



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter May 2022



Hello Everyone...

I'm going to talk about the weather again... lol... the last couple of weeks we've had the magic concoction of warmth coupled with rain, and now everything in the garden has suddenly been growing like they're on steroids!! Or is it like trifids! I'm leaving some of my grass in the front garden to grow and encourage wild flowers - although I have mown around the edge so the neighbours don't think I'm just letting it go.

See you on Friday.

Friday 27th May - talk

We're all being encouraged to garden more naturally, and considering the wildlife, so the talk this month is the very topical subject of 'Wild Flowers on your Doorstep', we're welcoming Eric Watson.

Payments for Events and Trips

If you're paying for a trip or event, it would be a great help to us if you could bring the exact cash or pay by cheque when you put your name down on the booking sheet.

Afternoon Visit to Durmast House, Burley - Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 2.30pm - self drive

The meeting this Friday is your last chance to put your names down, and pay, for this afternoon visit to Durmast House in Burley.

This is a 'self drive' event as it's fairly local. If you don't drive and would like to go, please put your name down with a 'car needed' note alongside your name and we'll see if we can pair you up with another member who has space in their car.

Durmast House dates from the 1840's and included a typically Victorian garden, but in the early 1900's Gertrude Jekyll was commissioned and her plans for the garden were completed in 1910. There is something for everyone in most seasons and this garden is also open under the National Garden Scheme. Our visit in June should show the garden at its best with roses and large herbaceous borders as well as herbs, vegetables, rockery & pond. A great place to steal some of Gertrude's ideas for our own gardens.

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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

Diary Dates

Friday 27th May - talk

'Wild Flowers on your Doorstep' with Eric Watson

Tuesday 21st June at 2.30pm - trip

Visit to Durmast House - self drive. Booking essential.

Friday 24th June - talk

'The Perfume of Plants' with John Baker

Friday 22nd July - Closed Show

members only. Schedule will be available in March.

Friday 5th August - Annual Club

BBQ, more details later

August - no meeting

Friday 23rd September - talk

'Summer Bulbs' with Tim Woodland.

Friday 28th October - talk

'Wall Shrubs and Climbers' with Ray Broughton

Saturday 26th November -

Christmas party, buffet. More details nearer the date.

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HGC Closed Show - Friday 22nd July

I hope your veggie seedlings and flowers are growing well so you can join in the showing at our members only 'Closed Show'.

This is our friendly - and slightly competitive - social event for fruit and veggies, flowers, home produce and baking, and photography as well as a 'fun' class to get your imagination going. For anyone who didn't pick a Schedule up in March, there will be some on Friday too.

This year we're changing the format of the evening slightly. You'll have the usual time allowed for setting up and presenting your entries. Then we're going to allow the judge to have a quiet time to do the judging, during which we'll be outside with refreshments. More details over the next couple of months.

Plant Sales Table - your donations please

Our Plant Sales Table needs your spare plants 😊. So if you've split some perennials do bring some along... and of course, if you have any spare seedlings of flowers or veggies do bring them along too. (I always sow too many seeds!

The Plant Sales Table is at each meeting with a speaker, and any funds raised go to club funds towards speakers, and events, and your donated plants are always very welcome.

Other Things Going on Locally

Did you go to Sway's Open Gardens event on Sunday? Lymington is holding their 'Open Gardens' again this coming Sunday - see below.

Lymington Open Gardens - Sunday 29th May, 2pm to 6pm

Approximately 15 gardens are taking part, there will be plant sales and teas. Tickets can be obtained from St Barb Museum in New Street, Lymington from the beginning of May. £7.50 per adult, under 12's free.

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 borrow - 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.