



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter March 2024

Hello Everyone...

Oh my,.... Will this rain ever stop!

However, it's a great time to wonder around all our local garden centres where all the lovely nursery plants are in, the seed trays are stacked high, and compost is being lunged onto trolleys, and my bank manager is quietly rocking with worry over just how excitable I will get about new things for my garden

Friday 22nd Mar —Talk

We are looking forward to welcoming Wilf Simcox back to the club next Friday to give us a talk on 'Soft fruit'. Perfect timing for getting tips for beautiful soft fruit for our members closed show



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. Hard copies of the membership form will be available at the meeting on Friday if you don't have a printer. Payment can be by cash or cheque.

Skittles Evening— Wed 10th April

Our annual skittles evening will be held on Wed 10th April at The Walkford Pub. As with previous years the evening also includes a meal from the classic menu. The cost is £10 per person, and the signing sheet will be available at the March meetings. This **will be your last chance to sign up—Please pay when you put your name down to secure your place.**

Trips for 2024

We discussed the possible day trips we could do in 2024 at the AGM, and have decided on a visit to Hilliers Gardens near Romsey, with a bonus visit Pockocks rose nurseries on the way back. Claire and Brian are organising this trip which is likely to be some time W/C 17th June.

We are planning to have a coach, and full details will be available at our April meeting.

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 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 Hirons

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

The half day trip will be the Furzey Gardens, School Lane, Minstead, on Thursday 23rd May. You will need to make your own way there, and Alan will be giving us a guided tour of the gardens. We will be meeting at 11am and Alan will then give us a guided tour for approximately 90 mins. After this you will be free to roam, and visit the café.

This trip is £7.50 per person and the signing up sheet will be available at our March and April meetings. **Please pay when you put your name down to secure your place**

Plant Sales Table

Our Plant Sales Table needs your spare plants and seeds, so please bring them along as it all goes to support our club.

The plant stall will open AFTER the talks have concluded

Members open gardens

Following last years very successful members open gardens, we would like to do the same again this year. If you feel able to do this, the form will be available at the meeting on Friday.

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

Members closed show—July 26th

We are aiming for the schedule for the show to be ready for the meeting on Friday. The recipes for this year's bake which is biscuits will be emailed out closer to the time.

What's on locally,.....

National Garden Scheme—open nearby in April:

- Sunday 7th April—Pylewell Park, Soth Baddesley, Lymington, Hampshire SO41 5SJ—2.00pm—4.00pm
- Sunday 14th April—Lepe House Gardens, Lepe, Exbury, Southampton, Hampshire SO45 1AD— 1.00pm—5.00pm
- Sunday 28th April— Spinners Garden, School Lane, Pilley, Lymington, Hampshire SO41 5QE—1.30pm—5.00pm

Other local events:

- Milford on Sea - annual plant fair—Sat 18th May 8.30am—1.30pm on the Village Green
- T.H.E. Greening Campaign—public meeting to learn about The Greening Campaign, and have your say on what happens next in Tiptoe, Hordle and Everton. Tue 30th April 7.30pm Hordle Pavilion, Vaggs Lane.

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.

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.