



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter May 2023



Hello Everyone...

The sun has come out, yippee! I hope you are all enjoying this warm weather and all your produce is growing well for our members closed show in July

Friday 26th May—talk

This month we welcome Geoff Hawkins, a retired Head Gardener of private estate of Mill Court near Alton, Hampshire. This estate was 30 acres which included greenhouses, vegetable and fruit gardens, herbaceous and shrub borders, as well as looking after all the trees, ponds and natural features of the garden. On the night, Geoff will be giving a talk in Shrubs—the backbone of your garden.

June talk

Ray Broughton, a highly qualified horticulturist, teacher lecturer and examiner joins us in June to give his talk on Future developments in horticulture—to cope with changes in climate.

Members Closed Show—28th July

The 2023 schedule and bake recipes will be available at the May meeting, if I can get them the print the right way! So you are able to get planning and growing for the show.

Please enter as many items as you can, enthusiasm and just having a go it makes this show great,.... So if you are not feeling that confident, just pop in a couple of exhibits and see how they do.

Hordle Fate—Sat 2nd Sep

The 2023 Hordle Fate is on! And your help is now needed with the following to make this as successful as possible:

- Garden tools—in good order to sell
- Plants—as many plants in good health **and labelled** as possible
- Anything Paula can use for the tray gardens

We also need volunteers to help with setting the day up, and packing up at the end. So traffic marshals, setting up tables, chairs etc, general helpers, to be able to help anywhere!

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 May - talk

‘Shrubs - the Backbone of your Garden’ with Geoff Hawkins

Tuesday 6th June - afternoon visit

‘Spinner Garden—Boldre’ Talk, guided tour, tea/coffee and biscuits

Friday 23rd June - talk

‘Future developments in horticulture – to cope with changes in climate’ with Ray Broughton

Friday 28th July - Closed Show

Members only - schedules and recipes available at the meeting

Friday 4th August - BBQ

Sign up sheet available in June meeting. We will be going back to charging £5 for members and non members

Friday 22nd September - talk

‘Plant Hunting in the Himalayas’ with Tom Clarke, Head Gardener, Exbury

Friday 29th Sep - 1st Oct - Day trip

‘Broadlands Garden Show - Romsey’

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Trips for 2023

Afternoon trip—Tuesday 6th June

Spiner Garden—Boldre. This is a stunning woodland garden with a collection of rare and unusual plants built up over the last sixty years and still evolving. This afternoon trip is aiming to start at 3pm (TBC) and will include a talk, guided tour and refreshments of tea/coffee and biscuits. Places are £8 per member. **The signing up chip board will be available at the May meeting—Last chance to sign up!**

Day Trip—29th Sep to 1st Oct

Broadlands Garden Show—Romsey, Hampshire. This trip is a little different to what we have done before as it's a self drive, so no coach will be organised, as you have the flexibility to attend on any of the days. Claire has managed to secure half price tickets, so £6 instead of £12, and are valid for any of the three days. **The signing up chip board will be available at the May meeting**

Payments for Events and Trips

Please pay for your trips and events when you put your name down on the clip board for attending. Payment is accepted by cash or cheque

Other local Gardening club—news

New Milton Horticultural Society— there are 12 seats available on the coach for their trip to Wisley, which they would now like to open out to our members. The cost is £20, and if you are interested you need to contact Christine Beck on 01425 614189

- Coach trip to Wisley—Thur 29th June

Redcliffe members Discount

Don't forget!..... Redcliffe have kindly offered all members of our wonderful club a 10% discount when shopping at their garden centre. Terms and conditions to this offer are available at the May meeting, and were also attached with the March Newsletter email.

Plant Sales Table—not open for sales till after the speaker

Our Plant Sales Table needs your spare plants. I'm sure we're all starting to split our perennials and will soon be sowing seeds for flowers and vegetables, perhaps for the Closed Show?

If you have collected seed and have some spare, we will also have some small envelopes which you can use to put your excess seeds, to donate to the plant stall—please to label the envelope!

Garden Watering

Vic has now set up the list and calendar to get our trial a garden watering scheme going for anyone who is away from their home on holiday or for any other short absence. It will be available to add your names and holiday dates again in May, so please pop your names and dates down when you come in the hall.

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. **Please pay when you put your name down for a trip/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.