



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter April 2024

Hello Everyone...

*Yippee!... The sun has got it's hat on, hip, hip, hip hooray
April brings blossoms all around, and our village is looking beautiful
in the lovely sunny weather. Everything is now starting to really
grow, and if you are like me, you'll be potting on seedlings so they
can continue to grow till they are ready to be planted out hopefully
towards the end of the month.*

Skittles Evening— Wed 10th April

A great time was had by all at the skittles evening. Lorraine won the ladies prize, Brain won the men's and Steph won the knock out.

Thanks for organising Jan!

Friday 26th April —Talk

We are looking forward to welcoming Martyn Cox to the club next Friday to give us a talk on 'Big ideas for small gardens'. Martyn writes for the *Mail on Sunday*, *Amateur Gardening*, *Garden News* and many other titles.

Trips for 2024:

Half day trip—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 April meeting, **THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP. Please pay when you put your name down to secure your place**

Coach Trip—This is now confirmed for Wednesday 19th June and we are going to Hilliers Gardens near Romsey, with a bonus visit Pockocks rose nurseries on the way back. This trip will cost £22 per member and we are planning for the coach to pick us up at the WI Hall at 9.30 am. The signing up sheet will be available at our April and May meeting. **Please pay when you put your name down to secure your place**

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

Thursday 23rd May—TRIP

Furzey Gardens

Friday 24th May - talk

'Heavenly Hostas' with
John Baker

**Wednesday 19th June— COACH
TRIP**

Hilliers Garden and
Pockocks Rose Nursery

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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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. There will be a good number of plants at the April meeting so please bring your pennies along.

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

The schedule for the show has now been sent out via email but there will also be printed copies 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 May:

- Sunday 5th May—Pylewell Park, South Baddesley, Lymington, Hampshire SO41 5SJ—2.00pm—4.00pm
- Sunday 5th May—Walhampton, Beaulieu Road, Walhampton, Lymington, Hampshire, SO41 5ZG—2.00pm—6.00pm
- Sunday 12th May—The House in the Wood, Beaulieu, Hampshire, SO42 7YN—1.30pm—5.00pm
- Saturday 18th May— 21 Chestnut Road, Brockenhurst, Hampshire, SO42 7RF—11.30am—5.00pm
- Sunday 19th May—21 Chestnut Road, Brockenhurst, Hampshire, SO42 7RF—11.30am—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.

If you have anything you would like me to add to the newsletter, please do let me know.

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.