

### **Friday 23rd February - talk**

'New beginnings - Gravel to Grebes' with Mike Read

### **Friday 22nd March - talk**

'Soft Fruit' with Wilf Simcox

### **Friday 26th April - talk**

'Big ideas for small gardens' with Martin Cox

### **Friday 24th May - talk**

'Heavenly Hostas' with John Baker

### **Friday 28th June - talk**

'Building and planning a rockery' with Roger Hiron

### **Friday 26th July - Closed show**

(Members only)

### **Friday 27th September - talk**

'Hanging baskets, tubs and maintenance' with Ray Broughton

### **Friday 25th October - talk**

'How to grow roses successfully' with Glenn Duggen

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## Trips for 2024..... continued

We are still considering the afternoon trip for 2024 which is likely to be Furzy Gardens, but any other suggestions or ideas are very welcome

### Plant Sales Table—**not open at the AMG**

Our Plant Sales Table needs your spare plants. I'm sure we're all starting to split our perennials and will soon be sowing seeds for flowers and vegetables, perhaps for the Closed Show?

This year we are also going to do something different and our Lorraine will have some club funds to buy some seeds and plug plants to grow on for our plant stall, so expect a bumper selection on the plant stall throughout 2024

Also, if you have collected seed and have some spare, we will also have some small envelopes which you can use to put your excess seeds, to donate to the plant stall—please to label the envelope!

### Members open gardens

Following last year's very successful members open gardens, we would like to do the same again this year.

You will only get visitors from club members so please don't be worried about the odd weed here or there (mine had plenty!)

It's a great opportunity to get to know what grows well locally, but also a chance to get to know each other better as you can talk to members that you might not normally sit near at our meetings.

We only ask you to provide tea/coffee at 50p and for funds raised to go to the club.

### Your ideas are always welcome

We would love to know any ideas you have on what we do as a club, as we want to keep it fun filled and informative for you all.

Whether its trips, talks, ideas for events or any differences we can make to the club, please do let us know.

Together we can keep the club relevant and vibrant for the next 30 plus years.

Below is our new club logo, put forward by Vic Hickin,... we hope you like it!



### What Happens at our Meetings

Doors open at 7pm with the talk starting promptly at 7.30pm. Time for you to look at the plant sale table and buy your raffle ticket/s.

Following the talk **coffee/tea** will be served (50p please) and the Raffle drawn. Donations of raffle prizes are always gratefully received.

We have various **gardening magazines** available for you to take - usually in front of the bar shutters. Keep an eye out here for other items.

### Information Board

Check out the club's black Information Board which will show upcoming trips and event details, and the relevant booking sheets on clipboards. **Please pay when you put your name down for a trip/event.**

### Plant Sales Table

Your donations of plants for the sales table will be very welcome each month we have a speaker. Funds raised contribute towards our talks and events. Please name your plants if you know what they are... we will have labels available at each meeting.

### Raffle Table

We have a raffle table at every meeting with a speaker, so remember to buy a few tickets. Your contributions of raffle prizes are always very welcome too.

All monies raised go to club funds and towards future events and trips.