



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter September 2019



The past couple of months have just flown by - we're now into early autumn and as I write this we're enjoying a bit of an Indian Summer with some exceptional temperatures. What an odd year it's been weather wise - hot one minute, cold the next, little or no rain and then a deluge, and high and damaging winds. Many people I've spoken with have reported growing difficulties because of the conditions - but then one year is never identical to the next or the last is it?

The Hordle Summer Fair was really enjoyable - see our little report on the next page.

Last month we put a couple of recipes in the newsletter for your glut of courgettes - did anyone try them out?

On to this month.... looking forward to seeing you all again next week...

Exhibit for the Monthly Meeting

September meeting - a single cactus in a pot no larger than 5 inches in diameter.

Seed Collecting

We hope you've been collecting seeds from your garden plants. Any spare please bring them to the upcoming meetings to donate to the Plant Sale table - labelled please. If you need more envelopes to pop them in - just ask anyone on the committee.

Exbury Gardens Nerine Exhibition -

Saturday 12th October

Exbury's stunning collection of sparkling Nerine sarniensis or 'Jewel Lilies' will be on public show at Exbury Gardens. This is a Club visit so you must put your names down on the list at the club meeting. We expect it'll be the same time as the spring exhibition - 10:30am meet time for 11am start - TO BE CONFIRMED. Meet in Car Park by the Exhibition Hall and enter together as a Club.

Christmas Buffet at the November Meeting

We don't like to mention the 'C' word this early, but as usual we will be having our Club Christmas celebrations at our November meeting. This is for Members and their partners - please add your names to the list on the Events Table so we have an idea of numbers to cater for.

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Club meetings are held on the 4th Friday of the month, doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start, at the Hordle Pavilion, but please check your programme

Dates for your Diary

Friday 27th September -

"Growing Sweet Peas for exhibition or pleasure"
presented by Jim MacDonald.

Saturday 12th October -

Exbury Gardens Nerine
Exhibition - includes entry to
gardens. See details opposite.

Friday 25th October -

'Demonstration of Pruning'
presented by Alan Edmunson.

Saturday 23rd November

Christmas Buffet - for members
and their partner. See opposite
for details.

Oh dear -

not a lot left of the year!

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Hordle Summer Fair - report

The Hordle Summer Fair at the end of August was another big success with lots to interest old and young alike. They had a few problems with the loudspeaker system, which was a shame but hopefully that will be sorted next year. The weather was a little unkind in the middle of the afternoon with some drizzle, but it wasn't cold and we all dried out ok in the end!

Our Club's two stalls created a lot of interest, and you'll be pleased to know raised a good amount of money for our Club funds.

Paula's 'tray in a garden' for children was inspirational - thank you so much Paula for putting it all together. There were 25 entries across 3 age groups and one child who came with her grandparent made another tray garden when she got home in order to show her Mum. Prizes of colouring pens and certificates to take home were enjoyed too.

The sight of Kate rocking the marrow like a baby trying to get more people to enter the 'guess the weight of the marrow' competition had us all laughing - thank you for the marrow Keith.

And, of course, a big thank you to all of you who donated plants to the stall, and to you too if you bought some of them! 😊

What Happens at our Meetings

A reminder that doors open at 7pm with the talk starting promptly at 7.30pm. After the talk coffee/tea will be served and the Raffle drawn. (Donations of raffle prizes are always gratefully received)

We have various gardening magazines available for you to borrow - usually in front of the bar shutters. Keep an eye out here for other items eg Thomson and Morgan seed catalogues - order from Keith and take advantage of our club discount.

Each month we have an 'Exhibit of the Month' table (see below) and a Plant Sales table (also see below) as well as the Raffle table. Monies raised go to Club funds for future events & speakers.

Exhibit of the Month Table

Join in, and win points - and points mean prizes 😊

Our 'Exhibit of the Month' table, is to encourage you to show us what's growing in your garden, the subject for each month will be advised in the Newsletter.

This is fun with a serious (ish) edge to it because it is judged (but not too harshly), so we can learn and pick up tips for showing plants, flowers, foliage etc at their best. Do join in 😊

Points will be awarded at each meeting, with a cup presented to the overall winner at the AGM.

(1st = 4 points, 2nd = 3 points, 3rd = 2 points, and for entering = 1 point)

Plant Sales Table

Your donations of plants for the sales table will be very welcome every month.

Also, if you're growing from seed over the next few months and have unwanted seedlings left over after you've potted up those you're keeping - then bring the seedling tray/pot to a normal meeting for the Plant Sales Table, so members can take a spoonful of seedlings home for the cost of a small donation.

Let's get growing!