



# Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter October 2022



Hello Everyone...

*My garden's growing and flowering again - is yours? And autumn for some plants has come early, my Sweet Gum (Liquidamber) is such a brilliant colouring of reds. I was up at In Excess in Ringwood last week and they have some Star Jasmine's (Trachelospermum jasminoides) in pots, but tied at the top into large arches - because of the heat and dryness this year every leaf is currently a brilliant red! It looked just absolutely gorgeous in the sunshine.*

*See you on the 28th.*

## Doors Open

We know you're all keen to come to the meeting, but please... don't get there before 7pm, as we're still setting up and getting ready for you, so, if you're early, we may have to ask you to wait.

## Plant Sales Table

We've decided to trial selling your contributed plants only **AFTER** the talk, to be fairer to everyone. **So, between 7 and 7.30pm you can view, but not buy or reserve plants.**

We need your contributions for the Plant Sales Table, so any spare plants or perennials you're splitting, please bring along on Friday. (not the Christmas Party though!)

## Friday 28th October - talk

This month we welcome Ray Broughton talking about 'Wall Shrubs and Climbers'. Ray trained at RHS Wisley, and was Head of Horticulture at Sparsholt College for 12 years, and has been awarded the Fellowship by the Chartered Institute of Horticulture. If you haven't heard Ray before, he is an excellent speaker, imparting his knowledge with tips and humour.

## 30th Anniversary of Hordle Gardening Club

Yes, Hordle Gardening Club has been in existence for 30 years. We'll celebrate with some 'fizz' (well, something sparkling) at the Christmas party - we hope you're coming to it.

**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 28th October - talk

'Wall Shrubs and Climbers'  
with Ray Broughton.

### Saturday 26th November -

Christmas party and buffet.  
Members free, who can bring a partner or non-member as a guest for £5.  
Put your name/s down at the meeting. Bring your own drinks.

### December - no meeting

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### Friday 27th January - AGM

(more info soon)

### Friday 24th February - talk

'Wildlife of a Working Forest' with Mike Read.

### Friday 24th March - talk

'An Introduction to Pruning for Best Results, across a Wide Range of Plants' with Roger Hiron.

### Friday 28th April - talk

'The History of Furzey Gardens and Minstead Trust' with Julia Baker

### Friday 26th May - talk

'Shrubs - the Backbone of your Garden' with Geoff Hawkins

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## Christmas Party - Saturday 26th November - NO talk

Our Christmas party in November, no guest speaker - just a slightly whacky social before Christmas. As with last year, this is free for members, who can bring a partner or other non-member as a guest for £5, but please put your name down on the list at the meeting, so we have an idea of numbers attending for catering.

- Dress code... do please come festively dressed or in your favourite Christmas jumper, or follow Kate's lead and choose something zany! We (the committee) are going to try for a theme of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'. Get it? Heaven forbid! ☺.
- There will be a glass of wine or juice to start the evening, and later the fizz as mentioned above. **Bring your own drinks (and if you wish, your own glasses).**
- Food... there will be a mix of normal and vegetarian, but if you have specific food requirements please bring your own food - we just cannot safely accommodate those with allergies.
- Mystery Raffle prizes... as per last year we will have a 'Mystery Raffle', please bring your contribution 'presents' festively wrapped so people have no idea what they're selecting ☺. (NB if you bring food or drink, please check its 'sell by' date)
- **Note** there will be no plant sales table at the Christmas party!
- We will have some quizzes. And yes, Kate will, as usual, also be in charge of the silly games!

## New Committee Members needed!

We would love one or two members to join us on the committee and get involved, we also have to consider the rotation of committee members. It's not onerous, we all pull together as a team, and we generally meet up a 6/8 times a year to discuss what needs to happen. Fresh faces bring fresh ideas, please think about it and either have a chat with any of the committee or email the club email address.

## Membership Form for 2023

As mentioned last month, we have attached a copy of the Membership Form for 2023 to the same email as this newsletter. Hard copies will also be available at meetings.

We will not process the forms until towards the end of the year, so, as with last year, we would appreciate you enclosing the form and your cash/cheque in an envelope with your name on it. Hand in when you sign in at any of the upcoming meetings.

## Membership Cards? - What do you think?

We're reviewing what we do to keep things simple and also to consider unnecessary wastage. So, we want to ask you... do you use or refer to your Membership Card/Programme, or is the Newsletter enough for you, and the card never leaves your purse/wallet? Please let us know your thoughts... talk or email.

## 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 event details, and the relevant booking sheets on clipboards. **Please pay when you put your name down for an 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.

**Let's get growing!**